

## There Will Be Blood



Good morning, y'all. I'm going to fill my day with busy work while I'm awaiting the 7:30 PM kickoff of my beloved Bulldogs and the interlopers from Missouri. I sincerely hope the boys have gotten all of the bad feelings from the last two weeks out of their heads and are ready to do battle once again. If not, it will be a long night for all of us.

Speaking of bad feelings, and all of my discussion yesterday about the [oil "biddness"](#), I thought of a natural choice for our date night movie, "There Will Be Blood". I remember years ago when we went to see the movie at the Bijou in Blairsville. The lady in front of me was just bouncing from one foot onto the other until she got up to the ticket window and asked for two tickets to "Let There Be Blood". I started getting this Columbine feeling of apprehension going into a movie where this old lady was amped about there being blood. This was long before the shooting in Aurora, Colorado, but I still feel justified at being alarmed at her energy. I mean, if there's one thing we're all sure about, it's that we don't know what's going to set some folks off.

Anyway, I thought a review of the movie was in order in case I missed something the first time out. Mulva, didn't mind that it was a repeat performance either. She likes Daniel Day Lewis as much as I do. I suspect for different reasons, though.

Daniel Day-Lewis is absolutely one of the top actors ever, and he's got three Academy Awards for Best Actor to prove it. He won the Best Actor for his role in *My Left Foot* (1989), *There Will Be Blood* (2007), and *Lincoln* (2012). Winning three acting Oscars puts Daniel Day-Lewis in the company of greats Walter Brennan and Jack Nicholson. Not bad company indeed. In addition to these roles, I particularly enjoyed his work in "In The Name of the Father" and "The Boxer". Maybe my Irish is showing, but I thought he deserved Academy Awards for both of those roles as well.

"There Will Be Blood" was directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, who has had the good fortune to work with really good people, or that really good people want to work with him. Either way, he has had a wealth of talent at his disposal in his projects.

Anderson has made a couple of other really good movies, in my opinion. I think I've seen everything he's done, but I particularly liked "Boogie Nights" and "Magnolias". "There Will Be Blood" is the pick of the litter of course.

"There Will Be Blood" is supposed to be based off of the book, "Oil" by Upton Sinclair. I like Upton Sinclair very much, but have not read the book yet. I will put it in my bucket list. An Upton Sinclair aside is that he is quoted in the Al Gore movie, "An Inconvenient Truth". The quote is, **"It is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his salary depends upon his not understanding it"**. Truer words were never spoken, and it certainly explains a lot of self serving ignorance, doesn't it?

The movie was just as good the second time around, maybe better since I didn't have to keep looking over my shoulder to see what the "amped" lady was up to. Check it out, you won't be disappointed.