

ACTIVITY CONTINUING IN THE MOSBY FIELD

Frantz Is Drilling N. P. Well at Depth of 2,200 Feet.

While the work of deepening the Frantz N. P. well in section 27-15-30, Mosby field, across the Musselshell from Cat Creek producers, continues, the depth is now so great and the work of underreaming is so slow that there is no great change to report from last week.

The hole is now down beyond 2,200 feet, and those familiar with the formation state that the indications are that when the quadrant sand is struck, a flow of the heavier oil may be secured.

The operations at this well are being watched with keen interest by every one in the field.

The Mosby Dome syndicate has had difficulty in drilling through the soft, powder-like formation known as bentonite, which is almost impervious to the drill. This material is so mercurial in character that it cannot be drilled dry, and when a small quantity of water is used caving occurs to such an extent that there is danger of losing the hole.

The drillers are now trying the expediency of completely filling the hole to the full height of over 1,200 feet with water and carrying the casing as close to the bit as possible. It is thought that this method will be successful.

While the occurrence of bentonite is by no means uncommon, yet it has been found infrequently in the Winnett section, the only other well to be troubled with it, so far, being the Seattle-Flatwillow, where the management is now having the same difficulty as the Mosby Dome people.

Bentonite Causes Drilling Problems

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