

OIL NOTES

D. C. Leach and associates, drilling the Osage oil field near Newcastle, struck a small pumper at 328 feet depth the first of the week on the southwest quarter of section 9-46-63. This makes the fifth well brought in there within thirty days. An Alliance syndicate is drilling there also and other Alliance parties have holdings in this field.

The test well at Fairburn, S. D., being drilled not far from the Mule Creek structure, reached the first sand at a depth of 740 feet, with the log of the well conforming to the formations found in the Mule Creek structure. As soon as casing is received, drilling will be resumed to the second sand, where oil is expected.

Lance Creek stocks are all on the upward trend. Led by Buck Creek and Western States, all stocks of this field were higher the middle of last week.

Buck Creek gained from 90 cents to \$1 bid, \$1.05 asked, and Western States advanced from \$1.40, Monday's bid, to \$1.60 bid, \$1.70 asked. Tom Bell Royalty also was in demand, selling up to 20 cents.

The rise is attributed to the good drilling news coming from the field recently. The successful outcome of the Ohio-Lusk Petroleum well on section 3-35-65 brings about a new situation in the western part of the field and adds to the belief that a big oil pool soon will be opened there.

Buck Creek company reports good news from its offset wells to the discovery well. No. 14, on section 35, where drilling-in work has been under way for several weeks, on Monday commenced to flow oil, shooting a stream high into the derrick.

Buck Creek well No. 4, on section 26, where work of cementing off a water flow has been in progress under direction of government experts, had advanced yesterday to a point where drilling-in was commenced. This well showed for several hundred barrels when the drill first hit the sand, and a good producer is expected to follow the recent operations.

Buck Creek well No. 7, situated near the center of section 35, is good, its drillers say, for 200 to 300 barrels. On Monday, following completion of new work at the well, it unexpectedly started to flow and kept it up for forty-five minutes. The plans are to make it a pumping well.

Buck Creek well No. 28, also on section 35, still is producing 200 barrels daily.

Although winter weather is prevailing in the eastern Wyoming oil fields, active work still continues. Lloyd C. Thomas of Alliance and Dr. G. E. Condra of Lincoln made a trip by automobile through the Lance Creek and Mule Creek fields during the week before last, leaving their car at Edgemont and returning by train. Drilling still continues and new wells are being spudded in.

The North Platte valley country, west of Alliance, has been in a fever of excitement since Sunday before last when the Ohio well, being drilled twelve miles south of Torrington, came in at a depth of sixteen hun-

dred feet as a gusher, spouting oil forty feet above the casing. This is the first well to be drilled in that vicinity and leasing deeded lands and filing on government lands is going on at a rapid rate. The Centennial well, being drilled six miles southeast of the Ohio well, has been spouting gas, water and oil since last Thursday, it being down to a depth of 1400 feet. The drillers of the Centennial expect to go from 500 to 600 feet deeper before striking the heavy oil deposits. Well posted oil men predict much excitement and a large amount of test drilling in the territory west of Alliance during coming months.

Development of a new field of large extent in northeastern Wyoming is being started by several of the larger operating companies, according to J. Leo Stack, vice-president of the Troy Oil & Gas company. This new district lies a short distance southeast of Newcastle, on the Billings branch of the Burlington railroad. The oil is expected to be found in the Muddy Creek sand, as in Lance Creek, but at much shallower depth. Among the companies which have acquired acreage are the Midwest Refining, Ohio and Sinclair Consolidated. This is the first operation in Wyoming by the latter corporation. The Troy Oil & Gas company has two sections under lease. Most of the land is deeded. It lies in townships 41 and 42, in ranges 61 and 62 West.

State Immigration Commissioner Charles S. Hill, of Wyoming, has received from the United States geological survey a report on the Upton-Thornton district in eastern Wyoming, near Newcastle, which shows this to be one of the promising petroleum localities of the state. The report goes into details regarding that particular district and says:

"The Upton-Thornton oil district lies on the western flank of the Black Hills in eastern Wyoming, in Weston and Crook counties. The oil field itself is in section 4, township 48, north, range 66 west, and section 33, township 49 north, range 66 west, about three miles northwest of the town of Thornton, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. It is about 20 miles southeast of the Moorcroft oil field, 90 miles northeast of the Salt Creek oil field and about 80 miles due north of the Lance Creek oil field.

"An area of about 60 square miles, which includes the territory where the producing oil wells have been drilled and the adjacent country, has recently been examined by E. T. Hancock of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, who has submitted a report on it for publication. The report is accompanied by a map showing the boundaries of the geologic formation, with contours showing the geologic structures, and cross sections showing the relation of the different formations to one another and on sea level.

"There were 16 producing wells in the field when the examination was made, and thirteen of these belonged to the Southwest Oil company, which controls a large part of the field. The oil comes from a single steeply dipping sand, which is reached at depths ranging from 448 to 843 feet. The yield per well is low, averaging five and ten barrels a day. The oil is of excellent quality and has a specific gravity ranging from 0.820 to 0.826 at 15 degrees C. It is taken by small refinery belonging to the Southwest Oil company, which supplies local trade with gasoline and other products.

"The oil field is not on an anticlinal fold but appears to be on a structural terrace, where the rocks dip much less steeply than they do (Continued on Page 6.)

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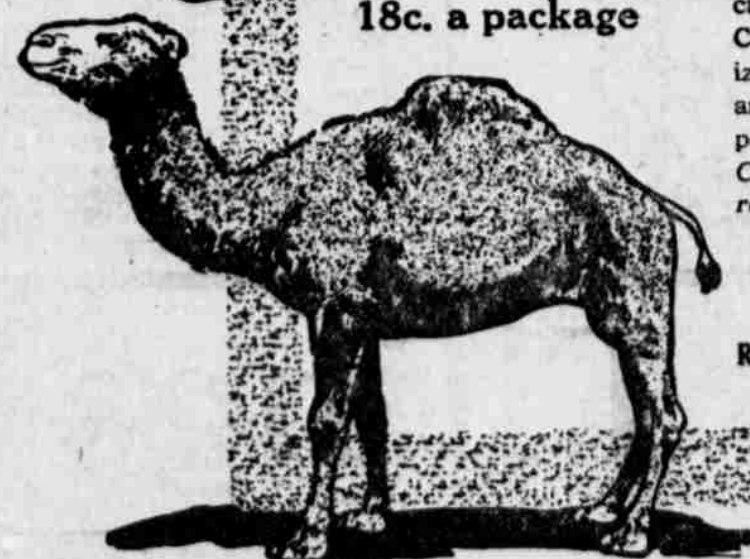
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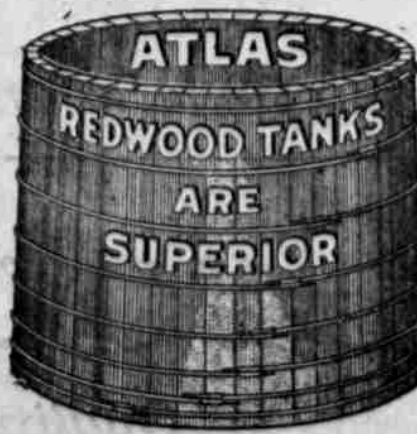
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