

**Kokomo Opens Another Big Well.**

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KOKOMO, June 22. — Without doubt the largest gas-well in the Indiana gas belt was developed here to-day. Well No. 5, known as the Shrader well, one and one-half mile southeast of the court-house, discounts anything yet drilled into in Indiana. Trenton rock was reached last night at a depth of 900 feet. The fires were put out until this morning, when work was resumed and continued until 11 o'clock, when the pressure became so terrific that it was impossible to drill further. Gas, mingled with dust and stones, escaped from the pipe with such force as to be thrown to the top of the tall derrick. The well is 912 feet deep. It was the intention to sink it eight or ten feet deeper, but that is now clearly impossible, as well as quite unnecessary. The magnitude of the flow is a surprise to even the most sanguine, and experts pronounce it the king of Indiana wells and the equal of any thus far known. The well is dry, and the gas is of a superior quality.

Two more large factories were located here to-day, one of which immediately contracted for 600,000 brick for their buildings, to be begun at once.

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