

GAS FLOWING IN WESTERN KANSAS

Success of Four Out of Five Wells Has Caused Stir Among Experts.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 18.—Western Kansas may become a valuable gas field. Gas has been developed near Ellsworth, which is about 100 miles west of the nearest successful wells at Eldorado, Chase county, and about 225 miles west of Kansas City.

Four wells are now flowing near Ellsworth. One proved a failure. The rock pressure of the best well is 2 1/2 pounds and it is growing stronger. As yet not enough of the gas has been used to make it possible to say that the field will be a success, but experts say the prospects are encouraging.

Erasmus Ellsworth, state geologist, visited the wells recently and was impressed with the outlook.

"The gas is of a very fine quality," he said. "Of course, none can tell how long it will last, but the indications for a successful flow are promising."

The four flowing wells are about half a mile south of Ellsworth. The one failure was drilled north of Ellsworth. The Ellsworth Oil, Gas & Development company has done all the drilling.

Getting the money to drill the first well was a difficult task, but at last it was raised. It was agreed to sink a well on "Arch" Larkin's farm, about half a mile south of the town. The drillers went down about 1100 feet. They struck gas, but the flow was weak. The company did not like the prospects, so they prepared to abandon the hole in the ground. Then it occurred to somebody that it might be possible to realize a little money on the well.

"They use for the pipes and the well will be yours," one of the company officials said to A. B. Larkin.

Mr. Larkin is a shrewd business man, as his wealth in farm lands and town property attests, and he thought he saw a future in that well. So he paid the cost of the pipe—something like \$250—and the workers moved on to drill in more promising fields across the road from the Larkin house.

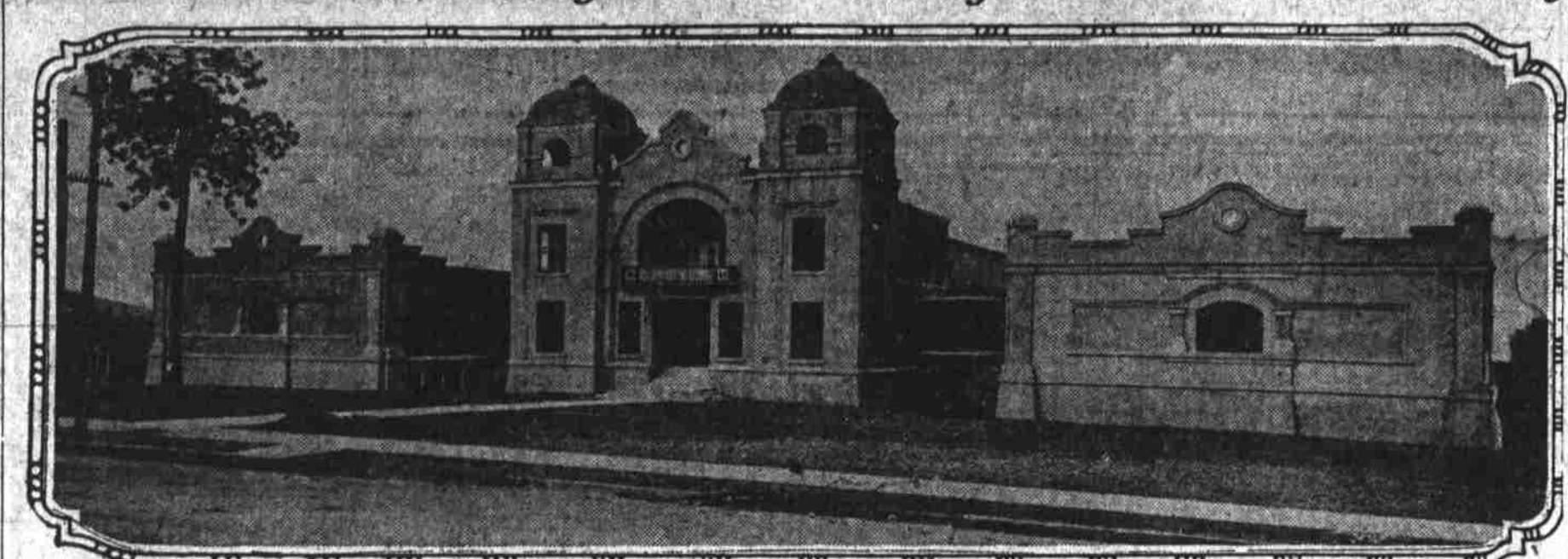
Fretty soon the well began to grow. There was little more than a hundred pounds pressure when the drillers left the hole, but almost before Larkin realized it gas was coming with a 250 pound pressure.

Larkin bent to town for the plumbers to harness the gas and make it begin paying board. First lights were fitted up throughout the house. Then pipes were put in the stoves and grates. After that a 500 candle power arc was hung on the front porch. It was a real light into a roadway 200 yards away and then a beacon light was set up.

That beacon light is one of the sights of Ellsworth county. Citizens no longer ask if the traveler has seen the rock. They ask if he has seen the light. The town, where Buffalo Bill, as a hired hand, carried his name. He takes the traveler by the coat sleeve after dusk and points to a giant light in a tower on the Larkin home and says:

"There she is, shining for miles." The gas produces a pure white light, and, as one of the women in the Larkin home expressed it, "just burns all the blackness off our cooking utensils."

Ashland's New \$75,000 High School Building to Be Dedicated Monday



Splendid Structure Is Monument to School System of Southern Oregon City.

(Special to The Journal.)
Ashland, Or., Nov. 18.—The formal opening of the new high school building, just completed, will occur Monday. The building will be thrown open for inspection from 2 to 6 o'clock p. m. and dedicatory exercises will be held with a number of prominent educators of the state as speakers.

There is nowhere in the state a more completely equipped building for high school work, nor a more imposing school building from an architectural standpoint. From basement to attic every available corner has been put to some use that every department of high school work may be carried on expeditiously. Each department is a unit in itself. Class rooms occupy the main floor, domestic science has the second floor, while the laboratories and manual departments are confined to the basement. The floors are double of straight grained Oregon fir, with deadening felt between. Acoustics in each room are perfect.

Spanish Mission Design Prevails.
The design of the building is Spanish mission, with a principal building of two stories. In the center, connected with wings on either side by open arcades. The exterior finish is rough cast cement. The roofs of the main part and wings are prolate while the arcades are roofed with mission tile.

The assembly hall on the main floor is 52x92 feet and 17 feet high. The seating capacity is 350. Ten large recreation rooms also occupy the main floor. Each one is fitted with hypokase blackboards and built in bookcases and teacher's locker. The finish is in blue and tan kalsomine.

The upper floor of the main portion is devoted exclusively to domestic science for the ninth and tenth grades. On this floor are three rooms, a sewing room, serving room, neatly equipped as a kitchen, fully equipped with both gas and electric heating devices and full sanitary furnishings in white enamel finish.

In the basement are the laboratories, manual training rooms, heating plant and lavatories. Hartshorn roller



Bottom—George A. Briscoe, superintendent of schools at left and old North School, from which Ashland's first high school class was graduated in 1891.

curtain may be dropped from the ceiling of the demonstratory and a dark room at the rear is provided with a first class electric lantern. This laboratory is suitable for biological demonstrations, where the illustrations of various forms of life may be projected upon the screen.

Four rooms in the basement of the east wing are devoted to the manual arts. One is for mechanical drawing, one for bench work, a third for patterns and moldings and the fourth for blacksmithing. Each room is provided with accommodations for 30 pupils.

Complete Gymnasium Equipment.
The gymnasium is situated in the rear wing of the basement and is 57 by 72 feet, with an 18 foot ceiling. A gallery 12 feet wide extends around two sides and the rear at a height of 11 feet. The front of the gymnasium is provided with a stage with dressing rooms and a full set of scenery. The

floor and gallery will seat 900 people. The gymnasium is provided with two dressing rooms, one for boys and one for girls. Each one is supplied with 28 athletic lockers, four shower baths and rubbering tables.

The present school board, which has had charge of the new school building proposition, consists of W. L. Loomis, G. G. Eubanks, J. P. Dodge, G. W. Gregg and C. B. Larkin. The three former comprised the building committee. The contractors were Snook & Traver of Salem. Architect George F. Ferris of Reno, Nev., drew the plans. The total cost of the building is \$75,000. The grounds comprise six acres, purchased at a cost of \$1100. The board also has options on two acres more adjoining.

The first high school in the state outside of Portland was organized in Ashland in 1889, in the old wooden building on North Main street. The

first class of three members, was graduated in 1891. The class of 1911 consisted of 26 members, of whom 10 were boys. In 1904 the first high school building became too small and it was replaced with a brick building which will now be used exclusively as a grade school.

Ashland's present school system includes two grade buildings, besides the high school. Departmental work will be instituted in the west building at once in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Superintendent George A. Briscoe before coming here, was principal at New Albany, Ind., for eight years and supervising principal for eight years more. He is aided in his work at Ashland by an efficient corps of teachers, 22 in the grades besides three supervisors, and seven in the high school. The enrollment of pupils is 211 in the high school and 1978 in the grades.

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HIS DIVORCE PLEA

Selin's Grove, Pa., Nov. 18.—Declaring that he meant just what he said when he said his wife's affection for him was "jellyfish love," the Rev. Howard L. Guss, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, now a resident of Selin's Grove, today filed a bill of particulars in Mrs. Guss' divorce suit.

Mrs. Guss alleged that her husband had destroyed letters and telegrams sent to inform her that her father was dying and attempted to prevent the final deathbed meetings. The clergyman admits that he "prevented his wife from receiving messages during the last illness of her father," but says he was charged by her with paying improper attentions to other men or that he held her virtually a prisoner. He says his wife often had gloomy spells, and that at such times he refers to her affection as "jellyfish love."

Mr. Guss was first attentive to his present wife while he was a student at Princeton, and soon after he was ordained in the ministry he married another woman, who died. Then, after 15 years after his first courtship, he married his present wife.

In his bill of particulars he says that sometimes he was compelled to remonstrate with his wife because his meals were irregular, causing him to suffer from indigestion, and on one occasion, he says, there was too much soda in the cakes prepared expressly for him.

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ROAD GRANT LANDS TO NEW COMPANY

Goose Lake Valley Irrigation Company Takes Over Rights of Company in Lake County.

(Special to The Journal.)
Lakeview, Or., Nov. 18.—The largest realty transfer and one containing the longest list of names ever recorded in Lake county was filed by W. Lair Thompson acting for the Goose Lake Valley Irrigation company which has purchased the Lakeview Irrigation and Power company's plant and water rights to irrigate 40,000 acres of land lying in the immediate vicinity of Lakeview. These lands are divided into small tracts and were sold by the Oregon Valley Land company to individual owners scattered throughout the United States. The filing of the names was made necessary by the fact that the men have water rights to a portion of each tract and a great many people have signed additional rights to the balance of their tracts and these contracts were included in the transfer.

The reservoir is located at a point in Drews Creek canyon near where the stream enters Goose Lake valley. It is expected to have a tendency to lower the water in Goose Lake to an extent that will expose for cultivation several thousand acres that are now submerged. The Lakeview Irrigation and Power company was a subsidiary corporation acting under the Oregon Valley Land company.

R. J. Martin of Kansas City, Mo., was founder of the Oregon Valley Land company. He is also interested in other schemes of a similar character in which large bodies of land in Colorado and Florida have been sold on a plan somewhat similar to the government's lottery scheme, except that under Martin's management there were no blanks as far as the acreage was concerned. The owners of contracts drew lands in tracts from 10 acres in Goose Lake, Warner and Chewacum valleys to 1000 acre tracts scattered from Klamath county across Lake and Harney counties and which comprised the alternate sections of the old California-Oregon military road grant.

The truth of the matter is that while 10 acres of land in parts of the valley is not enough to support a family, still the best lands are in the valleys and are worth the market price paid of \$20 per acre.

For Work in China.
(Special to The Journal.)
Denver, Colo., Nov. 18.—The board of foreign missions voted yesterday to appropriate its entire collections of last year, amounting to \$1,072,997, to foreign missions, and to raise by a special offering the debt of \$171,976.

Postal Banks in Stores.
Washington, Nov. 18.—Postmaster-General Hitchcock stated that he wished to see the postal savings bank system extended to its fullest usefulness in as short a time as possible, and heartily favored opening postal banks in stores and business places in every center of human habitation.

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