

OIL NOTES

(By LLOYD C. THOMAS)

Alliance men continue to be actively interested in the development of the eastern Wyoming and western Nebraska and South Dakota oil fields. The Boyd-Feagins syndicate, which brought in the gusher on section 24-46-64, Osage field, has made arrangements for drilling two additional wells and are organizing to prosecute the work during the winter months. The pipe line crosses their holdings and they will have no trouble in marketing production as fast as secured.

The Midwest camp on section 11-46-64, Osage field, is being moved in its entirety to the northwest quarter of section 19-46-63, the quarter section which was recently purchased by the Midwest company from J. O. Walker and associates of Alliance and on which a good well was brought in a few weeks ago. The consideration paid by the Midwest for this 160-acre tract was not given out but it was reported to be in six figures, besides a heavy royalty.

The Mississippi-Delta company's two-million-foot gasser, on section 24-46-64, Osage field, has shown no diminishment in flow or pressure since being brought in two months ago. Gas from this well is being used for fuel for a large number of drilling rigs. This well was brought in on ground leased from the Wykota company, which is controlled by Newcastle, Omaha and Alliance men.

That the state of Nebraska may eventually find itself with as large an income as Wyoming now receives from oil royalties is a distinct possibility, due to the fact that Nebraska owns two sections out of every township in practically the entire western half of the state. Drilling is now going on near Bassett and which is expected to start early next year, near Agate, Alliance and other points, should prove whether or not the western half of the state is underlain with the Dakota sand-

stone, which is reached at depths of from 200 to 3,000 feet in Wyoming, carries oil at some points and wafer at others. In Wyoming it is underlain at practically all points by the Lakota sandstone at about one hundred feet deeper. The Lakota is found to contain oil throughout Wyoming and Montana. The drilling going on in Nebraska will show whether or not the Dakota carries water or oil and whether it is underlain by the Lakota and whether it carries oil or water.

The McWhorter refinery at Osage is handling a large amount of local production and its output is rapidly increasing. The payroll of the refinery is reported to be over \$6,000 per month. The company expects to have five miles of pipe line completed from points in the field to Osage before freezing weather, according to officials. The same people are erecting a refinery at Moorcroft, Omaha capital is reported to be the controlling factor in this company.

The oil well being drilled at River-ton, in Franklin county, is showing good prospects at a depth of 975 feet. Although no flow of oil has been encountered the sands now being drilled are showing oil in some quantities.

The drillers of the test well being put down at Bassett, in Rock county, claim to have struck on oil sand at a depth of 1,200 feet which would have yielded fifteen barrels a day production under the pump. This well is being drilled close to a former well in which the tools were lost at a depth of 1916 feet. Drilling is expected to continue to a depth of 3,000 feet unless paying production is reached at a shallower depth.

Preparations for drilling near Agate, in Sioux county, Nebraska, thirty miles northwest of Alliance, are being pushed. Attention was first called to this locality because of its proximity to the eastern Wyoming fields and because of the immense fossil beds from which for a number of years specimens have been taken.

If the fact of fossiliferous remains of prehistoric animals gives any indication of oil assurance no more promising area could be desired than that in this locality. The test well will be put down by the Associated Oil company with a large Standard rig.

The Minnesota-Wyoming, drilling on section 19-39-61, in the western portion of the Mule Creek field, are fishing for tools at a depth of 2,640 feet. They were reported to have gone through the Dakota water sand, cased it off, and to be within 40 feet of the oil bearing Lakota sand when they lost their tools. The completion of this well would prove not only 1,200 acres held by this company in that vicinity but would prove 2,680 acres held under lease near this well by the Wyoming-Northeastern Oil company of Alliance. The latter company has suspended drilling on section 20-39-61, pending repairs and the installation of a larger rig. The recent discovery of oil in Agate Basin, in the eastern part of the Mule Creek field, lends strongly to the theory that oil will be found in large quantities in the western portion of the field in which the above companies are heavily interested.

The leasing of land prospecting around Alliance continues at a rapid rate. Most of the leases secured require that development work be started early next year. The test well will come when the expiration dates approach on these leases.

MARSLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gregg were at Whitman last week looking after business matters.

Mrs. Gregory of Valentine visited from Saturday until Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Gregg.

Miss Helen Huss came home Wednesday from a few days' visit in Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Black entertained Mr. and Mrs. Sheffer of Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Arrants and S. M. Trussel at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. H. A. Huntley was in Alliance Saturday and Sunday to visit her husband.

Mr. R. Whittier visited friends in Marsland Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Ernestine McLaughlin transacted business in Alliance last week. C. H. Fleming left Monday morning for a ten day vacation. He is going to look after his place in Wyoming and spend some time in hunting.

Alex Smith, who is having a siege of grippe is not as well as he has been due to a second attack which broke out Saturday night.

John Sullenburger shipped some stock to the Omaha market last Saturday. He accompanied the shipment and will visit his old home in Iowa before returning home.

George Young drove down to Scottsbluff Sunday afternoon and visited with his children who make

their home with their grandparents. Mr. Young's father came home with him.

Miss Reeves and Miss Gibson spent Sunday with the home folks.

Mrs. VanSkye spent a few days with her parents this week returning to her home in Alliance Friday.

Mrs. Harry Townley and daughter, Lowana, expect to leave this week for Cheyenne, Wyo., where they will make their home, Mr. Townley being employed there.

HE DON'T WANT IT.

Under the heading, "We Suggest That This Gentleman Is Opposed to Prohibition," the Winona, Minn., Republican-Herald quotes the following letter from the Chicago Tribune:

"Gentlemen I often see a good bust in your paper for Prohibition and nobody wants Prohibition. 90 per cent of the people in Minnesota don't want it and still it is forced on to the people by a few Bolsheviki because no good American will want Prohibition forced on to him self in such way as this was. If we want Prohibition we would of Voted the State Dry but the State Wet. Wet And the Dryes Cant Steel the Poor mans Glass of Beer in such way as that. I always was agens the Saloon But the Dryes are such suck-

ers that you give them a finger that they will swallow you. Think of a man cant make his wine to hold the rich man laid in a supply ore can always get it. But the poor Working man Nothing how long will Prohibition Last. as long as a Snow ball in Hell. People in voted by the thousands will never do it agin I am I to. The unrest they is in this Country now came true Prohibition will last. A man don't have Vote no more his Vote counts nothing anyway. papers blow about Bolsheviki But people are drevn to Bolsheviki By sutch Outrage as Prohibition. We will watch you pay for an answer. Yours Truly, L. F."

It is necessary to obtain a permit to buy even a newspaper in Irkutsk, Siberia, under soviet rule. Even the oppressive and tyrannical governments opposed by the leaders of the soviet government do not exercise such pervasion over individual liberty of action as this.

cell in England are to be allowed to smoke "to keep them in good humor," for one thing, and as a "antidote for a badly ventilated room," for another. This is perhaps the most ingenious method of ventilating a room ever devised.

Non-Partisan Ballot

General Election, November 2, 1920.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

SAMPLE BALLOT

For CHIEF JUSTICE SUPREME COURT

Vote for ONLY ONE

- GRANT G. MARTIN
- ANDREW M. MORRISSEY

For JUDGE SUPREME COURT

Vote for ONLY ONE

- GEORGE A. DAY
- WILLIAM C. DORSEY

For JUDGE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Vote for ONLY ONE

- WILLIAM H. WESTOVER

For COUNTY JUDGE

Vote for ONLY ONE

- IRA E. TASH

For STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Vote for ONLY ONE

- JOHN M. MATZEN
- OWEN P. STEWART

For REGENTS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY

Vote for ONLY TWO

- WILLIAM L. BATES
- GEORGE N. SEYMOUR
- E. H. GERHART
- VICTOR G. LYFORD

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Cookies
1/2 cup shortening
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
or grated rind of 1 lemon
4 cups flour
3 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder

Cream shortening and sugar together; add milk to beaten eggs and beat again; add slowly to creamed shortening and sugar; add nutmeg and flavoring; add 2 cups flour sifted with baking powder; add enough more flour to make stiff dough. Roll out very thin on floured board; cut with cookie cutter, sprinkle with sugar, or put a raisin or a piece of English walnut in the center of each. Bake about 12 minutes in hot oven.

Cocoa Drop Cakes
4 tablespoons shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup milk
1 1/2 cups flour
3 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream shortening; add sugar and well-beaten egg; beat well and add milk slowly; sift flour, baking powder, salt and cocoa into mixture; stir until smooth, add vanilla. Put one tablespoon of batter into each greased muffin tin and bake in moderate oven about 20 minutes. Cover with boiled icing.

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