

Taxing New York Peasants

"Ill fares the land
To hastening ills a prey
Where wealth accumulates
And men decay."

The Mongolian farmers have no money to pay their taxes (but Shylock must have his pound of flesh), and after tying old rags upon their pigs' feet to keep them from getting sore, they drive them many miles to Pekin, where they are sold and the money is turned into the imperial treasury.

In France, during the reign of Louis XIII, the farmer's wife could not get into the city with a basket of eggs without paying a tax. If a farmer was seen talking to any well dressed person that farmer's taxes would be doubled the next year.

The exchange (trust) price for milk in New York is at present 3 1/2 cents per quart. If the peasant sells his milk to a shipper the railroad company charges 30 cents per can or more than two-tenths of his income, for hauling the milk.

arious kinds of mortgage tax and dog tax bills are in process of incubation. The New York peasant will probably have to pay a heavy fine for keep-

ing a dog, but no one expects to see a mortgage taxed in old plutocratic New York.

On with the stick,
Let greed be unconfined.
A. L. HEMENWAY.
DeKalb Junction, N. Y.

Railroad Employees

There is no large railway system in the United States that will employ any man who is over 35 years of age and some are discharging all men who have become employees after they were 35 years of age.

Flexible Currency

Editor Independent: You will find enclosed a silver certificate calling for sixty cents' worth of silver under proper treatment, or one dollar's worth of most any old thing you may want.

Wonder if this is what is meant by "flexible currency" that the banker talks about? I did not want any discount on Watson's magazine, so I sent an order on the same financial institution for another sixty cents' worth of silver.

A New Party

When President Roosevelt undertook his campaign for federal supervision of railway rates and federal regulation of corporations, he is reported to have said to an apprehensive senator, "I have no intention of being an Andrew Johnson and splitting my party."

SPECIAL MARKET LETTER

South Omaha, Neb., Feb. 16, 1905. The storm has made very light receipts of cattle and the market is 10@20c higher. It is a good time to get in if you can make it, as receipts are likely to be heavy just as soon as conditions are better.

The hog market is up to about the highest point of the season. Receipts are light. Range \$4.70@5.00.

The sheep market has made a new high record—lambs selling for \$7.85. It is now 15@25c above the best previous time.

Kansas Establishes an Oil Refinery.

The lower house of the Kansas legislature, yesterday passed by an overwhelming majority a bill locating a state oil refinery at Peru in that state and appropriating \$410,000 for that purpose.

The Bueno-Ventura Oil & Gas company of Lincoln, Nebraska, has undeveloped oil and gas lands within three miles of Peru where this great Kansas state oil refinery has just been located.

For every \$25 invested in the stock of this company the holder has the best of prospects for realizing \$500 within the next eighteen months. This is no idle dream. It has been done in Lincoln within the past year in the same oil territory as this company's lands are located and with less favorable surroundings.

The public was waiting for a dead-end thing with spouting oil wells. The companies now have the sure thing. Men are telling how they might have owned stock in them.

ON oil company ever offered a better opportunity for a rich paying investment than the Bueno-Ventura Oil & Gas company now offers. As soon as sufficient funds are raised drilling wells will be commenced.

Below we give a map of Peru where the great Kansas state refinery is to be built. The map is sectional and

accurately shows the location of the lands of the Bueno-Ventura Oil and Gas company, with reference to the town of Peru. The lands are east half of the northwest quarter and west half of the northeast quarter of section 33, lying immediately north of Peru and less than three miles from its northern boundary.

The Independent regards this stock as offering as safe a speculative investment as any that can be made in that class of investments. With oil wells almost surrounding this tract of land it would seem certain that a well sunk to the proper depth would strike the same oil lake and be a great producer.

However, in commending this stock as a speculative investment to those of its readers who are looking for something of the kind The Independent can not guarantee a producing oil well. It will guarantee that the money received from the sale of the stock will be honestly and judiciously expended for drilling the well and for the production of oil if it is under the land described.

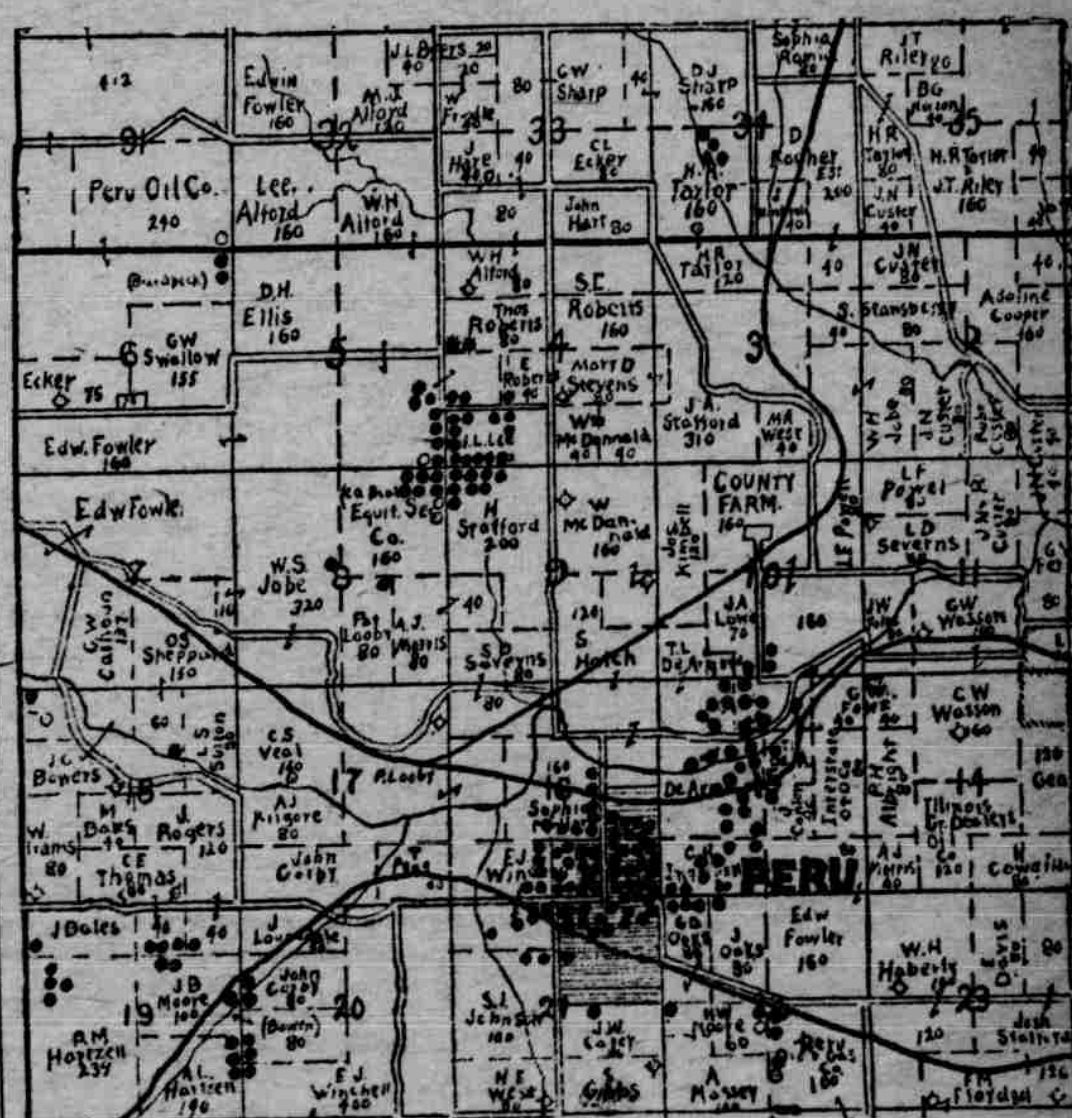
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Map Showing Location of the Lands of the Bueno-Ventura Oil & Gas Company Near Peru, in Chautauqua County, Kansas.



The above is a photographic reproduction of the standard map of Peru, Kas., and its vicinity. The circular black dots represent oil wells now producing. It does not represent all producing wells on the territory included in the map as they are constantly increasing.

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