

OIL WELLS GUSH AS PASTOR BECKONS

BEWITCHING MACHINES USED NEAR COTTAGE GROVE

Rev. David Olsen, California Promoter Would Turn Trick and Let People Gather in Coin

Inasmuch as Morrow county has an embryo, though undeveloped oil field with much talk of early activities along oiliferous lines, the following story from Cottage Grove, recently published in the Oregonian, should be of more than ordinary interest. Perhaps it might be well to invite the Rev. Olsen to bring his machines to Morrow county and tell us whether or not money put into wildcat schemes is wasted.

Cottage Grove, Ore., April 19.—Cottage Grove can have an oil gusher within a few months, a hundred or more of them within a year and work on the first one will start within thirty days from the time the people of Cottage Grove offer reasonable co-operation. This was the statement made at a mass meeting Tuesday night by Rev. David Olsen of California, formerly pastor here, secretary of a national Americanization movement and oil well promoter. The meeting was arranged by local citizens and was the oddest promotion meeting ever held here.

Rev. Mr. Olsen devoted the first part of his address to a sermonette and during the progress of his talk digressed to speak upon moral issues. He and his associates offered to guarantee that oil in paying quantities would be found and in the event of failure the money invested by local people would be returned to them.

Mr. Olsen had on the platform with him four weird machines of his own invention, by the use of which he claimed to be able to detect the presence of oil within one mile and to measure with accuracy the depth of each oil stratum. He said that many years of time and hundreds of thousands of dollars had been expended in their production and that in thousands of trials they had never yet made an error.

One, having somewhat the appearance of a "waterwitch," indicates the presence of oil underneath the spot over which the machine passes, he said. Another, having something of the appearance of a gander's neck, points the direction of oil anywhere within a mile. It was asserted that these machines would never make a mistake even when used in an automobile traveling at 40 miles the hour. Two other contrivances check on the first two.

Upon many days during the last two months Rev. Mr. Olsen prowled around over hills while his weird machines, he said, located for him 100 spots within three miles of the city where oil is to be found in paying quantities. He said that he had found it oozing from the ground in two places and that there was no doubt that it will be of a high quality. He stated that oil discovered this far north will be found to have been purified in being pulled toward the north pole. He said that the first derrick which he proposes to erect will be within a mile of the city. He added that one

of his machines, while in motion on the platform Tuesday night, pointed to oil within a mile northwest of the city. Many believe that Mount David, just outside the city limits, is the point from which the first proposed gusher will flow.

"Cottage Grove can have a second Signal hill," the speaker said, "and land now selling at not more than \$400 the acre should in a few years be worth what land is at Signal hill, which is way up in the thousands of dollars."

Rev. Mr. Olsen gave his word as a follower of the lowly Nazarene that there could be no failure and that those who joined with him stood no chance to lose a penny, whether oil should be found or not.

Rev. Mr. Olsen and his associates are interested in oil properties in several states and are the owners of several that are said to be paying propositions. Mr. Olsen professed to have a peculiar love for Lane county, which was for many years his home, and said he would like to spend several months here bringing in wells. His own profits, he said, would be used for the support of the Americanization movement, of which he is the head. It was through the desire to provide for this movement that he became inter-

ested in the promotion of the oil business, he said.

There will be no stock-selling. The plan outlined by Olsen is to sell certificates of ownership in the 300 acres of oil lands, upon which leases already have been obtained, the money to be used in the development of the properties.

Olsen said he and his associates did not go ahead alone with the project and reap all the profits because they already are interested in so many similar propositions that they cannot finance the project at once; also that they wish the community to share in the benefits to be derived from the development of its natural resources. He did not say why he and his associates did not sell their oil-finding machines at a fabulous price.

Leases acquired on lands for oil-drilling purposes a year ago have been turned over to Olsen and his associates.

Olsen was pastor a number of years ago of the Christian church in this city. When he came to Lane county he could correctly speak but a few words of English. Tuesday night he had no trouble in giving an appealing message.

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Shoulder to shoulder and man to man,
Loyal to Uncle Sammy, too—
Where in hell was the Ku Klux Klan?

D'ye remember, Buddies, there
It didn't matter what creed or blood,
Whatever we had was ours to share,
Deep in the trenches, deep in the mud,
All for the old Red, White and Blue,
Each one a true American—
Irish, Catholic, Negro and Jew—
Where in hell was the Ku Klux Klan?

Old Glory is folded and back from war,
Victory smiles on a glad return;
Buddies are scattered near and far;
Somewhere, too, are hearts that burn
For those who came not—quite a few
Rest together 'neath Flanders sod—
Alien, Catholic, Negro and Jew—
Man-forgotten, yet known to God.

Then, alien, Catholic, Negro, Jew,
Let Kleagles howl till the heavens fall;
Old Glory waves for me and you—
Where is the need of a Klan at all?

All together for the U. S. A.—
Shoulder to shoulder and man to man—
To find at the end of some Perfect Day
A better cause than the Ku Klux Klan.

RESOLUTION

Following resolution was adopted at a meeting of Umatilla National Forest Rangers in Pendleton, Ore., April 14, 1923:

Resolved, that we, the rangers of the Umatilla National Forest, in meeting assembled, do heartily endorse and approve the action of the

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That we herewith pledge ourselves to take an active part in preventing violations of fish and game laws and in prosecuting violators of such laws; and

That in selecting employees for national forest work we will follow

the recognized policy of the forest service and not, knowingly, employ men who are openly—or through their own admission—opposed to enforcement of fish and game laws.

The above resolution passed by unanimous vote of Umatilla Forest Rangers, consisting of the following: Albert Baker, W. K. Kendall, Geo. Brace, F. W. Kendall, Geo. B. Clisby, S. R. Woods, W. W. Allison, Chas. F. Groom.

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