

WYOMING OIL NOTES.

The Centennial Drilling company's well in the Goshen Hole, south of Torrington, is now down 850 feet. The Standard rig doing the drilling is capable of drilling the hole to a depth of 3,500 feet if necessary.

Charles C. Jameson of Denver, head of Richards & Comstock, who was in Alliance last week, is much interested in the oil development of eastern Wyoming. Richards & Comstock own the "77" ranch, north of Manville, which lies in the Lance Creek field and on which drilling is now going on. Mr. Jameson is also associated with the parties who are organizing the Wyoming-Northeastern Oil company, which will have headquarters at Alliance.

John Adams of Alliance and associates have moved their drilling rig from the Pilot Butte field to the newly discovered field at Osage, sixteen miles northwest of Newcastle. The completion of the Commercial well at Osage by the Mike Henry Oil company has disclosed a new and promising field. Reports received by Denver oil operators say that the well, which is only 318 feet deep, is good for 100 barrels per day. The structure is an extended one and there is a wild scramble for drilling, not less than fifteen rigs having been brought into the field within the last two weeks. C. M. Looney and R. M. Baker of Alliance have holdings in this field. Mr. Adams and his associates have extensive holdings which they will drill without delay.

Thirteen wells have been completed in Lance Creek to date, of which seven are oil producers, four are gas wells and two are water holes. The present production of oil is around 4,650 barrels per day, with some of the wells pinched down. The capacity of the gas wells is around 150,000 cubic feet per day. There are several wells in various stages of completion which had water in the first sand and which are being drilled deeper. Fifty-two wells are drilling in the field, of which twenty-three are below 3,000 feet.

What is, so far as known, the highest price ever paid for wildcat acreage in Wyoming was paid recently by the Penn Oil company of Philadelphia to the Wolfrang Oil company for 800 acres in the Split Rock field, eighteen miles west of Land Creek and southwest of the 8,000 acres held by Alliance parties on the Cheyenne river. The price was \$12.50 per acre, or \$10,000 for the tract, which does not lie in the best part of the field, according to persons familiar with the structure. There is no drilling going on in this district at present, which makes the high price paid more remarkable. The Wolfrang company controls the greater part of the dome.

F. A. Bald of Alliance, who will be the president of the Wyoming-Northeastern Oil company, now being organized, with a party of associates, spent a day last week in the Mule Creek field, which is located eighteen miles west of Edgemont, across the Wyoming line. Mr. Bald and his associates have 3,400 acres of land in the Mule Creek field. Last

week they purchased a Star No. 27 drilling rig and outfit and it is now being erected on their holdings on the west side of the structure. C. A. Titus, who drilled in the successful well for the Sterling people at a depth of 965 feet on section 14-39-61 has been employed as superintendent and is now in charge of the erection of camp buildings and the rig. Drilling will start as soon as the necessary supplies can be secured. The new pipe line, the contract for which was let a week ago, will cross some of the holdings of the Wyoming-Northeastern Oil company. Drilling on other holdings of the company in Mule Creek will start within sixty days by other companies to whom leases are being made.

The output of petroleum products for the first six months of 1919, as issued by the Bureau of Mines, shows large increases over the corresponding period of 1918. Gasoline production increased approximately 236,750,000 gallons; kerosene, 187,800,000 gallons; gas and fuel oil, 106,700,000 gallons and lubricating oil 640,000 gallons. Domestic consumption during the 1919 period shows increases of 41,200,000 gallons in gasoline; 17,360,000 gallons in kerosene and 83,390,000 gallons in gas and fuel oil. Consumption of lubricating oil fell off about 34,730,000 gallons. The only product to show a loss in stocks on June 30 was kerosene, which fell off 173,743,000 gallons, due to the heavy export movement in this product. Gasoline stocks on hand June 30 totaled 593,896,610 gallons, against 418,410,353 gallons on June 30, 1918.

The Wyoming state land board has awarded the crude petroleum from state lands for a three-year period to the Midwest Refining company. The Midwest's bid was the posted market price for the oil, with the company agreeing in addition to refine all of its petroleum in Wyoming except a small amount to be sent to Utah for refining; to immediately construct at Laramie a refinery of at least 3,500 barrels daily capacity, this capacity to be increased to 5,000 barrels as soon as the neighboring production warrants; to expend not less than \$2,500,000 in enlarging its Casper refinery, making it the largest in the United States; and to donate \$300,000 to the state for application to the expense of constructing a concrete highway from Casper to the Salt Creek fields. The state royalty in petroleum is now running 17,000 barrels monthly, but is rapidly increasing.

Telegraphic instructions received at the recruiting office, 101 Box Butte avenue, announce the fact that men who enlisted prior to April 2, 1917, and are discharged to re-enlist, will receive the bonus and mileage pay. While many of the regular outfits did not see service in France, they were the nucleus of the great national army which took the "germ" out of Germany. The present regular army is an organization quite unlike any ever maintained in the United States before, with its schools where men are practically and thoroughly trained in any trade or profession they may choose. The fact that civilian instructors obtained from the best universities are selected to teach the men is evidence itself of the high efficiency standard of the government operated schools.

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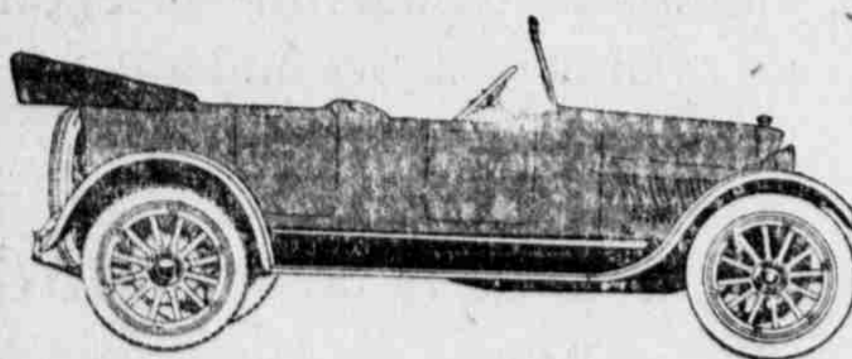
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