

PARKERSBURG.

charter of the Parkersburg Gas Company will expire in 1881 would it not be advisable for our citizens to ascertain if some more economical plan could be adopted for lighting the city. The practicability of transporting gas from other localities has been discussed to a limited degree. If the enterprise is practical in other localities, and that has already been demonstrated, why not here? It is claimed that the character of the gas found in this region is equal or superior to that found in many other places. Why not look into this matter at once, and in view of adopting the plan, have steps taken for an investigation as to the cost, etc. The gas as found at or near Burning Springs is equal to the celebrated Butler county, Pa., gas, which has been utilized for lighting and manufacturing purposes, and from that locality we can rely on a perpetual flow of gas. Assuming this fact leads to the belief that the great oil field known as the West Virginia oil belt is but comparatively in its incipiency, that there is a deeper oil bearing and rocks than have ever yet been penetrated by the drill. Burning Springs is the richest oil field in the world and to day would be yielding large quantities of oil had it been properly treated.

S. R. Dawson of Ritchie county, is one of the jurors of the United States Court. Mr. Dawson was clerk of the recent grand jury, and is said to be the best grand jury clerk in the State. It was Mr. Dawson who officiated at the marriage of Peter Fagan, one of the counterfeiters, an account of which appeared in the Register. Mr. D is an old resident of Wheeling, where he filled the pulpit of the Fourth Street M. L. Church and others in that circuit.

Mr. C. S. Page and wife and Miss Lottie Emery, of New York, assisted by Mr. Eddie Stogcell, of Ohio, have been canvassing Parkersburg with a view of establishing a library, and have been very successful in the enterprise. The library is now an assured fact, and will be in charge of G. L. Spence, Esq., on Market street opposite the Catholic church. The above mentioned ladies and gentlemen will leave here to-morrow for Gallipolis when they go to inaugurate a similar enterprise. While here they made hosts of friends whose best wishes follow them.

Capt. N. B. Armstrong and Major Tom Deem, of Reedville, Roane county, made the trip from that point to Parkersburg by water, having navigated the dangerous waters of Reedy on a raft to Palestine, and thence by skiff to this city, making the distance from Elizabeth, on the Little Kanawha river, 25 miles in four hours. This stream is so high that a steamboat can make the trip to Burning Springs with water enough to carry her over the dams without using the locks.

The Kanawha Pulp Company have secured the services of W. E. Payne as general superintendent. Chas. A. Terrell is night foreman. These gentlemen are from Michigan, and have had several years' experience in the manufacture of pulp.

Great loss of timber and railroad ties is reported on the Little Kanawha and tributaries yesterday. The booms at West Fork, Spring Creek and Burning Springs all broke and their contents swept out into the Kanawha, and a large portion of it is now in the Ohio river, but the principal part of it will be caught again. Pool & Greatouse and McConnaughy & Co. are the heaviest losers. The losses in this city by the late flood is estimated at from \$75,000 to \$150,000. The two pulp companies, the Parkersburg Mill Company and all the oil men lose heavily, and among the latter the Sweetzer Oil Co. are the heaviest losers. Bentley & Gering furniture manufacturers lose from \$2,000 to \$3,000. The Novelty Mill Company, the Lisle and Merchant mills also lose considerable. S. J. Horn's loss is also heavy. John Burch loses about \$2,000. The actual loss, together with stoppage of business, damage to property &c., will at a low estimate amount to \$100,000. The portion of the city flooded is left in a fearful condition, with mud and debris deposited by the flood.