



Operations Report
on
HILL - TAYLOR #1

As you already know, the new drilling crew arrived Monday, May 7th. On Wednesday, the remaining needed equipment arrived at the location and was set up so that on Saturday we were able to drill the "rat hole" which is used as a resting place for the "kelly" when it is not turning the drill stem. Yesterday, rigging up continued.

Today, the electric light wires were strung up on the derrick, one slush pit stirred up by gunning it with water from the mud pump, rotary table made ready on the derrick floor, dog house put into position, and we started to run the drill and drill stem back into the hole at about 2:15PM.

Drilling will be resumed from our present depth of 1155 feet and continued with the 11 inch hole as far as the point where the 8 inch casing will be run.

It was found necessary to truck into Portales several joints of the 8 inch casing for rethreading as threads had been damaged in transport.

100 sacks of mud-conditioning preparations were sent out to the well today along with cement which will be used in the setting of the casing.

Roads, as before stated, are terrible. I have had to obtain 3 new tires in the last week because of blowouts.

Best regards.

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Hope run 8" casing Wednesday with 150 sacks
KRF.

