Preparing to Drill for Oil in Izard County.

Cabinet News, Dec. 7.—The rig which will be used for locating the first oil and gas well in Izard county arrived yesterday, and will be in operation by Christmas. The west is being made by C. B. Lyons and associates of LaHarpe, Kan., who have leased 25,000 acres. Two geologists have reported favorably on the chances of striking oil, but only one well has ever been drilled in the upper White river country. This was near Batesville. Mr. Lyons' wells will be near Magazine, Mr. Lyons being a stockman. The first two are going shallow and another around 2,000 feet.