

W. E. Marrion Outlines Coast Oil Co. Activities

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major oil companies. After contacting several of these companies directly or indirectly, I found that the only way they would deal would be that they take over the entire project and literally cut my throat in doing so.

Knowing the formations here as we do and having the casing on the ground to use when needed, I knew another well could be drilled with our present equipment. Properly handled, a new well could be drilled without difficulty to production at a very nominal cost. I decided to do this and wrote to the crew at camp to this effect and instructed them to begin pulling all the casing from the present well and prepare to move to a previously designated location on the same forty acre tract that the well is now located on.

They began pulling the six-inch casing and had it all out of the hole with the exception of approximately two hundred and eighty feet when it was discovered while taking off a joint at this point, that it was full of oil. They lowered a line in the casing and found there was about sixty feet more of oil down to where it was plugged. A telegram was received by me to this effect and I informed them to let everything set as it was until I arrived there.

Upon my arrival at the well and after going into details thoroughly, we could readily see that when we stopped drilling we were about to enter a producing horizon. The well, having been standing idle for a considerable length of time, had allowed this accumulation of oil to gather in the hole. The intense pressure on the producing formations had broken through and had forced mud and shale cavings up into the casing driving all the accumulated oil two hundred feet ahead of it.

The report of this discovery reached a number of persons and was published in the oil and gas journals. Field men representing several oil companies, including major companies, were soon here on the ground. Some stayed a day, others a week or longer, all gathering information and sending samples to their respective headquarters. They all expressed confidence that this is an oil field and had promising possibilities of being a big one.

Some of these companies have approached me for a deal but when I lay the maps out and show them the way the field has already been cut up with the Bell View and Twin Bell Companies now having approximately sixteen hundred acres of leases, a number of complications arise. Then, there are one hundred and sixty acres assigned. William H. Wann, trustee, which was made into five thousand units and was given to the stockholders of the Fat Elk Oil and Gas Company who subscribed to the five thousand shares of stock of the Coast Oil Company also held in trust by Mr. Wann. The major portion of the five thousand units is now owned by the old Fat Elk Oil and Gas Company stockholders. Approximately the sum of six hundred acres more have been sold to individuals. Among these are Paul C. Bates, Bert E. Haney, Dr. E. E. Goucher, Thos. Taffe, D. B. McBride, Sid Nichols and others.

All this makes it difficult to derive a satisfactory agreement with any of these companies, as it is the policy of the major oil companies to control a field if possible and run it to suit themselves. Furthermore, they are not anxious to come into a field and

prove up land held by individuals.

Understand, if the Coast Oil Company had a producing well here now, producing one hundred, five hundred or five thousand barrels a day, I could sit back and demand my own price and terms. This field is semi-proven and is still a prospect to a certain degree. This gives prospective operators plenty of food for argument and naturally they want to make the best deal possible.

Recently I reached an agreement with a representative of one of the oil companies whereby I agreed to turn over the balance of the acreage held by the Coast Oil Company consisting of approximately two thousand and four hundred acres on this structure, on an operating agreement whereby they are to start drilling a well within sixty days and start another well every sixty days thereafter until a minimum production of ten thousand barrels a day has been reached. The Coast Oil Company will retain a three per cent royalty.

He insisted that before presenting this deal before his people that we remove the balance of the six-inch casing. This we did in his presence and we found there was an eighty foot plug consisting of shale, mud and particles of sand stone which was driven by the pressure of the formations up into the six-inch casing. We ran the tools in the hole and found that considerably more oil had accumulated in the hole and that it had heaved again, forcing a plug into the eight-inch casing after the six-inch casing had been removed and this had forced the oil ahead of it, repeating in the eight-inch casing what had been previously demonstrated in the six-inch casing. This convinced this party that this is an oil field and that the enormous pressures indicate the possibilities of it being a big one. He has presented my proposition to his people and they are now working out ways and means to handle it.

Naturally enough, I am anxious for action. I telegraphed the party previously mentioned, requesting information regarding progress of the deal. I received a letter from him in reply, part of which reads as follows:

"Now Marrion, let's look facts square in the face. With the present financial conditions of this country in the shape they're in and with a moratorium declared in all the banks in forty-five states of this country, you should know that there isn't anyone who is going to jump out and bid on any kind of a proposition. If you had five hundred barrels of oil flowing out of that well a day, you wouldn't be able to get anyone excited to come and look at it, and there won't be until the time when the banks are open and things get back in circulation. I'm in the same boat as everyone else is in. Money is just something that can't be had at the present time."

You can judge from this that a deal of this kind can not be made over night, under the present conditions. It is very possible that they will or will not accept my proposition. Then, too, it is possible that some other company is investigating and may offer a better deal.

It has been rumored that the Coast Oil Company would sell out and that the field would remain dormant or be tied up. This would be impossible as there are too many parties interested in the field for such a thing to happen. Furthermore, if the Coast Oil Company turns over their acreage to any company to operate, all they can derive anything from is their royalties. Naturally, the Coast Oil Company is going to demand operation and production in order to realize anything on their royalties. Allow me to make this clear, that under the existing agreements with the Bell View and Twin Bell Companies, they are to drill approximately twenty-five wells within a period of five years in order to hold their leases.

I appreciate the fact that there is and has been considerable comment, questioning and gossip concerning the Coast Oil Company and the well. The truth is, very few people realize what a development program as outlined above means.

The first thing a company must do is to secure a proposition from me in writing. After this has been done, they will check up on conditions. As far as drilling a well is concerned, it is a minor consideration. They will send their engineers and make a general survey such as consideration of the cost of electric power, cost of pipe lines and refinery, shipping and marketing facilities. Then too, any company taking over the balance of the Coast Oil Company acreage now in the field, would want to enter into a satisfactory agreement with the Bell View and Twin Bell Companies so as to work in harmony with each other and not cause one another a lot of unnecessary expense on offsets, etc. Then again, they may agree on a deal whereby they can work out a workable agreement between them and operate the field in unison.

If the Coast Oil Company is successful in closing a deal whereby they will receive a three per cent royalty on the two thousand four hundred acres of leases they now own, together with the royalties from leases held by the Bell View and Twin Bell Companies, the earning capacities of these royalties is surprising.

Regardless of how small three per cent sounds to the layman, just stop and consider what three per cent means. Three barrels out of every one hundred barrels of oil produced at no cost to the Coast Oil Company. Even on a minimum production of ten thousand barrels a day, it is an appreciable amount.

I will confess that if the Coast Oil Company was in a position to do so, the proper thing for them to do would be to drill another well. I am convinced, as I have stated elsewhere in this letter, that a well could be drilled to production with the tools and equipment we have at the present time and at a very nominal cost. By doing this, we would then be in a position to demand larger percentages. But—under conditions as they are at the present time and with finances so hard to raise, if a reasonable deal is presented to the Coast Oil Company, thereby relieving it of any further grief and expense, it will be accepted.

There is absolutely no need for the public to fear that the field will remain dormant. With the showing we now have and the interest that has been shown by outside companies, it is almost a certainty that we will have action in the very near future. In the meantime, I expect to remain here in camp with the crew on hand ready to meet the requirements of anyone desiring to make examinations.

Coast Oil Company,
W. E. Marrion,
Pres. and Genl. Mgr.

Mrs. Leo Call Died Saturday

Mrs. Leo C. Call passed away at her home on Cunningham, just north of town, near the logging road, last Saturday morning at 4:40. Until two weeks ago, when she suffered a heart attack, she had apparently been in excellent health. Another attack Friday evening resulted in her death the next morning.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. P. D. Hartman at the chapel, Monday, at 2 p. m. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Born in Ohio, Jan. 26, 1884, Viola Silvernail, the deceased was 49 years of age in January. She was united in marriage in October, 1902, to Leo C. Call. They came west in 1904, settling at Roseburg and a year later came to Coos county. They resided in Marshfield and North Bend for a time, but have been residents of Coquille since 1920.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Velorous N., of Coquille, and Harlow A., who is a student at the university and who arrived from Eugene, Saturday morning just after his mother passed away. She also leaves one grandchild and two brothers and two sisters residing in Ohio.

In her girlhood days Mrs. Call belonged to the Seventh Day Adventist church, but more recently had been a member of the International Bible Students organization.

Card of Thanks

For the kindness and sympathy of friends and neighbors during our recent bereavement we wish to express our heartfelt thanks.

Leo C. Call, Velorous N. Call and Harlow A. Call.

"Silver Dollar" Opens Sunday

Bebe Daniels, who takes the leading feminine role opposite Edward G. Robinson in "Silver Dollar," the First National picture which will be shown at the Liberty Theatre on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of next week, appears on the screen for the first time since the birth of her baby daughter, Barbara Bebe.

Some of the most romantic characters in the history of the gold rush days of the early West, characters as dazzling as those of the most engaging fiction, are emblazoned in the "Silver Dollar." The picture is based on the novel of David Karnes, which delves into the life stories of the pioneers and adventurers who swarmed the mining camps of Colorado during the richest silver strike in the history of the world. The central figure is that of Yates Martin who struggled through the days of starvation as a prospector to rise to fame as the richest of the millionaires after he struck "pay dirt."

Edward G. Robinson plays the part of this Silver King who eloped a dry president on the back and asked him to have a drink, ruled a state legislature in a barroom to the popping of champagne corks, embarrassed General Grant by making such a disturbance in his own opera house the prima donna quit in a huff, and scandalized a nation with his divorce and remarriage.

Other picturesque personages include the horde of adventurers of the mining camps, the gambling rooms, dance halls, and political forums.

Marriage Licenses

Mar. 6—John O. Johnson and Cora Cornwell, both of Empire. They were married Monday by Judge Thompson at the court house.

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The Coquille Happy Time club met at the home of Roy Robinson at Norway. Various games were enjoyed throughout the evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Terry and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Culbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steward, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pointer, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Yarbrough, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Young, of Coquille, Eloise Keller, of Norway, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson and two daughters. The club has agreed to meet at the Jack Thompson home on Marshfield highway March 22.

Emanon Club Notes

Emanon club members, guests of Miss Lena Williams, enjoyed the meeting which was held Thursday evening of last week. Sewing was the diversion of the evening and little Chinese ladies on laundry bags held a noticeably popular place among the needlework patterns. In the latter part of the evening refreshments were served to Mrs. Stella Cribbins, Misses Gertrude Lambrecht, Agnes Newton, Gertrude Tway, Edna Robinson and the hostess.

Taukano Club Notes

The Taukano club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Walter Simmons Wednesday evening. Cards and jigsaw puzzles were enjoyed until a late hour. The hostess served delicious refreshments to the following: Mesdames Henry Belloni, Jack

Leach, J. W. McGuffin, Wm. Peart, Robt. Waring, Carl Ensele, George Burr, Jack Page, Floyd Price, M. Bennett and Patricia Peart and Loren Simmons. Mrs. Henry Belloni will entertain the club Thursday, March 23.

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