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OIL ACTIVITIES IN PORTALES CAUSES MUCH FAVORABLE COMMENT IN OIL CENTERS OF MANY STATES

New-Mex Machinery is on the Way, a Complete Set New Tools Shipped from Okla.

Everything Ready for Immediate Drilling When New Equipment Reaches Here

It is only a matter of a few days when actual oil operations will be going full blast in the local field. The Nu-Mex machinery has been shipped, and the contractor with his drillers and tool dressers will soon be here to start the 3600 foot hole which the Oklahoma men have bonded themselves to drill. It marks an era for Portales and Roosevelt County that will do more to bring general prosperity than all other operations combined which have been heretofore undertaken in this part of the State.

Sup't James E. Webb, of the Nu-Mex Oil Company returned to Portales Monday with a contract signed by himself and S. P. Smith of Allen, Oklahoma, an oil drilling contractor of many years experience. The contractor agrees to furnish a brand new string of tools, complete in every particular, with drilling, gishing and under-reaming equipment to meet every emergency. Webb says that Smith is as capable a man as can be found in Oklahoma. Nothing is more important in drilling a well in a new country than to have a driller of experience and ability. The formations below the ground are unknown and the driller must feel his way, having no logs of previous wells to guide him. It's a man's job to handle a wild-cat well and the Nu-Mex people, who are preparing to spend at least \$60,000 on their first well, were wise to exercise every degree of care in securing a contractor competent to do the work. To insure extra vigilance the Nu-Mex company have set aside several choice leases not far from the well which will be given to the contractor in case he brings in a producer. This feature will appeal to everybody interested as a wise measure.

Coal for the boiler is on the ground; for some time wagons have been hauling the fuel. All these minor items are of importance to local residents as it means money distributed in which the community at large gets a share. There will be tens of thousands of dollars spent for labor and supplies while the well is being drilled and the merchants and farmers who get the benefit of this money should do all they can to encourage and boost the enterprise. And man who stands back and fails to do his part is not making the best of his opportunities.

It is the desire of the Nu-Mex people to drill two wells instead

After reading this paper please send it to some friend in the east or to the old home. It might help to boost the county, our oil interests and our farming industries.

Oil Notes.

Sec'y C. G. Anderson of the Nu-Mex Oil Company was called to Ada, Oklahoma on account of illness in his family. He returns this week. He writes that there is great interest in Oklahoma over the oil developments in Eastern New Mexico and Roosevelt County in particular.

Several Clovis parties were in Portales this week looking over leases near the Wilcox rance.

Fiscal Agent C. J. Hagerling of the Nu-Mex company went to Amarillo to confer with operators there who propose to drill a well in this region. He reports that the boom in Amarillo has filled the town to overflowing. Many who got in too late to get leases at moderate prices are coming to New Mexico for acreage.

St. Louis parties have written for prices on leases with a view of drilling later on. The same is true of Kansas City oil people, who had their agent here this week getting options.

All men of Wichita Falls, Texas, will close a contract for a 3600 foot well at Redland on August 10th, is the information brought to this office by Mr. J. T. Taylor. It is more than possible that the contract will provide for two holes. Mr. Taylor says that there is no question but what this contract will go through and he is almost equally certain that oil will be found at Redland. He had devoted much time and labor in hunting out that country and he says he has the right dope, that Redland will be one of the big oil fields of the state.

There are three geologists working in the Yeso country under the direction of Geologist Dr. H.E. Elliott. It is stated that their reports, when completed, will be published. Also that they are working this way and may make a report on Roosevelt county.

To Trade—One span of good work mules to trade for old Jitney, see or write G. L. Hatcher, Upton, N. M.

of making only one test. It often happens even in a proven field that a dry hole comes in. Ranger and Burkburnett have often shown this, as has every other district. One dry hole should not condemn a field. For this reason the Nu-Mex company hopes to be in position to make two deep tests and they will do so if they get the support they have reason to expect from the people of New Mexico. If they get the oil or gas which the geologists say they have reason to encounter, every man, woman and child in the entire state will be benefitted beyond the power of words to express. It will lower taxes, build schools, roads and other improvements and bring more people into the state than any other undertaking. It will set the clock ahead for 50 years.

Getting in the Game

Newspapers printed in Eastern and the Middle-West States are devoting increasing space to the oil operations in New Mexico. Inquiries received at the Nu-Mex offices show the results of the articles appearing in various sections of the country. Not a day passes but some representative of oil interests outside the State drives into Portales looking into the local situation.

The developments in the Eastern tier of counties are receiving particular attention at this time on account of the phenomenal gas showing near Amarillo. People in that city have gone wild with excitement. Stocks in Amarillo companies have yielded profits that rival those of Burkburnett and Ranger. One stock jumped from \$10 to \$1000 per share in 48 hours after the last gas well came in. Others showed profits from 200% to 2000% which has whetted the appetites of the local investors. There is just enough oil showing in the Amarillo gas wells to indicate the existence on oil not far off and New Mexico is apt to be the spot, just as geologists have claimed. At any rate the oil fraternity seems to be ready to spend money to find out and capital will not be wanting to support their operations.

Both stock and leases in New Mexico companies are finding many buyers. As drilling goes deeper prices go up and opportunities are open to get in now at figures that will not be found later on. Most people are willing to take a chance when they believe they are going to get a square deal, and no better gamble comes to a man than to get in on an oil deal where the well is certain to be drilled.

Farm Bureau Incorporated.

The Roosevelt County Farm and Live Stock bureau has been incorporated under the laws of the state. This is the first farmers' organization in New Mexico to take out incorporation papers and much credit is due County Agent J. B. Petersen for his interest in and the energy with which he has pushed farm problems. The Farm bureau is his child so far as it applies to Roosevelt county, and the state christening will go a long way towards perpetuating its usefulness. The incorporators are Carl Mueller, John V. Miller, R. G. Bryant, S. A. Crabb and H. P. Edmonds. The officers are Carl Mueller president; Tom Davidson, vice president; R. G. Bryant, secretary-treasurer; the officers named and John V. Miller, H. P. Edmonds and C. H. Greathouse are the board of directors.

Miss Irma Johnston, of Dallas, Texas, is here visiting in the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Oldham.

Langdon Gregg, brother of Sheriff A. L. Gregg, is here from Clovis for a few days.

Farm and crop for sale. Would take city property or auto in part payment. —New Mexico Land, Oil and Cattle Co.

Commissioners' Proceedings

Portales Journal, printing county school superintendent.....	18 75
Portales Journal, commissioners proceedings....	70 16
Geo. D. Barnard and Co., supplies & surniture....	75 95
Goodloe Paint Co., repair on jail.....	109 90
G. A. Dickbreder, repair on desk.....	35
J. B. Crow, repair pipe & float valve.....	1 75
Edna Francis, Dist. attorney stenographer.....	18 00
Frank Wilson, Wit. fee J. P. court.....	7 00
John W. Ballow, office expense 2nd quarter 1919	67 80
Portales Valley News, printing.....	12 55
Seth A. Morrison, recording birth and death certificate.....	7 35
J. P. Williams, judge, Gen. and J. P. election.....	4 00
J. C. Compton, office rent 2nd quarter 1919.....	22 50
Lee Carter, map for Co., highway Supt.....	1 00
Portales Lumber Co., supplies.....	2 25
A. M. Stephens, judge of election precinct 20....	2 00
N. G. McCormack, jailers salary 2nd quarter 1919	180 00
Joe Boren, work at jail..	1 00
Portales Brok. & Coal Co., coal.....	8 75
J. B. Crow, lawn spray..	3 00
J. A. Sisom, work at court house.....	2 00
Sam J. Stinnett, office expense.....	8 32
Sam J. Stinnett, traveling expense.....	7 50
Burl Johnson, office expense.....	20 72
Kenna Record, publishing tax notice.....	6 00
Town of Portales, water and light 2nd quarter..	90 80
Leach Coal Co., coal....	22 35
E. M. Kornegay, expense 2nd quarter 1919.....	24 05
C. V. Harris, supplies....	11 80
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P. E. Morrison, salary 2nd quarter 1919.....	200 00
Brawleys Insurance Agey. premium on W. H. Ball's bond.....	25 00
H. A. Secrest, expense and reporting J. P. court	17 00
Seth A. Morrison, office expense 2nd quarter...	34 67
Joyce-Fruit Company, supplies.....	9 05
Crane & Company, supplies.....	159 44
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Treas. board of regents, J. B. Peterson salary..	300 00
A. L. Gregg, board of prisoners 2nd quarter 1919.....	84 25
A. L. Gregg, testing scales	62 25
Portales Drug Store, supplies.....	4 20
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The following claims were re-	

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MESA OIL AND GAS COMPANY WILL PUT DOWN WELL ON A LOCATION TO BE NAMED IN A FEW DAYS

Well Will Either at Mesa or in the Elida Community Is Statement of Company

Driller Has Gone After a Rig and is to be Here Pronto Drilling Starts this Month

The Mesa Oil and Gas company is another new organization that will commence at once to go after that elusive commodity that makes Rockefeller's check good. The organization has been perfected and an officer of the company is now in the east buying the rig, machinery and other necessities for exploiting the bowels of mother earth. T. R. Chapman, an oil operator of Wichita Falls, Texas, is now after the machinery and will stay and ride it home. The first well has not yet been located. The desire is to make the first hole in the Mesa community, and this will be done provided satisfactory arrangements as to leases, etc., can be made with the land owners, otherwise it will go to the other location near Elida. It is scarcely probable that the Mesa people will so far neglect their own interests as to permit this opportunity to go by. It might be years before another chance showed up. As the matter now stands, there is most of the acreage subscribed and an effort will be made to get the balance, however, this condition will not be allowed to delay matters, sufficient acreage having already been secured for the other site. It is said that the Mesa location carries the best of oil indications; that but little, if any, doubt exists as to what will be found. There are many wells in that locality in which the water unfit for domestic use by reason of the oil accumulations. While waiting for the necessary machinery everything calculated to hurry matters that is humanly possible is being done. Work on this project has been going on for some time, but the gentlemen having the matter in charge thought it best to wait until they were able to give out something definite before making their plans public. Things have progressed so favorably thus far that all doubt, except as to exact location, has been removed, and it is now a positive fact that the Mesa Oil and Gas company will put down, at least one deep test oil well, four thousand feet, if necessary, to positively make a complete test of their location. The rig and machinery will be the recognized standard, such as is used by the most successful oil operators in all the big fields. Keep your eyes on this company, there'll be something doing before the "Leaves begin to fall."