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NAB ALLEGED STUDENT BOOTLEGGER

Record Vote Is Predicted at Torrance Precincts Today

POLLS ARE OPEN 'TIL 7 P. M.

Coolidge Committee Predicts G. O. P. Ticket Will Carry City
BRINEY'S CHANCES GOOD
Legion Issues Last-Minute Plea to Vote No on Number 5

That Torrance will cast the largest vote in the history of the city today, was the opinion of political observers here. Balloting started off briskly this morning at all five city precincts, and continued steadily throughout the morning.

At Republican headquarters workers were busy by telephone and with automobiles urging citizens to vote and taking women to the polls.

A statement issued this morning by the Coolidge-Dawes committee of Torrance declared that the Republican ticket will carry Torrance by a wide margin.

The activities of the campaign for Perry G. Briney are optimistic today. The Briney campaign has been carried on enthusiastically in all parts of Los Angeles county. The Torrance city attorney has received active support from a number of organizations and newspapers and his local supporters predict that he will be elected judge of the Superior Court by a substantial majority.

The activities of the Briney committee have made the Torrance man well known throughout the county. This is evidenced by the great number of Briney windshield stickers to be seen on cars in every city and on every highway in the county.

James Scott this morning urged citizens to vote against Amendment No. 5. This amendment, which provides for a method of transferring school funds, through an oversight will deprive war veterans of the benefits of the \$10,000,000 bond issue approved in 1922 to aid former service men buy homes and farms. The sponsors of the amendment themselves are now urging the people to vote it down.

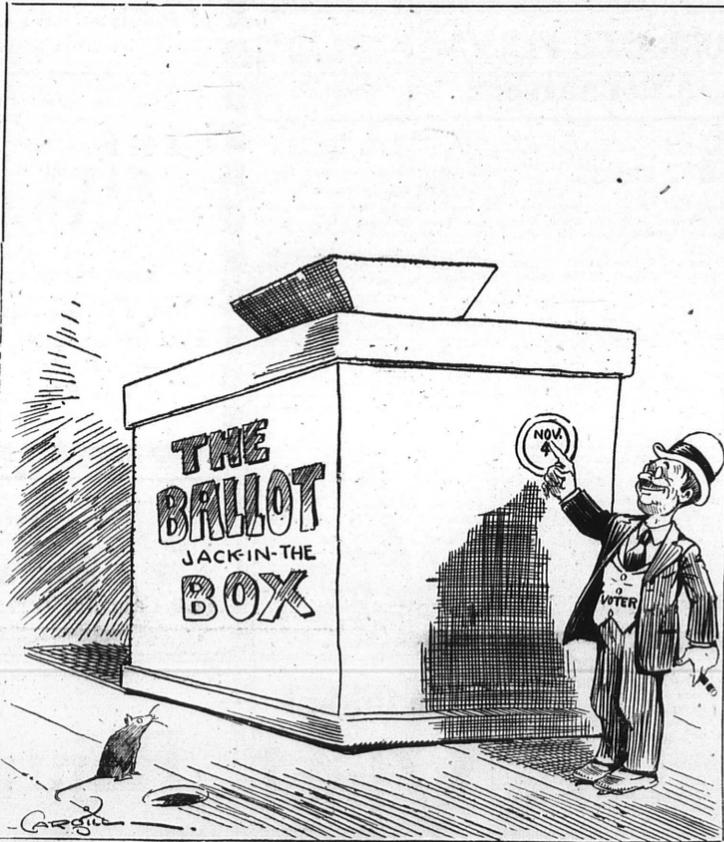
Merry-Go-Round Entertained Here

Mrs. Frank Miller, 1804 Arlington avenue, entertained the Merry-Go-Round Dinner Club on Thursday. The members of this club, which was formed twelve years ago, all formerly lived in Los Angeles, but have since moved to different places near Los Angeles. They still meet once a month at the homes of the members.

Local Women Study Dawes Plan at L. A.

Miss Lydia Pringle, chairman of International relations, Mrs. F. L. Parks and Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh attended the international relations conference in Los Angeles Saturday. The chief subject was the study of the Dawes plan. An all-day session was held, with a luncheon at noon.

Who Will Leap Out of the Box Tonight?



Three Men Severely Burned As Blast Ignites Derrick

The bodies, faces and limbs of three workers were seared with burning oil this morning when a terrific explosion occurred at the Standard Oil Company's Interstate No. 4, near Redondo road and the Santa Fe tracks.

The injured men are Obert Colwell, Roy L. Shafer of Hermosa Beach and Oscar Horne of Torrance. A fourth man, whose name was not ascer-

tained, escaped injury by sliding down a guy rope from the middle of the derrick. The crew was running tubing when friction ignited gas and oil with a blast that shook the ground for blocks around. The man on the derrick, with presence of mind that aroused the admiration of oil men who witnessed the blast, leaped from the rig, caught a guy wire and slid to the ground.

The three men who were on the floor of the derrick caught the full force of the searing blast and were severely burned. They were rushed immediately to the office of Doctors J. S. Lancaster and George P. Schilder, Standard Oil physicians, where their burns were treated. The Torrance fire department answered the alarm and did excellent work in putting the blaze under control.

Judge Lindsay To Speak Here At Early Date

Famous Denver Jurist Is Booked for Afternoon Address at School

Judge Ben Lindsay, of Denver, Colo., will speak soon in Torrance. The famous jurist of the Denver juvenile court has been scheduled for an afternoon address at the high school auditorium, the date to be announced later. It was impossible to secure an evening engagement with the judge, who will speak in Redondo on the morning of the day on which he will address Torrance students and citizens. All who are interested in hearing Judge Lindsay are requested to notify Principal Barnett at once, so that the student body will be able to make the necessary guarantee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McCarter, Mrs. Emma Denton and Mrs. S. M. Hobbs, easterners who have been visiting Mrs. Frank Miller of Arlington avenue, have gone to Long Beach to live.

Torrance Realtors Invited to Lunch On Saturday Noon

Members of the Torrance District Realty Board will be guests Saturday noon at a luncheon to be given at the Ironton hotel by John D. Reavis of Hermosa Beach. Mr. Reavis is putting on the Shake-spear tract at the Beach city. Realtors will be here from Hermosa, Inglewood and Manhattan Beach. The meeting will mark the first seasonal gathering of local realtors.

JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY

About twenty little people attended the birthday party Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. B. Page, Arlington avenue, in honor of Miss Georgina Tiffany, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tiffany of Carson street, and the daughter of the house, little Miss Marjorie Page. These two little misses are inseparable companions.

The house was prettily decorated in the Halloween colors and the afternoon was passed in playing games.

Of course there were two birthday cakes, decorated with the appropriate number of candles for each little honoree.

Five Hundred Attend Party Of Merchants

Business Men Are Hosts at Dance in Moose Hall Friday

The Torrance business men scored another triumph Friday night when they gave their second dance and party of the year to the people of Torrance. The hall was decorated in Halloween colors and the Torrance Syncopators furnished a program of high class music for the dancers.

The crowd was estimated at 500. Hurum Reeve, president of the Torrance Business Men's Association, wishes to thank the people for their attendance, and he of course voices the gratitude of all the Torrance merchants who helped to make the party a success. A well-received feature of the party was the fancy dancing of Clyde Keageris and Miss Grace Mumford, who delighted the crowd with some of the latest fancy steps.

Use our Want Ads for results.

POLITICAL RALLY IS ROUSING

500 Attend Coolidge-Dawes Celebration on Friday Night
FIFTY CARS JOIN PARADE
Fireworks and Speeches Lauding President Mark Campaign's End

The most enthusiastic Coolidge-Dawes rally staged during the campaign in Southern California was attended by more than 500 persons in Torrance Friday night.

Starting off with a torchlight parade of 50 automobiles, led by a fire and drum corps, and wending its brilliantly-lighted way through the residence district, the celebration ended on the vacant property at Marcelina and Sartori avenues in an old-fashioned rally and fireworks display.

Members of the Los Angeles County Republican committee declared that the celebration here was the most enthusiastic and most thoroughly planned and executed held in the Southland this year.

Speakers addressed the throng from an electrically lighted platform draped with American flags. Across the street A. H. Bartlett acted as fireworks custodian and interspersed the program with bombs, skyrocket and other pyrotechnics.

George Proctor presided. He introduced Hugh Pomeroy, secretary of the Regional Planning Commission, who recently returned from a trip east, where he had an audience with President Coolidge.

"I was surprised and delighted," said Mr. Pomeroy, "at the President's thorough knowledge of the progress and plans of Los Angeles county."

The speaker urged citizens to vote for Coolidge in order to insure prosperity of the country. Jim Osborne explained that he was a bootmaker.

"I have to work for a living," he said. "And in order to work I've got to have a job. In order to have a job I've got to find somebody who has money to pay me with. So I'm going to vote for Coolidge and Dawes."

Judge E. D. Ritter spoke vehemently in favor of the policies of the Republican party in general and of the present administration in particular.

Errors Help Oil Men Beat Redondo

Manager Copeland and his classy ball team beat Redondo Sunday afternoon at the home ball park, 6 to 2, and thereby kept pace with the leaders in the Double-A division of the Winter League. Each pitcher field his opponent to four hits, but errors lost the game for the Redondo slabbist.

Parliamentary Law Class on Mondays

The parliamentary law class at the evening high school was definitely decided on Monday evening as the most suitable time for meeting. A sufficient number have enrolled to insure the continuance of the class. Miss Alta S. Hall gives a course of twelve lessons. Those desiring to enter, come at once. Miss Hall has taught parliamentary law in the University of California for four consecutive years.

Mrs. J. H. Fess and son Junior were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Bessonett of Redondo Beach.

Observations

Thoughts on Election Day—Apathy and History—Does the Ballot MEAN Anything?—When the Modern King Casts His Vote
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

ELECTION DAY THOUGHTS.
It is both discouraging and depressing to read and hear all the exhortations flung at and presented to citizens in order to get them to vote.

It indicates a queer twist in mortal makeup that men will fight and spend their blood to secure a bill of rights and the privilege of suffrage, and then, having won their points in war and revolution, settle back and fail to profit by their victory.

It takes one back to the horrible years that preceded Magna Charta, to the American revolution, followed so soon by that bloody ordeal during which crowns were torn from the heads of the French kings and heads of hundreds who sought to obstruct the will of the people were paraded about on pikes.

How those ancestors of ours did bleed and suffer and fight and toil and die, so that we of this generation might choose our own governors and express our own individual wills in the ballot box!

What would Danton and Mirabeau and Robespierre think, if they should come to life today and hear the pleading that men exercise their hard-won right of suffrage?

These modern urgings that people vote must make those shining patriots of the American revolution turn over in their venerable graves.

Imagine Patrick Henry staying away from the polls. Picture the giant Mirabeau frolicking at a picnic on election day. Try and conjure up a vision of Alexander Hamilton or Thomas Jefferson failing to register.

And yet, think what a short time ago it was that no man had the right of suffrage, when there was no principle of a free press, no public school, no privilege of free speech.

Is it possible, that these so far short-lived experiments in democracy are destined to failure?

One is drawn close to such a conclusion when he witnesses the present-day apathy of the body politic.

But there is another side. People rise up when oppressed. Full stomachs do not foster revolutions. Prosperity fosters civic passivity. Is it not logical to go a step farther and declare that the disinclination to vote is the result of a contentment among a vast majority of the people?

It is certainly true that never before in history have so many comforts been available to such a large percentage of people as are now enjoyed by men and women of the North American continent.

Comparatively few mortals on this continent are at the doorway of starvation—yet only a comparatively short time ago the great majority of men and women of the world were in that sorry plight.

More comfort and more security for more men probably has made for the civic apathy now so noticeable. Yet the indifference so caused is not without its dangers. When so many are disinterested in government, government itself is inclined to become inefficient and lax, with resultant piling up of woes for the individual, until the inefficiency and laxity reawaken the people, sometimes with disastrous effect.

It is disappointing to realize that it is necessary to beg people to vote—but it is likewise well that those who are state-conscious realize the importance of a general public awakening.

ONE meets with this statement: "What's the use of voting? It doesn't mean anything any more."

That should make anyone who has read history see red. To him who hopes to see the world emancipated suddenly from all the maladies inherited through the centuries, voting may be too slow a method of securing reforms. But to him who counts in his mind the advantages which men have won for themselves by the ballot, voting must mean a great deal.

Only a very short time ago the only way men could acquire any advantage was by revolution, war—by fire and by blood. With these they won the ballot itself.

Checking up on the history of Europe from 500 to 1500 A. D., one will see that in 1,000 years—count them—practically no forward step was taken by or for the great mass of men.

After the glory that was Greece and the splendor that was Rome, men actually went backward for ten long centuries.

They, tearing away the shackles of ignorance that bound men to a stake, a few great leaders stepped out in front of the mortal procession, and the present era of increased activity was aborning.

In the last 500 years men have won hundreds of times more advantages than their forebears acquired in twice that length of time.

On the side of the ballot, which "doesn't mean anything," must be listed a group of assets undreamed of 500 years ago.

By blood men won the ballot. By the ballot they have won public schools, free press, free speech, the right of the initiative, referendum and recall, and on down the list of modern advantages.

For the first time legislation can now originate among plain mortals.

Are we taxed too high? The ballot can correct it. Deny that if you will!

Is some official unjust or grossly unwise? By the ballot he may be removed.

Do we need more money for education? By the ballot it can be voted.

Is injustice written into the law? By the ballot it may be erased. Suffrage has succeeded the pike-pole and the torch of revolution. It has only to be exercised, to be effective.

TO assert that the ballot has done much is not to concede that it has purged society of all its ills. There is much to be accomplished.

The time is not far distant when the direct primary will come to mean something. That day will arrive when the convention system is abolished—a reform that is rapidly shaping itself in the minds of American electors.

The electoral college will go into limbo along with the convention system. Presidents will be elected directly by the people, just as all other officials are now elected.

These two reforms will be won by the ballot—the greatest weapon ever placed in the hands of mortal men.

But they will not be won if more and more people come to believe that "voting doesn't mean anything."

The ballot is effective in direct proportion to the will of men

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LAD AIDS OFFICERS IN RAID

16-Year-Old Buys Booze From Pedro Man With Marked Money
PHILLIPS LEADS PROBE
Bootleg Sales To Local Students Leads to Arrest of Stewart White

Several weeks of investigation by Torrance police of the sale of bootleg liquor to students of the Torrance and Lomita high schools resulted last night in the arrest of Stewart White, aged 16, of San Pedro, on the charge of selling liquor to a 16-year-old Torrance boy.

The boy himself, at the instigation of Acting Chief William Phillips and county officers, bought a pint of booze from White with marked money, according to the charge. White was then arrested and the marked money taken from his person.

Acting Chief Phillips has been seeking for several weeks to ascertain where high school students here have been obtaining liquor. Friday night the 16-year-old Torrance boy was found in an intoxicated condition. He confessed to Phillips where he obtained the liquor and accompanied the Torrance officer to San Pedro, where he pointed out a shack near Banning wharf where he said he bought the booze.

Phillips last night telephoned Los Angeles and secured the assistance of George Contreras, special prohibition agent of the district attorney's office. Contreras came to Torrance. The boy was given marked money and accompanied the officers to San Pedro. He went to the water-front shack and returned with a pint of booze. White was then arrested. He had \$118 on his person, including, according to police, the marked money. The boy, it is said, paid \$3 for the pint of booze.

In addition to the liquor charge, White is charged with contributing to the delinquency of the boy. He will be tried today before Judge W. D. McCone of San Pedro.

40 Babies Are Examined Here; Advice Is Given

First Mothers' Educational Center of Year Is Well Attended

About 40 babies were present Friday at the Mothers' Educational Center. The assistants were kept busy weighing and measuring the babies and filling out their slips before passing them on to Dr. Zada Higgins, who gave them a physical test and advised the mothers how best to care for their little ones.

Dr. Maude Wilde was ill and not able to attend to give the mental tests, but will be present next Friday, when another Better Babies Day will be held.

Parents should be sure to register their babies at Reeve's hardware store before attending.

L. A. Masons Will Meet in Torrance

The Los Angeles City Educational Masonic Club will meet with the Torrance Masons in the Masonic temple on Saturday evening, Nov. 8, at 6:30 p. m. The date has been changed from Nov. 15 to Nov. 8.

VOTE - POLLS CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M. - VOTE