

SOAP CREEK DISCOVERERS SPOT FIFTH

**Western States Now
Preparing to Drill
Two More Wells on
Reservation Field.**

While rigging up is in progress at No. 4 well, 440 feet east of the Soap Creek discovery on the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 34, township 6 south, range 32 east, location is being made by the Western States Oil and Land company for its fifth well in this field. It is probable that the No. 5 well will be an offset to the No. 3, which shows production of 500 barrels per day, but is being drilled a bit deeper in expectation that the flow will equal that of the No. 2, which gives oil at the rate of 2,400 barrels every 24 hours. While closure of the field are those covering forward their development program, a number of independent are preparing to start their fifth prospecting well in this production.

Bob A. Hoffman, who drilled in 1916 at the site of the No. 4 well, is the northeast corner of section 34, township 6 south, range 32 east, have completed a ditch of 500 feet with their well, which will reach the producing sand at 400 feet. This well is now being set at this well.

The Dow Oil company is ready to start the rig purchased from the Globe Tube Oil company of Tulsa, Okla., at Hardley in the field, where that 70 feet of the material has already been bored by crew and now that the major portion of the shaft-hole casing, which is the hole at Hardley, has been completed, the work of lowering down the derrick and moving the timbers to Soap Creek should commence in a short time. J. H. Hanna, who drilled the Hardley well in recent times and who has the contract for the Dow well, was in Billings yesterday conference with Paul, manager of the American of the Dow who arrived in Billings Monday from Minneapolis as a top of inspection. The Dow will start in the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 2, township 7 south, range 32 east, on that portion of the field that originally belonged to Mr. Hart, R. H. Allen, Henderson, Brown and W. H. White. The Dow has taken on 200 acres of the full tract in section 2 as well as on 120 acres in section 4, and propose to develop its acreage just as fast as rigging up can be completed. Contract has already been let to Mr. Hanna for three wells.

Charles Miller and Z. A. Lawler have two derricks under construction on section 14, township 8 north, range 32 east, and will start in two wells there just as soon as rigging up is completed.

Ed. Wilson and W. E. Richards are rigging up on section 11, but owing to the short time necessary they will not be able to start in until next month.

Thompson Oil Creek has moved a rig from the Soap Creek (Wyo.) field to location on the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 2, which it will drill in agreement with the Soap Creek Area Oil Exploration, which secured the lease from Lawrence Judd.

At least two more wells are preparing to drill on close in acreage on the field.

More Drilling at Soap Creek

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