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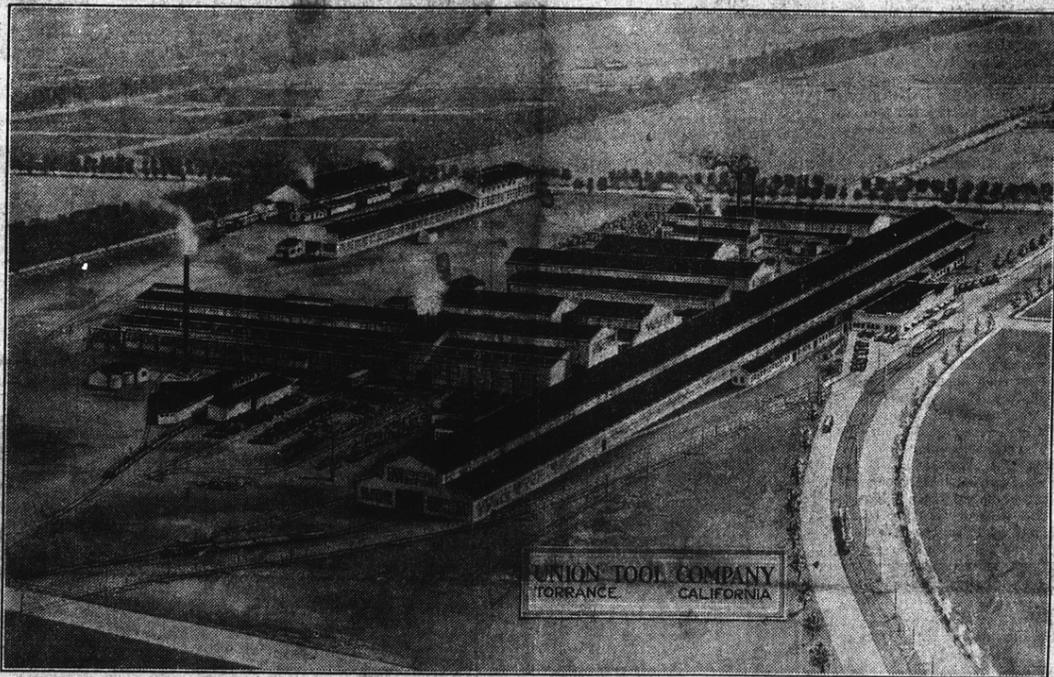
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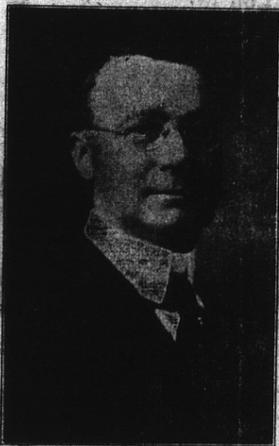
Additional Buildings and Equipment Will Practically Double Production With \$450,000 Monthly Payroll



Aeroplane View of The Union Tool Company Showing Present Buildings.



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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE UNION TOOL COMPANY TO WHOSE EFFICIENCY AND INITIATIVE IS DUE THE CREDIT FOR THE REMARKABLE SUCCESS AND CONTEMPLATED EXPAN- SION OF THE TORRANCE PLANT

The Union Tool Company, that has for years operated the largest oil well tool manufacturing plant in the world, located at Torrance, California, and which plant has heretofore been able to take care of the demands of the California trade, today finds its plant wholly inadequate to meet the requirements of the California oil industry which has more than doubled within the last twelve months.

For the purpose of putting the plant in a position to promptly take care of the California operator, contracts have been let for extensions representing an expenditure of \$1,000,000, and a premium on this construction work has been paid by the Tool Company in order to complete the installation within 90 days.

These extensions are of great importance, not only to the California operator, but to the city of Torrance and surrounding cities, for it means practically doubling the present \$300,000 payroll, as well as increasing the production to approximately 50 per cent greater than it is today.

The community of Los Angeles has just reason to be proud of the Union Tool Company plant at Torrance, for it is not only the largest of its kind in the world, but its product is today recognized as a standard of the oil fields throughout the world.

The history of the growth of this plant reads like a romance. Starting in Santa Paula—which was then the center of the oil industry—23 years ago with a force of 15 men, it followed the industry into Southern California, moving its plant to Fourth and Mateo streets, Los Angeles, in 1901. It outgrew this location in 1912, moving to Torrance, where it pur-

chased 25 acres of land. At the time of selecting the location of Torrance, it was considered by many authorities to be an ill-advised move; but today finds this wonderful plant located in the heart of the Southern California oil fields.

One of the interesting features in connection with the recent developments of these Southern California fields in the close proximity of this plant, is the change in the method of transporting the product of the plant; previously, having been moved by railroad, today, the large percentage of the product is moved by automobile trucks, directly from the plant to the well. To meet this new demand, the Tool

Company has let a contract for a 600-foot warehouse, equipped with all modern improvements to facilitate loading of trucks, which will be available within the next 45 days.

Anticipating a great shortage in steel from the eastern mills, the company is installing another electric furnace, this being the second which they have installed. With this added capacity, the plant at Torrance will be self-contained. The first electric steel furnace, which was installed by the company several years ago, is the birthplace of the "Ideal" electric steel which has since obtained an international reputation as being superior to any steel on the market for use in the manufacture of both rotary and cable drilling tools.

The expansion program calls for five additional buildings with a total floor space of approximately 45,000 feet. The present uniform type of construction will be carried out, which is steel framing sheathed with corrugated iron. This floor space will be as follows:

Steel foundry 40x100 feet.
Iron foundry 50x160 feet.
Machine shop 32x160 feet.
Power house 50x80 feet.
Warehouse 93x260 feet.
Sand mixing shed 21x92 feet.
Also, an extension to the main office of 40x50 feet, which will be

EDENS DRILLING CO. SELLS FOR \$1,500,000

Property Includes 107-
Acre Lease East of
Union Tool Co.

After several weeks devoted to conferences between eastern capitalists and the owners of the Orange County Drilling Company, the latter sold its holdings Wednesday last to a syndicate headed by J. S. Robertson of Denver and a number of Denver capitalists and bankers, and Van B. Foster, president of the Fred B. Foster Company of Los Angeles.

The consideration is said to have been \$1,500,000. The entire equipment, contracts and good will of the company were included in the deal, which has been pending for several weeks.

The Orange County Drilling Company was started three years ago by R. W. (Tuck) Edens with one drilling outfit. At the present time the concern has 37 complete drilling rigs, a large quantity of oil supplies and pipe and contracts to drill 60 wells in the Signal Hill, Santa Fe Springs, Torrance and Huntington Beach fields. Assets of the company have been set at slightly over \$1,500,000.

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carried out in the present type of stucco.

The foundries, machine shop and warehouse will be equipped with electrically operated traveling cranes of large tonnage capacity, to handle the output with safety and dispatch.

The completion of this building program will give to Southern California the largest steel foundry west of the Rockies and a manufacturing plant second to none in the world, devoted exclusively to the manufacture of oil well drilling tools and equipment.

Torrance and Southern California in particular and the oil trade in general is to be congratulated in having such a well organized, service rendering concern to work with, and unstinted credit is due the management in this very successful undertaking.

CITY LOSES SEWER FARM CASE

City Attorney Informed
Court Sustains D. L. C.
Demurrer

According to a report made the city trustees Tuesday night the city has come out second best in the litigation in the superior court over the possession of the noted sewer farm south of the city.

Word was received by the city attorney that Judge Yorke of Department 16 of the superior court before whom the fight is being waged, has sustained the demurrer of the Dominguez Land Corporation to the complaint of the city of Torrance in the pending suit between the former and the California Chemical Company.

Shorn of all legal phraseology this means that the court has held that even though the facts set forth in the complaint of the city of Torrance be admitted to be true, such facts would not constitute a dedication of the tract to the city by the Dominguez Land Corporation.

The ruling of the court was that the city of Torrance be allowed ten days in which to file an amended complaint. As official notice of the court's decision had not been received by Mr. Briney up to the hour of going to press, the ten days' time limit will not begin to run.

In explaining the court's action to the trustees Mr. Briney said in substance:

"The next step to be taken is to file an amended complaint in which Attorney Howard and myself will attempt to show a dedication of the tract. While in our opinion everything necessary to show such dedication has already been placed before the court we will make one more attempt to convince the court that the city of Torrance is entitled to this tract of land by use and by dedication.

"If the court still refuses to concede this fact we will be forced to appeal the case to the higher courts and in this event I am convinced we will be able to show cause of action and that the ruling

or rulings of the lower court will be reversed."

They say the reason there was no card playing on the ark was because Noah sat on the deck.