

NEWS FROM MONTANA OIL FIELDS

DRILLER PROMISES GOOD PRODUCTION BY McDONALD WELL

Only Waiting Some Needed Material Before Drilling Into the Oil Reservoir.

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, April 2.—Osborne, head driller for the MacDonald syndicate, drilling in 11-15-29, is in the city from Cat Creek and says that the well can now be brought in any time, with the full assurance of production. He is delaying only to secure some needed materials and arrange to take care of the oil.

The Great Western No. 2 well, an offset to the company's No. 1 well, will be in Sunday in all probabilities. It is considered certain to be a fine producer.

With the sand at the Frantz well on the Harlan tract still not penetrated, the oil continues to flow over the casing. No preparations had been made here to care for the oil, because the adjoining wells were not gusher. This one fooled the management by its very heavy production. When the well is completed it is believed it will equal any in the whole Cat Creek field.

Three of the biggest deals to be made in Cat Creek acreage are nearly closed and if they go through all right, it will mean, it is claimed, an immense increase in the immediate development work of the field. All are expected to be closed by Tuesday night.

DEAL CONSUMMATED BY CHOTEAU COMPANY TO BORE BIG TRACT

Takes Over Major Portion of Adams Holdings on Willow Creek Structure

Choteau, April 2.—Through M. E. Smeltz, a broker of Denver, a deal has practically been consummated whereby the major portion of the Adams property on Willow Creek passes into the hands of the Choteau Oil & Gas company.

Adams is under contract to develop the prospecting permit lands of Robert Gray, Charles Wilson Gray, Wm. Irons and F. A. Oulton. He is under \$5,000 bond to drill to completion a deep test well on the Oulton permit beginning not later than 90 days after April 15, when the permits will probably be issued. His contract provides that in case he assigns the Oulton permit to other parties for development, a bond of \$20,000, to be approved by Oulton, must be furnished.

It is understood that the Choteau Oil & Gas company is preparing to furnish this bond and that it will have no trouble in doing so. It is also stated that its camp and derrick will be erected at once on the lands included in the Oulton permit and that the well will be started soon after the permit is issued.

Among the holdings of the Coffey-Oulton company is a two per cent royalty on this land.

The consideration paid for the Adams holdings sold is reported to be \$12,500 cash. The leases carry five per cent royalty to the government and twelve and one-half per cent to the parties in whose names the permits will issue.

Casing Separation Delays Completion of Big Wall Well

Special to The Tribune. Roundup, April 2.—Drilling by the Ohio Oil company in the Big Wall has been suspended temporarily by the pulling in two of its 10-inch casing. While under-reaming the casing is raised every little while to prevent the freezing of the casing and a wear joint caused the casing to part. This is now being repaired and drilling will be resumed by Sunday. The well is in the upper part of the Kootenai sands at a depth of about 1850 feet, and a splendid showing of oil has been found. Oil men who have looked over the field state that production is almost certain in this structure.

The Ohio is under contract to carry the well to a depth of 2300 feet unless a commercial flow is found at a lesser depth, but is believed that oil will be struck at less than 2300 feet. In Ragged Point, a biter has been lost and this must be fished out or drilled through. This well is reported to be about 2100 feet now and nearly to the lower sand of the Kootenai.

Conrad Prospectors in a Lively Mixup Over Federal Permits

Conrad, April 2.—Considerable excitement in filings on available land for oil purposes has prevailed during the past week, and with the starting up of drilling operations there has been a lively scramble to get leases on everything in sight.

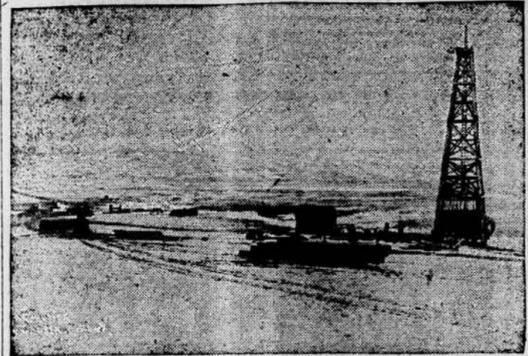
A number of filings have been made on state land being held under Carey act rights, and this action has caused no little flurry, particularly among residents of the North Bench, where the land lies in the vicinity of the drilling operations.

A number of protest meetings have been held, and formal protest has been filed with the government against allowing these oil filings. It seems that the law is clear on the subject, and that the person holding the land under Carey act rights would have a preference over the right of the state in taking no chances, and are carrying the matter right up to the department.

DRILLING IS RESUMED ON BIG ELK DOME

Harlowton, April 2.—Drilling was resumed Wednesday on Big Elk after replacing the casing which was pulled last week. It was found that the shoe was broken and a new one ordered from Spokane which has been placed and the drill is again at work.

RIG OF PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOON TO WORK ON WILLOW CREEK



Derrick, with bunk houses in the distance, already completed for the Petroleum Exploration Co. on the Willow Creek dome about 12 miles west of Choteau. Drilling will be started during the present month.

EXPECT PRODUCTION FROM 10 NEW WELLS CAT CREEK IN APRIL

Seventy-five Rigs Now Drilling in Winnett District and More Are Coming.

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, April 2.—President Joe B. Baker, of the Baker Syndicate and the Petroleum Exploration Co. in the city from Cat Creek Saturday and made the prediction that 10 new wells will be brought into commercial production in Cat Creek in April. As a matter of fact, he believes there will be more producers than this added to the list, but he makes this as his minimum estimate.

There are now drilling in the whole Winnett district about 75 rigs and as most of them are on either proven or partly proven ground, a large percentage of the outfits seem certain to get the oil. The number in operation will be increased rather than decreased as the season advances, since many new concerns are getting ready to place derricks on their holdings. April will see wells spudded in by the Elk Basin, Mid-Northern, Cat Creek Center, Bear Cat, Sterling, Baker No. 2, Diamond 1155, the original 56 Petroleum, Bullseye, Homestake, Metropolitan, Sure Shot, Shafer, West Dome, 70 and several other concerns.

As to the Montcal No. 2, or river well, R. L. Pickett, late of Kansas City, an official of the Crescent company, came in from Cat Creek Friday night and stated that at the Montcal, he found the oil coming out around the top of the casing, which had been plugged, and removing the plug, dipped his hand into the oil coming to the top, so this seems to settle all question as to this well having real production.

To Deal in Royalties Residents of Harlem Organize a Company

Special to The Tribune. Harlem, April 2.—Articles of incorporation for the Farmers' Mutual Royalty company have been filed with the clerk and recorder during the past week. The term is for 40 years and the capital stock is \$250,000. The incorporators are A. Boe, E. W. Burton, R. L. Barton and E. A. Ellis of Harlem, and Ed Fredlund, of Chinook. The new company will solicit royalties only on proven structures and drilling sites. It has already begun making royalties on the Clear Creek structure, and as soon as drilling sites are picked out on other structures will extend its operations.

Roundup Oil Leases Are Being Divided Among New Concerns

Special to The Tribune. Roundup, April 2.—As announced in its first statement, several subsidiaries will be formed by the Montana Central Oil company, which recently took over several thousand acres of choice lands in the Devils Basin from the Roundup Oil and Gas company as well as other properties from private owners. The first of these, the Montill Oil company filed its articles of incorporation this week, naming W. E. Holt, A. Gortzmoeller, G. H. Gibson, P. A. Dratz, and William Soenksen as incorporators. The capital stock of the company is \$500,000 composed of 50,000 shares at a par value of \$10. Other subsidiaries will be organized as rapidly as affairs can be arranged. It is understood that each company will handle a part of the acreage. Under their contract they will drill several wells during the spring and early summer. Operations are to be started within 60 days.

Oil Is Now Flowing From McCarthy Well

Lewistown, April 2.—The McCarthy well is cleaned out and oil is now flowing over the top of the casing. Just what the production is estimated at has not been ascertained, but the well is held to be one of the best producers in the field.

Big 4 Cat Syndicate Soon to Be in Game

Winnett, April 2.—W. D. Rose of Lewistown, representing the Big 4 Cat Creek Syndicate, was here Saturday and reports that his company will begin drilling operations in section 2-15-29 just as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. He says that when they commence operations they will have sufficient capital to develop their entire holdings.

Cut Bank Investors Associate to Delve for Deposits of Oil

Cut Bank, April 2.—Officers of the Northland Petroleum Consolidated were chosen at a meeting held at the office of C. E. Frisbee, after all matters preliminary to organizing had been gone over. The officers chosen were: Martin Jacobson, president; John F. Lindbe, vice president; C. E. Frisbee, secretary-treasurer. An executive committee consisting of Martin Jacobson, M. J. Halvorson and Daniel Whetstone was chosen. Several desirable tracts of land were secured this week and negotiations are in progress for additional acreage where oil prospects appear to be best.

OPERATORS CROWD INTO SQUARE BUTTE SEEKING PERMITS

Men From Various Sections of Country After Privileges in Arrow Creek Field.

Square Butte, April 2.—Oil activities in the Square Butte locality have increased the past week with the arrival of several operators and geologists in the field, among them being E. P. Sterger of Tulsa, Okla., C. E. Jennings of Rawlins, Wyo., and H. E. Houston of Kalispell. Jerry Miller came up from Lewistown Tuesday and is negotiating for leases and making preparations for drilling on the Friels ranch. He states that part of the equipment to be used for their first well here is enroute from the east and that it will be but a short time until drilling will be commenced.

Al Filson representing a party of Kalispell capitalists is here on business connected with a deal which was closed at Lewistown the fore part of the week whereby the Kalispell party takes over the entire acreage of the Arrow Creek Development Co., which consists of about 15,000 acres of choice lands in the Square Butte territory. Mr. Filson will manage the development work and expects to make his headquarters at Square Butte.

W. G. Melton, former president of the Arrow Creek Development Co. who recently returned from California is here in the interests of Mr. Eden, an oil capitalist of Huntington Beach, Cal. He states that big operators from that state are planning on coming to Montana as soon as they are assured that oil operations will not be delayed by weather conditions. Mr. Melton was accompanied from the West by F. J. Berger of Eugene, Ore. who represents the Oregon capitalists who will drill on acreage 10 miles east of Denton which they secured from the Arrow Creek Development Co. last fall. Mr. Melton will return to California in a couple of weeks.

Drilling Is Resumed by the Ohio Company in Clear Creek Well

Special to The Tribune. Chinook, April 2.—After a three-day delay caused by a cave-in, drilling was resumed Saturday in the Ohio company's test well on Clear Creek. In order to enable work to progress an eight-inch casing has been installed. The drill is now in the Colorado shale and with no further delays it is expected that the oil sands will be reached within 10 days.

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Company Is Formed by Havre Interests to Work Oil Lands

Havre, April 2.—Organized to develop properties in Brown's coulee the Brown's Coulee Syndicate No. 1, a common law trust, has filed articles of incorporation. N. B. Torrey and E. R. Seifred have transferred to the trust, of which Louis Newman, mayor of Great Falls, Frank T. Merrill, cashier of the Montana National bank, and Dr. J. A. Wright of Havre are trustees, valuable royalties in Brown's coulee, where drilling will start in a well at once. The organization is capitalized for \$50,000, with units at \$100 each and half units at \$50 each. The company has an interest in the oil produced from less than 100 acres of land in the coulee, described in the articles as the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter in section 1 and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 2, all in township 33 north, range 13 east.

Sunday, Apr. 3, '21.

Pay Cash and Pay Less



It's Safest to Pay As You Go

Time to Buy Fabrics for Summer Sewing

Big Sale at Berger's

WASH GOODS will be sold at the lowest prices quoted in Great Falls for several years. The sale will continue all week. Remember this merchandise is all of standard quality, regardless of such low prices. No wonder more people are learning to pay cash and save the difference.

Special Prices on Domestic

Beginning Tomorrow and Continuing All this Week

Lonsdale Muslin You know the quality 18c	81x90 Size Seamless Sheets Standard Make 1.22	42x36 Size Pillow Cases Excellent quality 25c	Extra Heavy Turkish Wash Cloths Blue and pink borders 10c
36-Inch Unbleached Sheeting Good, heavy quality 13c	Cotton Huck Towels Sizes 16x32 Very Special, at only 15c	Heavy Absorbent Turkish Towels - Sizes 20x42 39c	Turkish Towels Sizes 18x32 Excellent quality 25c

Don't Miss These Special Attractions

In the Wash Goods Sale This Week

Children's Black Cotton Hose Sizes 6 to 8½ 15c	Women's Fine Mercerized Hose Black, white, cordovan 37c	Children's Rompers Poplin, crepe, gingham, chambray 98c	The Newest Cretonne Aprons Tie back styles 1.49
Women's Cotton Hose Black and brown 13c	Women's White Handkerchiefs Soft cambric, narrow hem 4c	Womens' Fine French Voile Blouses White, bisque, flesh 1.39	Women's Batiste Bloomers In pink—Fine quality 99c

Hundreds of New Bungalow Aprons

—in a big sale for Wash Goods Week. Made of scout percales in figures, fancy plaids and stripes. Trimmed with ric rac or fancy braid. Two different very smart tie-back styles. Medium and large sizes. Extra special for this week, at

88c ea.

Women's All Wool Tricotine Suits of the Better Kinds

—in a big sale this week. Every Suit is tailored of high grade all-wool tricotine. The linings are all superior quality silks. No two Suits alike. Navy and black only. Sizes 16 to 48½. Free alterations.

Formerly priced from \$59.75 to \$72.50. This week only.....

49.50

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—You know full well that cash always demands the biggest bargains, and always gets the richest values. Conducting a cash business we go into the market with money to pay for what we buy. We can crowd the price down to its lowest notch, which means the savings we make are shared with you.

Isn't It Better to Pay Cash and Save the Difference?

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