

Reports of Oil at Okeecho-

bee Pour Into Miami Chamber of Commerce Official of Okeechobee Visits Well; Verifies Rumors.

Indications that high-grade oil has appeared in considerable quantity in the Brewton. Well, 18 miles southwest of Okeechobee City on a tract of land near the village of Alford City, continued to reach Miami today by tele-graph and telephone.

The Miami, Better Business Bureau has telegraphed the state geologist, asking for an immediate official inspection of the well, with a report as soon as possible. Bureau officials expressed a desire to safeguard the publie interest, and urged the public to refrain from any semblance of frenzied speculation, pending complete knowledge of the situation.

Subdued excitement prevails following yesterday's announcement of the discovery, according to W. G. Stovall, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Okeechobee City, where activity is centering. Hundreds of information seekers stood about the streets this morning and talked of the possibilities of black gold, while preparations were made to shoot the well Tuesday in a second attempt to make it a producer.

Verifies Reports.

"I was skeptical of the rumors that came to town yesterday until I visited the well," Stovall said,

"They were so persistent that I went out there, wading through 10 miles of mud and swamp lands which were deluged yesterday by a heavy rainfall. Arriving, I saw the crude oil which was being bailed from the well and while reports of the amount are exaggerated. I think it safe to sav from 275 to 300 gallons have been removed.

"It is rich, high-grade crude petroleum, carrying a high gas content, and is inflammable.

"Not only oil, but oil sands in considerable quantity have been taken out. Most of it was brought in bailers through nearly 2,800 feet of water, which flooded the hole from above when heavy gas pressure lifted the casing about 40 feet, "The drill pierced a salt-water sand before it reached the oil structure. and the lifted casing let this water

in. The casing is being reset, in an effort to shut off the water. It is planned to complete this work and make an effort Tuesday to bring the well in."

Declared Good Oil, Stovall said he talked to L. A. Hough,

an experienced oil man, who declared there could be no question about the oil. Hersaid it is of light paraffin W. M. Griffis, editor of the Okeecho-

w. M. Griffis, editor of the Okeecho-bee News, in a telegram to the Miami Tribune, said: "High-grade oil is produced in Brew-ton well, facts verified and honest." H. C. Alford, who owns property at Alford City, and who is a Miami real estate operator, had a telegram from an associate at Okeechobee City;
"Some kind of oil is found in the well, but it is impossible to deter-mine the quantity or quality," this telegram sald.

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