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PEMISCOT OIL FIELDS

Experts Have Favorable Opinion.

Earthquake Zone to Give up Its Hidden Forces.

Special Correspondence.

Hayti, Mo., February 26.—Pemiscot county is going to be developed for gas and oil, and home capital will do it. That is the decision that has been reached within the last two or three

these indications are in strong evidence, and talk with expert oil men convinces the citizens that the field down here is about as well defined as any field can be.

When these little gas wells were met with at different times it was believed that the up-shoot of flame was due to gases thrown off by decaying vegetation. But men familiar with the appearance of natural gas say that is not possible, for in several instances the gas wells mentioned have burned

in considerable quantities, especially after a dry spell. In many places water taken from shallow wells will form a heavy scum of oil when left standing over night.

Pemiscot county was in the center of what is known in history as the New Madrid earthquake, which occurred early in the last century. At that time the topography of the country in this vicinity was greatly changed, lakes appearing where there had been dry land and elevations being made where there had been level plain. It is believed that the forces of natural gas were the cause of this upheaval. That the agency which wrought such changes nearly a hundred years ago is still present is evidenced by the fact that earthquake shocks frequently occur in this vicinity and are felt nowhere else. Only three weeks ago a severe tremor occurred about four o'clock in the morning, it being of sufficient violence to cause people to run out of their houses.

The organization for the purpose of developing Pemiscot county is still in an embryonic state, but it is believed that within a week everything will be satisfactorily arranged. In the meantime the interests of the prospectors are being looked after in Hayti by T. P. Russell, of Russell Brothers, and in Caruthersville by attorney C. B. Farris and H. C. Schult. Farmers who desire to come into the organization are urged to go into details with any one of these three men. Another who is active in formulating the plans is John H. Cronan, whose lumber interests have caused him to become acquainted with all the business men in Pemiscot.—Oil Fields News.



One of the lakes made by the earthquake of 1811-12, which was once high land. These lakes are now being drained and converted into magnificent farms.

days, after conferences in this town and Caruthersville.

Many times in the last few months, especially since the oil and gas strikes in the vicinity of St. Louis, people of this section have remarked the probability of this being an oil field, because of the seepages hereabout and the occasional striking of gas in water wells.

In at least ten different places

steadily for two or three days and until put out by the people who made the discoveries. Had this been "marsh" gas it would have gone out soon after being ignited.

Another evidence in favor of the now generally adopted theory is that these little gas wells are always accompanied by a hissing sound, as if considerable pressure existed behind them.

The seepages in Pemiscot county are very marked, crude oil being seen

Interest, \$251.50, due on the city hall bonds March 1, and the treasurer now has a statement for that amount from the holders of the bonds. As the collection of the city's taxes was greatly delayed, the city will be forced to again draw on the sinking fund to pay the interest, which the treasurer cannot do until the council meets and makes an order to that effect.

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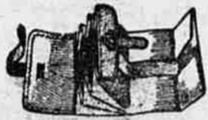
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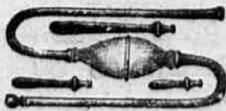
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