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OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT OF TRI-STATE

Latest Reports of Operations in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The deep sand territory in southeastern Ohio is again furnishing some creditable producers. Up until quite recently there had been a run of light wells and some of them in Union Furnace district in Starr township, Hocking county, where better things were expected. Last week the Preston Oil Company completed a 150 barrel producer on the Stiers farm and No. 5 on the W. E. and Mary Shaw farm. The latter well produced 207 barrels the first twenty-four hours after it was shot. It is in defined territory and in proximity to other good producers. The district promises furnishing better than average deep sand producers. There is enough undeveloped territory to keep leaseholders active during the summer months.

The Ohio Fuel Supply Company is drilling a second test on the Eliza Stiers farm and has the rig completed for No. 3. The Haydenville Oil Company is drilling Nos. 9 and 10 on the National Fireproofing Company's property and has the rig completed for No. 11 on the same tract. The Preston Oil Company is drilling a second test on the J. M. and M. V. Loomis farm and the Monger Oil Company is drilling at 2,000 feet at a test on the George Hauber farm. In Green township the American Oil Development Company has completed the rig for a test on the W. R. Kemper farm and Cochran, Cowell and Funk have started to drill a test on the S. E. and J. W. Bungard farm. The Griffin Producing Company is drilling tests on the M. E. Linton and Jacob Snider farms.

Shallow Sand Territory. In the Chester Hill district, Fairfield township, Washington county, Lawrence Stephens drilled his test on the Edgar Goddard farm through the Big Lajun sand and found it and all upper formations barren. In Wesley township the Equity Oil and Gas Company's No. 16 on the R. A. Graham farm is holding up at sixty barrels a day.

In the Corning district, Pleasants township, Perry county, the Allegheny Oil Company and Ortiz drilled No. 7 on the E. Bressford farm through the Berea grit and it shows for a very light pumper. In Monroe township John Holden is drilling No. 8 on the B. O'Ferrill farm. In Bearfield township, H. E. Schmidt and Company have the rig completed for a test on the L. F. Holcomb farm. In the same district Powell, Baird and Company are drilling a second test on the J. B. Gible farm. In Newton township, Hite and Caffey's due in the sand at a test on the John Spring farm.

At Conneville, Brush Creek township, Muskingum county, the Clay Oil and Gas Company is drilling in the sand at a second test on the A. H. Showers farm. This company's No. 16 on the Moses Neostine farm is a light pumper in the Berea grit. The Blue Rock Oil and Gas Company got one of the same kind at No. 4 on the Alva Jenkins farm.

West Virginia. Few completions are reported from the West Virginia fields. The fact that few wells are coming in is not an evidence that development work is falling off for it is increasing in nearly all sections. There is scarcely a field that has not some new work under way or starting. Operators are not overlooking any territory that is productive. In sections where there is little hope for anything larger than a small pumper new work is very much in evidence.

The Dent's run usher in Mannington district, Marion county, continues to decline, the last gauge showing a production of 385 barrels for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Holders of leases in that vicinity are rushing new work, but it will be at least four weeks before wells are due. The average depth at which the thirty-foot sand is found is 2,000 feet.

Producer in Ritchie County. In the Hughes river pool, Clay district, Ritchie county, the Imperial Oil and Gas Products Company's second test on the McCormick heirs' farm is a fifty or seventy barrel producer.

On the south fork of Hughes river, Murphy district, Ritchie county, Betts and Braden's No. 5 on the Indiana Prince farm is a five barrel pumper in the salt sand. In Union district, Harrison county, the Hope Natural Gas Company's second test on the Ellsworth Lowther farm is a light pumper in the Gordon sand.

Cumberland Pipe Line Extension. The Cumberland Pipe Line Company has completed laying its twenty-four miles of three and four-inch line from Ravenna to Paze Hollow, connecting with the new field near Irwin, Puttill county, Ky. The Kentucky fields' runs in May exceeded the April runs by more than 20,000 barrels.

The Oil Markets. The prices paid for oil of various grades by the purchasing agents were: Pennsylvania \$2.60, Mercer black 2.10, New Castle 2.10, Corning 2.10, Cabell 2.12, North Lima 1.72, South Lima 1.72, Wooster 2.00, Indiana 1.58, Princeton 1.82, Somerset 1.85, Highland 2.00, Illinois 1.82, Kansas and Oklahoma 1.55, Headton 1.80, Corsicana, light 1.51, Corsicana, heavy 1.80, Electra 1.51, Henrietta 1.55

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