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Gravity in Gerner Well Tests Twenty

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new derricks south of Elgin street.

Here's One Opinion

Many experts incline to the belief—it is set down here for what it may or may not be worth—that drilling directly south of the Gerner well will not be profitable, but that areas to the southwest and southeast bear good gravity oil in commercial quantities.

This much is certainly true: Between Fortuna's producer on Acacia street and Federal's Gerner No. 1—a distance of two blocks—the structure took a dip of more than 50 feet. Despite that fact, 3890 feet is no depth to drill for a commercial oil formation.

Long Swabbing Process

Federal started swabbing the Ger-

ner well Monday night at 11 o'clock. The operation was continued up to Wednesday night, when this was written.

For a time Tuesday the well flowed at a rate of about 500 barrels a day. But it did not clean out rapidly, so the swabbing process was repeated.

The bailer was not used on the well at all.

All through the swabbing process there was insufficient gas pressure to bring on a steady flow of oil.

Little Price Difference
At the present price of oil, gravity means less than usual. Twenty gravity oil sells for 61 cents a barrel, and oil from the best wells in the field is bringing no higher than 67 cents.

The Gerner well was cemented at 3625 feet and drilled down to 3825. Two hundred feet of 2½-inch tubing are in the hole. Only one round of perforated casing was put down. As a result the cleaning-out job takes longer than usual.

GETTY TO PUT UP FORTY RIGS IN THE FIELD

George F. Getty is making contracts for the construction of forty rigs in the Torrance-Lomita field, it was learned Wednesday. Getty has been unusually busy buying up leases, scattered through all sections of the big proven area. Already he is one of the foremost operators in the development here, and bids fair to share first honors with the Santa Fe.

The Ring Petroleum corporation has also entered the field extensively, having picked up several scattered leases for the drilling of 12 wells.

The Todd Drilling company this week secured contracts to drill three wells for the Universal Consolidated Oil company.

Tomkins Wields Good Paint Brush

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life to the painting trade. He was still a boy when he first went up the ladder with brush in hand. The years went on and he made it his business to know the game from the bottom up—beginning at the first rung in the ladder and on up to perfection. His early training was rigid and thorough. In those days, especially in his native London, there was no royal road to perfection in workmanship. Things were done only in a most complete and efficient manner. These are the same principles that have continued in all work that has since been performed by the able Mr. Tomkins.

Tomkins was reared in the very center of the great city of London. He came to America thirty-six years ago. Young and full of the adventure that falls to every true son of Britain, this intrepid man shipped before the mast from San Francisco in the old whaling vessel William Balfour. The brush had been put aside to satisfy the whims of youth. Tomkins went far into the Arctic on that voyage to Point Barrow, the most northerly city on the Western Hemisphere. Shipping as a sailor, he returned as chief engineer. And then he took up his life's work—with the brush.

Mr. Tomkins has lived here six years. His services have been prominent in much of the city's upbuilding. No man performs a better paint job. One contractor told me that "I would rather pay this man Tomkins more for the work because he does it right and he uses paint—real paint." Tomkins is regarded as an unusually expert finisher.

Houses For Sixty Families Going Up

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which, when completed, will house 61 new families in the city. That's an average of two families a day for the month—representing a potential growth of approximately 240 persons for October.

OUTSIDE CAPITAL
The permits for October reveal an unprecedented entrance of outside capital into the city for construction purposes. Builders from Los Angeles, Long Beach, Redondo, Hermosa, San Pedro and other cities of Southern California have taken out permits.

Permits for four apartment courts taken out during the month represent an aggregate construction cost of \$73,500—or almost twice as much as the cost of oil derricks for which permits were granted during October.

CONDITIONS RIGHT
It is apparent to local officials and old residents that the long-awaited influx of outside builders into the city has started. The fact that there are almost as many men on Torrance industrial payrolls, exclusive of the oil industry, as there are residents of the city, coupled with the fact that a prohibitory drilling ordinance is in effect, has encouraged outside builders to construct homes in response to the insistent demand for dwellings.

Car Strikes Child; Driver Can't Find Out Who Child Is

M. G. Bench of Hermosa Beach reported to the Torrance police Saturday morning that he had struck a little child about 5 years old who ran in front of his machine. The child was knocked down and, Mr. Bench thinks, injured. The parents of the boy, who were sitting in a machine on the opposite side of the street, picked him up and drove off. Mr. Bench does not know who they were, or where they were from.

211 Rigs in Field; Here Are New Ones

The Torrance and Lomita field now boasts 211 rigs. Work was started on derricks during the past week for the following locations: Standard, on Dominguez lease, 600 feet east of Dominguez No. 1; Bush & Voorhis, lot 32 on East Cherry street, Lomita, and on the Schultz lease on West Pine street, Lomita; Federal, Gerner No. 2 on Gerner lease, Narbonne and Elgin; Land & Wall, West Palm street, Lomita; 5-0 Drilling company, at Palm and Pennsylvania, Lomita; Petroleum Midway, on East Pine street, Lomita.



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Will Hold Class in Citizenship in Torrance School

Citizenship classes will soon be held in Torrance. William M. Bell, principal of the grammar school, has been authorized to teach citizenship to foreigners who are seeking naturalization papers. Only two other teachers in Los Angeles county are permitted to conduct such classes. One is in Los Angeles, the other in San Pedro. Applications should be made to Prof. Barnett, who reports a steady demand for such a class.

Bale of Hay Falls On Little Lad's Leg

Richard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kettler, sustained a broken leg last Friday when a bale of hay toppled over on him. The kiddie is in the Seaside hospital at Long Beach.

SELBY-ROOT SANDS UP

Selby & Root's producer, brought in on the old Redondo road last week, sanded up the first part of this week and was off production while the crew was cleaning out.

Henry Stevenson Is Taken By

Dr. William Henry Stevenson was taken away at the home of his wife, P. Stevenson, last Saturday, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Dye, of Carrollton, Mo., and arrived in Torrance Friday. He was taken ill on the way and grew rapidly worse. Born near Dayton, O., 73 years ago, Dr. Stevenson lived in Los Angeles for two years, and had been a resident of Torrance for two years. A son and a daughter survive. The body was taken to Cincinnati, Ia., for interment in a family burial plot.

Orchestra Concert At Church

The Ulmer orchestra of the M. E. church of Los Angeles will give a concert next Sunday in the Torrance Methodist church.

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