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TORRANCE POLITICAL MECCA TONIGHT

Mrs. J. S. Torrance Turns First Earth For New Hospital

Simple Ceremony Marks Start of Work on Health Unit Planned by Founder of City Now Bearing His Name

CORNERSTONE WILL BE FORMALLY LAID LATER

Heirs of Man Who Conceived Modern Municipality Follow His Wishes by Providing Funds for Erection of Structure

A dream became a reality in Torrance yesterday afternoon. It was a dream of the founder of this city—Jared Sidney Torrance, a dream that has taken definite mental form, but which was halted on the road to realization by the hand that guides the destinies of all mortals.

J. S. Torrance, planning the city which bears his name, conceived a modern community, in which the facilities for recreation, sanitation, health-promotion would be complete in detail. Before his untimely death he made a will, setting aside funds for the construction of a hospital in Torrance. That will did not stand.

But heirs of Mr. Torrance, desiring to follow his wishes, have provided funds for the hospital, which he had planned.

An unusually complete and artistic set of plans for the hospital were drawn and accepted and the contract let.

And yesterday afternoon Mrs. J. S. Torrance, widow of the late founder of this city, turned the first shovel of earth for the excavation at the hospital site between Eldorado and Enracina avenues.

The ceremony was simple, with only a few present. But it marked the realization of a dream, and in this world of vanishing hopes, THAT is important.

There will be a formal ceremony when the cornerstone of the hospital is laid.

Business Men's Party Tonight At Moose Hall

Special Stunts Scheduled for Guests of Torrance Merchants

Everything has been arranged for the business men's party in the Moose hall tonight. Invitations have been sent out by the business men of Torrance to those whom they wish to attend, and all committees have gone the limit in doing their share of making this event one that will be long remembered by the guests of the business men of Torrance.

Aside from dancing and card playing, a program of music has been arranged and several special stunts are scheduled. A large crowd will be in attendance.

VOTE TUESDAY
MRS. FINSTER HOSTESS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Finster were hosts at an attractive Halloween party Wednesday evening at their home in Hermosa Beach. The Halloween motif was carried out in both the decorations and refreshments. Guests were present from Torrance, Gardena and Los Angeles. Dancing was enjoyed.

Jameson Company Hopeful For Second Sand at Lora J., Says California Oil World

Commenting on the quest for a second sand in the local oil field, the California Oil World publishes the following in this week's issue: "What looks like the most encouraging prospect for a deep sand in the east portion of the Torrance field—particularly in the Lomita area—developed last week when the Jameson Petroleum Company closed a deal with the Bush-Vorhis interests for a quintet of wells located just south of the Lora J."

"Purchase of these wells indicates the Jameson interests are favorably impressed with results obtained thus far in their deep test, and are willing to gamble a little on the area. "The Lora J. was first cemented at 402 feet and started drilling ahead on the supposition that the water had been shut off. But water soon appeared in the bottom of the hole and it was necessary to re-cement at 418. Since then the hole has been standing, waiting for the cement to set.

Deal Advantageous "While the five wells purchased by Jameson from the Bush-Vorhis

interests are off production, they offer possibilities. They were only drilled to the shallow sands and, like most wells in that district, went off very quickly. Only one of them looks like a possible deepening job. Just what the company hopes to do with the others is not clear. In fact it has no definite program, it was stated, but considered it a good buy, hence the deal was closed, perhaps as an "insurance" against the future. Part of them were taken in fee, others leased, but they give the Jameson interests a considerable acreage for future development if a deep sand is uncovered.

"To the east of the Lomita, in what is generally referred to as the southeast sector of the Torrance field, the best producers have been obtained. Here the big companies have solved the water problem, and 1000-barrel wells and others ranging from 500 to 900 were the rule rather than the exception. "This area in particular would benefit greatly by the location of a deeper horizon in the Jameson Lora J."

HOW WILL YOU VOTE ON THOSE 18 AMENDMENTS? HERE ARE ONE MAN'S SUGGESTIONS AFTER STUDY

By The Observer

- No. 1—Taxing Transportation Companies..... NO
- No. 2—Pay of Members of Legislature..... YES
- No. 3—Deposit of Public Money by State..... YES
- No. 4—Jurisdiction of Lower Courts..... YES
- No. 5—Transfer of Public Money..... NO
- No. 6—Taxes Personal Property, Unsecured..... YES
- No. 7—Boxing and Wrestling Contests..... YES
- No. 8—Pay of State, County, City Officers..... YES
- No. 9—Taxation of Foreign Securities..... YES
- No. 10—Steam and Street Railway Taxes..... NO

ELECTORS of California will vote Tuesday on eighteen proposed amendments to the state constitution. To vote intelligently on all of these suggested changes in the basic law of this state would require a vast amount of careful study and in many cases unusual technical knowledge on the part of the voter. The best most of us can do is to consider the arguments pro and con on each proposition, select those arguments which seem to us most cogent, and vote accordingly.

If you have studied these proposed amendments and have made up your mind as to how you shall vote on each, please read no more of this. On the other hand, if you have not studied the proposals, you should do so between now and Tuesday.

The writer has gone to some pains to study the suggested changes. Like all other individuals he has his own peculiar ideas and prejudices concerning some general and specific questions raised by the amendments. He most certainly does not expect you to agree with him in all these particulars, but sets forth his own ideas concerning the amendments, with full knowledge that these suggestions represent the opinion of one man who is, like you, prey to all the varied influences of political thought that jar against each other in this modern whirl of civic affairs.

I SHALL vote No on Amendment No. 1, which proposes that the state collect 4 percent on the gross earnings of motor-bus companies. On the face of it this looks like a good amendment. But the state now collects 4 percent of the gross earnings of these companies and utilizes the money as follows: half on state highways and half for counties for highway maintenance. The amendment would put this 4 percent in the general fund of the state and would actually DECREASE bus company taxes, for the amendment says that the 4 percent shall be "in lieu of all other taxes" except the ad valorem tax.

AMENDMENT No. 2 looks all right. I shall vote Yes on it. It provides for the payment of \$100 a month for legislators during even-numbered years and sessions of the legislature, reduces their mileage allowance from 10 cents to 5 cents a mile, and cuts down the allowances of the House and Senate for help during sessions from \$500 a day to \$300 a day. It really raises the pay of legislators. But show me a man who can serve the state as representative or senator at a profit under his present salary and allowances and I'll show you a man who needs watching.

AMENDMENT No. 3 draws a Yes vote from me. It proposes that the state be allowed to deposit in banks not only state funds, but also funds of other political subdivisions, in the hands of the state. At present vast sums of money collected by the state but immediately transferred to the credit of counties or cities rest idle in safety deposit vaults. Pending actual transfer these funds are absolutely idle. I am against keeping any money out of circulation. The amendment, if carried, will release great sums annually—a good move.

THERE will be an X in the Yes column on my ballot for Amendment No. 4. It widens jurisdiction of lower courts in certain cases to reduce congestion in Superior Courts. It ought to eliminate some of the law's delay. Need any other argument be presented?

I SHALL vote No on Amendment No. 5. And so should everybody else. When this amendment was drafted it was designed to facilitate transfer and handling of school district funds. But in drafting the amendment, its sponsors failed to take notice of an amendment to the article passed in 1922 providing for the issuance of \$10,000,000 in bonds to purchase farms and homes for war veterans. This was entirely an oversight. If the amendment carries the 1922 provision will be killed. Even the sponsors of the amendment, who overlooked the 1922 amendment, are now urging citizens to vote against the proposal.

AMENDMENT No. 6 provides that taxes on personal property for any current year, where same are not secured by real estate, shall be based on tax levied on real property for preceding year. This is merely an amendment to reduce costly red tape in assessors' offices and works no hardship on anyone. By all means—Yes.

YES on Amendment No. 7, placing boxing bouts in California under state supervision. The state allows boxing now, but the bouts are not supervised. The amendment will make 12-round bouts legal. I am not one of those who believe that the art of boxing is brutal. Maybe I'm wrong, but I'm for boxing anyway. If any boxing is to be allowed in this state, let's have the best under supervision. Placing obstacles in the way of manly sports is a step toward the production of a race of mollycoddles. And Japan is too close to us to allow that.

NO. 8 is O. K. It provides that deputies and assistants may be added to principal office-holders of the state, counties and cities during the terms of those principals and that salaries of said deputies and assistants may be increased during their terms of office. In the rapidly growing cities and counties of the Southland, elasticity of employed personnel is essential to good government.

A. G. Bole Expires On Interurban Car

A. G. Bole, 65, an employee of the General Petroleum Company at the Wilmington tank farm, died Wednesday on a Pacific Electric train while en route to Watts. Heart failure was the immediate cause of death.

Stone and Myers took the body to Watts for burial.

Mr. Bole is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ella Allen of Watts and Mrs. W. F. Clark of Madera.

ENTERTAIN OFFICERS

L. Clemma Watson and F. L. Parks, worthy matron and worthy patron of Torrance Chapter, O. E. S., entertained their officers with a theatre party at Morosco's theatre, Los Angeles, Thursday evening. After enjoying "The Open Gate" the party adjourned to Paulais, where supper was served.

VOTE TUESDAY

Mrs. B. H. Ripple of Long Beach was the guest of her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ripple, of 1927 Carson street, Tuesday.

- No. 11—Klamath River Fish and Game District..... YES
- No. 12—Establishment of Municipal Courts..... YES
- No. 13—Poll Tax on Males, not paying taxes..... NO
- No. 14—Exemption of Bonds from Taxation..... NO
- No. 15—Exemption of Aviation Fields from Tax..... NO
- No. 16—Water and Power Amendment..... NO
- No. 17—Clarifying Eminent-Domain Proceedings..... YES
- No. 18—Amendment to Absent Voting Law..... YES

COUNTY QUESTION

\$5,000,000 bonds to eliminate grade crossings..... YES

If we take the trouble to elect the right men to office, we need have no fear that they will peddle out jobs to individuals whose services are not required. And if we cannot elect good men, we had better revert to monarchy.

I AM for No. 9. Under the present law domestic securities are not taxed in this state, but foreign securities, owned by California residents, are taxed at their face value. Often this tax is larger than the dividends paid on the securities. As a result many holders of foreign securities take pains not to establish residence here, thus avoiding the tax. In either event, the state taxes these securities to the extent of the dividends. The amendment will enable the legislature to pass laws providing for just taxation of foreign securities. This, experts agree, will bring plenty of hidden foreign securities into the light and increase state revenue.

NO. 10. No. 10. I am frank today. I don't understand it and doubt if any average citizen will. It is an involved proposal concerning railroad and street railway company taxes. It would allow the legislature to fix different taxes for street railways than those imposed on railroads. It may be all right and it may not. Experts differ. When in doubt, vote No.

YES on No. 11, proposing, as it does, that at least one river be saved for a natural fish hatchery in the state. The amendment would prohibit the obstruction of the water by dam or power development of the Klamath river. This river is the one stream left in the state for natural propagation of fish. There are enough streams available for power and I am one of those who want something natural left the way God constructed it.

NO. 12 will receive a Yes vote from me. Courts again. If this Amendment is passed cities of more than 40,000 population may have courts with jurisdiction equal to that of Superior Courts. Take Long Beach as an example. With a municipal court of her own, with Superior Court jurisdiction, Long Beach could try her own cases without going to Los Angeles. Institution of such courts will be another aid to reduction of the congestion in the county halls of justice.

AMENDMENT No. 13 proposes a poll tax of \$5 on all males not paying real or personal taxes. I shall vote against it for four reasons: 1, females are not included, yet they are citizens as well as males; 2, other states which have tried the poll tax have discontinued it; 3, it is a reversion to feudal days when men were assessed like cattle, so much per head; it is a tax for living, whether or not the person taxed has anything more than a shirt to his back; 4, the man who is possessed of so little property that he now pays no tax is either unfortunate, or below normal mentally, and should not be taxed; else he has just attained his majority and is struggling to acquire something that is taxable.

NO. 14. No again. It proposes that public utilities district bonds be tax free. State, county and municipal bonds are not taxed now. There are too many tax free securities, attracting capital from business and industry. If anything we should reduce the number of tax free bonds. I'll vote No.

AMENDMENT No. 15 proposes that ground used for a flying field by the United States government be tax free. This gets a negative vote from me. The amendment is cunningly misleading. Property OWNED by Uncle Sam is tax free now. If Uncle Sam LEASES a flying field in California, the owner of the land, who receives an income from the property, should pay a tax on the land. When Uncle Sam rents quarters for a postoffice the owner of the property is taxed. All privately owned property, whether leased to Uncle Sam or anyone else, should be taxed. A fool proposal, this.

NO. 16 is Mr. Spreckels' favorite amendment, which would obligate the state's credit to the extent of half a billion dollars so that the state, counties and cities might go into the water and power business. It would place such government-owned securities in the hands of five appointees, who would fix rates and run the show generally. The principle of government ownership of public utilities is involved. I believe it is too early to go into this business on such a large scale yet, although I do believe in the ultimate ownership of all public utilities by government. I'm voting No. on No. 16.

AMENDMENT No. 17 is proposed merely to clarify the powers of the railroad commission in regard to eminent domain proceedings and should be approved by the electorate. I'll vote Yes.

IF your house burned down tonight and you had to move "over to mother's" in another precinct, you couldn't vote Tuesday. Amendment No. 18 proposes that citizens who have moved from a precinct within 30 days prior to an election may vote at the precinct at which they are registered. The argument against this is that it opens a way for fraud. It seems to me that the justice of the proposal more than counterbalances the objections to it. I'll vote Yes.

VOTE TUESDAY

EPISCOPAL DINNER

The Woman's Guild of the Episcopal church gave a successful dinner Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Haller, 1020 Portola avenue. The menu, which consisted of salad, roast veal and dressing, mashed potatoes, carrots and peas, buns, cranberry jelly, coffee and pie a la mode, was enjoyed by a goodly number.

Clarence Stevens and Oliver Webb arrived in Torrance from Stockton Tuesday morning.

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5-Year-Old Edith Babcock Succumbs

Edith Babcock, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Babcock, 2908 Gramercy, died early Thursday morning at the Children's hospital, Los Angeles, of a complicated kidney disease that has been chronic since birth. She was sitting up in bed playing when the attack that caused her death occurred. The funeral will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Stone and Myers chapel. Burial will be at Inglewood. Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter will conduct the services.

Fireworks, Parade Rally Will Attract Hundreds to City

Biggest Pyrotechnical Display Ever Held Here Will Be Touched Off Before Big Crowd of Harbor Area Tonight

PROCESSION WILL START AT SEVEN O'CLOCK

Program Will Be Terminated by Rousing Get-Together at Marcelina and Sartori Avenues Opposite First National Bank

With the largest assortment of fireworks ever secured for a pyrotechnical display in Torrance, with plans all arranged for a torchlight parade, and speakers ready to address voters from all communities in the Harbor district, arrangements are complete for the old-fashioned political rally which will be held here tonight under the auspices of the Coolidge-Dawes Club of Torrance.

The rally in Torrance will mark the close of the campaign in this district, and scores of citizens will attend the celebration from San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Gardena, Moneta and Keystone.

The fireworks display will be larger and more spectacular than any ever attempted here.

The torchlight parade will form

at the corner of Sartori avenue and El Prado at 7 o'clock and will proceed through the residence and business districts, headed by a fire and drum corps and a brass band.

The parade will end at Marcelina and Sartori avenues, where the rally will be held at 8 o'clock. Citizens who are planning to attend the business men's party at Moose hall at 9 o'clock will be able to attend the rally and get to the hall in time for the grand march.

Shortly after sundown huge bombs will be shot skyward in Torrance to attract attention to the rally for miles around. During the parade and between speeches at the rally the pyrotechnical display will be touched off on the large vacant lot east of Cabrillo avenue and in plain view of all who attend the rally.

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Armistice Ball Will Be Unique Event Nov. 11th

Legion Auxiliary to Hold Dance for Disabled Veterans' Benefit

Tickets are now on sale by members of the American Legion Auxiliary for the Armistice ball to be given by the organization at Moose Hall on the night of Nov. 11. The proceeds from the dance will be used to make a merry Christmas for disabled veterans at the Compton home.

Several unique features are promised for the dance, including a dancing contest, the winning couple of which will receive a live turkey.

ATTENDS PHONE MEETING Miss Helma Greenlund, chief operator at the telephone office, left Thursday to attend a two days' conference of the chief operators to be held in Los Angeles Thursday and Friday. Accommodations have been engaged at the Hotel Ritz for 300 chief operators who will attend.

VOTE TUESDAY

Chamber Plans Close Scrutiny Of 1925 Taxes

Makes Committee Permanent as Assessments Inconsistencies Are Revealed

After hearing a comprehensive report from J. C. Smith, chairman of the special committee to investigate the assessed valuation of property in Torrance, directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday voted to make the committee permanent so the next year's assessments may be subjected to local scrutiny before the date of protest has passed.

Mr. Smith told the directors that numerous inconsistencies are being revealed in the Torrance valuations, which might have been corrected had the assessments been studied before the protest date.

Response to the chamber's request for tax data from property owners in Torrance, as set forth in The Herald, was unusually prompt and complete. More than 200 taxpayers brought their tax notices to the chamber. A map showing valuations was prepared by Carl Hyde, secretary of the chamber, and reveals illogical valuations.

"IN THE GREASE" Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

The Standard Oil Company is doing some fast work these days. Confronted with the necessity of spudding in a well on the Kettler lease in six days, the company dug cellars, built the rig, rigged up, and had the bit 170 feet in the ground at the end of the six days. On the Marble fee property well No. 28 was drilled 1380 feet in 48 hours. The new Kettler well is on the east line of the lease, where good production is anticipated.

The Standard yesterday completed Dominguez No. 11 in the northeastern extension for a yield 150 barrels a day.

The Petroleum Securities Corporation brought in two wells yesterday in the eastern part of the field. Kleinmeyer No. A-16, drilled to 3860 feet, is pumping at a rate of 100 barrels a day. No. A-17, completed at 3556 feet, has not wholly cleaned out yet, and is producing 60 barrels a day.

From 471 producers the average daily output of oil in the field this week was 49,906 barrels. There

were 142 former producers temporarily off production. Forty-seven wells are in process of drilling.

The Standard Oil Company has decided to abandon the bottom of the hole at Ellinwood No. 1, in the southwestern extension. The well was drilled to 4700 feet and will be plugged back to the top formation. The Ellinwood is near the edge of the structure.

The Joughin ranch contributed another producer for the Sentinel Oil Company this week, when Joughin No. 14, drilled to 3223 feet, came in at a rate of 250 barrels a day.

Two Petroleum Midway completions were chalked up this week. Carlson No. 5 is making 150 barrels a day and Crocker Community No. 2, in the Redondo area, is yielding 40 barrels a day.

Shells Kettler No. 2, deep test well near the Santa Fe tracks, is now down 4950 feet, drilling in hard shale.

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