

Shell's Deep Test Comes In Wet

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New Trustees Sworn Into Office

Defer Election Of Mayor In Absence Of Trustee Smith

Gilbert Congratulates New Officers and City Of Torrance On Selection Of Such Men To Office

BOARD TACKLES FIRST TOUGH JOB

Carson Street Zoning Tangle First Puzzle Newly Elected Trustees Asked To Solve; Will Study Problem

Sworn into office by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, three new members of the board of trustees Monday night delayed action in electing a chairman, owing to the absence from the city of Trustee-elect R. R. Smith.

Mr. Smith will be back in Torrance Friday, and a special meeting of the new board will probably be held next Monday night for the purpose of electing a chairman, who will appoint standing committees.

The decision of the trustees to await the arrival of Mr. Smith before naming a chairman indicates that the new trustees and Trustee Fitzhugh, who held over from the old board, have decided to make Mr. Smith mayor of Torrance. It was pointed out last night that Mr. Smith could not be elected chairman of the board until he had been sworn in.

When the new trustees had taken their oaths the room, which was crowded, rang with applause.

W. H. Gilbert then welcomed the new trustees to office. He said: "I wish to congratulate you new members of the board of trustees of the city of Torrance upon the confidence expressed in you by the vote of last Monday. I believe it is also fitting that I congratulate the city of Torrance in having selected men of your caliber to office."

The new board then selected Trustee Fitzhugh to act as temporary chairman, and proceeded to transact business. The board was initiated at once into

the difficulty of legislating to the satisfaction of everybody.

Charles Vonderahe, Roy Winters and J. W. MacDowell were present to request that Carson street be zoned for business, in accordance with a petition of property owners, filed with the old board some weeks ago.

The new board was informed that the petition represented about 90 per cent of the owners of property which would be affected by the zoning. Trustee Fitzhugh and City Engineer Jessup also explained that numerous owners of property on the street had objected to the proposed change when they learned that if the street were zoned for business it would also be included in the fire zone.

The old board of trustees took the stand that if the street were zoned for business it would have to be put into the fire zone to prevent the construction of frame business buildings. They were also cognizant of the fact that if it were thrown into the fire zone the construction of wooden apartment houses would be prevented.

The new board, fully appreciative of the differences of opinion, deferred action pending further study of the situation. They did, however, instruct the city attorney to prepare legislation which would place the following lots in the business district and fire zone: Lots 7 and 8, Block 17, and Lots 1 and 2, Block 19. These lots are at the corner of Andreo and Carson.

The four corners of Carson and Arlington had already been zoned for business by the old board.

CHANSLOR-CANFIELD SPUDS IN FRANCIS NO. 1 ON WESTERN AVE.

Determined to prove or disprove the contention that a parallel oil structure exists north of Torrance, the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company, pioneer of the field, has spudded in its Francis No. 1 on Western avenue, inside the Torrance city limits, and already has made more than 500 feet of hole.

Landowners and operators who have

watched the Rosenberg operations on Western avenue, north of the Edison company's plant, contend that Rosenberg's first well, now standing idle, could be put on production, if its owners desired.

Considerable mystery surrounds Rosenberg's operations and it is significant that Chanslor-Canfield staked out its own location at about the time Rosenberg stopped drilling.

J. H. Scott Joins 1st National Staff

J. H. Scott, formerly with the Union Tool company, and enjoying the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends in Torrance, is now associated with the First National Bank of Torrance.

REBEKAH NOTES

The regular meeting of the Trio Rebekah lodge will be held tomorrow evening, April 23. Every member is urged to attend, as there will be balloting on candidates for membership. A social will be held Friday evening in the Civic hall at Lomita. A program of music and games has been prepared, and refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited. A silver offering will be accepted.

UNEXPECTED VISITORS

Mrs. Blanchard of Hawthorne was given the surprise of her life recently when a number of Maccabees walked in to help her celebrate her birthday.

The self-invited guests presented the honoree with a beautiful ornamental mirror and a set of sherry glasses.

Included in the list of visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Hurum Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Stadig, Mr. and Mrs. John Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Curran, Mrs. Lucy M. Reeve, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Mrs. Trimm, Mrs. Lowrey, Mrs. Marco Wright, and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins.

Mrs. Mary Twedwell of Long Beach was a recent guest of old neighbors on Anapola avenue.

Edison Band Will Play At Open Forum Meeting Tonight

The 35-piece band of the Southern California Edison company will play at the Open Forum meeting tonight at American Legion hall. The Chamber of Commerce directors hope that a large and representative crowd will be in attendance. Hurum Reeve will preside.

Observations

The Peerless Leader And The Democratic Convention—The Proposed Wood Bill—Herbert Kittle, Coward

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE silence of William Jennings Bryan is making a lot of noise. Is it possible that the "peerless leader" has some very definite plans of his own regarding the Democratic nominee for President?

Students of practical politics will remember how the Nebraskan persistently blocked the nomination of Champ Clark in 1912 and by insistence on a progressive candidate brought about the selection of Woodrow Wilson. Bryan won his victory over the combined opposition of Messrs. Murphy, Taggart and Brennan, albeit these gentlemen, with political wisdom born of long experience, leaped aboard the Wilson wagon when his nomination seemed certain.

Democratic convention rules require a two-thirds vote to nominate a candidate. It is apparent that Messrs. Murphy, Taggart and Brennan will control more than a third of the delegates, or enough to prevent the nomination of anyone not to their liking.

But it is also possible for Bryan to control more than a third of the delegates, as he did in 1912.

If the convention opens with two branches of the party, the one headed by the triple alliance of bosses and the other by Bryan, most anything can happen.

Bryan is just as astute in the matter of convention politics as the three bosses. Right now he isn't saying a word. But to assume that his silence indicates that he will not be a power in the convention is to assume that he isn't interested in Democratic politics. And such a conclusion is absurd.

The Nebraskan will go to New York. Veteran of countless battles, this gray-haired old warrior is not through yet—not by a jugful. He is respected even by his most staunch opponents. He will have much to say about the Democratic platform and the Democratic nominee. He may even have more to say than his silence now indicates.

And this much is sure: If the country could choose, the country would prefer to have Bryan name the nominee than to see a boss-saddled candidate shoved through the convention by the powerful Murphy-Brennan-Taggart trinity.

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Ambassador Hanhara may report to the Mikado that the United States senate, in a pinch, is not yellow.

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LOBBYISTS of the wool industry are opposing with all their power the House bill which provides that every piece of woolen fabric on sale be labeled to show the exact amount of woolen fabric contained in the cloth.

It is natural that the wool industry battle this bill—if they place their own financial gain above common honesty.

The very fact that they are seeking to kill this bill in committee ought to be proof enough that the bill should become law. If the woolen goods manufacturers are unwilling to tell the consumer exactly what he is buying, it is obvious that they are now pawing off cotton-wool for the real article.

There was a similar fight some years ago when the pure food and drug bill was passed. Today the industries affected by that bill would not have it repeated, because it protects honest manufacturers against the dishonest competition of fakers.

The wool bill should be passed. The protection of the American public against shoddy goods, sold as "all wool and a yard wide," is more important than the dishonest dollars which can be made by manufacturers who are extremely ethical except when their balance sheets are apt to be affected.

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Hiram's chances for the nomination now seem so slim that he may yet be seen on the floor of the senate.

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THE suicide of Hubert Kittle in Los Angeles brings up again the old question: Is a person who kills himself brave or cowardly? Kittle was a dare-devil throughout his life. Bandit, policeman, courageous aviator, he built up a reputation for fearlessness. However, when he faced the climax of his life he was not man enough to stand the gaff. He took poison. His life and his death constitute a psychological paradox difficult to explain. About the only possible explanation is that Kittle was a physical hero and a moral coward. Spectacular in life, he went to death ingloriously—the self-made victim of the most selfish act in the human book—suicide.

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TWO wild oil wells on Dominguez hill have shot forth approximately 60,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas a day, indicating that a tremendous treasure-house of energy lies under the ground. The natural gas of this subterranean area may be worth more than all the gold ever discovered in the hills and mountains of the state. Certainly it means more to the average citizen of California.

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THE prosperity of California depends on the ability of the authorities and YOU to stamp out the foot and mouth disease. If you are willing to do your share, obey the following "don'ts":

- Don't relax vigilance for an instant.
- Don't fail to notify the nearest veterinarian of first symptoms of anything unusual in your livestock, dogs, chickens, cattle, sheep, etc. Keep your dogs tied up and keep your cats at home.
- Don't move livestock unless imperatively necessary. Then only by permit.
- Don't enter any infected or quarantined area.
- Don't fail to report stray cattle, sheep, dogs, cats, or chickens.
- Don't allow any livestock on your premises.
- Don't congregate in the quarantined zone.
- Don't go camping. Stay on the road.
- Don't move livestock or feedstuff without special permit and supervision.
- Don't go touring in the country Sundays or week days.
- Don't go hiking, mountain climbing or flower picking.
- Don't get off the highways or public roads.

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IF Charles Dawes makes the opening speech at the Republican convention, the Cleveland auditorium is apt to ring with the echoes of some words never before heard at the party conclave. It is as difficult for Dawes to eschew the use of mild profanity as it is for Sergeant Weber, whose little journeys into unorthodox oratory have been pardoned here.

CHIROPRACTOR HERE

Dr. C. E. Hotchkiss, a chiropractor, has opened an office in the Sam Levy building at 1311 Sartori street. Mr. and Mrs. C. Jentsch and Miss Gertrude Jentsch attended an Easter party held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sandvick of 635 First street, San Pedro.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Headquarters of the deputy assessor have been established at the office of J. U. Hemmi in the Rappaport building, Suzana and Cabrillo avenues. Miss Jessie Short of Los Angeles was the guest part of last week of Mrs. Nana K. Wood of Cota avenue.

Test Shows Cement Job At Kettler 2 High At 3936 Ft.

Well Flows 100 Per Cent Water When Cement Is Drilled Out, But Failure Brings No Gloom to Oil Men

MAY CEMENT DEEPER OR PLUG BACK

Several Courses Open to Company, But Fine Cores From Low Levels Are Inducement for Deeper Drilling

Indicating that the cement job at 3936 feet at Kettler No. 2 of the Shell Oil company was too high, the well flowed 100 per cent water yesterday when the cement was drilled through for a test.

Operators regard this first failure as the price a company pays for pioneering, but the fact that the water was not shut off is by no means conclusive that deep drilling will not eventually be a success.

Kettler No. 2 was drilled to 3995 feet and bridged back to 3936 feet, where 6 1/2-inch water string was cemented. The stratum of water which was picked up at around 3900 feet apparently goes down much lower than the point at which Shell cemented.

The excellent cores taken out of the hole as far down as 3995 feet probably will induce the company to continue the test.

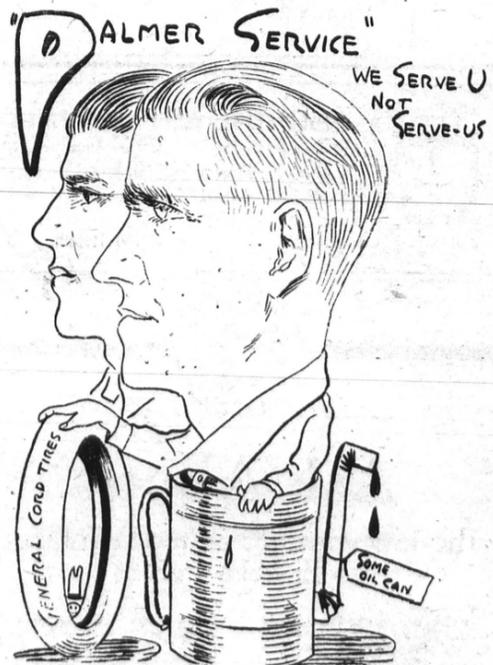
Just what the company proposes to do with Kettler No. 2 has not been announced. Several courses are open. The company can plug back and seek production from the top sands. The 6 1/2-inch casing may be shoved on through the cement and another attempt made for a shutoff lower down.

In drilling its deep test in the Redondo district Shell cemented four times at different levels with the same casing, each time forcing the casing through the cement.

The company may decide to plug back and make a deep test with another well.

FRED PALMER—SERVICE

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



Fred Palmer, the tire merchant and the tireless worker, has much to recommend his services to Torrance and the auto public. But 28 of years, this hustling young native of Springfield, Mo., has spent a busy ten years in this city.

When Palmer first came here he went to work, but not for long. Always a man of ambition, he surveyed the field and struck out on his own account. First as a tire man he came into prominence because of his up-to-the-minute services. And, always expanding, he finally embraced the allied ramifications of the game, and today we find him, his complete plant and his efficient organization, doing most of the business in this line in Torrance.

The Palmer Service Stations are public stopping places where one instantly senses a keynote of courtesy

and the correct carrying out of duties. You get the best tires there—Goodrich, U. S. Royal, Perfection, and others of quality stuff; the gas station is a most busy place, but there is always room for another car; vulcanizing and greasing and a general usefulness in auto service fills a scheme that is one hundred per cent efficient. Palmer, a true American with the Missouri flavor, went across seas to the big fuss in France. He spent 18 months with Uncle Sam's forces and saw some of the worst of it. Even in the trenches he had his mind and heart centered on Torrance, dreaming of the big gas station and auto service house he would one day have if he stayed clear of stray bullets. They missed Palmer, the enemy, although he was close up. By not hitting him Torrance has been able to own a splendid young man and a booster of some considerable talents.