

OIL AT CHOCTAW

PETROLEUM SEEPAGE DISCOVERY
CREATES EXCITEMENT
IN THE LITTLE TOWN.

CAUSED A RAISE IN LOT VALUES

An Oil Prospector Made Discovery on
Rev. McCarny's Farm Immediately
Adjoining the Townsite.

Choctaw City is in the midst of a small maelstrom of excitement aroused over the discovery of a considerable outcropping of petroleum discovered on a farm adjoining the townsite.

The discovery was made by an oil expert who has been securing oil leases in that locality for some weeks past. In prospecting on the farm of Rev. J. W. McCarny the prospector came upon a flow of natural oil seeping from the earth in a draw and found that when ignited it burned brightly and continuously with an illumination almost as strong as that of refined petroleum.

The news of the find soon became current in the village and created a furor of excitement with the usual result that town lots made a great leap in value. It is said that within twenty-four hours after the news leaked out town lots that were previously valued at from \$5 to \$10 jumped up to \$60 and \$75, and now there is a constant stream of prospectors and speculators pouring into the town to investigate the oil find.