MAY DRILL IN STONE
Company New Taking Leases Near Mountain View.

Mountain View, Sept. 11.—The Stone County Oil Company is taking leases in this county and expects to drill here soon. Its geologist will be here soon and make the location for the hole. The company is composed of Michigan timber men, who are operating here, and associates.

It does not appear possible that general markets have declined to such a marked extent without reducing the operating cost of the hotels, and this seems to have been the main contention of the hotel men. We are going along with the campaign, sure that its success will not deprive any business of its legitimate profit, and sure that all business will be bettered by lower hotel rates.

Strength to the movement for preference of moderate priced hotels, one of the steps taken by the joint committee in furthering the campaign, is being given by the instructions of several wholesale houses to their salesmen. Letters have been sent by these houses to all of their representatives in the road to patronize moderate priced hotels and restaurants wherever possible, and to pass up hotels which appear to charge exorbitant rates.