

ANOTHER BIG COMPANY TO DRILL IN HUECO BASIN; MANY MORE WELLS

THE Alton Petroleum company, which was one of the first outside companies to become interested in Hueco basin, and which is one of the largest lease holders in that district, is negotiating a contract for a deep test in block "C", where geologists claim there exists one of the most pronounced and well defined structures in the entire Hueco basin.

SPINDLE TOP OIL COMPANY FILES NEW MEXICO CHARTER

Santa Fe, N. M., March 17.—The Spindle Top Oil company, with principal office in Alamogordo, has been incorporated for \$500,000. The company begins business with \$100,000 paid in, which is subscribed by the following incorporators: T. G. Woolen, Jr., and Carl C. Woolen, of El Paso; Frank G. Rolland, Alamogordo. Rolland is the statutory agent.

GULF REFINING COMPANY COMPLETES NEW OIL WELL

Shreveport, La., March 17.—The Gulf Refining company Tuesday completed Langston No. 12, in northwest quarter of southeast quarter of section 21, 21, eight, Claiborne parish. The well is flowing 400 barrels in shallow sand at 1200 feet.

PLAN 6 WELLS IN PECOS AREA

Pecos, Texas, March 17.—An expedition to trace the eastern extension of the Dixieland anticline across the river to the east and north of the Bell well has been started by Dr. Hugh Y. Tusher.

CONTRACT FOR NEW WELL

Contract for this well has been let by the Hanger-Pecos Oil company, of Hanger and DeWitt. They have also contracted for another well in an entirely new field. This will be in section 4 of block three, university survey of Winkler county, 23 miles east of Pecos.

SIX WELLS TO BE DROPPED

Six wells are to be dropped in section 4 of the same block. In addition to the Tockland syndicate's well, E. P. Howard is to sink three wells in this section and a syndicate of St. Louis and Springfield, Ill., managed by G. A. McLeary, is to drill two wells.

ROAD BUSH OPER IN OIL FIELDS

Hanger, Texas, March 15.—Since the early days of the oil game conditions have changed in Hanger, Desdemona and especially throughout Stephens county. The operator no longer fears that the first fellow will get all the oil, for time has proven that there is an abundance.

NO LONGER MAD RUSH

There is no longer the mad rush to the field that there was during the first six months. The major operators which control the largest production in the field realize that it is to their advantage to control the manner of drilling wells so as to best avoid waste. This has caused a more businesslike manner of development to take place and today, one used in the booming of an oil city, will believe that the first mad rush is about played out.

RAILROADS HELP

Coming of the railroads has changed the outlook of the Stephens county operator. It is considered by most oil experts as the greatest deep sands territory in Texas. It will continue to be so for the next few years, some say, if it is developed right. Up to the time the first freight, the operator in the Stephens field were greatly hindered, owing to the great difficulty in transportation. This too, has been remedied.

FIVE GASSED AT BELL WELL

The Bell well in section 20, block 1, Reeves county, 23 miles north of Pecos, has produced the Pecos oil field, according to W. H. Drummond, of that city, who is in El Paso purchasing cuts and beds to take care of the enormous influx of people to Pecos. When the well was brought in Saturday, according to Drummond, five persons were gassed into unconsciousness. The first was L. W. Anderson, a youth of Pecos, who rushed to the flow pipe. Following him was Harry Dixon, of Pecos; Dick O'Neil, of Dalhart; Mrs. Finley Holmes, of Toyah, and S. M. Fruit, a merchant of Pecos.

He stated that the well was shut down at present awaiting construction of storage tanks, and that estimated production was 10 barrels a day. The derricks timbers are being rushed to other locations, Drummond said, and Pecos is taking on the appearance of a second Burkburnett. Locations are being made in every direction, one being made six miles south of Pecos.

As an illustration of the boom which has hit Pecos, Drummond pointed out a small building had been rented a few days ago by a man for \$25 per month and that a day or two later he had submitted the same building for \$175, retaining an office in the building. He added that the second person was now renting office space for \$4 a foot.

TAKING GASOLINE OUT OF THE NATURAL GAS IS PROFITABLE

Hanger, Texas, March 18.—Taking gasoline out of natural gas is one of the profitable side lines of the oil fields in middle Texas. The gas in these oil fields is very rich in gasoline vapors and the processing of this gas to save the gasoline is increasing as transportation facilities are made available for the product. Most of the middle Texas oil fields were in their beginning remote from railroad facilities and the casinghead gasoline industry was not gone into as fully as the production of gas would have warranted, for the reason that it was found impracticable or wasteful to attempt the transportation of the gasoline thus derived through pipelines owing to the evaporation and deterioration that followed.

With the completion through the oil fields of Eastland and Stephens counties of the Wichita Falls, Hanger and Fort Worth railroad, the oil and gas companies are going largely into the casinghead gasoline industry at points along that line.

In Jacksonville, the oil field station on the new railroad in the Hog Creek field, half a dozen casinghead gasoline plants are extracting the gasoline out in tank cars. The Magnolia Petroleum company has been for some time operating a casinghead plant near Jacksonville which produced 9000 gallons of gasoline a day and this product was piped to stations of the company on the railroad several miles distant. It was found that the loss was very considerable by running the gasoline through the pipelines. It must be loaded into tank cars as speedily after it is extracted as possible with quick transportation to the refineries, where it is again processed to make it less volatile by blending heavier products with it.

EMPIRE CO. WELL SHOWS GAS; ACTIVITY SPREADS

Mineral Wells, Texas, March 18.—The discovery of gas in the Empire Oil and Gas company well ten miles south of the town has created more interest in oil activities in this field. The well is 1215 feet in depth. On March 7 the well made 50 barrels of oil. On March 8 the well was making salt water. Then the gas came. Just what the well will do is uncertain and operators in this district have little time for anything other than visiting the well to make sure it has not turned back to water.

The finding of oil in this test several days ago resulted in the usual excitement, followed by the lease sagging.

Famished Dog Corners Pig and Eats It Alive

New Bedford, Mass., March 17.—"Dog won't eat dog," the old saying goes, but dog will eat pig. This fact was brought home to Maurice Fuller in a forcible manner when a stray dog made its way into his farmyard at North Rochester. Driving one of his pigs into a corner, it literally "ate it alive."

DESDEMONA HAS NEW EXTENSION

Edohby, Texas, March 16.—The Desdemona field has a new extension in the 1500 barrel well just brought in by Lockhart et al., on the Jordan farm, one and one half miles south of here. About a month ago the first well on the Jordan farm, drilled by Lockhart et al., was completed. The well flowed 500 barrels daily. The new well found production at 2011 feet. The six and five-eighths inch casing was set on the sand.

After the completion of the No. 1 Jordan, oil activities in this district increased rapidly. There are more than 50 rigs at work in the pool at the present time.

The wells on the Jordan tract are believed to produce from a sand similar to that found in the northeast part of the Straus field, and also in the western part of Eastland county. The new sand will be thoroughly tested out during the coming summer. Leases in the district are advancing rapidly. Many new concerns are entering the field.

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