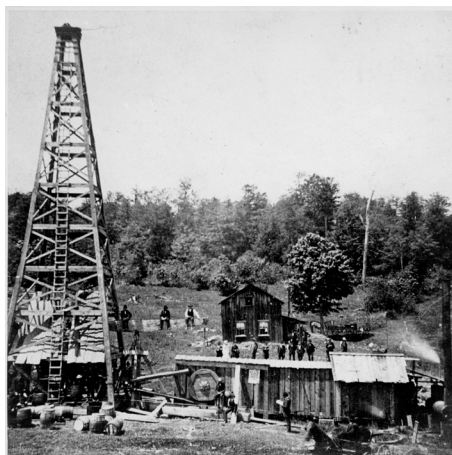


# BLACK GOLD

A century ago, petroleum - what we call oil - was just an obscure commodity; today it is almost as vital to human existence as water. Oil transports us, powers our machines, warms us and lights us. It clothes us, wraps our food and encases our computers. It gives us medicines, cosmetics, CDs and car tires. Even those things that are not made *from* oil are often made *with* oil, with the energy it gives. Life without oil, in fact, would be so different that it is frightening to contemplate.

- James Buchan, 2006



OP Taylor's Triangle No. 1 - first major well in Allegheny Field.

Oil well near Bolivar "shot" using nitroglycerin and dynamite.



Roughnecks working on a local oil well.

Bolivar gas globe from the Allegheny Refiners.



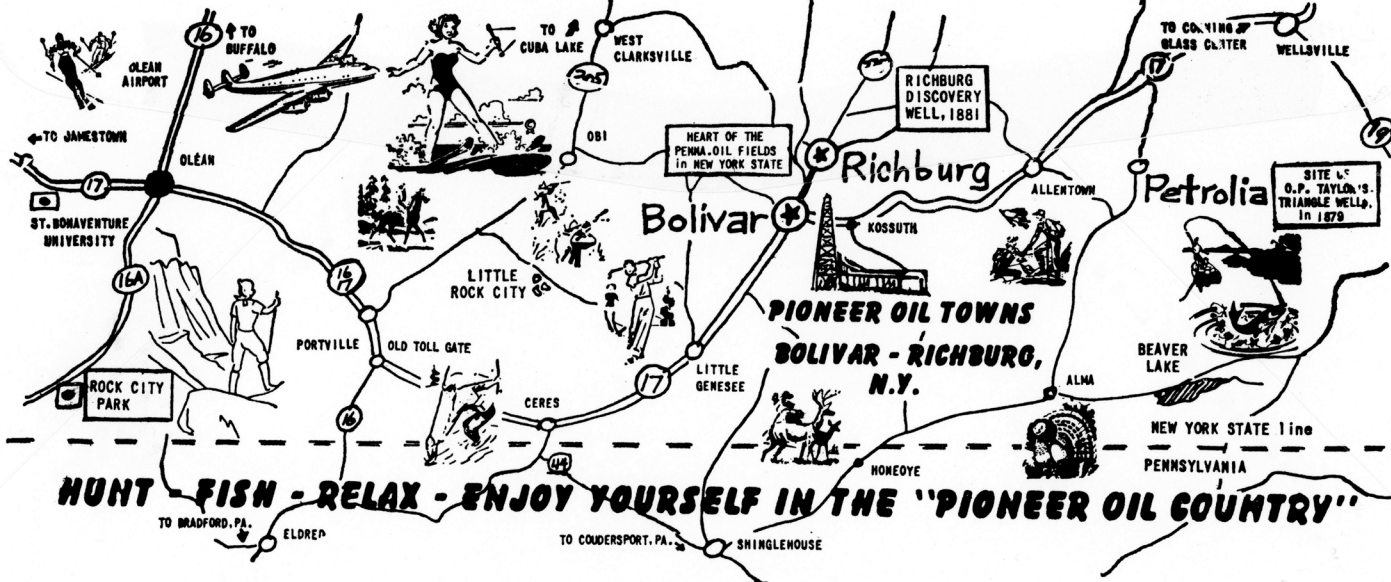
This 100 year old "shooter's wagon" hauled dynamite & nitroglycerin when it was time to shoot a well.

## Go back in time to a Boom Town!

- Where hundreds of "Fortune Seekers" arrived in Bolivar and Richburg each day
- Where fortunes were made and lost in a day
- Where "Black Gold" oozed out the ground making millionaires out of Average Joes
- Where it wasn't "Texas Tea," but rather "New York Gold"



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Bolivar circa 1881

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