

Drilling for Oil to Begin Near Sitka Soon. 7-12-30

Special to the Gazette.
Hardy, Sept. 11.—Prospectors will begin drilling for oil near Sitka, a few miles southeast of Williford, within a few weeks, according to announcement by J. S. Maxwell and George S. Maxwell, representatives of the Arkansas Petroleum Company, whose home office is at Portland, Ore.

Drills and other machinery are expected to arrive at Williford soon. John Bardict, sawmill operator, has obtained a contract to furnish material for the derrick. The exact location of the well has not been established.

The promoters say the well will be spudded in some time in October. Last year leases were obtained on a tract extending from about three miles south of Williford to the Strawberry river, extending about two miles east and west on a direct line south of Williford. Leases now are being obtained on land north of Williford and Spring river.

Mineral Leases Are Bought by Capitalist 7-13-30

Evening Shade, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—About \$10,000 is said to have changed hands here this morning when C. H. Gunter of New York City, a capitalist, purchased for his company the mineral rights of leases on about 20,000 acres of oil, gas and mineral leases owned by the Lincoln, Neb., Mining, Milling and Development Corporation. The last named was represented here by W. J. Oppen, president of the concern; Wm. L. Bell, a mining engineer; and W. M. Byford, dealer in leases of this kind. Most of the leases are located in the north end of the county, around Williford and Sitka. Preparations are being made by the Lincoln company to drill for oil and gas there.

Mr. Gunter stated that the attention of his company had been drawn to this section's resources by the last published report of the United States geological survey. He said that they would seek to develop the lead and zinc deposits here, as well as other minerals, including limestone suitable for making lime. There is, without doubt, an abundance of mineral resources here, but for a long time poor roads and distance from the railroads prevented it being mined profitably.

H. H. Norman of Hardy, F. Marion Biggs of Poughkeepsie, and Wm. R. Blagg of Center, are among those alleged to have sold substantial blocks of leases to Mr. Gunter today.

Eastern Capitalist Buys Sharp County Mineral Rights. 10-16-30

Special to the Gazette.
Evening Shade, Oct. 15.—C. H. Gunter of New York, representing Eastern capitalists, announced today that he had purchased the oil, gas and mineral rights on 20,000 acres in Sharp county from the Lincoln Mining, Milling and Development Corporation of Lincoln, Neb., and that he was negotiating for the purchase of mineral rights on other tracts.

Most of the land involved is in the northern and northeastern sections of

the county, near Williford and Sitka. Preparations are being made for drilling for oil and gas, Mr. Hunter said. His group also is interested in the development of copper, zinc and lime deposits near here, Mr. Gunter said. Interest of the Eastern group was drawn to Sharp county by the recently published United States Geological Survey report.

Mr. Gunter is said to have obtained mineral rights on tracts owned by F. M. Biggs of Poughkeepsie, W. R. Blagg of Center and H. H. Norman of Hardy.

Mr. Gunter conferred here with a party of Lincoln (Neb.) mining engineers and officials of the mining company.

Helium Gas Indications Reported Found Near Evening Shade. 12-14-30

Special to the Gazette.
Evening Shade, Dec. 13.—Indications of helium gas have been found in this area, it is reported by a geologist employed by F. M. Biggs of Poughkeepsie, who has been buying mineral leases here.

Mr. Biggs has been buying additional leases on the recommendations of the geologist, who is from New York. He said the geologist reported that helium gas was bubbling from a spring on the W. A. Edwards farm, south of here.

Gas, Helium, Sharp Co.