

Mines and Mining.

BOUND FOR GREASE

BUTTE OIL COMPANY'S DRILL BORING IN THAT DIRECTION.

WELL IS NOW 10 FEET DEEP

Report That Oil Had Been Struck Knocked From Its Paraffine Base by P. W. Francis, Who Says It Is Untrue.

P. W. Francis, an oil expert and one of the first oil authorities to visit the Kintla lake oil fields, in Flathead county, is in Helena, today having returned direct from the scene of operations in the northern part of Flathead county, says the Herald.

"The report," said Mr. Francis, "that the Butte Oil company has struck oil and suspended drilling operations is untrue. Up to Saturday night the drill was still running and it would scarcely be possible that a strike was made Sunday and news of it would reach Helena the same day."

"Good progress is being made by the Butte Oil company with its standard drill. It is now down about 50 feet. The loose formation on the surface has been penetrated and they are now working in the shale. It is quite possible that it will be necessary to drill to a great depth before the oil flow is encountered."

"The Butte Oil company is boring its well at an elevation where it will be necessary to attain considerable depth before it will strike the level where the oil will likely be found."

"There is a great deal of activity in the oil fields. Every foot of land in the district has been located and land for 40 miles around the outside of what is regarded as oil lands has been taken up."

Covers a Large Area.

"The oil field proper is from seven to 10 miles wide and about 18 miles long. The claims are located as placer claims in blocks of six claims, making 36 acres for each block of claims. A placer claim consists of 20 acres. There will doubtless be considerable litigation over the land as its value develops, especially by the fellows who have located claims with no other idea than to sell them. They have in many cases been very careless. Those of us, however, who got into the country first and made

some of the first locations, were very careful to comply with every provision of the law. We do not anticipate that we will have any trouble, as we have been very particular in this regard. Of course, in any placer country there is always more or less litigation over claims. If the oil fields turn out as well as they are expected to I do not anticipate that there will be much litigation over what is properly known as the oil section.

"All the oil experts who have visited Flathead county from Pennsylvania and the other great oil producing states have left well satisfied with their investigations, and in almost every case they have acquired property. The legitimate companies are preparing to work their claims. There is, however, some wildcat speculation by parties who have secured land many miles from the oil field."

Butte Company First.

"So far the Butte Oil company is the only concern that has commenced boring. The result of its work is being watched with a great deal of interest. There are, however, a number of companies that will go in at once and commence development work. The Butte Oil company's drill sinks a hole 12 inches in diameter. The company is prepared to go down to a great depth."

"The most promising feature about the oil field in Montana is the quality of the oil secured from the seepages. It is of a paraffine base and is worth about \$2.50 a barrel. More than 100 products can be made from this oil and but five per cent of the oil goes to waste, or is of a composition that cannot be used. Some of the products of the oil are of a very high quality and bring a high figure."

"It is certain that oil deposits are located near the seepages and before the Butte Oil company commenced work it made careful investigations and located its drill with a view to getting the best results. I believe that a few years will see the growth of a great industry in this state. It will be in Flathead county and its product will be high grade paraffine oil."

JEANNETTE MILL.

Work on It Is Progressing Very Fast.

Work on the Jeannette Gold Mining company's 100-stamp mill has progressed in fine shape the past three weeks and considerable of the heavy frame work is in place, says the Pony Sentinel. The big ore bins, capable of holding between 18,000 and 20,000 tons of ore, are nearly ready for the roof; also the superstructure over where the stamps will be, but

no timbers are yet up for the concentrator room.

About as fine a job as one wants to see can be seen on this building and Thomas W. Fisher is entitled to great credit for it. The trusses, over 200 feet long, go into place without a hitch and everything else fits. There are some fine millwrights at work there and everything moves smoothly.

Mr. Carson is having a splendid office building erected across the creek from the mill alongside the present office. It is a two-story brick, fitted with hot and cold water, bath, steam heat, electric lights and will be the most comfortable building in town. On the first floor are the general offices' fire-proof vault and Mr. Carson's private office, drafting room, waiting room, dining room and kitchen, while upstairs are the bath and sleeping rooms. The roof is ready for the shingles and the whole building will be ready for occupancy in about a month.

The contract for the tramway has not been let and will not be put up until spring, although men will be kept at work all winter near the mill framing the necessary timbers. One tower will be placed above the ore so that the tramway line will pass the northeast corner and dump into a big conveyor belt that will distribute the ore the whole length of the bins, the ore being previously crushed at the mine.

At the mine 15 or 16 men are at work under James Wilkey running a tunnel to tap the lead 100 feet deeper. They are making good progress with two eight hour shifts and Burleigh drills.

Machinery for the mill is arriving rapidly and is being unloaded and taken up the hill by the hoisting engine. When finished this mill will be the largest in the state and the company will employ between 200 and 300 men in the mine and mill.

GRUB IS SCARCE.

Flour Is \$16.50 Per 100 Pounds in the Thunder Mountain District.

According to the Pocatello Tribune, groceries are not being given away in the Thunder Mountain district of Idaho. Flour is quoted at \$16.50 per 100 pounds; sugar \$25 per 100, bacon \$30 per 100 and other things in proportion. Those who are in possession of food enough to carry them through the winter have notified prospective stampedees from the outside to not attempt the trip without taking a winter's supply along with them. The men working on the Dewey properties are pretty well fixed, the colonel having taken care of them early in the season.

HOPE CLOSED DOWN.

Only Two or Three Men Now at Work on the Property.

The Hope mine was shut down Saturday and with exception of two or three men all hands were laid off. How long the shut down will continue is at present not known. The mill also closed down Saturday evening and the stamps are hung up. This is not the first shut down of the Hope and those familiar with the history of the mine and the practice of the company are not concerned to any great extent over the future and expect to see men put to work again at most any time.

TALK BY A TRAGEDIAN.

Frederick Warde Addresses Butte High School Pupils.

For several years it has been the custom of Frederick Warde, tragedian, on the occasion of his visits to Butte, to deliver a lecture to the pupils of the high school, and this time was no exception. Mr. Warde spoke to the pupils yesterday, taking for his subject "Shakespeare and His Plays."

The subject was by no means new, but the lecture did not lack in interest, as the speaker frequently interspersed his discourse with criticisms which went to show his interpretation of the writings of the famous Bard of Avon.

Mr. Warde discussed Shakespeare's poetry and philosophy from a standpoint of educational value and urged his hearers to seek knowledge from the many beautiful and instructive writings.

He said there was nothing that Shakespeare had done that could be fully comprehended, but added that it required three readings of any of his plays to thoroughly appreciate them.

The first reading, he said, was to get at the story; the second, to see the poetry of it, and the third, to learn of the true philosophy.

Among other things, Mr. Warde called attention of the pupils to the splendid precepts of Polonius in his advice to his son, Laertes. He said advice was cheap, ordinarily, but added that such advice as Polonius had given could be safely followed by any one with only the best results obtaining.

He said they should be tucked on the wall of every schoolroom where they could be constantly before the rising generation.

L. C. B. A. Notice.

A card party will be given by De Serie Branch 342, L. C. B. A., Thursday evening, December 12. The public are cordially invited. Members please bring refreshments. Admission 25 cents.

Fair and Turkey Dinner tomorrow (Thursday) in the Presbyterian church basement.

Australian Birds' Nests.

The discovery of the nests and eggs of the magnificent rifle bird of Paradise in New South Wales was the chief event in the world of Australian naturalists a few years ago. The bird inhabits the dense scrubs and has been known to science some 70 years. Both eggs and nest are peculiarly handsome. The eggs look for all the world as though an artist had been



The Bad Boy's Bowel Blessing

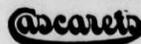
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The wonderful nests are always decorated with cast-off snake skins, for the purpose of scaring away, by their terrible appearance, nest-robbing reptiles. They are very skillfully hidden where the scrub is most impenetrable. We have never noticed the shy, timid rifle bird of Paradise to alight on the ground; all its food and nest-building materials are

taken from the limbs and hollows of trees.

Another interesting inhabitant of the thick scrubs is the quaint scrub turkey, which collects for its nest a huge mass of dead leaves and sticks on the ground, in which the eggs are carefully laid and covered over, to be hatched by the heat of the decaying vegetable matter. I have seen as many as 30 large white eggs in one nest.

In the scrub, too, builds the beautiful bower bird, whose habit is to make a

little playground for itself of thin sticks and twigs, stuck upright in the ground, and generally covered over at the top.

Inside, the bower bird's "bower" is brightly decorated with small shells, bits of colored glass or china when they can be found, colored feathers, berries, flowers and leaves. Here, in these happy bowers the birds continually play, especially just before their breeding season. A watch of these bowers, and sometimes silver coins have been discovered.—Pearson's Magazine.

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