



April 3, 1929.

Mr. Frank B. Baird,
1608 Liberty Street Bldg.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Baird:

Stayed with well till Saturday morning, March 30th. Considerable delay caused by condition of equipment on the job and failure to receive necessary supplies from Long Beach on time.

Everything on the job now and expect to run into the well to-day cleaning out. Pictures attached will give you some idea of make shift equipment used and reason for some unreasonable expense which we hope to make unnecessary in the future. Condition of all lines and coolness of weather made it impossible to empty oil by gravity. No proper connection on job to hook our 10 line so had to make-shift with old auto tires and belting. Frequently pump a small centrifugal not adapted to handling heavy oil and only power the rear end of a Fordino boiler on job as had to drive to Olla and persuade a garage man to take his belt off of his compressor—result, slow work and high cost as demonstrated by the small stream of oil shown in number two.

Number three shows water pump and illustrates water waste. This no doubt has caused you considerable unless expense in the past as water costs \$4.17 per thousand gallons. Think this condition can be remedied for less than the cost of one car of water. Also think arrangements can be made to obtain some of our water in the future at a saving over present cost.

Barriek has been re-milled but may find necessary to strengthen further before pulling the ten inch casing.

Bull wheel in very bad shape but as re-bolting and will try and make do present job.

Boiler in fair shape; cleaned and rolled tubes and re-lined fire box and splashbar.

Re-built forge.

All steam pumps in bad shape; yokes re-welded and will serve all present needs.

Water line in very bad condition. Made up of all sized pipe from 1 1/2" to 2" and full of holes. Have made temporary

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Repairs with old inner tubes and asphalt, may find it necessary to buy some new 2" pipe for this line.

With change in water and oil lines there will be no reason for damage charges on these cars in the future.

Letter from Mr. Tom Miller who drilled the well to 1242 states that he found a second water at 1110 feet in a 15 foot strata and water was very hot. No information as to quality as hole was full of surface water. Log furnished me did not show this water.

Will return to well Friday morning and stay till cleaned out and going down.

Hope you had pleasant trip East.

Very sincerely yours,
G.T. PEABODY.

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