

Oil Drilling Planned in Searcy and Van Buren Counties.

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Leslie, March 2.—Indications point to the early testing of this section of Searcy, and the northern part of Van Buren county for oil and gas. H. E. Daugherty of Denver, Col., who has acquired a block of 15,000 acres south and west of this place, in the southern part of Searcy county, and the northern part of Van Buren county, announces that he will have a rig in soon to start a test hole. He and his geologist have spent considerable time in this section during the last few months getting leases blocked up and making a survey. Craver and Greene of Tulsa, Okla., who leased 25,000 acres here two years ago, and who have been paying annual rentals on the leases since that time, have written that they expect to begin active operation by April 1.

Drilling Equipment Unloaded for Searcy County Test.

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Leslie, June 4.—Machinery and equipment have been unloaded for the oil drilling project planned 10 miles southwest of Leslie on the Marcus West farm by H. M. Daugherty of Denver, Col. Daugherty has blocked 14,000 acres for leasing with an agreement that he will drill immediately. The project is financed by Colorado capital.

Oil Lease Activity Reported Near Leslie.

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Leslie, Jan. 28.—Trading in oil and gas leases and royalties in this section is very active. Approximately 50 acreage blocks have been leased in Searcy, Van Buren, Conway, Cleburne, Newton, Pope and Stone counties, and in some of these counties drilling is in progress. The Cosden Company is making a test near Rosebud in Cleburne county, and near Hector in Pope. Dr. Martin, and others, are drilling a well near Bee Branch, Graver and Walker are drilling near Heber Springs, and the Arkansas Natural Gas near Dover. Some of these blocks are adjacent to Leslie, and acreage is held by persons here.