

PREDICTS STATE WILL BE MAIN GASOLINE PRODUCER

GREAT FALLS, Sept. 26.—The United States will eventually look to Montana for 75 per cent of the entire supply of gasoline used annually, in the opinion of John J. Crowden, of San Francisco, representative of a Standard Oil subsidiary company, who arrived in Great Falls Friday from the Winnett field after an investigation there in the interest of his company. He left Saturday morning for Chicago, and from there will go to the Texas and Oklahoma fields before returning to San Francisco.

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According to Mr. Crowder, the Winnett and Mosby fields show more signs of becoming the leading oil producers of the country than any others in the United States. He does not believe that they will ever equal the Mexican deposits, however.

Mr. Crowder is interested in a large oil field in Mexico, he says, but no work has been done there since the spring of 1916, when he says all the workmen were forced to leave the country. A small force was left there until 1918, when several were killed and the rest walked and rode to El Paso, nearly \$55 miles.

The Winnett field needs only a refinery to make it a big producer now. says Mr. Crowder, but because there is no way to handle the oil, few companies are making an attempt to bring in big gushers.

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"The oil is there and needs only drilling to get it, but there is no use in bringing in the wells and then have the oil wasted because of lack of proper facilities to care for it," he says. "It will be only a short time until enough capital is interested to put in pipe lines, storage tanks and refineries. Waen that time comes Montana will take the lead in the oil world."

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