

## A Mysterious Well.

In digging a well on the Max Sinclair farm at Mt. Pleasant yesterday, at the depth of 68 feet an unusual occurrence in well digging was found. A slight flow of water was observed by the contractor, Mr. Toopes, who started to get lumber to make a curb and on returning to the spot a loud noise, as a gushing or bubbling could be heard in the well before reaching it. On examination it was found that the water had suddenly risen high in the well and was bubbling and boiling like a cauldron, and continued to do so all day. It is yet in the same condition, apparently being forced up by some pressure from beneath, possibly natural gas. A small vein of good quality lignite coal was found just before striking water, also coarse sand. The water is cold, very muddy and unfit for use when first taken from the well, but upon being allowed to settle is good water. Most of the wells in that vicinity are reached at about 100 feet below the surface.

Mt. Pleasant is about the highest point in the western part of the county. No other evidence of gas is noticed besides the bubbling and disturbed condition of the water, which, if it does not subside, will puzzle the owner as to what disposition to make of his well. The well was located on a slight rise of ground to be convenient for a new house and barn which was to be built later for the tenant. There is much curiosity as to what is the cause of the unusual actions of the well, and whether the bubbling and noise will continue for any length of time. None of the other wells in the vicinity have displayed such an agitation.—

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