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people In Houston county, and at tempts to find oil were renewed. Drilling became apparent all over the county. [Digrwsing] [uncertain] a bit, we quote the interesting but of information from the Texas Almanac about [Spindletup." [uncertain] For [yeara] [uncertain] the presence of petrol um aN the Texas [coasta!] [uncertain] area had been suspected In 1892 Beaumont map had formed a company to drill on Spindletop [Elill] [uncertain] and a well was started of [the}] [uncertain] of the houston of the L spots [counira:] [uncertain] in tarded [drilied] [uncertain] in this ion of [achoal] [uncertain]

He an ih the as Dr. [foo,] [uncertain] empo- T. [FE. nnaylin] [uncertain] the following year. Difficulties [enthe] [uncertain] with quicksand at 41K [fect forced] [uncertain] od the abandonment however, [emilar atfxas,] [uncertain] lepta made by other [idlicrs] [uncertain] jn [Teas] [uncertain] many and [1KOG] [uncertain] also resulted in failure.

DISCLOSING THE

WITH THE [BRINGIN]
[uncertain]

TRINITY RIVER.

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mining engineer who had [heen] [uncertain] pros- [pecting] [uncertain] the [aalt] [uncertain] domes of the [Loulsi-] [uncertain] [ene] [uncertain] coast, was interested by an ad- [vertisement] [uncertain] of Pattillo Higgins, who had formed the Beaumont company jeans later had withdrawn from It.

Captain Lucas contracted with the company for lease rights and began dirtying his first well, A strong show of gus was encountered at 575 feet, with trace of oil, Lack of financial [resuures] [uncertain] led to the [shandonment] [uncertain] of this well, but a second

[waa] [uncertain] started in \$1900. In January, 1001, [thia] [uncertain] well h reached 1,100 fret and [oll] [uncertain] was showing on the ditch. Neither Lucas nor the crew took the show [acriously,] [uncertain] hew- ever.

[While] [uncertain] drilling was stopped to change the bit and while a four-inch pipe [wae] [uncertain] being run into the hole, the

Lucas gusher blew in. Bo [atrong] [uncertain] was the pressure that It blew several tons

of pipe 700 feet up the bole and, through the derrick, [followlng thie] [uncertain] with an eruption of mud, sand and

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RATULATIONS, TOO,

HH" YOU HAPPINESS,

Welcome to [plement] [uncertain] Company

W. R. Turner Lumbe

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prelude to a column of oj) which spouted nearly 200 feet over the top of the derrick.

The sensational Luraa gusher focused the eyes af the oil Industry on [Texsa.] [uncertain] A wild campaign of drilling followed." Thousands of people rushed to Beaumont in anarch of quick riches. Even those who found ail, however, were often losers. Prices fell and outlets pare controlled by large companies [aad pometimes] [uncertain] closed to those with [amall] [uncertain] holdings.

Texas production jumped from K16,039. barrels in 1900 to 4,393,658 in [31901/] [uncertain] and in 1002 Bpindictop alone produced 17,421,000

barrels, or 04 per cent of the states output.

This large production had [ita] [uncertain] effect on prices and during the height of the. [Splndietop] [uncertain] boom the price of crude.oi hit an all-time low of 5 cents a barrel,"

We mentioned [Kpindietop™] [uncertain] here rot only for the [eacitement] [uncertain] of the discovery at that time, but because fn nome ways it rather reminds os of some of the experiences in opening up Houston [coumy] [uncertain] as es new field. Some have been funny, some hare been tragic and sad.

For [inatance,] [uncertain] some [townfolha] [uncertain] with vivid memories of the county pest history, have told of [iystances] [uncertain] uf drillers Grilling to the usual depth of an ordinary [wel] [uncertain] and ending [(auppasedty) of.] [uncertain] Dut people [werent] [uncertain] very convinced at [thie] [uncertain] time and certainly the interest died down, and the well was [ahandened.] [uncertain] Who knows" With teasing going on [al] [uncertain] over the county that particular area might dual yet turn [wut] [uncertain] lo be an [eacellent] [uncertain] ol territory.

And of course there hove been those dyed-in-the-wuol [Lelevers thet] [uncertain] sone: [apiings"] [uncertain] in various sections of the county have shown surfacing of [oll] [uncertain] from somewhere down-under, and emphatically [mamiained thet] [uncertain] it was not the hind.that ss poured oa! Who [knows*] [uncertain] They probably could hare been right oe

The men from [Pennsyleanw] [uncertain] were steadfast in the belief, it te amid, that the day would com? when ell would be found under [Crorkett Per] [uncertain] has they were [fortelling] [uncertain] the [trvth*] [uncertain]

Along about this time, of shortly [afier] [uncertain] this, a man by the me of Mr. George [tL.] [uncertain] Porter [drecended] [uncertain] into the lon and succeeded in promoting, time end again, and yer after year, plenty of [mmterost] [uncertain] and excitement [in] lovkgg] [uncertain] fur ail an thu [cewnty.]

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[uncertain] Ie, tom, [mtendfaatly] [uncertain] maintained that oil war plentiful in the [cougty] [uncertain] He maintained this [hepe™] [uncertain] until [bie] [uncertain] death.

During Mr [Porters] [uncertain] time, acreage and cotton field gave way to the eree-

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Houston County!

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Exciternent grew high and feverish on [I] [uncertain] numerous occasions during those days when Mr, Porter was drilling on the

Austin property. The [townfolk] [uncertain] drove never the then dusty roads to sit [und] [uncertain] watch, and wait for [signa] [uncertain] of devolnp-ment.] [uncertain] And through the grapevine channel, word got around thai when the whistle [(which] [uncertain] was attached to 4 the waler engine pump near the der- rick) would blow long and [loud] [uncertain] it would mean [thal] [uncertain] they bed found ail,

11 hail the town, and even the [echoot] [uncertain] children, too, in state of nervous excitement. False alarms for the cit- [jacnry] [uncertain] occurred frequently. During the drilling of this well.

drilling [wae] [uncertain] abandoned at a depth in the hundreds of fret. Oil on the [Trinlty] [uncertain] river was discovered at a depth of 10,038 feet, Perhaps [ths] [uncertain] difference in depth of [ofl] [uncertain] found in the county would be cause for speculation in re-opening this

area at an early date. Who [knows™™™] [uncertain]

[Sinee] [uncertain] Mr. [Torters] [uncertain] death, there hare been many [otber] [uncertain] men [intereated] [uncertain] in [Jleasing] [uncertain] and drilling. [During] [uncertain] the lats

[208°] [uncertain] A. DD. Adams started a new in- terra ip off in the county. A. D

Adame was chiefly responsible for lo- lies and developing the Grapela jedi, Many major companies hare been [lintereeted] [uncertain] in leasing and drilling for [ihe] [uncertain] number of years, Major companies

[taterveted] [uncertain] tm the Houston [rounly] [uncertain] area tare: Shell, Humble, Bunray. Rinclair,

Gulf. Texas, Magrelia, [Bupernet] [uncertain] and

[Weodiry_ Inlertet] [uncertain] fe all cere the [lewunty] [uncertain]

Leasers have been [citisens] [uncertain] and eat [jof lowe] [uncertain] deeply too [Rumermus] [uncertain] to [Pree] [uncertain] then. In drilling privileges [tndepmjdente] [uncertain] have taken the Ired Major [Composen heve] [uncertain] come ir b be [beleresting alew] [uncertain] le make note of, at this time, that the [Longlabe] [uncertain]

[(wie] [uncertain] between Palestine and [Onkwved 4@] [uncertain] tong gradually [eatended] [uncertain] further berth Then ibert ts the [Tenpraser] [uncertain] Colony field [northweet] [uncertain] of Palestine on the road to [Corpichna;] [uncertain] and thee there te a feed at the Nevarre [ooj] [uncertain] tower te Grapeland-Percilla ares; [abd jthe Ehatley] [uncertain] wells out from [Grapeland,] [uncertain] j ard the Ceyurs field [evet] [uncertain] of Pater tine and on down to the [Kittret!] [uncertain] field where there after 14 producing [wells—] [uncertain] j which shows [thet] [uncertain] the Lenglake Field te being extended considerably through Houston county [arre] [uncertain] j Toe [Woodley] [uncertain] No. 1 Bretee wildcat [jwvll,] [uncertain] which be orated in cotton fired" territory [apd] [uncertain] situated just s stones [lthrom] [uncertain] from the

eat bank ef the Trin city rower, a8 the fore.runner of new [Tesme] [uncertain] ei) field in [HuGsten] [uncertain] county

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PROSPERITY

Murray Motor Com; [ompany] [uncertain]

lose" on leases and business fransac- [Itions.] [uncertain] Everybody seemingly le trying Ito get [leases,] [uncertain] Some leases bad not been signed and the ones that here been signed have not filed fer record [4n] [uncertain] some instances. The grave-vinechannels say that Woodley Petroleum ia [plaroing] [uncertain] te open lemme of the dry holes on the Marray plantation However, [Unis] [uncertain] has not been confirmed. After all, we think this news" and excitement" that goes with [diseorerling olf] [uncertain] in [Ourton] [uncertain] county le good [And] [uncertain] when money is being turned louse" on leasing and business trans- actions in the quest for [ei]] [uncertain] ia the county we hope it le a good indication that prosperity is ahead for many. [(We] [uncertain] hope and wish for these [whe] [uncertain] have pinned their hopes and dreams of finding oil under acreage and [osjder] [uncertain] the [entton] [uncertain] fields of this county, that mach happiness [aad presperty] [uncertain] will attend them for, as the [ewunty] [uncertain] and people prosper, we as [baslness] [uncertain] j people im the town and county proe-

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ws [inthis] [uncertain] County [uick]
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