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### Press Comment

Fakers and Fakers. (Raymond Herald.)

The Post-Intelligencer comes out square footed and knocks every oil drilling proposition in Southwest Washington. There is no doubt but what there are a lot of fakirs working off oil stock which never could be worth a cent, but the amount invested by each individual is very small indeed in comparison with the amount of money herds of people have spent to reach Alaska after reading some boosting article of that country in the P.-I., which was just as big a fake as the worst of the oil swindles. There are some good hardheaded business men who are putting money into some of the oil drilling propositions for the sole purpose of making a thorough test of the possibilities of striking oil in Southwest Washington, and if they do, it will be worth a great deal to this section of the state, the Post-Intelligencer to the contrary notwithstanding.

There may be something in the hint that the big oil monopolies of the country are using newspaper space to scare out the men who are willing to risk a few dollars in a test for oil. It is certain they will not sit quietly by and watch oil fields opened up in competition with their business. The Herald never could distinguish between the faker, be he in the employ of the oil stock promoter, the transportation company or the oil magnate.

### Gambling.

(Centralia Daily Hub.) Gambling is an exciting pastime taken from any angle you choose. Whether you play poker for the cigars or buy oil stock for a raise, it gives you a delightful thrill to think that now you may be on the high road to wealth easily acquired. But the angle of this exciting pastime most pertinent at the present time is oil stock gambling. Centralia people have the fever. Church deacons and saloon men have alike been bitten by the oil stock bug and the fellow who is not either buying or selling some oil stock feels about as lonesome as a boozefighter 500 miles out at sea alone in an open boat. It would be useless to preach against the buying and selling of oil stocks; but there is still time to preach moderation in the pursuit of the easy dollar. If you must buy oil stock, for goodness sake try to buy stock in a company that is promoted by men who you think will really try to develop an oil well—men who will at least dig a hole in the ground. Every dollar that is expended in an honest effort to find out what is concealed in the ground is a dollar well invested, even if it is lost. Exploration of the ground is necessary to the development of the resources of our state, and no one is better able to lose the money that must be lost in this prospecting work than is the average stock gambler. So buy stock, if you must gamble, and buy all that you can afford to lose—and no more.

### Has Faith in Williamson.

(Elma Chronicle.) Of late several of the papers have been carrying on a great crusade against speculation in oil stocks. It is all well and good to call the attention of the people to fake companies, and plenty of such unfortunately exist in all lines of endeavor. But oil will never be discovered unless companies composed of men of small means are formed to drill for oil. Rich men have surer ways to get interest on their money than drilling for oil, and they have not the time to devote to pioneer work. The fact of the whole matter is that most great inventions and discoveries in all lines have been made by poor men who had faith, hope and grit. This paper believes implicitly in the honesty and integrity of Emery C. Williamson. The course of events will prove that he is no faker and will show that he was a pioneer worthy of all honor. The oil field of Washington of course is not proven. It is sure, though, that the Crescent well found oil and much of it. The well will now be brought in, other wells will be sunk, and a few months later on the field will probably be so well proven that no one will care to say that Western Washington is not a great oil area. Crescent oil stock sold freely in Elma at the very beginning of operations and there are about 15 persons in Elma who hold quantities of this stock. All could sell out at a profit of several hundred per cent at present. None are wanting to sell. If the stockholders are satisfied with the management and prospects of the company it looks like outsiders should feel some confidence in it also. No greater mistake was ever made than to class the Crescent along with the fake, mushroom companies, and to brand Emery C. Williamson as an imposter.

### A FARM WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

Bayfield, Wis., will try out the experiment of a farm woman's exchange. Co-operative effort is well understood in Bayfield where the fruit growers have built an industry by organization. Now the farm women, encouraged by town women will apply the well known principles of a woman's exchange to the marketing of eggs, butter, poultry, vegetables, and even skimmed milk, cottage cheese and butter-milk.

It is purely a housekeepers' enterprise. Twenty-five farm women have enrolled in the informal association for a try-out in comparison with the crude method of kitchen door peddling. They have agreed to cut the market quotations in consideration of the saving in energy and labor. The committee of town women will grade and inspect all food products.

There are visions of a permanent organization called a "Woman's Co-operative Association". And there are greater possibilities of foreign trade. It is even suggested that these farm kitchen factories may sell preserves to the city grocers in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Chicken in glass jars may become a Bayfield export. Bottled vinegar from Bayfield apples is within the range of the possibilities of this women's enterprise.

Some notable examples of commercial success have sprung from pin money enterprises with no greater promise than this. Deerfield, Mass., is famous because of its domestic woven rugs. In Stevens Point, Wis., a woman has developed a world market for fish files which she once manufactured in her home. Heinz pickle fame once peddled kitchen-made products in a wheel barrow. Bayfield has a germ.—Exchange.

### Foot And Mouth Disease Eradicated.

That the foot and mouth disease has been completely eradicated by the effectual measures taken by the state department of agriculture to control the Spokane outbreak, is the belief announced by Dr. H. T. Graves, commissioner of agriculture. No further cases of the disease were reported from any section following the destruction of the infected Spokane herd and the department has now allowed quarantine to be lifted to the extent of allowing shipments of cattle into Washington from Oregon, Idaho and all but two counties of Montana.

Two minimum wage conferences, the first to recommend a wage for hotel and restaurant workers and the second for office help, were held in Olympia this week under the jurisdiction of the industrial welfare commission.

the Crescent well was driven.

Coming back from the Atlin district of Alaska with a poke of gold dust along in 1900 Christopher put \$25,000 into the Tenino oil fields on the Old Sarver ranch. During the years 1901 and 1902 Mr. Christopher devoted his time and money to prospecting for oil. Not an oil prospector, but having a firm conviction that oil was to be found, he stayed alone in the field after his partners had retired.

### Story of First Work.

Those days of early prospecting work were full of hope and tenacity. Drunken drillers, financial difficulties, lack of enthusiasm on the part of other property owners, helped to make this first attempt a failure. An entire string of tools were lost in the first well by an intoxicated driller. Another well was started.

Oil sands were found at a depth of 780 feet and the drill continued in them for 30 feet.

"Had I known my business then," he said today, "I would have had producing wells then." But he did not know the oil business. He was not an oil driller, and was hampered by a lack of efficient help. A small Star rig was used. The lost string of tools went down 1,040 feet and couldn't be fished out. The second well was down 1,193 feet, where a strong flow of oil was encountered, when the finances played out and the prospect was finally abandoned.

But hope was not deadened. The first well had proven the existence of oil, and oil was actually taken from the well and used for lubricating on the engine. The farmers in the district would scoop the oil from the bailings and use it at home, Mr. Christopher declares, but no one would take enough interest to finance the further exploration.

### Close to Crescent Well.

The old Christopher well is 550 feet from the present Crescent well No. 1. The Christopher property at the present time is adjoining the Crescent holdings, 250 feet from the well on the Crescent.

A year and then a new company was organized. The Tacoma Oil company came into existence. Efforts to finance this company, which took the leases on the Christopher property, failed. The company remained in existence, however, and is today one of the concerns interested in the field.

"I have held leases on oil lands in Thurston county for 12 years," Mr. Christopher declares. "For 12 years my faith in the field has held. I have never lost my confidence. My optimism is as strong today as it ever was. It could be no stronger. I am casting my lot with the field once more. If I had had \$12,000 more capital than I had when I started drilling, Washington would have had an oil field 12 years ago."

### TELLS STORY OF CHRISTOPHER WELL

#### LOSER RETAINS FAITH THOUGH \$25,000 SUNK IN FIRST OIL VENTURE.

Backing his faith that oil was to be found in Thurston county in commercial quantities, C. Christopher, 12 years ago, sank the first oil well in the Southwest and, although he sunk \$25,000 into the prospect, he has never lost faith in the district, according to an article in a Tacoma newspaper. Today Mr. Christopher is reported to be one of the heaviest property holders in the district where



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### Investments in Oil Stock.

(Raymond Review.)

Upon the front page of Sunday's Post-Intelligencer is to be found a warning against buying wild-cat oil stock. Many of the statements there found are right and proper, and probably a warning is necessary to prevent a considerable number of people from throwing their money away in the purchase of stock in wild-cat oil companies. Many of the statements in the article, however, are absolutely wrong, and if such advice were always adhered to, both in oil stocks and mining and many other enterprises, there would be very little development in any new country. Every person who has purchased any of the stock of the Willapa Harbor Oil company is materially assisting in the development of Pacific county. It is rare indeed that men with large capital will take the risk necessary to prospect any new field or any new line of business enterprise. Pioneering in almost every line is done by people of limited means. When the P.-I. makes the statement that it is unwise to buy oil stock, they assume a position absolutely untenable in this new and untried country. Somebody is required to take a chance in the establishment of almost any line of business in this country. Instead of advising people not to buy any oil stock, the proper thing for the P.-I. and other newspapers to do is to advise careful investigation of the different companies in which stock is being sold, and if the money is being actually expended for development, it is as legitimate a business as money can be invested in. Those who wish to assist in the development of the country can do so by no better means than to risk a limited amount of money which will be invested in prospecting for oil or other minerals. The whole question resolves itself back to the policy and management of the different companies offering stock for sale. If the men in charge understand their business and the money is actually going into development, no one is swindled, and a very necessary thing is being done for the development of the country. Wild-cattling in any line is bad, and undoubtedly many of the companies that are now selling stock are offering a mighty poor investment to the public, but the public should carefully investigate the facts in regard to each one of these companies, and govern themselves accordingly.

### LISTEN DAUGHTER!

Listen daughter, don't go moping around the house and sighing like a freight train cutting loose the air brakes, and don't be walking around with your eyes all puffed up and red from tears, simply because you can't have clothes that wouldn't look good anywhere except on one of those freak magazine-cover girls.

I know it's a pretty tough old world, from your range of vision, because your ma and I have forbidden you to wear skirts that are too high and waists that are too low. I know, child, that some of the other girls are chasing around the streets in costumes that would shame a burlesque troupe and attracting lots of attention; but did you ever notice just what kind of attention they attract? Of course you haven't. You don't happen to be within earshot when some of the boys say what they really think about the "other girls". Thank God you don't. You're too young to know those things yet awhile.

You say the other girls laugh at your simple, pretty little frocks and at your freckles. Let 'em laugh! That shows they are the other kind of girls. Your mother and I met each other long, long ago. I loved her enough to ask her to marry me and she cared enough for me to answer "Yes." We've been happy ever since, haven't we, Ma? Our marriage took. It didn't take any split skirt or silhouette gown to make me fall in love with your mother. She never had such contractions on in her life. And I didn't go prancing up and down Main street with a monkey hat on the back of my head and a cigarette poked out in front of my face.

Let the other girls smile if they want to, but just wait for the fish. You won't find the decent young chaps, the kind I would want to give my little girl to, marrying any of the "other girls."

That's right, have a good cry if you want to, it'll do you good. But remember, Dad knows best. So put on that pretty little dress, the one we all like—and we'll all go to the moving picture show and have some ice cream afterwards. Hurry up! It's getting late, and we don't want to miss the pictures. That's right—smile.

Mrs. Viola French has returned from Vancouver, Wash., where she was called by the illness of her mother-in-law, Mrs. E. L. French.

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