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Somerset	2.75	Corsican heavy	1.75
Ragland	1.75	Corsican light	2.60
North Lima	2.73	Electra	3.10
South Lima	2.73	Henryetta	3.00
Indiana	2.67	Ranger	3.50
Plymouth	2.48	Moran	3.00
Princeton	2.71	Burkburnett	3.50
Bull Bayou	3.15	Hewitt	3.50

Crude Oil Products.

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Refiners report following prices:

70-73 Gasoline	22c
68-69 Gasoline	24c
63-65 Naphtha	20c
Kerosene	12c
Gas Oil	8¾c
Fuel Oil	75c

One Investigation

Once upon a time the assistant secretary of the interior paid a visit to the Mid-continent field and was shown around carefully and handling with care. The principal entertainment for his benefit being a trip to the big flush production of the White and Sinclair people in the south end of the Osage. He was wined and dined also, but went home with only one idea and that was that the Osage operators had a private snap and immediately he raised the royalty from an eighth to a sixth and there you are.

Now that the federal trade commission is likely to be here any time on its tour of investigation it is just as well to mention not only the above but many other "boners" that have been pulled off in the past and let it be a warning that this time is a mighty good time for some one with the least bit of common sense to take charge and conduct the producers and refiners defense. If such it should be called, and not let it be charged to the independent refiner that gasoline has advanced 5 or 6 cents a gallon during the last three or four months.

It is a good time to show the said federal trade commission just what has been accomplished at a loss of millions and millions of dollars in Texas. It is also a good time to point out that many years ago as many as six or seven, one of the largest oil companies in the country refused absolutely to build a line into the Mid-continent field because of the fact that the future held no inducement for an extension of a pipe line from Sloy in eastern Illinois to the Mid-continent. This pipe line was never built although the eastern end owned and operated by the great Tide Water Oil company was a big concern then and is now.

In the face of this decision by practical oil men, H. F. Sinclair did build a line to Chicago and has doubled his line from Tulsa south and as far north as the refinery at Kansas City, and has built up a wonderful business that is furnishing real genuine competition to the big monopoly and in addition there are more than 100 independent refineries operating in the Mid-continent field. They have all apparently survived the hardest year in the history of oildom, which year was the year following the signing of the armistice, which left them all with contracts galore that were cancelled by the score with no recompense whatever, and nothing but grief and hard sledding to face for a long year ahead.

It can easily be shown that many of the refiners during the fall of 1919 actually lost as much as 7 cents per gallon, being obliged to use a lot of high priced casinghead to liven up low grade gasoline which the trade was demanding at ruinously low prices. It can easily be shown that many independent refiners are operating at a loss but most of all and more important than all, if the investigation is going to be confined to the independent refiner, as is usual, there are a few other facts that might as well be shown. For instance, that at no time has the tank wagon price in Chicago territory been as high in proportion as crude and that the entire fraternity including oil producers, marketers and, of course, the refiners themselves, were of the opinion for months that the Standard Oil company was keeping the price down for the purpose of putting them all out of business.

The fact should be shown along with the further fact that during the flush days of Burkburnett crude many Texas refiners buying oil for a song, sold gasoline as low as 15 cents per gallon, when it should have been held for a better market. It is a good time for a showdown and the independent refiner should not be made the goat although most people believe that said independent refiner by reason of the fact of his being independent must be the buffer and stand the brunt of the coming investigation in order to shield the industry as a whole.

The industry needs no defense except that the facts be shown and shown plainly. It is one business that must not be tampered with in the face of the tremendous and ever increasing demand. There is competition even among the independent refiners and unless competition is a crime this should continue and be encouraged to the limit unless the powers that be at Washington are bound and propose right now to do away with all competition for the sake of lower prices.

The fact is all the people of the United States are hoping and praying for is that election may come and the whole democratic outfit be thrown into the discard and business allowed to take its natural course.

Barnsdall Oil Company Drilling Operations

In Cowley county, Kansas, above company's No. 1 is shut down at 1,120 feet waiting for steam.

In the Osage.

No. 13 in the northwest of 29-29-9 is a location, moving in material.

No. 1 in the northwest of 15-27-10 is a location.

No. 2 in the northwest of 19-27-11 is a location, moving in material.

Barnsdall Oil company's No. 1 in the northwest of 24-26-9 is a rig standing.

No. 1 in the southeast of 12-26-10 is rig standing, waiting on tools.

Barnsdall Oil company has material on location for No. 1 in the northeast of 24-26-10.

Same concern is shut down at 453 feet in No. 1 located in the northwest of 26-26-10, moving in tools from section 29.

No. 1 in the northwest of 36-26-10 is rig standing.

No. 1 in the northwest of 6-26-11 is a location.

Barnsdall Oil company is rebuilding the rig for No. 1 in the southeast of 15-25-9.

No. 2 in the northwest of 32-25-10 is a location.

No. 2 in the northwest of 35-25-11 is drilling at 1,140 feet.

No. 6 in the northwest of 36-25-11 is drilling at 300 feet.

Barnsdall Oil company is rig building and moving in tools for No. 1 in the northeast of 2-24-9.

No. 22 in the northwest of 5-24-10 is a bad hole at 345 feet. No. 23 is drilling at 130 feet. No. 24 is rig standing. No. 25 is running the 8 1-4 inch casing at 970 feet.

No. 4 in the northeast of 5-24-10 is a bad hole at 110 feet. No. 8 is a location. No. 9 in the northeast of 5-24-10 is a location.

No. 2 in the southeast of 23-24-10 is material on location.

No. 8 in the southwest of 30-24-10 encountered from 50,000 to 75,000 feet of gas and a small amount of water in the Oswego lime. Drilling at 1,815 feet. No. 2 in the northwest of 4-24-10 is rig standing, moving in tools.

No. 1 in the northeast of 2-24-11 is a location.

No. 2 in the northwest of 3-24-11 is drilling at 740 feet. No. 4 in the northeast of the same section is rig building. No. 5 is rig standing.

No. 1 in the northwest of 4-24-11 is material on location.

No. 2 in the northeast of 5-24-11 is drilling at 550 feet.

No. 1 in the northeast of 6-24-11 is a location.

No. 1 in the northeast of 19-24-11 had a very small show of oil in the Bartlesville sand, now drilling at 1,665 feet.

No. 1 in the northeast of 20-24-11 is drilling at 300 feet.

No. 11 in the southwest of 24-23-11 is rig standing, moving in tools.

No. 13 in the northwest of 8-23-12 is rigging up.

No. 2 in the northwest of 17-22-19, present depth 1,940 feet, has a hole full of water. Well will be drilled to the top of the Mississippi lime.

No. 2 in the northwest of 19-21-9 is shut down at 2,286 feet, fishing for casing. No. 3 is shut in at 2,381 feet for departmental orders. No. 4 in the northwest of the same section is drilling at 980 feet. No. 2 in the southwest of the same section is rig standing.

No. 1 in the northwest of 11-21-9 is rig standing, tools on the ground waiting for gas and water.

In Washington County.

Barnsdall Oil company's No. 27 in the northeast of 34-26-13 is drilling at 575 feet.

J. Alex Dingwall Drilling Operations

J. Alex Dingwall's well in the southwest corner of the northwest, southwest section 16-15-12, had a slight showing in the pay found at 2,100 feet and will be shot with 125 quarts today.

Same firm's well in the southwest corner of the north half of the south west of section 28-19-9 on the Julia Boyd lease is drilling at 1,175 feet.

The well in the southwest corner of the southwest of the northwest of section 8-18-10 on the Johnson allotment is drilling at 275 feet.

The well in the southeast corner of the southeast of the northeast of section 6-21-7 is drilling at 355 feet.

No. 1 in the southeast corner of the west half of the southeast of the Flora Jacobs allotment is still being cleaned out and is bringing about 30 inches of oil into the tanks per day.

No. 2 on the same lease in the center of the north line is drilling at 1,250 feet. No. 3, 400 feet south of No. 1 is rigging up and will spud about the end of the week.

The well in the northwest corner of the south half of the northeast on the Anna Eitzman allotment section 22-18-5 is drilling at 430 feet.

The well in the northwest corner of the east half of the northeast of section 28-13-5 on the J. E. Eitzman allotment is drilling at 350 feet.

Alex Dingwell's well in the northwest corner of the west half of the northeast of section 7-10-12 in the Bird Creek district, offsetting the Atlantic Petroleum company's 10,000,000-foot gasser, which was brought in recently in section 6-19-12, is spudding in.

The well in the northwest corner of the west half of the northwest of section 10-12-12 on the Joe Perryhill allotment has completed a bad fishing job and is now drilling at 2,250 feet.

H. F. Wilcox Oil & Gas Co. Pays Quarterly Dividend

At the regular quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the H. F. Wilcox Oil & Gas Co., held in their offices at Tulsa, Okla., Monday, April 5, a cash dividend of 2 per cent was declared on all stock of record April 15, payable May 1. The board were also unanimous in their vote ratifying the purchase of several thousand acres of valuable oil leases throughout Oklahoma and Kansas.

The meeting was in charge of H. F. Wilcox, president of the company. Directors present were: Messrs. J. Edward Horn and D. Ross Wynn of Philipsburg, Pa., H. H. Gilpatrick, Kansas City, Mo., H. J. Cassaday and Frank Hagenberg, Chicago, Ill., G. A. Dye, L. V. Crater, M. C. Bre Dahl, W. J. Garred and L. E. Sears, all of Tulsa, Okla.

Upon listening to the reports of the executive committee regarding operations for the past quarter and plans for the immediate future, they expressed themselves very enthusiastically as being pleased with the method in which the affairs of the company are being handled.

The entire party, consisting of the officers and directors of the company, left Tulsa early Tuesday morning to spend the day in the country, visiting the various properties. The most interesting place visited during their trip was the Banks lease in 20-15-11, where they drilled in their No. 22 well a few days ago, which made about 100 barrels. They now have 20 wells on this lease producing from the Wilcox and Dutcher sands.

Atlantic Petroleum Has Big Well

Atlantic Petroleum company's No. 3 in 18-15-11 on the Drew farm is drilling in at 15 feet in the sand, it is making 200 barrels. This well is showing much better than the initial well on this farm which started at 450 barrels. No. 4 on the same lease is drilling in the top of the sand.

With the Oil Men

H. N. Cole, vice president of the Ohio Cities Gas company, has returned from Kansas City.

A. Mohn, jr., manager of the Indiana Petroleum company, with headquarters at South Bend, Ind., was in the city yesterday, as guest of the Texas Company.

Frank Wilbur, who has been ill at the Morningside hospital, is a trifle better and if he continues to improve as he did yesterday, the chances are that within three or four days he will be entirely out of danger.

Irving Cornell Tarler, who has charge of the lubricating end of the sales office maintained by the General Refining company at Cleveland, Ohio, has been married to Miss Elizabeth Knight Morgan, a beautiful young lady of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Mel Root, the popular oil operator, who has been operating of late in Texas and in Kansas, being a member of the firm of Root, Hupp and Duff, and also associated with E. M. Neff, The Ramsey Petroleum company is another of his organizations.

G. V. N. Yates, formerly with the Texas Company, having been with that company for 12 years is leaving Tulsa tonight and will sail Saturday on the Lafayette for Paris to investigate a project for the building of a pipe line from the French coast to the city of Paris for crude and fuel oil. Mr. Yates is certainly the man best qualified for the job.

F. G. Gillock of Fort Worth, Texas, representative of the Nipissing Mining company of Cobalt, Canada, stopped off today on his way from New York. Mr. Gillock is opening offices in Tulsa and has a corps of engineers examining properties in the Oklahoma field. His purchases of oil properties in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas are in excess of $6,000,000 and will be announced later.

Clifford Thorne, traffic man of national reputation, is in the city and attended the meeting of the traffic men at the offices of the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas association yesterday. Mr. Thorne is always welcome in Tulsa and should make this town more frequent visits. He has a most enviable record of accomplishment and has done wonders in straightening out traffic matters in many states.

O. E. Foster, secretary of the midcontinent section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, received a telegram yesterday stating that the meetings committee of the parent society had approved acceptance of the midcontinent section's invitation to come to Tulsa to visit the petroleum and mining district of Kansas and Oklahoma upon adjournment of the annual spring meeting which is to be held at St. Louis the latter part of May. The society will probably charter a special train to bring the engineers here, where they will attend the annual meeting of the midcontinent section A. S. M. E., which has been postponed from April 29 to May 28 or 29.

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