

EXCURSION TO PROMONTORY OIL FIELDS

Number of Prominent Men Were Out Sunday

Those operating the oil wells out at Promontory took an excursion out to the wells Sunday. They found everything in a flourishing condition. The company now has five wells, the deepest of which is 140 feet. There is a black liquid running from one of the wells, which contains 54 per cent asphaltum and 43 per cent of illuminating and lubricating oil. The liquid is too thick to run freely, so the management conceived the idea of placing a steam coil at the bottom of the well and carrying steam from a boiler on top to raise the liquid. By this means they proved that they could raise from 500 to 800 gallons a day from a single well.

The following persons went:

J. J. Driver, C. W. Curtis, C. Rundquist, Alex Fife, Mr. Staffit, Wm. Bartlett, T. R. Jones, L. E. Elgreen, John Smith, J. C. Sasbury, Matt Gills, M. Crouch, J. O. Jensen, J. Erickson, Fred Miller, John Swarts, Joseph Belnap, Robert Lundy, H. H. Henderson.

Like all other excursions, this one was not without the amusing part, for John Smith pulled off his shoes and stockings and started to walk around. Presently he stepped in some asphaltum and then onto a plank where he stuck.