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LEE COUNTY'S FIRST DISCOVERY WELL

The test well which has been going down on the Stolz property seven miles west of Lexington brought in oil Monday, at a depth of almost 2,000 ft. The well showed strong pressure of gas, but the oil did not come over the casing. Some oil was balled and Mr. Wheeler thinks it will produce about 150 barrels of oil a day. The oil is of high quality, somewhat better than 38 percent test, and it will be used as fuel for firing the boilers of other test wells which will be begun at once.

As reported in the Giddings News the past two weeks, good indications of oil were found, and Mr. Wheeler planned two different days to drill into what he thought would be a strata of oil. The weather has been so unfavorable that work was delayed. Last Monday the work proceeded and a large number of people was present. The gas pressure was the third time gas has shown up in the well, each time it was with stronger pressure.

The well is somewhat a puzzle to experienced oil men because there was no serpentine formation, but only a sandy greenish shale. There was not found any pecan formation as is found in the Chapman field just across the Lee County line in Williamson County. The Lee County well was cemented last Monday, which cement has to set 72 hours before more drilling can be done. Ten feet of the grey sand was penetrated before the oil was struck. This is the first oil well for Lee County, and bears out the prediction Mr. Wheeler made to the editor before he began this well—that Lee County will develop an oil field and that Mr. Wheeler is not far from it with his location. Another well is due to spud in Feb. 12, under contract to go down 4,500 ft. It is only a short distance from Wheeler No. 1. Oil interests in Lee County have loomed considerably this week.