

Pioneering Petroleum...

P. C. BOYLE

A veteran of the Union Calvary, Patrick C. Boyle came to the Pennsylvania oil fields after the Civil War. He worked as a roustabout. He became a journalist for several Oil Region newspapers. His stories often appeared under the initials, P.C.B. In 1882, he became an Oil Scout, adding to his fame. In 1885 P.C. Boyle leased the Derrick Publishing Company. 'The Derrick' reported the daily happenings within the Oil Region and the petroleum industry. It was read around the world for decades. By 1896, Boyle owned 'The Derrick' and several other prominent oil industry newspapers.

P. C. Boyle chronicled the daily industry events, market quotations, shipments, and exports in The Derrick's Handbook of Petroleum published in 1898. This would be the first of several reference and statistical volumes published by Boyle. This reference source was considered the "Bible" of the industry in its day and is still used by historians today.

