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ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION

SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS IS UP TO BUYERS

The subject of proration, still frequently discussed among Montana oil men, is revived in a "Memorandum on Proration" issued by the Independent Petroleum Association of America, which concludes that the alternative of proration is realization by purchasing companies that they are required in substance to discharge a public duty and obligation.

The text, which has been received by Montana directors of the IPA, follows:

MEMORANDUM ON PRORATION

"(1) Subject to reasonable and necessary practical limitations, Proration rests upon the fundamental proposition that each producer each day, wherever situate, will receive his ratable share of the day's market and, with broad adjusting factors taken into account will also receive the prevailing market price. This is of the utmost importance to the independent producer who is wholly dependent upon others for his markets and the transportation of his oil.

"(2) But in order to effectuate this, it is necessary to have adequate control of

(a) Imports;
(b) Storage withdrawals;
(c) Fair and equitable allocations among the States;
(d) Fair and equitable allocations among pools within the States;
(e) Ratable takings within pools within the States.

"(3) But neither the State Compact nor State Commissioners possess any power at all so far as (a), (b), (c), and (d) are concerned. The State Commissions may possess only limited power so far as (e) is concerned—which is to say that in the opinion of some if one purchaser in a common pool reduces his purchases then state regulatory bodies cannot affirmatively redistribute the remaining allowables on a ratable taking basis. If this opinion is correct it would follow that such State Commissions could only restrict the allowable of all producers to the level of the lowest percentage being taken by any purchaser from any producer or producers in such a pool. On such a theory this would constitute an unsatisfactory and negative form of control, and its exercise would only drive purchasing power away from the pool, and in many cases out of the state where any such pool might be located.

"Therefore, it becomes apparent that Proration is something of a paradox—we control production without any Public Authority which is empowered to see to it that equity and fairness and ratable takings are assured to all concerned and particularly to those producers who are entirely unable to protect themselves. No conceivable form of State Compact can have, nor do State Commissions have control over all of the factors involved. Only a Federal Agency could be vested with such power. Therefore:

"THE PURCHASING COMPANIES MUST REALIZE THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED IN SUBSTANCE TO DISCHARGE A PUBLIC DUTY AND OBLIGATION, THE ALTERNATIVE BEING THAT EITHER PRORATION WILL FAIL OR FEDERAL CONTROL MUST BE HAD, OR THAT BOTH WILL RESULT."

AUTUMN FINDS WILDCATS ARE MORE NUMEROUS

The first day of autumn, Friday, saw the greatest number of wildcats of the year active in various parts of Montana. Several other projects are resuming or just starting, in the effort to find new pools of oil and gas.

In northern Montana drilling is proceeding at **Whitetail** in NW NE¼ NW¼ 10-36N-50E, after conditioning the hole.

On **Poplar dome,** the well called Fulton No. 1 was merely a validation hole, the Journal is informed, and it will probably be taken over by Floyd Anderson, the driller. The leases were taken by Fred Francis.

At Harlem, Montana Gas Corp. is drilling below 1500 feet on its **Wayne Creek** test, in C NW¼ SE¼ 6-32-24E, seeking gas for Harlem.

Near Chinook O'Keefe & Tetter-Stam No. 1, CSL SW¼ SE¼ 10-31N--18E, on **Tiger Ridge,** is drilling with three tours, reported below 450 feet.

It is reported that work is to start shortly on **Hagan** structure, southwest of Cut Bank oil field, Materials are reported being moved by Cut Bank sponsors of the test on the sharp-dip structure.

At Landusky, on **Bull creek structure,** Treasurer State Pool Government No. 1, C SE¼SW¼ 2-24-N-23 E is drilling at 300 ft, after having started new hole. The first one was lost at around 650.

Drilling has not yet started on the Hoerr well near **Whitefish.**

The **Genou** test of Security Petroleum, in C NE¼ NE¼ 23-36N-3E, is still shut down, with the hole full of water from the Sunburst sand, at 1980 feet.

In Central Montana the Hunt wells on **Hobson dome** are reported active.

On **Flatwillow structure,** near Winnett, Brundage-Mink No. 1 SE¼ NW¼ 35-13N-25E, on Elk creek, is spudding.

In southern Montana, **Broadview** dome test, NE NE¼SW¼ 18-3N-25E, is drilling in lime at 2600 feet.

"What did the boss say when you asked him for a raise?"

"He was just like a lamb."

"What did he say?"

"Baa."

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Colored lady who went to register as a voter and was asked what party she affiated with.

"Ah hates to tell," she replied, "'cause he ain't got his divorce yet."

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Discussing the type of milk which should be supplied to school children, the chairman of the town's health committee said:

"What this town needs is a supply of clean, fresh milk, and we should take the bull by the horns and demand it."

Employe—I came in to ask if you could raise my salary.

Boss—This isn't payday.

Employe—I know that, but I thought I would speak about it today.

Boss—Go back to your work and don't worry. I've managed to raise it every week so far, haven't I?

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I'm the happiest man in the world. I've the best wife in the country.

Who wouldn't be happy with his wife in the country?

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A small boy explained the doctrine of evolution in an examination paper thus:

"Men and women both sprang from monkeys, but the women sprang further than the men."

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I had a little dog. I called him August. August was fond of jumping at conclusions, especially at the cow's conclusion. One day he jumped at the male's conclusion. The next day was the first of September.

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They were skating at the ice arena, and Liza fell down, flopped over, and came right up again in front of Rastus with remarkable agility.

"Did yu' see how quick Ah recovered mah equilib'ium, Rastus?"

"Golly, yaas,—almos' befo' Ah noticed it was uncovered!"

Husband.—I've told you before that it is economically unsound to spend your money before you get it.

Wife.—I don't know. If you don't get it—at least you've got something for your money.

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"You used to call me sweetheart before we were married. Now you don't call me anything."

"That shows my self-control."

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Charlotte: "My good man, does this dog possess a family tree?"

Owner: "Oh, no, madam—he has no particular tree."

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Clerk "Mr. McPherson, how about buying the latest atlas?"

Mr. McPherson: "Not noo, mon: I'll wait until the affairs in Europe are more settled."

"Are you sure I have pneumonia?" an anxious patient asked a physician. "I have heard that doctors sometimes give wrong diagnoses, and have treated patients for pneumonia who afterwards died of typhoid fever."

"You've been woefully misinformed," replied the medico indigantly. "If I treat a man for pneumonia, he dies of pneumonia."

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Ma: "It says here in the paper that doctors now believe low neck dresses ward off pneumonia."

Pa: "Well, according to that some of the women at the banquet the other night must have been trying to ward off lumbago."

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