

AN INDIANA GAS WELL.

People Excited Over the Discovery of Natural Gas Near Oxford.

Fowler, Ind., Oct. 12.—The excitement in this and adjoining counties among the people is intense over the discovery of natural gas near the town of Oxford, this county, last week, by parties prospecting for a syndicate of Chicago capitalists. The vein was struck at a depth of 130 feet, and blazed to a height of twenty five feet when ignited. The company at once leased 1,500 acres of land surrounding the well, and have just begun boring another one; with the belief that a more productive vein will be found. They are preparing to make their discovery a source of profit by inducing manufacturers to locate in the vicinity.

About twenty years ago a farmer living in the vicinity of the present discovery struck natural gas while digging for watter. He lived in the midst of a settlement of Spiritualists, and believing in the faith himself he at once consulted a medium, who regarded the discovery as an evil omen, and commanded the well to be filled up. This the farmer willingly did, and the occurrence was forgotten until the recent developments have recalled it.

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