

Woolbestos Plant To Employ 80

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\$100,000 Factory Here In Operation Within Two Weeks

Newest Torrance Industry Will Run Night and Day and Seven Days a Week With Three Shifts Working

PLANT'S ENTIRE OUTPUT ALREADY SOLD

John B. Lomasney, Inventor of Unique Process, Is in Charge of Substantial Industry Here

The Woolbestos company, newest industry in Torrance, will start operations in two weeks with eighty men on the payroll.

The new plant of the company, north of the Columbia Steel corporation's mills, provides the company with 17,800 square feet of floor space.

John B. Lomasney, inventor of the process by which Woolbestos is made, is in charge of the plant here.

The factory and machinery of the company in Torrance represent an expenditure of more than \$100,000.

The only raw material used by the company is slag, waste product of the Columbia Steel corporation. This slag is melted down in a large furnace

and blown by air pressure into "threads." The fabric thus formed is stitched into "quilts," to be used as fireproof insulation for ships, buildings, and for scores of other purposes.

The new plant here will be run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, according to Mr. Lomasney. There will be three shifts.

A delegation of business men who called informally on Mr. Lomasney at the new plant yesterday were astonished at the magnitude of the factory and the machinery.

Mr. Lomasney declared that sales contracts already signed insure the sale of the plant's entire output.

LONG LIFE TO OIL FIELD HERE NOW PREDICTED BY EXPERTS, WHO SEE PEAK NEAR AT HAND

That the Torrance-Lomita field will be a long-lived pumping field is the opinion of oil experts—an opinion that is reflected in the California Oil World. An article in this week's Oil World is particularly interesting despite a few minor errors in fact. The article follows.

Limits of the Torrance field are now quite definitely established, both as to area and production.

Although the field attained a peak production of better than 61,000 during the last week of May, it failed to maintain that yield even for a second week, despite completion of several large wells. Then, too, the per well average showed a consistent decline even during the peak, which is conclusive evidence that the Torrance field has reached its peak if it has not already passed it.

There may be occasional spurts, such as above referred to, following the completion of a large number of wells, but there is little hope of the field achieving a better record from the present sand. Should a deeper sand be discovered matters would change materially.

Recent weeks have witnessed some interesting completions, particularly in the southwest area. Two of these were credited to the Superior Oil Co., which for the first time stepped into the thousand-barrel class. Previous to this the Superior wells located on the Joughlin property adjoining the Sentinel's famous Joughlin lease which was the first to tap thousand-barrel production in this area, got into bottom water, and in plugging back the wells failed to do better than 700 or 800 barrels.

Not only the Superior but the Standard and Santa Fe have considerable acreage still untouched by the drill. Wells are carefully spaced in this area, which will probably not be drilled up for some months, as there is no particular hurry and the com-

panies are not pushing their activities except when forced to offset.

Limits Defined

Recent events have demonstrated quite forcibly that the field limits now are well defined.

Completion of the Standard's Ellinwood, offset to Santa Fe's Del Amo No. 12, which made better than a thousand, marks the edge of the south section of the field on the west. Ellinwood is pumping 250 barrels, 50 per cent of which is water.

On the opposite side the Sentinel's newest rig, just erected, is located south of the Santa Fe tracks and will be the southeastern outpost and is expected to limit the field in that direction. To the north the Santa Fe is drilling a wildcat called the Francis No. 1, which is in the same vicinity as the holes drilled by the Empire which proved to be duds. Further to the west on the north side the Petroleum Midway has abandoned its Lewis test, which leaves that section's fate fairly well settled.

To the northwest of the city there is some desultory drilling in the original area in which the Del Amo No. 1, discovery well, and others are located, but this part of the field, although first exploited, developed nothing but low gravity oil with the exception of a few drilled closer to the town limits. In this connection it is interesting to note that the city restrictions prohibiting drilling within certain areas apparently were unnecessary, since nature already has provided for the restriction by either eliminating the oil or burying it so deep it has not been found close to the city limits on the north or the south.

Anticipate Good Pumps

That the Torrance field will prove a long-lived one from the pumping standpoint is the opinion universally held. While none of the operators expect the field to do much better

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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WILL PRESENT 'DADDY LONG LEGS'

"Daddy Long Legs," Jean Webster's four-act comedy, will be presented by the class of 1924 at the new high school auditorium Friday, June 20, at 8 p. m.

Probably most everyone is familiar with the "Daddy Long Legs" letters, which made such a hit with the American public and are the cause of this charming play. Bubbling over with fun and yet bringing out the sorrows of the orphan life, this play promises to be a most successful per-

formance. The seniors fill the parts, except for a few of the orphans, and are under the direction of a splendid coach, Miss Burnham, who, though new to Torrance, is not new in the art of coaching.

The following will take part in the play: Wilson Woodburn; Clifford Simpson; Chris Bartsch; Walter Esom; Frank Perkins; Helen Morse; Gwendolyn Miller; Ruth McKenzie; Blanche Fix; Loretta Condey; Ethel Bodley; Ione Barnett; Harriet Vieths; Jimmie Poole.

Observations

France, England and the G. O. P. Convention—The Stand-Pat Platform; Our Fleet and Peace

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

PRESIDENT MILLERAND of France resigned under pressure. Radicals elected to office forced him out. He went out fighting, but he went out. England recently deposed the conservatives and put a labor premier in office.

All over the world the people are demanding progressive foresight in national leaders.

Yet the Republican party in convention at Cleveland went sled-length for the reactionaries.

It is possible that the old guard defeated its own ends when it ignored every progressive idea presented to the convention.

From the very opening of the convention the delegates have been puppets, cheering when told to do so, and straining their applause at platitudes that meant nothing at all.

Theodore Burton's keynote speech contained just one idea—the proposal for entrance into the world court.

Outside of that one recommendation he said just nothing at all worth while.

The platform was practically a waste of time. It made no suggestion at reforms. It pointed with pride with nothing much to point at. It too contained a clause in favor of the world court and our entrance therein.

It was noticeable, according to such a faithful reporter as Norman Haggood, that the gallery applauded the Wisconsin delegation and did not applaud the platitudes.

The gallery was not taking orders.

It was noticeable that no such steam-roller has been in evidence at a convention since Elihu Root piloted the heavy apparatus over the Roosevelt contingent in 1912 and in so doing wrote the obituary of Republican hopes that year.

One thing is certain. The Republican party this year intends to stand or fall on a program of ultra-conservatism. That makes the issue clear. If the people wish to keep big business in the saddle, the people will elect President Coolidge. They will know without a doubt for what issues they are voting.

If they wish to dethrone big business they will vote for someone else. The Democrats must and probably will nominate a progressive. And thus the new alignment in American politics will take form—conservatives against progressives.

The two old parties are the two old parties in name only. The Republicans have adopted the garb of the conservatives. It is inconceivable that the Democrats will put on any cloak other than that of a distinctly progressive hue.

Then will the issue be joined and the country will at least be given an opportunity to choose, which was impossible four years ago when Mr. Harding and Mr. Cox were opposing each other.

THOUSANDS of persons shook hands with William Jennings Bryan at the Republican convention. These folks came from the galleries and not from the delegations. Many of them probably were Republicans. Most of them probably would not vote for Bryan if he ran for president. But all of them respect him as a fearless, honest citizen. The old wheelhorses of the convention, Burton, Butler, Warren, fidgeted a lot when they saw the crowd hailing Bryan. And Bryan himself was not unmindful of the unique situation at a Republican convention.

The episode makes clear again the fact that plain citizens do not take their partisanship quite as seriously as the politicians desire.

BACK to that Republican platform again. It urges the party to elect congressmen and senators who will stand behind the President. One views this exhortation with mixed emotions.

Does the plea mean that the President wants men in Congress who will stand hitched and do no thinking for themselves? Is that the true meaning of the paragraph?

Or does he merely need an obedient Congress so that the administration's program, whatever it is, can be written into legislation? There is some logic in any answer you may give to those questions.

AFTER reading the boresome news about the convention at Cleveland, it was a pleasure to turn to the sporting page and find New York, Boston and Detroit in a close race for first place in the American league. What this country needs is closer races in the big leagues and less bunk in politics.

MANEUVERS of the Pacific fleet off San Pedro Wednesday brought home to the people of Southern California the real significance of those ships and the men in blue who man them.

The roar of the guns was plainly heard all over the Southland. It was only play warfare, but those booming guns set many a brain to cogitating on the importance of our first line of defense.

The American navy must be equal to the best in the world. Given as many ships as any other nation, as many ships with guns of equal range, the United States need have no fear of invasion.

Those lads who cruise about the streets when off duty are perfectly able to man those ships and manipulate those guns with deadly accuracy. The history of the American navy has proved that.

But let's give them a chance. Let's accept no 5-5-3 agreements that in reality are 5-4-3 arrangements, with England representing the 5, the United States the 4, and Japan the 3.

COUNT SALM, cable dispatches announce, is flirting with matrimony again. This time a pretty movie actress of Berlin is the object of his wandering affections. The count is often referred to as the "world's best lover." He would be more correctly dubbed the "world's best boor."

REBEKAHS ELECT

At the regular meeting of the Trio Rebekah lodge, held Wednesday evening, the initiatory degree was conferred.

A social hour followed the election of the following officers: Mrs. B. A. Beckham, noble grand; Mrs. Olea Davis, vice-grand; Miss M. Danielson, recording secretary; Mrs. Emil Hesse, financial secretary.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers elected recently by Triple City Lodge No. 333, I. O. O. F., follow: N. I. Beckham, noble grand; Carl Ross, vice-grand; Walter Myrick, recording secretary; H. B. Goodrich, financial secretary; Charles Steigh, treasurer.

Public Invited

To Observe Work Of Night School

On Wednesday, June 18, the pupils of the day and evening high schools invite the parents and general public to see the buildings, equipment, and observe the work of the children's and adults' classes. The exhibit will be open both afternoon and evening. The girls of the music classes will present an operetta to be given at 2 and 8 o'clock. A small admission will be charged for this entertainment, the proceeds to be used for the immediate needs of the music department. Everything else will be free. You are especially urged to be present.

Round Table Talk On Civic Questions Held Each Tuesday

Organization Will Promote Better Acquaintance-ship and Understanding of City Problems by Citizens

SCHOOL PROBLEM TO BE DISCUSSED

Principals Invited to Attend at Ironton Hotel Next Tuesday to Acquaint People With School Needs Here

A unique organization was founded in Torrance Tuesday noon when the Chamber of Commerce announced the formation of a luncheon club to meet once a week for informal discussion of civic questions. Any resident of the city is eligible for membership. There are no dues. Everyone is invited to attend the luncheons which will be held each Tuesday noon.

At the meeting Tuesday George Proctor was chosen chairman by acclamation.

The unique feature of the organization rests in the fact that it is not an organization. There will be no constitution or by-laws. The meetings will be held solely for the purpose of discussion of community affairs, to promote better acquaintance

among the citizens of Torrance, and to improve general understanding of matters of importance to the city and this district.

The informal discussion of last Tuesday touched on many subjects. In view of the fact that the recent proposal to bond for school purposes was approved by the voters, it was decided that the luncheon club immediately take up the subject of what improvements in school facilities in Torrance are contemplated.

Principals Barnett and Bell have been invited to attend the luncheon next Tuesday to talk over the school situation.

The luncheon will be held at 12 o'clock sharp at the Ironton hotel. It will adjourn at or before 1:15.

"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

The Shell Oil company is coring Keystone No. 1 at about 3700 feet. Cores show small streaks of oil sand. A production test will be made soon and the company expects a pumper.

Standard will complete two or three wells this week. Marble Lease No. 11 and Marble Fee No. 15 are being drilled in the oil formation.

Ellinwood No. 1 of the Standard Oil company, which was recently deepened from 3625 to 3740 feet, will be plugged back. The well came in wet after the deepening job.

Mining bureau officials have okayed the cement job at Dolores No. 1, the Shell company's wildcat east of Harbor boulevard. A production test will be made. At present the crew is coring ahead.

The Shell company has ripped out 6-inch casing in Kettler No. 2 and apparently intends to cement water string deeper. The hole was drilled to 3995 feet, where cores showed oil sand. It was bridged back to 3936, where 6-inch water string was landed. But the job was wet and four re-cementing jobs were unsuccessful. The company evidently intends to test out the lower levels, and will probably carry 6-inch casing down below 3936 feet.

The Mohawk company has re-cemented its No. 1, located in the Torrance industrial tract southwest of the Western Sheet Glass company's plant. The first job was wet.

Drilled to 4688 feet, Black's Keystone Syndicate well east of Harbor boulevard was flowing hot salt water this week.

DIRECTORS REJECT SLOGANS IN TORRANCE CONTEST; WILL RETAIN THE ONE NOW IN USE

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon decided unanimously to reject all suggestions in the contest for a new slogan for the city of Torrance. In the opinion of the board no slogan was suggested which improved on the one now in use, "The Modern Industrial City."

The board requested The Herald to thank the persons who submitted slogans, and expressed the belief that the present slogan tells the story of this city as well as it can be told in a few words.

The board has decided on a flood-light sign for Harbor boulevard at East road.

OLD GRAHAM WELL, BROUGHT IN AS OUTPOST, YIELDS 150 BARRELS

Five new wells were put on production in the field during the past 48 hours. Their aggregate initial production was 2250 barrels. The Superior Oil company's Torrance No. 32, on the Joughlin lease in the eastern extension led the list with a yield of 1100 barrels a day.

The Superior well is making 22 gravity oil, indicating that the axis of production and higher gravity zone is further south than was previously anticipated. The most southerly wells on all the Joughlin properties of Sentinel, E. J. Miley and the Superior Oil company are proving the best producers.

An interesting completion was that of Bramham No. 1, owned by Currier and Bramham, who took it over from

the Graham Oil company. This well, completed at 3622 feet, is located south of the Standard Oil company's Ellinwood No. 1 and is the most southerly producer in the whole field. The well is pumping about 150 barrels a day. It is making some water, which operators expect will clear up as the well cleans out.

The Fullerton Oil company brought in its second well on the Cotton tract when Cotton Fee No. 2 was completed at 3750 feet for 500-barrel production of 26 gravity oil. The well is just south of Redondo road.

Other completions were as follows: Standard Oil company, Interstate No. 3, 400 barrels at 3870 feet; Selby and Root, No. 7, 100 barrels, pumping at 3750 feet.