

# CONSTRUCTION OF BILLINGS REFINERY IS EARLY PROSPECT

## Will Let Contracts Soon as Process Is Definitely Decided Upon by Engineers.

Letting of contracts for construction of the Billings refinery to be built by the Montana Refining company now awaits only final determination of the process to be employed by the company in its new plant. Various processes for refining of crude oil have been under study by company directors and engineers for several weeks and an early decision is anticipated.

The company recently purchased 40 acres of land from Yegen interests, lying north of the old Yegen power plant, southeast of Billings. Negotiations with the Northern Pacific are now pending for trackage facilities.

The company will spend from \$100,000 to \$125,000 on a refinery which will have an initial cap. city of 1,000 barrels. A foundation for a 2,000 barrel refinery will be built, however, so that units may be added later to bring daily capacity up to this figure. It is said that contracts for full capacity have already

been negotiated by the company. Storage tanks having a capacity of 12,000 barrels will be built.

The company will be in position to run oil through the refinery 60 days after construction work starts or about 90 days after excavation of the site.

The company is capitalized at \$500,000 of which but \$200,000 is to be issued. Rudolph Molt is president; E. K. Winnie, vice president and Rockwood Brown, secretary-treasurer. D. F. Shawhan and J. Bland Catlett are directors. The latter is owner of the Catlett leases in Cat Creek on which the Mid-Northern is drilling and is an experienced refinery man.

Negotiations are pending with a prominent Tulsa refinery man for superintendency of the new plant.

### CAT CREEK RUNS FALL OFF.

Because of the cutting down of oil production in the Cat Creek field, the pipe line runs from that field are somewhat under the high figures for previous weeks. At the commencement of the present year the field was making about 16,000 barrels per week and about the last of February or the first week in March it had reached its record production with about 38,000 barrels per week.

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