

Edward Felix Russell 1882-1949 Air Engine & Compressor Unit

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It's clear from the articles below that E. F. Russell's invention worked, and was shown publicly. Nothing is known that is not stated in these articles.

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PERPETUAL MOTION.

The invention of a Perpetual Motion Machine at Larimore is Alleged.

Larimore, N. D., Feb. 13.—To The Forum: Thursday morning our local photographer, E. F. Russell, announced to the public that he would exhibit in his studio during the afternoon, one of the most wonderful inventions of the age, in the form of a compressed air engine that compresses its own air and develops wonderful power.

During the whole afternoon scores of people visited the studio and witnessed the first successful machine of its kind in the world.

Mr. Russell said they gazed upon it in wonderment, but none seem to realize its meaning.

The machine was on a table in the further end of the operating room, closely watched by its inventor. The engine was seen by most of our leading business men, who pronounce it a success.

Mr. Russell said he had his first idea of a compressed air engine about nine years ago and has studied on it since. He claims to have a new way of using power which would be worth millions of dollars even on a steam engine, as it develops wonderful power with very little steam or air. He also said that he could remodel one of the G. N. locomotives so it would not need any coal or a fireman to run it.

Mr. Russell destroyed his model after the exhibition as he said it was too valuable to keep, as he was afraid an attempt to steal it and will not make attempt to steal it might be made and will not make another one until he knows what he can get for it providing he can prove that it is all he claims for it.

Mr. Russell is a young man of 22 years. He does not use tobacco in any form and is strictly temperate, and of a quiet disposition, photographer by profession.

He values his invention at \$25,000,000. He was offered \$100,000 cash by one of our local capitalists for his model, but would not consider this offer.

W. M. Edwards.

THE MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL.

10 FEBRUARY 24, 1904.

PERPETUAL MOTION, TOO

Larimore, N. D., Photographer Positive He Has Solved the Secret.

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 24.—The latest thing in the way of perpetual motion machines is the invention of a Larimore photographer named Russell.

According to his account, he has devised a machine which is operated by means of compressed air, and compresses its own air.

Mr. Russell is reticent about the exact manner in which his machine works, but he explains that he has two air chambers and that the air from one is exhausted into the others. How he takes care of it after it is exhausted, so as to prevent an accumulation in his exhaust reservoir, is one of his secrets. In starting the machine, he says, it is necessary to pump air into one chamber, and after that the machine will take care of itself, and will run until it wears out, not only furnishing power sufficient to operate itself, but creating a surplus.

Mr. Russell says he has been offered \$100,000 for his invention, but scorns the offer. He is willing to consider an offer of \$25,000,000, but nothing less.

After he had convinced himself and all persons who saw the model that it was all right he destroyed the model, for fear some one might steal the secret. He says he is ready to make another one as soon as any one is ready to talk business. He is not trying to secure money under false pretenses, for he says he will not take a cent until he has shown that his machine will do all that he claims, and that he will put what property he owns himself into the invention.

The Bismarck Tribune.

2 FEBRUARY 25, 1904.

THINKS HE HAS IT.

Larimore Photographer Believes He Has Discovered Theory of Perpetual Motion.

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According to his account, he has devised a machine which is operated by means of compressed air, and it compresses its own air. He has been at work on the problem for nine years, and says he has been subjected to ridicule and abuse of all sorts, his neighbors treating him as a visionary crank. He came to Larimore some-

thing over a year ago, and, remembering his former experiments when the fierce light of publicity beat upon him, he kept his investigations and experiments to himself.

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Mr. Russell has read so little of the literature of perpetual motion that he has never heard of the Keeley motor. He insists that this differs from that, and that it will go.

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E. F. Russell of Larimore, who is alleged to have invented a perpetual motion machine, formerly resided at Walcott.

There have been a lot of stray horses shot this winter, and at Edgley a wholesale business was done in that line.



Inventor Russell of Larimore, who claims to have invented perpetual motion, formerly resided in Kindred, and his association with Weatherhead probably accounts for his rumored invention.

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