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#### TO SINK NEW WELL.

Local Company Deems It Expedient for Proper Development of Field.

The Welsh Oil and Development Company have decided to temporarily abandon the old well, after repeated unsuccessful attempts in bringing in a gusher, and will sink another a short distance away. History has proven that after a blowout an oil well is practically rendered useless as has been demonstrated in both the Beaumont and Jennings fields, but it was the opinion of those in charge that the Welsh well was an exception, as even after the terrific eruption of gas, sand, stones and water of a few weeks ago the well gave evidences that it could be saved by oil and gas constantly exuding from the crater. And accordingly a pipe was reset in the place of the one blown out and the work of baling began. This experiment continued several days and at times the strong pressure of gas together with the appearance of oil, seemingly in paying quantities, led the drillers to believe that the well could yet be developed into an oil producer. On two or three occasions the cap was removed and a combination of oil and water spouted several feet into the air. As the bailing continued the gas pressure diminished and the company finally agreed that if a paying pump could be obtained it would be accepted. While large quantities of high grade oil was brought up the company contended that it would be economy to drill a new well, be on the alert for accidents and thus avoid another blowout in which event they could rest assured of a genuine gusher.

Lumber for the new derrick was hauled out Saturday and it was erected yesterday about 250 feet northeast of the old well. The machinery at the abandoned well has been moved and it is the intention of the drillers to start boring the latter part of the week.

J. W. Champion, who assisted in bringing in the famous Southern No. 3 at Jennings, will assist Driller Clay and a force will be run night and day until the well is completed. President Robinson of the Welsh Oil and Development Company, informed the JOURNAL Tuesday that it was their intention to develop the stratas that are already known to exist. Since it was announced that a new well would be sunk at once our citizens have again assumed an air of confidence that Welsh will yet have oil in paying quantities at no distant date.

#### Negro Taken from a Train.

An affair which is enshrouded in considerable mystery, occurred on the Pee Gee train at the Houston river crossing last night. An unknown negro was taken from the train at the point mentioned and spirited away. All that can be ascertained at the present writing is that the negro in question had an affray during the day in which he seriously stabbed and cut a white man who will in all probabilities die of his wounds.

After the cutting the negro escaped to the wood. A searching party was at once instituted and proceeded after the negro with little delay. He was followed for some distance and the search was finally abandoned. Several of the party however, thought that the negro would make an effort to escape by train and in consequence stationed themselves at the crossing and when the train came to a stop found the negro apparently asleep in a corner of the coach set aside for blacks. Without ceremony he was taken from the train. What happened afterwards is not known. Rumor has it that he was taken to the woods and lynched.—L. C. American.

Among those who went to Lake Charles Saturday evening were: Paul W. Daniels, S. W. Day, Sam Blackford, H. A. Davidson, L. E. Robinson, J. T. Boling, Chas. P. Martin, H. E. Wesson, E. H. Boling, E. M. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Welsh and baby, Louis Dugan, Henry Phelps, O. Fulton, Frank Cotton and Edward Scharrf.

Parties from Mobile, Alabama, were here last week and spent a few hours at the oil well watching the bailing process and incidentally looking over the field. Friday a telegram was received by Rowson's real estate agency stating that they would take two acres of land some distance from the well which is listed at \$2,500 per acre. It is stated they expect to sink a well in the near future.

At Beaumont, Texas, Monday afternoon while the African Methodist Episcopal church was packed with people who had assembled to attend a funeral, a bolt of lightning struck the building, killing one man instantly and seriously injuring a number of others, one of whom died a few hours later. The mourners were panic stricken and fled from the church, leaving the corpse to the tender mercies of the elements.

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