

1000 Barrel Well On Marble Lease



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City May Settle Sewer Farm Suit

Big Producer In Southwest Area Makes 26 Gravity

Completion in District Makes West Lomita Look Like Promising Region for Good Production

EIGHT WELLS IN OVER THE WEEK-END

Almost 6000 Barrels a Day Added to Field's Yield—Chanslor-Canfield Brings in Two on Kettler Lease

Of the eight new wells which increased the field's production by almost 5700 barrels over the week-end the Standard Oil company's Marble Lease No. 3 is regarded as the most important.

Located south of the Petroleum Securities Marble property, midway along the northern limits of the Standard lease in West Lomita, this new producer is making close to 1000 barrels of 25.6 gravity oil a day. The exact gauge on the well's flow for Monday was 977 barrels.

This completion adds considerably to the contention that commercial production will be secured further south than has for some time been supposed. The well was drilled to 3834 feet, 40 feet deeper than Petroleum Securities Torrance 15, which it offsets to the south.

The Petroleum Securities producer is making about 600 barrels as against almost 1000 for Standard's new well.

The gravity of the oil from Standard's Marble Lease No. 3 is likewise somewhat of a surprise, being several degrees higher than was expected so far south. The tubing gauge shows a gas pressure of 290 pounds. Production is through a half-inch nipple.

Chanslor-Canfield contributed three new first-class producers to the week-end completions. Kettler Nos. 9 and 14, located in the southeast corner of the Santa Fe's Kettler lease, were brought in.

Each is making about 1000 barrels. The oil tests 20 degrees. No. 9 was completed at 3826, while No. 14 was drilled to 3840 feet.

A gauge on the flow of No. 9 showed that it produced 762 barrels in 18 hours. No. 14 is expected to yield between 900 and 1000 barrels.

The C.-C. M. O. brought in Torrance No. 29, south of Carson street, for a

production of 640 barrels. The well was drilled to 3700 feet with a new electric automatic driller. It is an offset to George F. Getty's Torrance 6-A, which will be on production in a few days.

A Wide Area
The oil from Torrance 29 tests 25.3 gravity. It is interesting to note that the gravity of oil obtained here is about the same as that from Standard's Marble Lease No. 3, a mile to the south.

A thousand-barrel well was added to the list of producers by the Petroleum Midway when its Dudley No. 1, at Eshelman and Acacia streets, went on production. Offsetting Bush and Voorhis Washburn No. 1, the hole was drilled to 3820 feet.

The Darnell Oil company completed its well on the Carter area, Walnut and Pine streets, for 800-barrel production. Pressure on the tubing is 300 pounds.

Chanslor-Canfield completed Kettler Nos. 5 and 6 on the pump. A gauge has not been taken on the yield of either well, but estimates place the production of each at about 150 barrels.

With several more wells due in this week, the field's daily yield will be well above 50,000 barrels.

"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

Standard is about ready to bring in Dominguez No. 3. The hole was drilled to 3891 feet.

The Petroleum Securities company is balling Torrance 24 for a water test.

The Star Petroleum corporation is "experimenting" with its B. and B. on Carson street, west of the Santa Fe tracks. The company hopes to make a pumper.

Carle No. 2 of Keefe and Ridsen, Pennsylvania and Acacia streets, is being swabbed for production.

The Standard Oil company has spudded in Ellinwood No. 1, on the Ellingood ranch in the southwestern extension.

Torrance No. 25 of the Petroleum Securities company is standing cemented at 3400 feet.

Production in the southwestern extension is holding up well. Monday Petroleum Securities No. 27 and 28 each made better than 1000 barrels.

Standard's next well on the Marble fee property will be No. 5. The hole is now down 3785 feet. The company is drilling out cement at Marble Lease No. 4.

The Southern California Drilling company received an O. K. on the shut-off job at Elgin and Acacia streets.

Selby and Root are building a new

derrick for their No. 2 on the old Redondo road near Arlington street. The rig burned down when the well was going on production after having sanded up.

The Federal Drilling company has cemented its well on the Baronne lease, opposite the Gerner well of the same company. This well is being watched with interest.

The mining bureau okayed the water job in the International Oil company's well at Acacia and Walnut streets.

The mining bureau has issued a permit to the General Petroleum corporation to deepen Carson No. 2, near Redondo.

Oakley No. 1 of the Southland Petroleum corporation, the eastern out-post of the field, is producing about 275 barrels a day.

Superior's No. 18 on the Joughlin lease, which we reported on production last Friday, is making about 750 barrels a day.

E. J. Miley has not yet remedied the water trouble on his Torrance No. 2, which was drilled to 3912 feet and came in wet.

ARREST CAR DRIVER
J. C. Notley was arrested last Friday night by Officers Young and McMillan, who charge that Notley was driving recklessly on Arlington street.

Observations

Briney Rules in Steadman Case—Coolidge Cool but Firm in Office—Ex-Kaiser Sues as He Feels Shoe Pinch

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

CITY ATTORNEY P. G. BRINEY has acted fairly and without favor in the unusual case of the nominating petition for George R. Steadman. The circulator of the petition erred in spelling the candidate's name "Stedman" instead of Steadman. After canvassing the situation thoroughly Mr. Briney ascertained that the error was unintentional. Confronted with the choice of keeping Steadman's name off the ballot or shutting an eye to a small technicality, Mr. Briney allowed the circulator of the petition to correct the candidate's name to Steadman. This decision, it seems to us, is in keeping with the generally accepted public belief that public affairs should be conducted on a plane above that on which men take mean advantage of mere technicalities in the law. It was the intent of the nominators to name George R. Steadman. The city attorney easily might have ruled the petition out. He would have the letter of the law on his side. Instead he stretched a point in favor of fair play.

FIRST Denby. Then Daugherty. And the investigations go on apace. And the senators who constitute the congressional courts of inquiry, like barbers before empty chairs, shout "Next!"

Meanwhile a calm, determined, fearless man sits in the White House doing his stern duty. When the case against Dr. Denby and Mr. Daugherty amounted to no more than unsubstantial charges, there was a wild clamor for their official heads. But President Coolidge, with a fairness equaled only by his firm determination, refused to swing the executive axe until the charges were proven false or true.

When the inquiry into the Teapot Dome lease brought out the fact that the secretary of the navy had sanctioned the transfer of the reserves from his own to the interior department, despite the fact that the oil in reserve was for the navy, then the President, realizing that Denby constituted an embarrassment instead of an asset to the administration, demanded the Michigan man's resignation.

There followed an inquiry into the conduct of the office of the attorney general. Here was Harry Daugherty, until 1920 an obscure attorney in an obscure Ohio community. So great had been his service in securing the nomination of Warren G. Harding that Daugherty was lifted out of his small-town law practice and shoved to the high position of attorney general of the United States.

The inquiry has not brought out that Daugherty ever actually received any tainted money, ever participated personally in many irregular "deals" now revealed in all their ugliness to an outraged body politic. But the inquiry has revealed that many close friends of the attorney general participated in numerous irregular transactions. It has revealed that inefficiency and even knavery had existed in the attorney general's department. As attorney general it was Harry Daugherty's plain duty to know how his operatives were functioning and to dismiss them when convinced of their inefficiency or misconduct.

If Daugherty was ignorant of the many transgressions uncovered by the senate committee, then this ignorance in itself constituted a substantial reason for his resignation.

Daugherty was not burned by the inquiry, but he was most certainly scorched.

So the President, with a patience that is commendable in a man in the most responsible position in the world, finally demanded that Daugherty resign.

Whereupon the ex-attorney general, almost before the ink was dry on his letter of resignation, indites another epistle to the President, attacking the reasoning which prompted the executive to demand his resignation.

This last letter sounds like the whine of a whipped schoolboy. It reveals the character of a man who palpably places personal glory ahead of everything else.

It is apparent that Daugherty preferred to embarrass the President rather than embarrass himself. He did not have the good grace to resign without being asked. He took advantage of the patience of his chief. And then when the President's restraint became so tried that he was forced to ask for Daugherty's resignation, the attorney general lacked the decency to accept the situation like a man.

HO! HO! The King of Prussia and the Emperor of Germany, with an "ex" before each, is beginning to feel the pinch of financial depression. He finds that he is unable to live according to his accepted standards without the income from some \$100,000,000 worth of estates in Prussia, so he sues the Prussian government.

Poor old Wilhelm. How little he dreamed when he sent his war machine into Belgium in 1914 that a few years hence he would be facing bankruptcy in the king business. How sure he was of victory. Was not Gott mit uns? Was not the German army invincible? Was not he ruler by divine right?

And now, secluded in an echoing castle at Doorn, an outcast from the world, flouted by civilized peoples and scorned by his own former subjects, he whines about his financial loss and sues a government already driven to financial desperation because of his ambitious dreams. It is apparent that even the collapse of all that he once deemed eternal has not humbled this power-proud man.

The truth will be revealed before his dimming eyes when he stands at the threshold of that other world from whence no traveler returns. Evidently not until then.

Frank Merriam, Speaker Of The House Of California, Will Address Progress Club Thursday

Hon. Frank Merriam of Long Beach, speaker of the California house of representatives and prominently mentioned as the man who will succeed Friend Richardson as governor of the state, will speak at the meeting of the Torrance Progress club at the Methodist church Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Merriam is president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce and is a forceful speaker, whose knowledge of the problems of this district is wide.

In the absence of R. R. Smith, president of the Progress club, Willis M. Brooks will preside. Sam Levy, chairman of the club's campaign committee, announced today that the committee has several interesting announcements to make at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Sewage Area Plan Prompts Trustees To Discuss Terms

Dominguez Land Company Tenders Tentative Proposal in Case Torrance Agrees to Drop Court Action

CITY MAY GET DEED TO 4½ ACRES

City Dads Confer on Proposition, but Take No Action Pending Further Negotiations by City Attorney

The Torrance board of trustees voted unanimously and without a pro-

Monday night at a special meeting discussed the advisability of settling the city's sewer farm suit against the Dominguez Land corporation on terms advantageous to Torrance. A proposal which grew out of informal discussions between City Engineer Jessup and officials of the company was discussed, but no definite action was taken by the board.

City Attorney Briney was instructed, however, to carry the negotiations further.

City Engineer Jessup reported that the land company might deed the city three or four acres of land in the sewer farm, with 420 feet fronting on Plaza del Amo. If the city would abandon the suit now pending in the courts.

At present the city is suing for the right to continue to use the acreage for sewer purposes, but, of course, is making no claim to any permanent title to the land. In case the city wins its suit, it is pointed out, the land will revert in fee to the land company altogether when the city discontinues its use for sewer farm purposes.

Monday the board of supervisors

WESTERN AVE. EXTENSION TO BE PAVED SOON

County Asks for Bids on Pavement Over Hills

While the city of Torrance and the county are ready to pave Western avenue from the end of the present pavement near Moneta to the Torrance business district, the county and Palos Verdes are prepared to start work soon to extend the highway south from Narbonne avenue to San Pedro, through the hills.

Bids for the grading of the final three and one-half miles that will open Western avenue all the way to the sea were asked for last week by the board of supervisors. The contract for the work will be let on April 14, and actual operations will commence as soon thereafter as possible. The estimated cost of the grading job will be approximately \$50,000, and will provide a thirty-foot road from the present terminus at Narbonne avenue in South Lomita to the edge of the Miraleste section of the Palos Verdes estates on the hills overlooking San Pedro.

Through Miraleste the Palos Verdes estates have agreed to commence grading operations simultaneously with the county, and will complete the extension of Western through their 200-acre tract as soon as possible. The right of way through Miraleste is 170 feet wide, and the ultimate plan of the Palos Verdes estates is for a "double-barreled road" with a fifty-foot parkway in the middle.

A temporary surfacing will be provided for the entire extension of Western pending the settling of the graded surfaces and the laying of permanent paving. Western will connect with Seventh avenue in San Pedro, which leads directly to the Ocean boulevard.

The new road will be carried over the Palos Verdes hills at grades that will nowhere exceed 5 per cent. Aside from its commercial importance in opening another route to the harbor district, the Western avenue entrance commands a view over San Pedro and the entire harbor district from the Miraleste summit which will be unequaled by any other route entering the harbor.

THREE MONTHS' PERMITS 1924 SET UP RECORD

Total of \$545,965 Beats First Quarter Mark Of 1923

Torrance building permits in March, though not as large as those recorded in February, totaled \$121,345, 80 per cent of which represents dwelling house construction. During the month only two permits for construction costing more than \$10,000 were issued, one for \$18,000 and one for \$10,500.

For the first quarter of 1924 permits totaled \$545,965 as against \$321,105 for the corresponding period of 1923. With the many large structures planned for the city this year, it appears that permits for 1924 will be close to the three-million-dollar mark.

Hold Man, Woman As Bootleggers

An eighteen-months battle of wits between Chief Anderson and Secundino Garez, Mexican, ended last Friday night when the chief and Officers Deal, Ramey and Dillon nabbed Garez on a bootlegging charge. Lupe Mollar, known by police as "the woman runner," was taken also. According to police, Officer Deal bought a bottle of liquor from the woman, who then told the officers that she had bought it from Garez. The police then raided the Garez home, where they say they "caught him with the goods."

To Try Waggoner By Jury April 11

Thomas O. Waggoner, charged with reckless driving when 13-year-old Frances Wilson of Vista Highlands was severely injured, last Friday demanded a trial by jury. City Recorder King set the date of the trial for Friday, April 11.

POLICEMEN'S BALL

The policemen's first annual ball will be held in Legion hall Saturday night. According to the number of tickets sold, the crowd will fill the hall several times. The orchestra of the S. S. Avalon will furnish music.