

BUYING OIL LAND IN TEXAS

Kansas City, April 28.—Foreign stockholders of the Port Arthur Land Company have interposed an objection to the sale of 28,000 acres of land at Port Arthur, Texas negotiated last week, according to local officials of that company. Negotiations for the sale of the land, which lies around Port Arthur and between that city and Beaumont, practically were consummated in Kansas City, last week, for a sum said to have been \$250 an acre. The prospective buyer was W. J. McKie, of Corsicana, Texas, said to be the legal representative in Texas of the Standard Oil Company. The property is in the hands of E. L. Martin, Arthur E. Stillwell and J. M. Trimble, of this city, former owners of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf Railway, as trustees. These officials assert that they have full powers to dispose of the property.

Mr. Martin confirmed the sale of an undivided half interest in the land, but said: "Some one seems to have wired some of the foreign stockholders in the company we were about to give away a good thing. They notified us not to deliver the deeds until they had further information on the subject. In the meantime, however, the deeds had been sent to Corsicana, but we telegraphed the bank there to hold them until further notice."

Mr. Stillwell declines to discuss the details of the deal. He says, however, that the result of it will be the centering of the oil industry of Texas at Port Arthur.

TWO MORE OIL GUSHERS IN TEXAS.

Beaumont, Texas, April 28.—News of two more gushers was brought in here today. The first is on what is known as the Gladys City property, owned by the J. M. Guff Company. It is close to the other gushers. The other well is owned by the Texas & Colorado Oil Company. Its importance is because it widens the circle, being the furthest from the original Lucas gusher.

The rumors that parties acting for the Standard Oil Company had purchased the property of the Port Arthur Land Company, was confirmed today. There are 30,000 acres in the tract and the price, according to reports is \$750,000.

Baby Killed With Crocote.


Atlanta Constitution. With his baby lips blistered from the burning crocote poison he had swallowed in childish ignorance, Willie Thomas, the little son of Mrs. Thomas, died in his mother's arms yesterday afternoon thirty minutes after he had taken the fiery, deadly drug.

In a few minutes a happy home at No. 50 Kennedy street had been cast into the deepest gloom. A widow, who only recently beheld the mangled body of a devoted husband brought home from a railroad wreck, was called upon yesterday to see her only child, a bright beautiful boy, snatched from her bosom by death before two summers had kissed the sunshine of his golden hair. Seizing a vial of crocote which had been used by a member of the family for an aching tooth, Willie Thomas swallowed a few drops of the deadly antiseptic. With a cry of pain he rushed into his mother's arms and there he lay and breathed his young life a way, although every effort was made to counteract the poison at three o'clock and at 3:30 its body lay cold in death.

The anguished mother, with the somber mourning garments for a dead husband still casting a shadow over her life, is herself now lying at the point of death. Convulsion after convulsion has thrown her into violent delirium, and it is feared that she may soon meet husband and child who have been taken away from her by such tragic deaths.

Union Meeting.

There will be a Union meeting in the first Presbyterian church Thursday night in the interest of Sunday observance. It will be addressed by Dr. Edward Thompson, general manager of the Sunday League of America.

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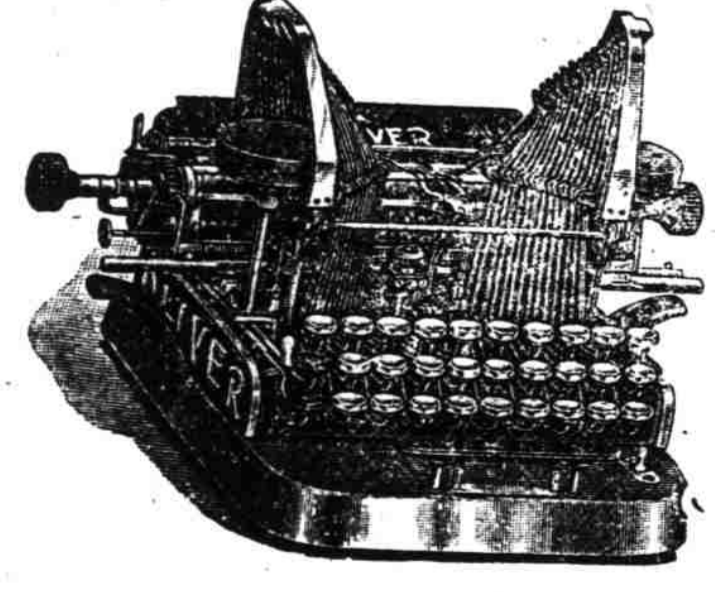
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