

**OUR NATURAL GAS  
WORTH MILLIONS**

(By W. A. Bartlett.)  
The most remarkable fact about the local oil and gas situation, in my opinion, is not that this district has every proof of being a rich gas field with good prospects of oil, but that so many people in the Payette-Ontario district are absolutely asleep on the subject and some even opposed to any effort to develop these resources which mean so much to the prosperity and wealth of this district.

It is strange that every practical oil man and geologist who has visited this district in the last few years, so far as I have been able to find out, including both government and state representatives, have been most enthusiastic over what they say is one of the great natural gas fields of the country, while many of our local residents scoff and laugh at the possibility of our natural gas being valuable.

The only excuse one can make for their attitude is that they have been disappointed so often in investing in highly colored blue-prints of distant oil fields, which they have never seen, and in the ill-advised prospecting which was done on this district without geological advice years ago, they think every oil or gas proposition is a fake.

Their attitude can also be explained by a very common trait of human nature which we can illustrate by saying that the grass always looks better in the other mule's pasture. Few people in any community appreciate the advantages which lie at their own door-steps. The fishing and hunting always looks better further up the creek.

People like to invest in an oil prospect in southern Texas, and forget that we have had several flowing gas wells furnishing natural gas right in Payette and Ontario for the past nine years.

I have talked to business men in both towns who have never taken the trouble to walk a few blocks and examine that gas. They have begrudged a few minutes time to read state and government reports as to the pressure and life of that gas, the development of which would mean so much to their business prosperity and land values.

And when some one tries to enlighten their interest in gas for local lighting, heating, and power, they say that it is only a small pocket of vegetable gas, or that the well was "salted" and the gas poured in the well.

Now to answer such arguments, it is only necessary to turn to our State and Government reports, both of which give the gas pressure from 440 to 880 pounds to the square inch, which is from eight to ten times as much pressure of gas now being used commercially in other fields. And the fact that these wells have been furnishing gas for eight or nine years is very good proof that they are not from small pockets of marsh gas and will probably furnish gas for many years yet to come.

With no such gas deposits found anywhere else within 300 miles in any direction from this district, the industrial prosperity and wealth its development would bring to this district can hardly be estimated.

A good gas well is almost as valuable as an oil well. This district is consuming about half a million dollars worth of coal every year, according to conservative estimates, and gas would replace a large part

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Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Preaching, 11:00 A. M. Subject: "Facing Facts."  
Junior Endeavor, 2:30 P. M.  
Senior Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.  
Preaching, 7:30 P. M. Subject: "Seeking and Finding."  
Expository Sermon Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

Our work is growing so much that we must do something to get more room. If you are interested don't be afraid to give a few dollars. The safety and security of your city is in the church life.  
I would like to see a large community church with well equipped gym, swimming pool, shower bath, etc. A clean place for young people sports. Think about it.

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of this fuel, in addition to bringing in many new industries which require cheap fuel.

The question of there being natural gas here is not a guess nor speculation. It is something anyone can see, smell, burn, examine and test, if they wish. After it has been flowing here steadily for nine years, we know it must come from some great, almost inexhaustible source of nature's store-houses below the surface of the ground.

These can easily be reached with a drill and furnish this district with a commodity which will bring ready cash, active industrial growth, and prosperity which will benefit every laborer, land owner, and business man of this district.

**VALLEY VIEW NEWS**

Mrs. C. E. Amidon visited her sister in Weiser last week.  
Miss Edith Goodwater will visit next week with Mrs. Starr in Ontario.

Mrs. Clarence Rees and Grandma Rees visited Mrs. Charles Johnson Tuesday afternoon.

Jess Brown and family spent Sunday at the C. E. Amidon home.

Mrs. W. G. Armstrong spent Monday afternoon visiting Mrs. W. S. Rees.

Mrs. Noah visited the school Thursday afternoon.

G. W. Kaylor and family moved up into Owyhee district last week.

The Sunday School gave a Red Skin Social at the school house Friday evening. Everyone had a fine time. Refreshments of apple pie and coffee were served.

Rev. Blom preached at the school house Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Powell of Ontario visited D. C. Griffin and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Armstrong spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brown.

Agnes Amidon visited the school Monday afternoon.

John Moreland of Weiser came down Sunday to work on Barrows and Ordway ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Everetts moved to Weiser the first of the week. Mr. Everetts will work on the Butterfield ranch near Weiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw of Payette visited their daughter, Mrs. A. R. Albee last week.

**NAZARENE CHURCH**  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Preaching, 11 A. M.  
Praise Meeting, 7 P. M.  
Preaching, 7:30 P. M.

The Revival continues with increased interest and large attendance. Owing to sickness in the home of Rev. I. G. Martin he was delayed in coming but we expect him this week. Rev. Payne of Payette is preaching in the Power of the Holy Spirit till Rev. Martin arrives. Come and hear him.  
Rev. Geo. Ward, Pastor.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
10:00, A. M. Bible School.  
11:00 A. M. Worship.

Sermon Subject: "Save America."  
6:45 P. M. Young People's Society  
Subject of study: "What is Real Religion?"  
Leader Miss Ula Gramse.

7:30, Worship. Sermon Subject: "Some Secrets on How to Live."

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(E. H. Blom, Pastor)  
Bible School, 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship and communion 11:00.

Junior B. Y. P. W., 6:30.  
Senior Young People's Service, 6:30.

Bible Study Class, 6:30.  
Gospel Service and Baptisms 7:30.  
Prayer Service, Wednesday 7:30.  
The Pastor preaches at Arcadia Sunday 2:30.

**METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Services  
10 A. M. Sunday School.

11 A. M. Preaching.

"The Only Way."  
6:45 P. M. Epworth League.

7:30 "Our Boys and Girls, what will they become."

**ESTRAYS**—One red three year old steer branded A on left hip under bit in right upper bit in left ear. Also one white face two year old bull branded C on left ribs under bit in left ear. Owner may have same by paying cost of advertising and feed bill. Ben F. Jordan, Westfall, Or. 14-16.

The Ladies Auxillary of the American Legion will give a cooked food sale at Blackaby's Jewelry store Saturday, March 12th from 1 P. M. to 9 P. M. 11.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ELIZABETH STEWART, Deceased.  
The undersigned having been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County, Executor of the estate of Elizabeth Stewart deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said Executor at Ontario National Bank in the City of Ontario.

W. F. HOMAN,  
Executor of the estate of Elizabeth Stewart, Deceased.  
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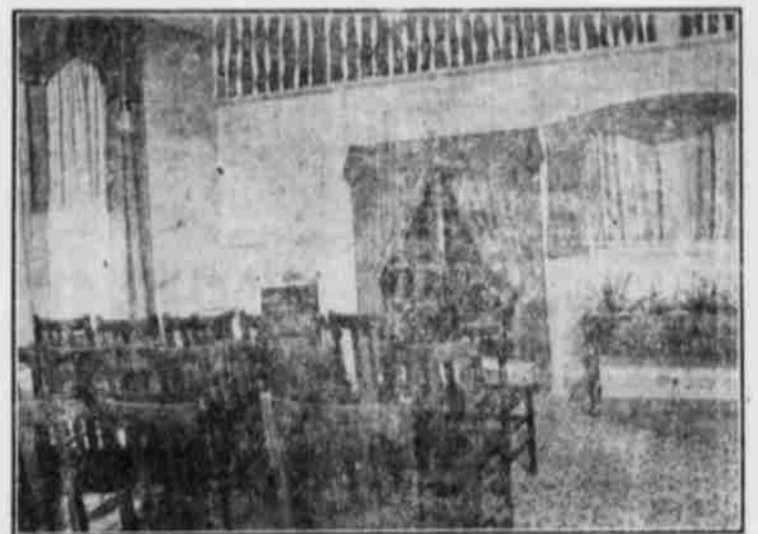


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