

LOG OF THE STAUFFER WELL
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After investigation Gas Committee reports hole to be 480 feet in depth.

And well has been abandoned.

Drillers order to go 25 feet into Mississippi Limestone which they did to no avail - work will now begin on the Collins farm.

Following will be found the log of the well drilled on the George Stauffer, place by the gas drillers, while prospecting for gas in the interest of the City of Fort Scott, Kansas

	Ft.		Ft.
Clay	2	Shale	19
Gravel	1	Hard Dark Shale	4
Limestone	9	Light Shale	2
Dark Shale	2	Cement Rock	8
Lime Rock	13	Light Shale	70
Dark Shale	4	Dark Shale	50
Light Shale	5	Light Shale	17
Lime Rock	3	Lime Rock	4
Light Shale	13	Dark Shale	5
Lime Rock	2	Light Shale	3
Light Shale	15	Lime Rock	2
Shale	19	Light Shale	50
Light Shale	90	Oil Sand & Gas	14
Dark Shale	80	Dark Shale	14
Light Shale	8	Light Shale	6
Sand Rock	8	Dark Shale	5
Light Shale	14	Light Shale	11
Dark Shale	5	Dark Shale	25
Light Shale	25	Mississippi Limestone	30
Total Depth of 480 feet.			

The Gass Committe visted yesterday the Stauffer place 7 miles Northwest of the City after Mr. Wareham had reported that a small amout of gas had been struck and that Mississippi Limestone had been encountered at a distance of 450 feet.

They found everything as the head driller had said measured the well and found drillings which were undoubtedly drilling in Mississippi Limestone.

It was thought wise, however, to go further into this hard flint, to make sure that it is no boulder formation, and consequently chairman Kennedy ordered Mr. Wareham to drill into the substance for a distance of 25 feet more - the drillers already having entered it a distance of 5 feet to secure suitable drillings for inspection.

The committee ordered that if the stone, what ever it may be had not been gone through after the drill has sunk 25 feet into it to stop work and commence operations on the Collins place 6 miles west of the City on the Humboldt road.

The drillings will not be sent to the state geologist Haworth, as was done before.

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Mr. Wareham, contrary to expectations that he would not be able to report on the result of entering the limestone until late tonight arrived in the City this morning at 10:00 O'clock and reported to the chairman Kennedy that they had worked all night and after going 25 feet into the flint, were still in it and that there are no indications of going through it.

This settled the matter and the chairman, acting upon a decision of the entire committee, ordered that work be commenced on the Collins farm.

This location is one mile further west than the Stauffer site, but it is 2 miles South of that farm, making it a mile nearer the city it is on the Humboldt road, and will not be difficult to reach by the committee, and those desiring to see the drillers at work. It can be said for those who would like to witness operations that the roads are now in fair condition.

Mr. Stauffer although he has not yet definitely decided, will in all probability have the well on his place kept open for his own use and perhaps some of the neighboring will also use a portion of the gas which is issuing from the hole.

As Mr. Wareham, yesterday reported, the visiting committee found the flow is strong enough to burn four feet into the air of of a six and quarter inch pipe. While this is not quite as much gas as issues from the old Milburn well there is very little difference. What was found is very encouraging.

There was quite a quantity of oil in this hole and committee-man Conine skimmed off a bottle full and brought it to town where it can be seen at his restaurant. The committee feel much better pleased with results than they were in the last well put down. "You can't hit any Place!" Said Secretary Kennedy of the gas committee. "You must find the lead first and then drill to find the main gas sand, if it is here. We feel much encouraged!"