

OPEN WINTER KEEPS OIL BOOM AT HIGH PITCH IN CAT CREEK

Steady Stream of Visitors to Field Daily; Many New Rigs Being Set Up.

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Jan. 23.—Already the new year in the Lewistown oil fields sees the rush in the oil game in the big swing. News that the winter was so open that drilling was going strong has evidently spread over the country thoroughly and in consequence the stream of visitors is growing daily.

Leases on acreage running into the thousands, with cash payments in tens of thousands of dollars, have already been made, and in many instances the purchasers are arranging for drilling operations as soon as equipment can be gotten onto the ground.

Montana Companies Leading. Montana companies are playing a most important part in getting favorable acreage and in financing for early operation. Data is not now available for all of them, but some of the more important ones may be noted:

The Deer Lodge Oil Co., with Frank Conley, W. B. Orem, J. L. DeHart, Gov. A. E. Spriggs and Judge Roy R. Ayers as trustees, has purchased an eighty acre lease northwest of the Big Six, for immediate development. The capital of \$40,000 was raised before the purchase was made.

Mitchell Oil & Gas has bought a 40 acre lease in the proven Cat Creek section; much of the necessary capital has been subscribed and a contract for drilling is now being negotiated.

To Push Drilling. The Baker Syndicate, with a number of fine leases, is shipping in two standard rigs from the southern fields. These will be set up at once upon their arrival, and the work of getting the drills down into the oil sands will be pushed.

The Metropolitan, with an 80 acres astride the Cat Creek anticline, will be among the early ones to spud in. Lying between the West Dome producer and the Big Six, which will be in production very soon, the Metropolitan people are encouraged to begin early drilling.

The Unit Petroleum has just spudded in its well on its 28 acre tract in the SE 1/4, SE 1/4, section 10-15-29. This location is close in on the producing territory, and the management has all needed equipment and supplies for sending the bit down steadily.

Refinery Believed Certain. The construction of a refinery, on the unit system for future expansion, is now regarded as a certainty. The company is in strong hands, amply able to finance construction, refining and marketing. A site on Spring creek with its abundant flow of water, and connecting with the right-of-way of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, has been secured, and early construction is promised. This will be an invaluable addition to Lewistown, and will assure her position as mistress of the wonderful 1000-barrel well oil field.

The Golden West, in the Black Butte section, is being drilled by the Cobb-

Roberts Co. of Lewistown. The hole is now down 1460 feet, and the showing is so encouraging that the drillers are confident of bringing in a strong producer.

The Boston-Montana well, also in the Black Butte section is getting rapidly down to the oil sands. At a little less than 600 feet the log of the well corresponds almost identically with the logs of the producing well in the Cat Creek section. Ample supplies of fuel, water and casings are at hand, so that only the time needed for careful drilling will be consumed in getting down to the sands.

Repair Dralage Quickly. The Homestead Oil company lost its rig during the recent wind storm just as a spudding was in order. The damage will be repaired quickly, and the drill started down. The Homestead has some fine leases close in to production. Julius Peters, of Great Falls, is president, Wilford J. Johnson is vice-president and treasurer and E. K. Larson is secretary. E. B. Ball is consulting geologist and E. B. Coolidge is general manager, with headquarters in Lewistown.

Manager Brown, of the Winifred well, continues strongly optimistic, despite the troubles he has been having in keeping the water out of the hole. He secured the needed equipment for that purpose, and is actually pushing development work. Barnes-King people are heavily interested in the Winifred well and their confidence in bringing in production is based upon the opinion of one of the best geologists in the whole country.

Rig Enroute. The Arrow Creek company has purchased a first class rig and it is now on the rails enroute. President Will Morrison of Fort Benton, authorizes the statement that work will be resumed as soon as the equipment is delivered on the ground.

Shipments of production from the newest flowing wells in the Cat Creek section, the Ritter-Lawson, will not be interfered with by litigation in the Federal Court, as the suit merely asks the appointment of a receiver to handle the funds until litigation concerning the lease is disposed of. The Ritter-Lawson makes the producing wells number just a round dozen.

Wet Gas in Big Six. The Big Six well, at about 900 feet, broke into a flow of wet gas. As it flows over the top of the casing it breaks and falls much as does oil when it overflows. Chief driller Reed, who is a veteran at the game, says this is the only gas of the sort thus far encountered in the Cat Creek field, and is of the opinion that it points the way to early and strong production. He also regards it as very favorable to adjoining ground, probably for a considerable distance both ways along the anticline.

CAPITAL DOME CO. BUYS INTO PORCUPINE FIELD. Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Jan. 23.—The Capitol Dome Oil Co. has announced the purchase of a large tract on the Porcupine field in Rosebud county and also that it has completed plans for drilling on its Cat Creek acreage early in the spring.

BIG SIX DRILLS IN OIL SANDS IS APPROACHED. Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Jan. 23.—Reports from the Big Six last night stated that this well was in oil continuously now, being very close to the pay sand, the conditions being quite as favorable as the Miles City men could ask.

PLANES TO PATROL NATIONAL FORESTS, WESTERN MONTANA

Assurances Have Been Received at Missoula Headquarters of Air Service.

Special to The Tribune. Missoula, Jan. 23.—Airplane patrol for the national forests of western Montana and northern Idaho virtually is assured, according to word received at the headquarters of district No. 1 of the forest service here.

A message has been received from the San Francisco office of the forest service, announcing that Major H. H. Arnold of the western branch of the air service has been informed that the war department has decided to appropriate the machines necessary to establish the air service in district No. 1. Another message was received from Assistant Forester Headley at Washington, ordering that the four forestry men who had been designated as observers in case the patrol was established be instructed to report immediately to Mather field, Sacramento, Cal., for training. Previous instructions had been to hold these four men for the present, as it had not been certain whether air patrol would be inaugurated this year.

The four observers sent to Mather field are A. P. Townsend, deputy supervisor at Phillipsburg, Fred Wilfong, A. J. Devan and F. P. Brown.

Nonsuit Is Granted in Action Against Director of Railroads

Special to The Daily Tribune. Lewistown, Jan. 23.—The case of E. J. Grover against W. D. Hines as director general of railroads came up for trial in the district court Saturday. The plaintiff seeking to recover \$2,607 for the loss of a trunk shipped by him from Minneapolis to Aberdeen, S. D., its contents being notes, mortgages, deeds, clothing, etc. Under the contract it appeared that the defendant had the option of making delivery to the consignee or returning to the consignor and the plaintiff was only able to offer proof as to one, so that a motion for non-suit was sustained by Judge Rudolf von Tobel.

FARMERS' INSURANCE CO. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Jan. 23.—The Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co. held its annual meeting here Saturday and elected the following: A. B. Powell, president; A. B. Long, vice president; R. G. Jackson, treasurer; E. G. Worden, secretary; C. W. Stone, R. F. Shaw, A. V. Pound and E. Linkart, directors. Hitch, William McConnell, directors.

CHAIRMAN HARLOWTON EUROPEAN RELIEF COMMITTEE

Harlowton, Jan. 23.—County Attorney W. C. Husband has been appointed by State Chairman Alfred Atkinson, chairman of the Wheatland county council for European relief.

Women's Corner

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO MEET TODAY.

A special meeting of the League of Women Voters has been called for this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Edison recital hall following the meeting of the Woman's club.

ST. MARGARET'S CHAPTER TO MEET TODAY.

St. Margaret's chapter of the Episcopal guild will meet this (Monday) afternoon with Mrs. George Lockhart in the Blackstone apartments.

WOMAN'S CLUB CANCELS MEETING PLANS.

Owing to the death of Mrs. Howard G. Bennett, a former officer and active member of the Great Falls Woman's club, the meeting scheduled for this (Monday) afternoon will not be held so that the members of the club may attend the funeral services.

HOLDING A HUSBAND

Adele Garrison's New Phase of... REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

The Strange Things the Vandals Did Upstairs.

Lillian's eyes fairly glowed as I called her attention to the envelope tied around the neck of the bottle stuck in my old clock.

"Handle it carefully, Madge," she cautioned. "We want to save that in its entirety."

The envelope was unsealed, and I gingerly drew out the single sheet of cheap, colored notepaper which it contained. The note paper bore the same caption as the envelope:

To the CHEAP SKATES who live IN this House, and then followed a medley of words.

"Oh! You Cheap Skates!" "No money and no sense, ha, ha, cents."

"No booze, not even wine or hops, you stinky, dirty pups."

"But we'll fix you good and proper. Better have a better to have everything come next time, which will be SOON."

"Remember!" Then followed two or three Rabelaisian sentences, which made us all flush angrily. Lillian put out her hand.

"Do you mind if I keep this, Madge?" "I am glad to get it out of my possession," I said, handing it to her, and involuntarily wiping my fingers vigorously upon a towel which lay carelessly thrown across a chair with other linen from my sideboard drawers, and which by some miracle had not been soiled in the orgy that had been staged in the room.

With another searching glance around the dining room we left it and went through the other room, finding in each evidences of strange marauders. I had not ordered the gas or electric light turned off when we left, because I wanted to have everything in readiness when I returned, and in the kitchen we found the gas stove covered with a trail of burned grease, while a frying pan held a mass of the same congealed material, surrounding a cold fried egg. Other eggs, broken wantonly into plates, stood on the stove, while the kitchen table held plates showing that at least two persons had eaten there. The plates held scraps of egg and bread, and there were dishes of canned fruit, evidently taken from the half-empty glass jars which stood near them. The coffee pot, still half-full of coffee, stood on the stove.

"They must have been hungry," Edith Fairfax said.

"Perhaps," Lillian replied thoughtfully, examining the plates closely. "Did you have these things in the house, Madge?"

"We have some eggs in the cellar which we put down in brine last summer for winter use in cooking," I replied. "I suppose these are from those supplies. The canned fruit is ours, of course, but they must have brought bread. As for the grease, I do not know. We had some butter put down for the winter in a jar in the cellar."

The Keesako Trunk. Lillian took down a small, clean frying pan, and a knife, struck a match, turned on the gas flame, and set the pan on it. Then she took up a knife of the congealed grease and put it in the other pan.

"Butter," she decided in another minute when the fat was sputtering and smoking. "Well, there's no use staying here! Let's go upstairs."

We ascended to the second floor, and there found disorder enough to bring despair to the heart of any housekeeper. Every bureau drawer had been opened and its contents dumped on the floor. The locks of the trunks had been broken, and the trunks turned upside down, letting their contents fall where they might. Every bundle had been untied, and every box opened and its contents scattered.

"Is there anything missing, Madge?" Lillian asked, as we stood in my mother-in-law's bedroom, for we had taken the rooms in order down the hall.

RAIL HEAD DEFENDS SENDING REPAIRS TO OUTSIDE SHOPS

Abnormal Number of Cars and Locomotives to Work On, Efficiency Low, He Says.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Action of the railroads in sending rolling stock to outside shops for repairs was defended by the Association of Railway Executives Sunday night in a statement issued through its chairman, Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, as consonant with "good business and sound management."

Representatives of railroad labor recently attacked the action of the railroads in failing to do their own repair work, charging that the sending of such work to outside plants brought increased transportation costs which the public ultimately had to pay. The interstate commerce commission has the practice under investigation.

Mr. Cuyler, in his statement, declared that "the effect of the rules and working conditions still controlling the repair of equipment in railway shops has been disastrous to efficiency and output and is in itself one of the causes of the abnormal number of cars and locomotives out of repair."

He added that the organizations of railway employes "have only themselves to blame."

OIL CONVENTION DELEGATES HAVE THEIR PICTURES TAKEN

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Jan. 23.—Big photos of the delegates to the oil convention were taken yesterday by several concerns, including the Roundup people who have made the moving pictures of the Cat creek oil fields.

TRANSCRIPT ON APPEAL FILED IN STATE COURT

Special to The Daily Tribune. Helena, Jan. 23.—Transcript on appeal has been filed in the supreme court by the defendant in a suit from Cascade county of Andrew Hash against Andrew Arnold, by his guardian, Everett E. Lytle.

RED CROSS SEEKS MEN

The Home Service Section of the American Red Cross, 325 Ford building, Great Falls, is anxious to get in touch with the following men: Glen McIver and George Miller.

Seotland Yard, London, has accommodation for 3000 policemen.

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Uncle Sam Starts to Collect Fines on Butte Moonshine

Butte, Jan. 22.—Liens totalling more than a quarter of a million dollars were filed in the Silver Bow county recorder's office Saturday by the United States government through James A. Walsh, internal revenue collector for the state of Montana, on 51 pieces of property here whose owners have been found guilty at various times of violation of the revenue law.

In each case, the lien represents the amount of accumulative taxes assessed by the government under the revenue act, each express act in the manufacture of distilled beverages and their sale calling for a separate assessment. The amounts range from \$104.17 to \$12,885.27 the latter amount being assessed against the property of Pat Towey whose home has been raided three times by federal prohibition agents who each time, they alleged, found whiskey in various processes of fermentation and distillation.

Singapore experimenters have found that a feed cake for stock can be made from the residue of rubber seed after extraction of an oil similar to linseed oil.

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- Regular \$3.95 36-inch brocaded Satin Linings, now only **\$1.95** per yard
- Fine Tan Serges, 40 and 42 inches wide, all wool French serges, in the new tan shades which will be very popular in the spring. **\$1.95** New Price, only, the yard

Men's Shirts Marked Down Again

- 32-inch Fine Striped Madras, regular \$1.00 values, now only, the yard **39c**
- 36-inch, Exceptional Striped Madras, regular \$1.25 value, now only, the yard **59c**

Beauty Pins and Lingerie Clasps

- Regular 89c gold filled Beauty Pins, the pair **19c**
- Solid Gold Lingerie Clasps, now, the pair **98c**

All Plushes in Stock Now Selling at ONE-HALF PRICE

- Regular \$20.00 Black Plush, new price, the yard **\$10.00**
- Regular \$22.50 Beaver Plush, new price, the yard **\$11.25**
- Regular \$7.45 Silver Fur Cloth, 18-inch, new price, the yard **\$3.78**
- Regular \$7.45 Brown Fur Cloth, 18-inch, new price, the yard **\$3.78**

WOMAN'S CORDOVAN LISLE HOSE—Made of fine silk lisle thread, fashioned ankle and shaped foot, now, the pair, only **79c**

WOMEN'S GORDON BLACK LISLE HOSE, fast black, long wearing, fine quality, now, the pair, only **79c**

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The secret of such a complexion is cosmetic cleanliness such as was practiced by Cleopatra. A healthy skin, smooth and alluring, is within the reach of every woman.

Countless women, every day, use this right method to a healthfully beautiful complexion.

First, they clean the skin. That is essential. And the only possible way is with soap.

Skins clog rapidly with oil, perspiration and dirt. Unless these secretions are washed off, the tiny pores enlarge. The complexion becomes coarse. Blackheads and blotches may develop.

Whatever else you do, start with a clean skin, free from foreign matter. Whatever you add—powder, a touch of rouge—remove it before you sleep. If your skin is very dry, use cold cream both before and after washing.

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