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OIL - TILLAMOOK COUNTY

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During the course of the coal survey of Tillamook County, the subject of oil at Nehalem Bay came up. A. P. Carlson, grocer at Wheeler, said that numerous oil indications are found throughout the valley southeast of Neakanie Mtn. He also mentioned a pit or well dug near Nehalem, from which a black, coaly material was taken. This material yielded an oily substance when compressed.

Mr. George A. Henderson, Rt. 1, Box 105, Nehalem, Oregon, said he worked on an oil rig in 1910. The well was drilled on the beach at Nehalem. They got down 1500 feet. There was no show of oil but they did get some stuff that the driller called "oil foam". There was a very, very small amount of gas. Henderson says that all the so-called oil seeps he has seen, are iron oxide, - the film breaks when touched. He is the first man I've contacted who hasn't insisted that -- "The well was capped, - for what reason we don't know, but it looks m-i-g-h-t-y funny".

This brings up the question of well logs. Is something being done to make it possible to require well logs to be filed with the Department, or is it advisable?

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