

OIL NOTES

Section 14-38-61, in the Mule Creek oil field has been leased by the Wyoming-Northeastern Oil company of Alliance to F. N. DeBolt on a royalty basis. DeBolt is just completing a successful well on section 13-38-61, adjoining, according to reports received from the field. The well being drilled by DeBolt is within a few hundred feet of the Alliance company holdings, on which he will start drilling just as soon as the present well is completed.

The New York Oil company secured its first production in Lance Creek on December 10 when the Ohio well number 2 on the northeast quarter of section 4-35-65 came in with a flush production of 125 barrels an hour. The well is now gushing at the rate of 3,000 barrels per day. Oil was struck in the Muddy sand at 3,534 feet. This new well is an offset to the Ohio well on the northwest quarter of section 3-35-65. The New York Oil company owns a 3 1/2 per cent royalty in the new property, as well as in 640 acres of land in the immediate vicinity.

The Sunset Oil company has had a corps of geologists working in the Laramie plains country in Albany and Carbon counties during the past summer who have mapped two structures upon which this company has acquired a large acreage, according to President A. A. Spauld. The reports indicate that the sands will be found at a shallow depth. This acreage has gone under the company's contract with the Union Oil company of California and drilling operations on both structures will commence in the spring. In addition to these holdings the Sunset company has acquired properties in the vicinity of Shawnee, ten miles northeast of Orin Junction and fifteen miles southwest of Lance Creek; a large acreage south of Douglas and considerable ground in the Cold Springs district, twenty-five miles southwest of Douglas on the boundary between Converse and Albany counties. Other acreage has been secured in Weston county and also in Ne w Mexico. Representatives of the company are also working in the South Dakota fields.

Although oil was reached at a depth of 2,910 feet by the Ohio Oil company, drilling on section 32-36-65, to Richards & Comstock ranch in the Lusk creek field, the company intends to continue drilling to a lower sand unless production should continue so heavy that the present sand will continue to pay well. This well is farther west than anything in the field, in fact it is just over the divide between Lance Creek and Little Lightning. Little Lightning creek runs through the northern part of the land leased. The well is in the extreme southeast corner. It seems to be the prevailing opinion that a new field has been opened up. Heavier oil and gas deposits are expected at a depth of about 3,500 feet.

The first Wall creek sand, struck at a depth of 2,900 feet, has heretofore shown only a little oil and some gas but when the drill penetrated this sand on Sunday, November 30, the oil gushed over the top for about six hours and then quit, standing in the casing within ten feet of the top. Nothing was done with the well until the company took time to get some tanks in line and connect up the pipe. This was done on Tuesday and the bailer put in, at which time the oil was still within ten feet of the top. After working the bailer a few times the oil again started to flow. The flow amounted to 120 barrels in forty-five minutes.

Drilling is being continued in the well. The general opinion now is that the sand is the first Wall creek, although some think it may be the Shannon or a stray sand. The oil is of the very best quality and is different in many respects from the oil discovered anywhere else in the Lance creek field.

The Mule creek field has been experiencing its share of trouble during the recent severe cold weather and storms. C. M. Looney of Alliance, field superintendent for the Wyoming-Northeastern Oil company, reports that but few wells are drilling and that most of the work being done consists of hauling supplies to the field. Warmer weather will allow drilling to start again at a rapid rate. The first well of the Wyoming-Northeastern will be spudded in within the next few days, as the rig is up and ready to go to work. It is located on the northwest quarter of section 20-39-61, part of a tract of 2,400 acres leased by the company in that part of the field.

Quick action in congress is expected on the oil leasing bill which has been introduced at the present session, after it had failed to make final passage at the last session. A number of Wyoming oil stocks, particularly those of the Salt creek field, have gained in price due to the prospects of its successful passage, which is expected by Christmas. Conferences of senate and house committees have been resumed and oil men interested in the measure believe it will be reported out with a majority of each committee favorable to its passage. There are only minor differences between the bills as passed by the house and senate. Satisfactory adjustment of these details is reported.

The Ohio Oil company has drilled in a 300-barrel well on the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of section 35-20-78, in the Rock creek field, in the Wall creek sand. The production in this field mostly comes from the Muddy sand, found from 800 to 1,000 feet beneath the Wall creek series.

The Midwest Refining company has posted a price of \$1.75 per barrel for fuel oil, f. o. b. Casper. This is an advance of 25c per barrel and is to equalize quotations following the recent advance in crude. The Colorado and Wyoming refineries have an output of approximately 700,000 barrels of fuel oil per month. The coal shortage has been a great stimulant in increasing the demand for fuel oil.

Section 36-36-35, in the Lance creek field, upon which the discovery well is located, produced 26,459.34 barrels of oil in October as compared with 35, 826 barrels in September, according to the returns of the Ohio Oil company, the operating concern, to the Wyoming commissioner of public lands.

The Hugo-Williams Oil syndicate has completed a small pumper on section 8-46-63 in the Osage field, near Newcastle. This section offsets on the south the section on which the Mike Henry Oil company bought in the discovery well this fall at a depth of 318 feet. Dr. H. A. Copsey and associates, of Alliance, are drilling on the northeast quarter of section 19, one mile south and west. Section 18, adjoining on the southwest, is held by Alliance parties who have leased it to the Ogalalla company, who are drilling there at the present time with two rigs.

The McWhorter Oil & Refining company has constructed an eighty-barrel skimming plant at Osage to handle part of the production from the Osage field. The crude oil from this field runs high in gasoline content which will be skimmed off before it is shipped. There are now about fifteen completed shallow wells in this field.

The Bassett Oil & Gas company commenced a deep test in the spring of 1918 on section 10-30-19, the same section on which the town of Bassett, Rock county, Nebraska, is located. The well was drilled to a depth of 2,300 feet with a standard rig when the hole was abandoned on account of lost tools which could not be recovered. The rig was shifted and another hole started, which is now down 425 feet with twelve-inch casing. Operations have stopped for the present on account of the fuel shortage and the cold weather. Work will be started again in the spring. The first well passed through three gas pockets and a five-foot vein of coal and the prospects were considered sufficiently promising to justify another attempt.

Drilling of the well north of Chadron, Neb., has been held back lately on account of the severe cold weather. The well is reported to be down to a depth of around 800 feet and some of the individuals interested are of the opinion that oil will be found within a short distance.

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