

WYOMING OIL NOTES

Wyoming, according to official figures, at the close of 1918, had produced 0,019,573 barrels of crude oil. The output for 1919 will be in excess of 15,000,000 barrels, giving Wyoming a greater production than either of the states of Illinois, Pennsylvania or West Virginia. Since 1910, when Wyoming oil shipments for the first time exceeded 100,000 barrels, the state's oil production is given as follows, in barrels:

1918	12,596,287
1917	8,978,680
1916	6,234,137
1915	4,245,525
1914	3,500,375
1913	2,406,522
1912	1,572,306
1911	186,695
1910	115,430

The excitement in the new field at Osage, near Newcastle, continues. Additional rigs are coming into the field, and several new wells have been reported finished, with production ranging from 10 to 50 barrels per day. Some of the operators are inclined to censure the decision of Judge Burgess at Newcastle against the Hugo-Williams syndicate. Judge Burgess decided a case in favor of Merritt W. Barton, who filed a homestead entry on September 15, 1919, on land previously filed on under the oil placer mining law and where valid discoveries of oil had been reported. Since this decision was rendered a number of homestead claims have been filed in the field. It is reported that a number of companies have endeavored to protect themselves by having "friends" file on land on which they had located mineral claims.

Wyoming oil camps are being gotten ready for the winter by housing in all working equipment and improving living quarters, in order that work may proceed without interruption on account of cold and stormy weather. Practically every company operating in the state will prosecute development vigorously. Some of the new "wildcat" fields will be held back and will not be worked until spring, although locating and the

securing of leases will continue. Wyoming roads are in poor condition and traveling is difficult, due to recent rains and snows.

The Ohio Oil company is erecting a permanent camp in the Mule Creek oil field, eighteen miles west of Edgemont. The company has already drilled a number of wells, which will be pumped as soon as the tank "nest," now being erected on section 25-40-61, is completed. This set of storage tanks will care for a large amount of oil and will act as a feeder for the pipe line which is to be laid to Dakoming, on the Burlington, at the Dakota-Wyoming line.

It is reported at Edgemont that the original locators of the north one-half of section 24-39-61, on which the discovery well in Mule Creek is located, have been offered \$18,000 cash each for their share of the one-eighth royalty. According to these figures this half-section is now valued at \$1,092,000.

Drilling will soon start on the holdings of the Alliance syndicate on the western side of the Mule Creek field. A Star drilling rig has been purchased and is located. Cook shacks and bunk houses are being erected and supplies for the rig are on the ground. C. A. Titus, who drilled the successful Sterling well on section 14-39-61, has been engaged as field superintendent and will have charge of the drilling, which will commence as soon as the camp is completed. George F. Snyder of Alliance is spending all of his time in the field and will assist in the drilling. The Alliance syndicate, which is headed by F. A. Bald, has 3,400 acres in the Mule Creek field.

Residents of Lusk are developing a structure on Cottonwood creek, not far from Edgemont, which is said to be far more promising from surface indications than the Mule Creek field. Twenty-four sections of this land were located by Lusk men and several of the large producing companies were invited to drill, but at first refused. The Lusk men called a meeting of the business men of the town and in a few hours \$81,000 in cash was turped over to the First

National bank, to be used in drilling a well. The locators and subscribers to the fund organized the Lusk-Edgemont Oil company and immediately a new standard rig was engaged and drillers now have the hole down 1,900 feet. The Muddy Creek sand is expected at 3,100 feet. Since the well was started several of the big companies have made overtures toward a drilling arrangement on a percentage basis.

To the west of the two counties named is the large district of Campbell county, which is practically all virgin territory, so far as wildcatting is concerned. In fact, very little is known as to the oil possibilities of Campbell county, for geologists have done very little prospecting there. Several oil seeps have reported structures on the Belle Fourche river, noted by them while passing over the country to reach some point beyond, but except in a few cases where private concerns have mapped the domes for their own use, no exploration has been done.

The northwestern part of Wyoming is due for an extensive prospecting campaign during the coming winter and spring. The work done so far has shown oil to exist at shallow depths in both Weston and Crook counties. With the recent strike of the Mike Henry Oil company in the Osage field there exists five well defined oil structures that are oil bearing to a greater or less extent.

West of Campbell county is the equally large area of Johnson county. This county, like Campbell, is practically without a mapped oil structure, the only known dome being the north end of the Salt Creek field. Both counties will be hard to operate because of the lack of transportation, as Campbell has a single railroad line across the central part and Johnson has only a short branch railroad line running to Buffalo. The two counties contain about 10,000 square miles of territory yet to be prospected.

UNAPPRECIATIVE

By EDNA W. SWIFT.

Mr. Barrows settled himself comfortably in his easy chair with a sigh of infinite content. It was a rainy Sunday—a steady downpour that threatened to deluge any neighborly person who might wish to venture out. Mr. Barrows was aware of this fact; hence the sigh of infinite content.

His wife entered the room, her eyes darting here and there for dust after the manner of a good housewife. She espied her husband resting blissfully in the big chair; his feet crowning a second one.

"That's right, George," she beamed. "Enjoy yourself. It's your one day of rest through the week, and it's raining so hard nobody will be here today, so you can read without interruption."

Mr. Barrows' answering smile was somewhat apprehensive, but he smiled pleasantly as he answered. "That's the idea, Martha. I see a good day ahead of me. Some life." Then he sank down even lower in the easy chair.

Scarcely had he started to read when his wife's wandering eye found the long-sought bit of dust on the carpet. It happened to be under the arm of her husband's chair. She bustled out into the kitchen and returned with the broom.

"Now, don't you move, George," she admonished, as she juggled the broom back and forth in a futile attempt to catch the offending particle. "I just want to get a little dust I see underneath your chair. You sit right still. I don't want to disturb you."

More futile jabs with the broom. Mrs. Barrows became nervous and in a desperate effort to sweep up the tormenting speck of dirt brought the broom dangerously near to Mr. Barrows' nose. He jumped up with an impatient ejaculation.

"For heaven's sake, Martha," he said. "Why, of all days, do you have to sweep on Sunday? Aren't six days enough to chase dirt. Here's the fashion sheet. Have you seen it?"

Mrs. Barrows seized the sheet and was soon engrossed in its fascinating descriptions. Her husband, feeling slight pangs of hunger went to the pantry and returned with a large, luscious sandwich, which he was eating with great relish.

Martha, the observant, cast stern eyes of disapproval on him. "Why, George Barrows," she exclaimed. "You surely are not going to eat again so soon after breakfast?"

"I'm going to finish this sandwich; that's one sure bet," retorted her spouse, between satisfying mouthfuls. "Now, Martha, for heaven's sake, don't lecture about that."

Silence. Mrs. Barrows returned to her fashion sheet, looked on the opposite side and gave a triumphant little squeal. "Look, George!" she exclaimed. "They're selling shirts at Grey's tomorrow at a great bargain. Three-dollar shirts for ninety-eight cents. They are able to do this because they bought the cloth before the war." Derisive snorts from her better half.

"Well, if you won't believe in bargains I can't convince you, but just think of the stamps I could have got."

No answer. Mr. Barrows was evidently deeply engrossed in his story. Mrs. Barrows' interest in the paper had waned. She fidgeted. Finally her attention was attracted to some bar-

rels in the adjoining yard.

"George." No answer. "George." louder still. No reply. "George!" in a shrill tremolo. "Don't you hear me?"

"Uh, uh," absently. "Did you know the ash men were out on strike?"

"Are they?" more absently still. "Yes, and the Rankins have their barrels out. They told me yesterday that there was no telling when they would be taken and they get theirs out on time. Now, before you forget it, don't you think it would be a good plan to get ours out before?"

She got no further. Her husband bounded from his chair. "Can a man never find real peace or comfort in his own home? No, Martha," as she started to interrupt. "Let me speak. I have hoped that some time I could look on my home as a place of rest and you have consistently nagged—"

"Why, George," tearfully, "I didn't mean—"

"No. That's the sad part of it," her husband replied. "You never mean, but you always do. Take today, for instance. As soon as I got comfortably settled you began to raise the dust and poke my chair; then I started to eat a sandwich and you gave a doleful prophecy. Then, when I was trying to keep my temper you started a discussion about shirts and climatic conditions. Grey & Co. aren't wishing shirts on me for nothing, that's a bet. And finally the strike of the ash men held the floor. Martha, I don't want to read all the time, but I think a man is entitled to one day's rest out of the week. Good natured or ugly nagging—it's just as annoying when a woman keeps it up consistently. Now, I'm through. Like the ash men, I go on strike for my rights. If you don't stop nagging next Sunday I'll lock myself in my room and enjoy the first rest in years."

The next morning Mrs. Barrows confided tearfully to her understanding neighbor. "What do you think, dear? George accused me yesterday of nagging."

But the understanding one nodded negatively, albeit with infinite sympathy. "It's just because men don't understand, my dear."

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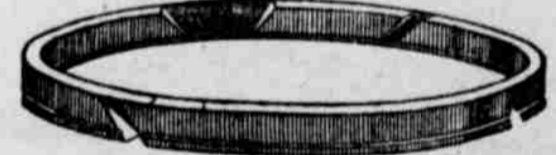
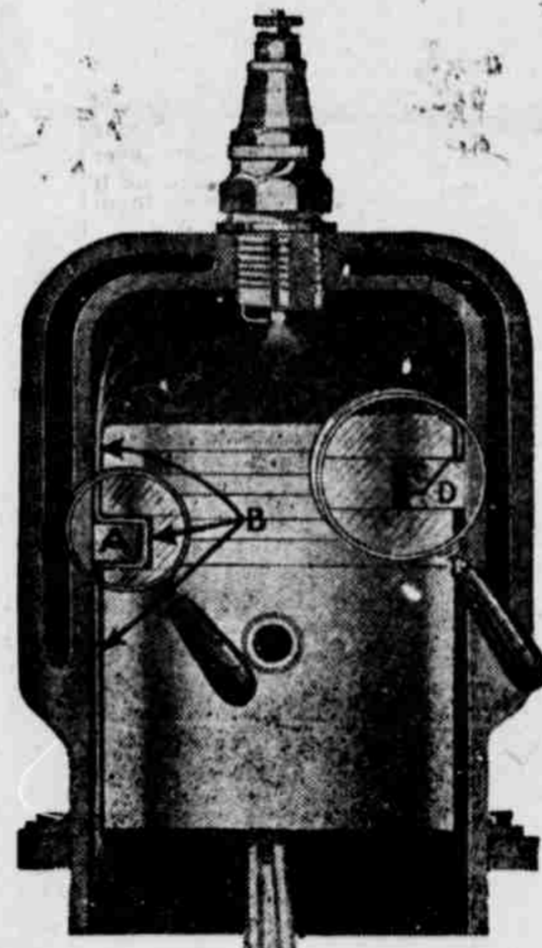
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