

# DRILLING OIL WELL IN PRAIRIE COUNTY

## Local Men Are Interested in Prospect Started Near Sweeton.

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The Bowler Well and Construction Company, oil well contractors and oil producers, 207 West Markham street, has started a well midway between Carlisle, Lonoke county, and Hazen, Prairie county, on a structure worked out recently by S. W. Wisby & Co., geologists, of Little Rock, and other geologists. Fifty-pound, 12 1-2 inch casing has been set in this well at a depth of 140 feet.

The well was started with a small water well rig, but this has been removed and a large rotary with 3,000 feet of drill stem now is being set up. The drillers plan to go to 3,000 feet, unless oil or gas or the Paleozoic granite is encountered at a lesser depth.

## HAS FOUND GOOD SAND

Bowler Well and Construction Company to Test Near Sweeton.

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The Bowler Well and Construction Company has taken a core barrel test of sand encountered at 1,935 feet in its well near Sweeton, Prairie county, and P. D. Bowler, president of the company, yesterday reported that this sand contained so much gas the drillers were able to burn the gas from the sand after it was taken from the well. Mr. Bowler says that geologists and chemists both have examined this sand and are confident that gas and oil will be found at this depth.

The well is in Section 20-2-6 and is 35 miles east of Little Rock.

The drillers will begin reaming the well today, Mr. Bowler said, and eight-inch casing will be set in gumbo just above the sand. The company plans to test out the well just as soon as possible, Mr. Bowler said.

## Pittsburgh Capitalists Announce Hazen Gas Test.

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Conway, Aug. 30.—With 100,000 acres in Prairie county under lease, a group of Pittsburgh capitalists, whose Arkansas representative is E. A. Becker, will start immediately on an oil and gas test on a location a short distance south of Hazen and north of Stuttgart. The rig will be placed there Monday and drilling will be started as soon as preparations can be completed.

Mr. Becker, who came here to negotiate a lease with a Conway citizen who owns Prairie county property, said that the block of acreage was completed when the local man signed the desired lease, and his company now is ready to proceed. The group operates exclusively in wildcat territory and its holdings are worldwide. Mr. Becker had charge of the oil test made seven years ago near Linder, northeast of Conway. It was abandoned at a depth of 4,000 feet.

## Derrick Being Erected for Test Well Near Hazen.

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Hazen, Sept. 5.—The derrick of the new oil and gas test well to be drilled by the Transcontinental Oil Company, one and one-half miles south of here, is being erected, and the company plans to push the drilling as rapidly as possible.

The company plans to go to a depth of 4,500 feet, unless pay sand is found at a lesser depth. The promoters say that they expect that oil and gas sand will be found around 2,500 feet.

## Second Oil Test Well Being Drilled Near Des Arc.

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Des Arc, Aug. 18.—The Powell Creek Oil & Gas Company, which has sunk one well in a test for oil near Johnson Chapel is erecting another derrick at what is known as the "Old Ford Field," near Johnson Chapel, and will begin drilling as soon as the derrick is completed.

In the previous well enough oil was found to convince drillers they are at the edge of a pool. They are drilling about two miles from the first well, trying to hit the pool. The Willard Stewart Lumber Company is building the new derrick.