Special to the Gazette.

Newport, March 19. -- Casing with which the Village Creek Development Company will complete the test of its Bowen No. 1, 18 miles northeast of Newport, arrived today from El Dorado and will be set at once.

The drill has passed through the Arkadelphia clay and encountered what geologists say is the Midway sand. It is their belief that the Mcatock sand will be encountered at a slightly lower depth. The well is down 400 feet.

A number of persons interested in oil in Arkansas and Oklahoma have visited the test and expressed the belief that a shallow field will be brought in here. The Village Creek Company is reported to have bid an opportunity to dispose of three-fourths of its 14,000 acres for $150,000 to New York interests, and an agent of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company of Tulsa, Okla., is reported to be in Newport this week negotiating for a portion of the company's holdings.