DRILLING IS RESUMED

Prospects Are Encouraging on Test Near Charleston.

Special to the Gazette.
Charleston, Aug. 16.—Drilling has been resumed on the test well on the Matthews lease three and one-half miles east of Charleston. Work was delayed several weeks as a result of a suit in federal court by A. J. Burke, driller, against the River Oil Company. As a result of the suit the company was declared bankrupt and its assets seized. They were bought by Mr. Burke.

Drilling was resumed yesterday and Mr. Burke said that he was in a good oil sand. Today afternoon and that he encountered a small gas flow.

There is much excitement locally over the prospects. To encourage Mr. Burke, the Cradle Oil and Gas Association of Charleston and the Grand Prairie Oil Company, each have contributed $2,000 to help the company get well.

The company has made a contract with Mr. Burke to drill a test well on the Humphrey lease one mile east of Charleston as soon as the Matthews test is completed. The contract provides that drilling on the Humphrey lease shall start not later than December 15.

Mysterious 'Gasoline Well' Tests High Grade Fuel

Samples of gasoline taken from a mysterious 'gasoline well' at Ozark, Arkansas, by Fred A. Helms, inspector for the State Department of Conservation and Inspection, tested high grade fuel, Parker R. Hawn, commissioner of the department, said yesterday.

Mr. Helms drew a sample of oil from the well, and obtained about 20 cwt of raw gasoline, which showed an initial boiling point of 140 degrees and an end point of 428 degrees, both of which are well within the limits prescribed by law. The gravity was 82.3, which is a high gravity test run from 66 to 83.

Officials of the department said the well is about 100 feet from a filling station, and that the gasoline tests are being taken.

The well is described as a deep well, and the owner of the filling station is reported to have made a careful check of gasoline in the tank and to have expressed the belief that the gasoline did not come from his station.

Several automobiles were driven from Ozark to Fort Smith last week, on gasoline obtained from tanks of water drawn from the well.

Gas Flow of 4,000,000 Feet Struck Near Ozark.

Special to the Gazette.
Ozark, Aug. 20—The Red Bank Oil Company of Tulsa, drilling for oil on the Oakland farm property in the Baker valley, three and a half miles east of Ozark, struck a 4,000,000-foot gas well early today at a depth of 3,100 feet. At the time of the strike the borehole was 12 inches in the gas producing sand.

Drilling operations ceased and work was begun immediately of getting the bore further down into the well and when this is finished the 12-inch boring will be pulled and an attempt made to push off gas and water, after which drilling will continue.

The first gas was struck at 1,500 feet, second gas was struck at 1,730 feet. These two flows amount to around 4,000,000 feet and with the strike today the well is producing 8,000,000 feet.

The Red Bank company holds leases on 100,000 acres in Franklin county, 6,000 being in this block. Oswald Hanson, president of the company, holds more than 1,000 acres since lease indications were noted. The well was spudded in on May 5.

Well oil will be drilled through, according to officials, at approximately 4,000 to 5,000 feet, after which a production test will be made and, according to the tax collector, numerous owners would have their taxes paid.

New Gas Well Near Charleston Makes 1,000,000 Feet.

Special to the Gazette.
Charleston, Aug. 17.—A test well drilled in a new territory, seven miles north of Charleston, struck gas Thursday night at 1,300 feet. It was said the well was making about 1,000,000 feet. Drilling was being continued through today, and it is believed the well would give out any information here deep they intended to go.

This will be between the gas wells in the Laveron field to the west and the Bad Early well on the east.

Another Gas Well to Be Drilled Near Charleston.

Special to the Gazette.
Charleston, May 18.—The Fort Smith Gas Company is preparing to drill a well on the J. N. McDonald land, five miles north of Charleston. Drilling will begin in a few days. A large area is under lease. One well has been drilled. Gas from this well will be used in operating machinery for the new well.

Derrick Going Up on Location Near Ozark

Ozark.—The Harper Drilling Company began building a Derrick on the land of Mrs. Janis Crowe, three miles east of Ozark. Gas was struck Wednesday and it is said that it will require several days for the drilling crew to build sufficient groundworks to hold the cap.

The well was started about two months ago and is being put down by the Harper Drilling Company for the Ozark Natural Gas Company at Fort Smith. Several days ago a small gush of gas began to flow, and it is believed that the well was set on fire by lightning, but at that time the gas flow was not so large that it was easily captured and the fire extinguished.

All visitors near the well are instructed to avoid contact with other than using matches. The well is to be drilled to a depth of 6,000 feet. Further drilling, however, will be delayed until a well is drilled at Vesta, south of here. Drills had reached a depth of 2,400 feet when gas was reached.

Small Gas Well Running Will Be Bored Into Groundwater to Hold the Cap.

Gas Flow of 4,000,000 Feet Struck Near Ozark.

Special to the Gazette.
Ozark, June 29—Gas has been found at a depth of 2,175 feet on the land of Mrs. Janis Crowe, three miles east of Ozark. The well is being drilled by the Ozark Natural Gas Company of Fort Smith. It is estimated that the well has a flow of 4,000,000 cubic feet daily. A well will be drilled at Vesta south of here soon.
Gas Well Brought In.
Ozark:—The crew of the Harper Drilling Company struck gas on the land of Mrs. George Baker, east of Ozark, Tuesday. The drill, which was begun at 18 and 30 miles northwest of Ozark, was completed Wednesday and will be brought in this week.

Dallas Firm Drills
Domino Oil, Near Tulsa
Albian-Merens field No. 5, field that can be leased under contract north and west of Albian, and which is hoped will be an oil boom developing within the next few months. The Southern Union Oil Company of Dallas, Texas, is drilling a test for the Sam Whiteside lease, one and one-half miles west of Albian. More holes will be spudded in the next few months and the well will be brought in within the next few weeks, it is reported.

Three tests about three miles northwest of Albian that were forced last year are heavy gas producers, the largest producing 10,000,000 cubic feet daily.

Pipeline Started to Connect
Vesta, Hamm Gas Field.

New Franklin County Gas Well
Supplying Fort Smith.
Ozark, Oct. 26.—The Ramsey No. 1 well, 20th producer in the Union Academy gas field east of here, which has a 10,000,000-cubic-foot daily capacity last week, is now ready to go into Fort Smith main.

Drilling was by the Harper Drilling Company of Fort Smith.
Mid-continent oil executives are watching the area, with special attention on the Patterson No. 1 well drilled by the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Company in the Clarksville field between Clarksdale and Huntsville in Madison county, in which pipe has been set at 4,571 feet. Of interest is the Old Empire Gas and Fuel Company's No. 1 Jethro well in this (Franklin) county, which has the base of the Arbuckle at 1,765 feet and the top of the Wilcox at 3,360.

Second Gas Test Spudded In
On Fairfield Field Lease.

Ozark, Jan. 2.—The Harper Drilling Company of Fort Smith spudded in the second well on the Hangley lease in the Fairfield field Wednesday. Drilling of the Crowe well in the same field in lower depth was stopped until next week because of illness among crew members.

Biggest Gas Well in Fairview Field Is Capped.

Ozark, July 18.—The latest gas well in the Fairview field, three miles northeast of here, and the fifth to be drilled by the Harper Company of Fort Smith, has been capped and the gas turned into mains of the Ozark Natural Gas Company supplying Fort Smith. Under strict order, drilling was stopped on the upper sand where 3,157,000 feet of gas were encountered, breaking the record for all wells in the field. Prospects are that the Ozark Natural Gas Company will contract with Harper again immediately for the drilling of another well at the eastern edge of the field.

Gas Line Being Built to Well Near Ozark.

Ozark, Sept. 15.—Construction of a four-mile gas pipeline from the Southern Union well No. 1, three and three miles northeast of here, has been started by a crew of which A. B. Harper is superintendent.

Certain to Proceed.
Ozark, Sept. 14.—Construction of a four-mile gas pipeline from the Southern Union well No. 1, three and a half miles northeast of here, has been started by a crew of which A. B. Harper is superintendent. The line will connect with the line from Clarksville to Fayetteville and will serve about 800 persons in the area. The line will be completed in about 30 days.

Northern Gas Authorizes.
The Arkansas-Western Gas Company, of Fayetteville, was authorized by the state Public Utilities Commission yesterday to lay a 4-inch main gas line 7.50 miles from its gas well in Franklin county.

Seventh Gas Well Spudded Near Ozark.

Ozark, Sept. 29.—The Harper Drilling Company of Fort Smith spudded in the seventh gas well in the Fairfield field three miles east of here, today, under contract with the Ozark Natural Gas Company of Fort Smith.

Drilling in Harrell Well at Cato
To Be Resumed Soon.

Ozark, Oct. 4.—Drilling in the Adam R. Harrell well at Cato, suspended since September 10, will be resumed about October 15, Mr. Harrell said here today. Drilling was suspended because Mr. Harrell had to move his power unit to a cotton gin and during the coming season. The well has been driven to a depth of 5,340 feet. At a depth of about 5,400 feet, a sand, usually 3,440 feet in diameter, was encountered, but the sand was so hard that it was decided not to attempt to bring it in, which would have necessitated more equipment.

8,000,000-Foot Gas Well Near
Ozark Blows In.

Ozark, April 15.—The eighth well in the Union Ridge field here blew in making 8,000,000 cubic feet of gas at a depth of only 2,740 feet last night. The well was drilled by the Harper Company for the Fort Smith Natural Gas Company.