

April 1922

VOTE FOR THE BONDS ON MONDAY

EDITORIAL

AN APOLOGY

During the rush in consolidating and moving two printing offices to a new location last week, erecting presses, installing typesetting machines and making adjustments in the office, many mistakes were made in the last issue of the Herald, the most serious one being the omission of Wallace H. Gilbert's name from the list of candidates for city trustee. The error was not discovered until it was too late, but luck was with us for once—as it gave us one more issue of the paper before election to make amends for the blunder. The Herald or any of its employees would not do the slightest thing that would reflect against Mr. Gilbert, nor be the mans of losing him a single vote. In fact we believe in him, know that he has served Torrance well in the past as your city trustee, and sincerely hope that he will be re-elected next Monday, April 10.

TO CARRY ON

In order to carry on the constructive work that has been started in city government the past year, voters of Torrance are respectfully asked to support the four trustees whose names appear below at next Monday's election. They have proven their efficiency and come before you with a record of achievements in municipal affairs that is all to their credit. Their names appear on the official ballot and as incumbents consider your support an approval of their tireless efforts. For the past twelve months they have worked faithfully, without remuneration and have had to do all the detail work of initiating a city government. Personally we know of no serious mistakes they have made, and feel that they are worthy of your support.

CANDIDATES FOR CITY OFFICES

The following list of candidates for the various offices of the City of Torrance comprise one of the strongest lists of capable men you can possibly find in a city the size of Torrance. Next Monday, April 10, you will be called upon to pass judgment on those you believe are the best fitted for the jobs.

For Trustees

James M. Fitzhugh
Wallace H. Gilbert
William T. Klussman
Edwin H. Nash
George A. Proctor
Joseph F. Stone
John R. Winters

For City Clerk

Albert H. Bartlett
Harrison C. Gardner
Frank B. Unks

For City Treasurer

Harry H. Dolley.

SANTA FE GUARANTEES STANDARD GAUGE RAILROAD

The execution of deeds to certain properties in Torrance to the Santa Fe Railway Company by the Dominguez Land Corporation shows conclusively that a standard gauge railroad is to be built, as the following communication shows:

April 4th, 1922.

Dominguez Land Corporation,
Torrance, Calif.,
Gentlemen—

The undersigned having by writing of even date herewith requested you to make, execute and deliver the grant deed or deeds specified in Paragraph I of Article I of that certain agreement between you and the undersigned dated October 22nd, 1921, does hereby, in accordance with Paragraph I of Article II and Paragraph I of Article III, of said agreement, promise, covenant and agree that it will build, or cause to be built, upon the land shown in red on blue print attached to said contract marked "Exhibit A", a standard gauge steam railway within the time limit in said paragraphs of said agreement last above specified, subject to the penalties and forfeitures specified in paragraph I of Article III of said agreement.

Yours truly,
SANTA FE LAND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY,
By E. O. Faulkner,
Its Vice President.

AMERICAN LEGION

The next regular meeting of the American Legion will be held Monday evening, April 10th, at their hall on Border avenue.

DR. NORMAN A. LEAKE

Announces the removal of his office from 1804 Arlington Avenue to 1625 Marcelina Avenue, just east of Central Evangelical Church. After April 6, 1922.

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A FEW FACTS FOOD FOR THOUGHT

(Contributed)
There are certain fundamentals in the popular food for thought which constitute the basis of correct or logical thinking. And, correct thinking is the source of the greatest power the world has, or ever will possess, because it is the generative means of all ideas. Ideas are the foundation of visualization, which when properly constituted are enabled to mature into the realm of action and action is the source commensurably and finally responsible for all that we acclaim today as the champions of all science. Service without action is dead. "Faith without work is dead."

We have in Mr. Gilbert a man with the requisite training and ideals for the propagation of correct and logical thinking; one who has widened the ability to put his ideas into practical visualization and ultimate action, and then unselfishly and ungrudgingly put his reserve energy into prosecuting the ends of his conviction, to bring out into completeness the realization of his ideals, the fruits of which we all may enjoy.

Whether in public life or any other walk, every fair thinker concedes that there is really only one thing that actually counts in the balance scales of time, and that is the Faith, the Truth concerning anything. This is most clearly illustrated in the science of numbers, that is mathematics. Regardless of what may be taught or believed concerning mathematics, unless it is the Truth it is non-productive of any true solution and is therefore erroneous, non-existent. In short the only proof of anything is a demonstration of the principle of that thing.

We have all enjoyed in some degree the demonstrations of the principles of Mr. Gilbert in connection with his activities as a Trustee of this city for the past year and those of us who have been associated with him in a more intimate manner probably realize more fully what it has meant to Torrance in his untiring efforts as a Trustee.

One of the paramount questions facing us today is adequate housing to care for the employees of the various industries situated here. Mr. Gilbert was very instrumental in establishing and perfecting the housing plan which was approved and adopted by the Pacific Electric Railway Co. As the administrative head of the committee appointed from that institution he has accomplished the housing of 80 employees and their families, which represents an outlay of \$260,000. Realizing further the good which is to accrue to the employees thus affected, the several business phases of the plan insofar as the company is concerned and the benefits accruing to the community, the merchants and Torrance as a whole, has prompted him to request an additional appropriation with which to extend this plan.

In summing up any proposition, the points that count are the outstanding characteristics of accomplishment rather than the echoes of a big noise, and it will well pay each voter to weigh carefully each vote that he casts in order that we may usher in a harmonious, business and clean cut administration.

Vote yes on the Bonds.

A CAPABLE EXECUTIVE

(Contributed)
Among the interesting political events that are happening in Torrance these days, perhaps none is attracting more attention than the race for the position of city clerk. This position promises to be one of increased responsibility as the city grows.

As recently announced in these columns, Mr. H. C. Gardner, who was recently associated with Mr. C. A. Paxman in the hardware and electrical business, has entered the race for this position and is putting on a lively campaign to come out the winner on April 10th.

Mr. Gardner has had a training and business experience that well fits him for the duties to be performed as the city's representative at the city hall. The people of Torrance have always found him to be a courteous and loyal business man while associated with Mr. Paxman and the many friends he has made while in Torrance wish him success in this campaign. If elected, Torrance will obtain an efficient and capable business executive.

If you believe in a democracy, fulfill your obligation as a part of the government and vote.

Torrance Has Broadway Theatre Broadway Shows, Says Journal

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McVey Have Built For The Future

By Art Meyer

When exhibitors tell you they have built a new theatre in a small town that has never had a picture show and the population is 1500, isn't it the most natural thing in the world for you to visualize a "small town" theatre? At least that is what I expected to see when I went to Torrance to see "The Sheik," at Mr. and Mrs. McVey's new house. I owe these two exhibitors a humble apology; for standing out foremost in this small town is the Torrance Theatre, colossal, beautiful and inviting. No large city can boast of a finer, more modern and as comfortable a theatre as the McVey's have erected in this small town.

Starting at the projection room, (which is one of the most spacious and best equipped I have ever been in) and carrying on an inspection tour to back stage one finds many innovations worthy of comment. The projection room is so wired that there is not a fuse inside. There is a special ventilating system in the booth that keeps discharging the impure air and drives in the fresh. The lights inside the theatre are hidden

in the ceiling, thereby relieving any eye-strain and the seats are so arranged that you do not have to arise to allow people to pass in and out. And that's that for the theatre. But a beautiful theatre is not of much consequence unless you put on an entertainment that is of the same high standard, and the McVey's are not falling down one iota in this respect. I was present the opening night of "The Sheik" which was billed for a three day run.

The performance opened with a prologue staged by the McVey's and consisted of exclusive home talent. Professionals could not have been better. The scene represented Sunset on the desert and in the apparent mystic distance is heard the "Kashmiri." This is followed by two other selections and the closing song, "A Son of the Desert Am I" was rendered by Mr. J. C. McVey.

The McVey's are a glowing example of the confidence some exhibitors have in the motion picture industry. They have staked their all in this small town, realizing that the picture business is here to stay and that Torrance is going to be a "big city" some day and will be proud of the theatre that was built in its infancy.

HERE'S CHANCE TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

(By H. H. Dolley.)

It is seldom that a city has a better opportunity to show her appreciation of one that has done so much to aid in the upbuilding of the community, than that of voting solidly next Monday for A. H. Bartlett, whose candidacy was announced last week for city clerk.

Mr. Bartlett has been associated for many years in every effort of this city in civic matters, and has carried the burdens of detail work, and done many other disagreeable duties without a murmur or without recompense. To vote for him and elect him to the office for which he aspires next Monday will be little enough appreciation and I take great pleasure in recommending him to the citizens of Torrance. As a matter of friendship, the following summary of his activities in Torrance since 1913 is given below, and I am assured from Mr. Bartlett that if elected he will devote all the required time to the discharge of the city's business in connection with the office of city clerk:

December 5, 1912, Mr. Bartlett became associated with the Union Pool Company in clerical work and for seven years was considered a valuable employee by that company. He and Mrs. Bartlett have lived continuously in Torrance since 1913 and when the Torrance Athletic club was organized he was elected secretary and filled that position until the organization was dissolved.

He is the secretary-treasurer of the Torrance Fire Department. He acted as treasurer for all the War drives and Red Cross drives. He was treasurer of the Home Guard of Torrance. For five years Mr. Bartlett was secretary-treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce here. He is also the present secretary of the Torrance Auditorium Company, and was elected a director of the new reorganized Chamber of Commerce.

At present he is engaged in the organization of a Building and Loan Co., for the benefit of promoting the growth of Torrance along lines that mean permanency to its already sound foundation as a city.

The above is a record that adds strength to his candidacy and we believe that he will be elected city clerk. It is a certainty that his real big personality will be felt in that office like his unselfish make-up has always been noticed in civic affairs of Torrance in which he has had a part.

Vote for the bonds.

D. L. C. ELECTION

The directors of the Dominguez Land Corporation held a special meeting last Tuesday in the office of the company and by unanimous vote Mr. R. M. Osborn, former vice-president and general manager, was elected president of the corporation. The office of president had not been filled since the death of Mr. Torrance.

Vote for the bonds Monday and help Torrance become a real city.

Santa Fe Railroad From El Segundo To San Pedro Via Torrance, Harbor City

No greater impetus could be added to the slogan "Torrance Means Business" than that of the presence of the surveyors and engineers of the Santa Fe railroad on the ground and working out rights of way for their new railroad through this city and on to the Harbor at San Pedro.

Engineer Baumgartner of the Santa Fe was here a few days ago and started surveying lines and it was learned that the railroad company would begin work from the El Segundo main line and enter this section east of the city reservoir, running their line southwest of the Pacific Electric shops to Madrid avenue, down Plaza del Amo, across South Arlington, across one corner of the sewer farm and from there through the Kettler ranch, direct to Harbor City on the eastern boundary, and thence to the Union Oil refineries on the Harbor Boulevard, and on to San Pedro, where the company has only recently secured a tract of land for their terminal.

While a definite line has not been absolutely decided, the present plans as given above in a general way will be followed. Back of the High School along the Eucalyptus Gum grove and easterly to Arlington avenue, a strip of ground 300 feet in width and approximate-

ly 2000 feet long has been secured it is said and it is thought that it is here the shops of the Santa Fe will be should they decide to extend their operations in this department of handling their rolling stock.

Another feature of this new development for Torrance worthy of note is that the railroad will cross one corner of the sewer farm, which the City will purchase after election next Monday. This will leave a three cornered piece of land, and it was suggested by the city engineer that this could be very appropriately used for the city's yard, where implements and storage of street equipment, etc., could be placed.

Another peculiarity was pointed out when it was seen by the line of survey that the roadbed would pass through the center of Henry Kettler's residence on the Kettler rancho south of Torrance.

A railroad from El Segundo to San Pedro harbor, via Torrance, penetrating oil fields, all along the line will be one of the greatest incentives to open up and build up this city. The erection of seventy or seventy-five more oil derricks in the district, the building of a railroad through the town, an incorporated city, where a business like chamber of commerce is found, with a live secretary at its head, surely looks like "Torrance Means Business."

WORTHY OF SUPPORT



John Roy Winters

(Contributed)

With a clean and active record in Torrance dating back five years, John Roy Winters, whose picture appears above, seeks your support at the polls next Monday when you vote for city trustees of Torrance. Mr. Winters is exceedingly capable, and holds the respect of his large acquaintance of friends as being alert, inventive turn of mind, and he is on the square in all his dealings. A vote will be appreciated next Monday by John Roy Winters.

ANOTHER FINE CANDIDATE

(Contributed)

With the announcement of E. H. Nash as candidate for city trustee came a response of approval from all sections of Torrance. Mr. Nash is cashier of the Llewellyn Iron Works of this city and has won a place in the friendship of all who know him that he is genuine, capable, courteous, and faithful to the trusts placed in his care, the management of the city's business will be safe in his hands. Remember E. H. Nash next Monday at the polls.

If you want to defeat the bonds then try to prevent people from learning the facts, and get them to fail to vote on the bonds, but get them to vote for officials only. In that way their failure to vote on the bonds will count as a "NO." For two-thirds of all votes cast must be "YES" to carry bonds. Learn the facts and do your duty and vote.

R. R. Smith, Retiring Trustee Principal Speaker and Reviews Year's Work.

Legion Hall was packed to seating capacity Monday evening when a meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce held its second Forum. It was everybody's meeting, and was opened by a community sing led by Secretary Pottinger, who started things off with pep. Mrs. I. F. Bennett sang very sweetly with Mrs. J. H. Fitzhugh accompanist. Alfred Gourdier, president of the Chamber of Commerce, then devoted several minutes to a review of Torrance's history to the past year, and especially dwelt upon the activities of the Board of Trustees. He concluded his remarks by introducing Richard R. Smith, retiring trustee, who held the attention of his audience for an hour. The trials of an inexperienced board of trustees in municipal affairs were recited by Mr. Smith and he pointed out that it fell upon the new board, with the assistance of Attorney Briney, to formulate all the laws and ordinances to start the city off on the right basis as a city. Visits were made to several cities of the sixth class and pointers were learned from older boards in conducting a small town government. While it is difficult to find a city with parallel issues found in Torrance, the methods of procedures were learned and by being careful no serious mistakes were made and today, any board of trustees that are elected may step into control of a well organized city. Some difference, when you consider what the present board had to face a year ago.

During his discourse, it was pointed out that the much maligned Dominguez Land Corporation, had been the most faithful organization known in aiding and assisting in every way the new government. Everything possible was granted the trustees by the Land Co. and while the city had no teams, no implements no graders or scrapers to keep up the repair of Arlington and other streets, the use of these were donated at less than cost to the city. Even the men were furnished by the company. The same co-operative spirit was shown in the use of headquarters for the city officials, and the service of City Clerk Deininger, who was given lee-way to do clerical work for the new government. "We do not know what we could have done without their help," said he.

As to the bonds, the speaker said: "You elected us as your agents to (Continued on last page)"

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