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DRILLING UNDER WAY AT WELLS SPRINGS

FAVORABLE SIGNS INCREASING

Company Plans on Depth of 4000 Feet

J. A. Harbke and L. H. Estes of Portland were week end business visitors in our city. These two gentlemen are officers in the Wells Springs Gas and Oil Company. Other officers are Wilbur-Henderson and Mrs. Leding, also of Portland. Fred Nicholson, a local man, is drilling the test hole on the Wells Springs ranch. The hole is now at a depth of 225 feet. Mr. Nicholson, has an outfit for drilling to a depth of 1200 to 1500 feet. Mr. Harbke informs us that the company plans on going down to a depth of 4000 or 5000 feet if necessary and that the work will continue without interruption. The deeper drilling will necessitate the installation of different machinery. The amount of gas coming from the well is increasing and a trace of oil shows.

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county and the drilling which has started on Wells Spring ranch in a realization of that dream. He expresses himself as pleased with the way in which Morrow county people are backing the venture. The Wells Spring Gas and oil Company, under a State permit, are selling stock in the company. Several Portland peo- visited the well last Sunday.

COTTON

One company in the Belgian Congo will produce about 40,000 500-pound bales of cotton this year - U. S. D. of A.

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FOOTBALL PRACTICE

For the first time Ione High is having spring practice of football. Starting last Wednesday, the activity periods are being taken up for getting next term's football team in shape. The practice will go on for about two weeks and will not consist of any strenuous work outs and not more than one scrimmage. Handling the ball takes up most of the time. Quite a large turnout for practice is made each afternoon and the material seems satisfactory.

Baseball practice will begin after these football practices.

DECLAMATORY WORK

All Class tryout in declamatory work have been finished and the winners of the various divisions decide. The school tryouts will be held in the gymnasium, Friday, March 20th. There will be no admission fee. This tryout will decide the winners of the various divisions who will represent the one high school at the district tryout.

He's Gone



FRESHMAN PARTY

The Freshman class gave party to the high school and faculty Friday evening, March 13. A very good time was had, games being played and light refreshments consisting of icecream and cake served.

JUNIOR CLASS MEETING

The Junior class held a meeting during the week ending Tuesday. The purpose of the meeting was to whether or not the class would sell candy at the declamatory contest. It was decided to sell candy.

Social Events

DOUBE ANNIVERSARY

A pleasant dinner was held at the E. G. Sperry ranch home on Sunday, the occasion being the celebration of the birthday anniversaries of E. G. Sperry and Mrs. A. E. Steffi. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sperry and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Steffi and small son, Mrs. Oscar Cochran, George Cochran, Eivon Ogiesby, Henry Adams, Mrs. Walter Cochran and her two sons from Arlington.

ST. PATRICK PARTY

Monday evening, a jolly St. Patrick's party was held at the Ernest Heiker country home. The party was planned by Mrs. Heiker as a surprise for her daughter, Harriet, and to say the surprise was complete would be to put it mildly. Each of the young ladies came dressed in pajamas. They took the pledge and were solemnly initiated into the Pajama Girls Stuck Up Society. Games were enjoyed, prizes awarded and dainty refreshments of sandwiches, cake and ice cream were served by Mrs. Heiker, assisted by Helen Grabill, Eva Swanson, Fern Engelman, Margurite Trope, Ellen Nelson, Lucile Bristow, Velma Sharrard, Opal Finn, Josephine Buche and the honoree, Miss Harriet.

WHEAT

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