

HEAD DRILLER INJURED

Struck by Pinch Bar at Paragould While Pulling Casing.

Special to the Gazette. 1921
Paragould, Aug. 16.—James Black, head driller at the Preston Oil and Gas Company's test well, was painfully injured when a pinch bar, being used in an effort to pull casing, struck him on the chest. For a while it was thought he was fatally hurt, but it later developed that the injury was not serious. The drillers at the Preston test are having considerable trouble with quicksand. It is said that during the past few weeks seven different stratas of quicksand have been struck. Drilling operations are at a standstill, the men trying to raise the eight-inch casing so that a 10-inch bit can be lowered for the purpose of getting rid of a gumbo substance. It is thought the trouble will be remedied in a few days.

PREPARING TO DRILL.

Special to the Gazette. 12-26-21
Paragould, Dec. 25.—P. B. Bowler head driller of the Bowler Drilling and Construction Company of Little Rock, is here superintending the moving the standard rig to the Alex McDaniel farm, three and a half miles southeast of here, where the Volcanic Oil Company of Niagara Falls, Canada, proposes to drill a test well. It is said that the derrick will be erected with the next 10 days, and that drilling will commence within two weeks if the weather permits. The location of the proposed well is about 20 feet west of the Paragould-Jonesboro road, and is near the center of between 5,000 and 6,000 acres of land owned by the Canadian concern.

READY FOR OIL TEST

Canadian Company Will Drill in Greene County.

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Paragould, Jan. 3.—Preparations for drilling the test oil well on the McDaniel farm, three and one-half miles southwest of the city, are going rapidly forward. Drilling machinery has been placed on the ground, and work will start on the derrick tomorrow if the weather permits. A large reservoir was completed yesterday, 10 teams working all Sunday on the job. The well is to be drilled by the Bowler Construction Company, a Little Rock concern, Mr. Bowler being on the ground to superintend the work. The test will be put down by the Volcanic Oil Company of Canada.

READY TO SPUD IN. 1922

Special to the Gazette.
Paragould, Jan. 26.—The derrick for the test oil well which is to be drilled two and one-half miles southwest of

Paragould has been completed, and the drilling machinery is in readiness for operation. Spudding in was scheduled for noon yesterday, but owing to the fact that a gasoline engine failed to arrive, it was postponed. Drilling will start as soon as the engine reaches here.

WELL DOWN 1,500 FEET

Test in Greene County Is Progressing Satisfactorily, Driller Says.

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Paragould, July 16.—Mr. Bowler, head driller for the Bowler Well and Construction Company, sinking a test well two and a half miles southwest of here, was in town yesterday morning, and said he is pleased with the progress his crew is making. He said that his crew is working regularly, drilling going forward night and day. The test it is reported, is down approximately 1,500 feet.

TO DRILL IN GREENE

Canadian Firm's Temporary Site Is Near Paragould.

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Paragould, Dec. 22.—It is said that the test oil well to be drilled in the vicinity of Paragould by representatives of the Volcanic Oil Company of Niagara Falls, Canada, will be located on the Alex McDaniel farm, four miles southwest of the city. The drilling machinery is on the Cotton Belt siding, having arrived several days ago from Texas. The test will be sunk by a Little Rock firm on contract, it is said, and it is reported drilling will begin soon after the first of the year.