

Prove Up Oil Sands To 3900 Feet

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Driver Nabbed In Accident Case

Prospecting Gives Hope Of Increased Yield On East Side

Shell And Miley Core Ahead To 3896 Feet; Are Locating Rich Sand But Striking No Water

LONGER LIFE FOR WELLS PROBABLE

Operators Now Speculate As To How Far Down Holes May Be Drilled Without Water Trouble

That the oil sands in the northeastern extension run down as deep as 3900 feet without any showing of water has been almost certainly established by the Shell Oil company and E. J. Miley. The results of the prospecting done by the two operators along the old Redondo road (east) during the past week is of the utmost importance to the whole eastern extension. Shell has cored March 1-a ahead to 3896 feet. The well was cored from 3840 feet, every foot of the way down. None of the cores showed any water. All showed rich oil sand. Miley's experience east and south of Shell's prospecting job matches that of the Dutch-British company. Torrance No. 2 on the Joughlin property has been cored down to 3892 feet, with exactly the same results. The deepest producing well in the field is Shell's March 3, which is yielding clean oil from 3853 feet. The company drilled this well deep in the belief that the bottom water found further west at around 3810 feet does not exist in the eastern extension. When March 3 came in clean the company went still deeper with March 1-a. Miley followed suit. The result of this prospecting means greatly increased production and longer life per well in the whole district. Operators further south in East Lomita are watching the prospecting closely and there probably will be some deeper drilling in East Lomita than heretofore. Since Shell brought in its well from 3858 feet, every other operator in that territory has drilled down to that depth. Now if Shell and Miley get clean production, without water, from these two wells drilled close to 3900 feet, all other operators will drill deeper. How much further the oil sands extend cannot, of course, be guessed at. But if clean production is secured from 3900 feet, there will be still more prospecting. Many operators now believe that oil sands in the eastern extension may extend several hundred feet lower without water.

Observations

Our Police News Policy—The Sikhs of India—A Movie of Today, 5000 Years Hence—International Poker

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE Torrance police "blotter" is filled with cases of vagrancy, drunkenness, and other equally minor breaches of the law. The Herald does not run news of this kind. A number of years of experience in newspaper direction has convinced us that publication of minor police news does more harm than it does good, creates more sadness than one not in close touch with the situation would imagine.

Wayward men, who are their own worst enemies, get their names on the police records for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Many of these men have industrious, righteous, splendid wives. Many have children.

Publication of a small note about the husband's misconduct too often brings the wife to the office with tears in her eyes and aching in her heart. Too often other children read the note in the paper and, with the thoughtless cruelty of the immature, jibe the children of the arrested man.

We believe the reading public is willing to forego the questionable pleasure there may be in reading of these minor police cases in order to guard a few hearts from pain.

We wish it distinctly understood, however, that matters of police record are matters of public record and it is not our desire to shield anyone who is arrested for something more than a minor offense. That we cannot and will not do.

Police matters of real interest to the public we have published and will continue to publish. We owe that to the reading public: first, because it is our duty to print news without favor or bias, and second, because the public should know what their servants, the police, are doing.

We believe we are right in not publishing the inconsequential details of cases of drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and vagrancy. Don't you? * * * *

SIKHS who live in the Punjab of India practice what they preach. And one of the foundations of their religion is couched in the following admonition: "If anyone treat you ill, bear it. If you bear it three times, God Himself will fight for you and humble your enemies."

Not long ago 400 Sikhs were attacked while attending worship in a Punjab temple. They continued at their devotions, unresisting. All were slaughtered.

Their brethren now insist that this massacre was arranged by English officers. Be that as it may, the Sikhs believe the British to be their enemies. As a result the massacre of the 400 has sent a thrill of revulsion for Englishmen throughout the whole Punjab.

Yet there is no active resistance. When the fires of revolt were threatening to burst into a devastating blaze Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest man in India today, quenched the conflagration with the Sikhs' doctrine of non-resistance.

The Sikhs believe confidently that their enemies will eventually be humbled because they have borne ill treatment without striking back. Perhaps they are right. Perhaps they have advanced closer to the point of human perfection than we of the western world.

Who are we to scorn their sublime doctrine or teach them religion, we who preach the Golden Rule and do not practice it, we who honor Him who admonished us to "turn the other cheek" and who have just come bloody from the pits of wholesale murder!

The philosophy of the Sikhs is the philosophy of Jesus. Yet we send missionaries to teach them Christianity. Truly we are inconsistent. Perhaps they should send missionaries to us, to teach US Christianity. * * * *

W. R. ROTHACKER, moving picture producer, has placed in the Smithsonian institute a film to be released 5000 years hence. The film is treated so that it will last more than 50 centuries.

What will those residents of this planet think when they see that film projected in 6924? Will they laugh at us and our quaint customs and dress?

The editor of Power Plant Engineering of Cleveland imagines that an announcement something like the following will be made in the papers of 6924 the day before the film is released:

"NOTICE! Focus in on Radiophotogram Station B 1923 XC at 7:35 o'clock tonight. Films of unusual historical interest will be broadcast. Motion pictures taken 5000 years ago show primitive state of civilization in 1924! Cumbersome methods for the generation of power and crude small-like transportation facilities of that bygone age faithfully portrayed. Don't miss this film. See the ridiculously crude and feeble attempts to generate electricity from waterpower. See the quaint customs and curious conventions of the people of those remote generations—their arrogance, their conceit, their simplicity of mind, their vanity. Study the fantastic architecture of that age and note the utter lack of standardization in everything, etc., etc. NOTE.—This picture will be radiographed from the Radiophoto Central Theatre, 943rd Street and Broadway, New York City. But a limited number of seats are available at the theatre. Persons in Rio de Janeiro, San Francisco, Honolulu, and other suburban points wishing to attend in person are requested to radiophone in their reservations not later than 6 p. m. * * * *

INTERNATIONAL poker players, whose custom it has always been to "tip off their hands," received a severe jolt when Ramsay MacDonald, Britain's labor premier, wrote his frank and unguarded letter to Premier Poincare of France. European newspapers hail this epoch-making method of diplomatic communication as the greatest advance in international relations since Wilson's notes to Germany.

As a result of MacDonald's bold, open letter, and Poincare's equally frank reply, it appears possible that the breach between England and France may soon be closed, that the two great powers of Europe may join together again in the interests of European concord and world peace.

The world naturally rejoices that the great international poker game, which has been going on for so many centuries behind closed doors, is now being raided by the omnipotent forces of plain, blunt honesty, the old players driven from their seats and new participants taking their places, with less inscrutable faces, maybe, albeit with hands less nimble at manipulation of the deck.

"Open covenants, openly arrived at" may yet advance from theory to practice. MacDonald may accomplish what Wilson failed to realize. He has already moved diplomatic practice a notch higher. * * * *

A COLORADO school teacher writes to President Coolidge, asking him to come to Colorado to kill a large mountain lion that has been terrorizing the district around the town of Grant. If the President has any of the inclinations of the hunter, comparable, say, to those of the great T. R., he must have referred the request to the biological survey with some disappointment. It would be much more pleasant to the chief executive to stalk a lion in the Colorado mountains than to be kept busy day in and day out at the less refreshing but equally important task of bringing down the wolves at the door of the treasury in Washington. Colorado must take care of its own beasts. The President is too busy with a balky elephant, a stubborn donkey, and those wolves.

Thomas Waggoner, Crash Car Driver, Arrested In Taft

JAMES W. JONES DISAPPEARS; FOUL PLAY FEARED

Torrance Realtor Missing Since Last Thursday Morning

SEARCH IS FUTILE Relatives And Friends Fail To Find Trace Of Missing Man

James W. Jones, prominent Torrance realtor and member of the firm of Babcock & Jones, has mysteriously disappeared. Persistent efforts to ascertain his whereabouts have been unsuccessful, and friends and relatives fear that he has met with foul play.

Mr. Jones left home early last Thursday morning on a business trip to Los Angeles. On leaving he remarked that he would be back "about 1 o'clock in the afternoon."

Relatives and business associates say that he had a considerable sum of money on his person.

Last Friday and Saturday and over the week-end friends telephoned to or visited scores of Mr. Jones' friends and business acquaintances in Los Angeles, but no trace of the missing man could be found.

Mr. Jones has now been missing for five days, and the fears of his family that he may have met with foul play have increased.

It was announced today that the office of Babcock & Jones will be closed indefinitely.

DAD ENJOYS P. T. A. PARTY ON FRIDAY

With "Dad" in the chair, a "Dad" for secretary, and "Dads" all over the room popping up to read reports, the "Fathers' Night" put on by the P. T. A. went off with a bang last Friday night at the elementary school.

About two hundred and fifty were present to enjoy the program presented by father and son, and it was good. As directed by Miss Berry, of the faculty, it follows: Group of songs, by small boys; recitation, "Pleasing Dad," John Young Jr.; song, "Three Crows," by three boys; "What Father Knows," Miss Cook; group of songs, by small boys; "My Dad," Warren Sapp; recitation, Miss Rees; three selections, by Business Men's quartet (Charles Ray, Jessie Tonkin, Harry McManus and Fred Lessing); address, Mr. Kersey, assistant superintendent Los Angeles city schools.

Refreshments of pie and coffee were served at the close of the program by the following committee: Mrs. Zuber, Mrs. George Ott, Mrs. Harold Buck, Mrs. Fred Hansen, and Mrs. George Sapp.

Compton Mayor To Be Candidate For Supervisor

Mayor Walter Peck of Compton has announced that he will be a candidate for supervisor for the Fourth district next fall.

Dick Smith Goes East for Month

R. R. (Dick) Smith left Saturday morning for an extended business trip of three or four weeks to the east. Mr. Smith will go to Chicago, Detroit, Bay City, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and other cities before returning to Torrance.

Francis Murphy, Smash Up Victim, Swears Out Complaint

NOT GUILTY PLEA

Arrested Man, Driver Of Chevrolet, Arraigned Monday

Charged with reckless driving, Thomas O. Waggoner, driver of the Chevrolet which figured in the accident on Carson street when little Frances Wilson was severely injured, was arrested in Taft last Friday afternoon and is now lodged in the local jail.

The arrest of Waggoner followed the swearing out of a complaint by Frank Murphy of Torrance Park. Murphy was injured when the accident occurred.

Murphy declares that the Wilson girl was not struck by a Buick car which drove away from the scene. He asserts that several witnesses will testify that no Buick was in the vicinity when he and the 13-year-old child were run down.

Murphy swore out the complaint last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Chief Anderson left immediately for Taft, where he arrested Waggoner. The chief was back in Torrance with Waggoner early Saturday morning.

Arraigned before City Recorder James King, Waggoner Monday entered a plea of not guilty. Bail was fixed at \$1000, which Waggoner has not yet furnished.

5 NEW WELLS PRODUCE 3500 BARRELS DAY

U. S. Royalties, Standard, Superior, Producers Lead List

Five new producing wells were brought in by operators here over the week-end, increasing the field's production by 3500 barrels a day. Local production will soon reach the 50,000-barrel mark.

U. S. Royalties put No. 20, Elgin and Walnut streets, Lomita, on production for a yield of 1200 barrels. It was completed at 3840 feet, the company drilling somewhat deeper than other operators in the district.

Near the same corner the Catalina View Oil company's No. 2 was brought in with a production of 700 barrels. This well was completed at 3780 feet.

The Standard Oil company secured its first producer on the Interstate lease, on the old Redondo road (west), when Interstate No. 2 was turned into the tanks, flowing at an 800-barrel rate. Close to Shell's March lease Interstate No. 2 was drilled to 3850 feet. The oil tests 22.7 gravity. The tubing gauge Monday showed 210 pounds of gas pressure. Production is through a 1 1/2-inch nipple.

The Superior Oil company got its third producer on the Joughlin property when Torrance No. 16 started flowing. The well is making about 525 barrels of 20 gravity oil through a half-inch nipple, with 140 pounds of gas pressure on the tubing. Torrance 16 was completed at 3842 feet.

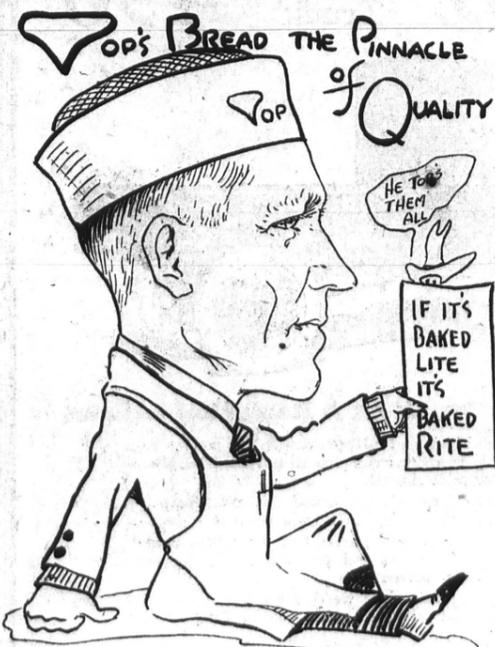
Bush and Voorhis brought in Shriever No. 2, on East Acacia street, for 300 barrels a day. The hole was drilled to 3780 feet.

Local Bee Law Is Unconstitutional

M. J. Wright, who was tried here for keeping bees in contravention of the Torrance city ordinance and who appealed the case, won his fight before Judge Reeve of the superior court of Los Angeles, when the court ruled the Torrance ordinance unconstitutional. Mr. Wright lives at 1024 Arlington avenue.

TOP'S BAKERY FOR SERVICE

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



A native of that unusually thrifty and productive country, Denmark, a baker for twenty-six years, a public-spirited citizen and a business man of conscientious impulse—that, in a word, sums up the qualities of our newest baker—Mr. H. P. Top, proprietor of Top's Bakery, opened recently in the Paige Quality Grocery Store. Mr. Top was in Oakland for five years, where he was prominently identified with his trade. It was only in recent months that he decided to motor from Oakland to San Diego to look over the country and to gain a little recreation. And so he came, he saw, and Torrance conquered him. He got no farther than this city,

which appealed to him from the moment he laid eyes upon it.

Top's Bakery is in immaculate and modern premises; it is the home of the purest and most palatable of breads; that staff of life is produced by a man who is the real champion of wholesome bread, made of the best ingredients to be procured.

Mr. Top has equipped his new baking home with all of the most up-to-date adjuncts. There is a sanitation and order about his place that sounds a keynote of quality and conscientious service. The new bakery is gaining public favor for its wholesome and quality products, and we predict for Mr. Top an ever-increasing apronage.