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Big Tax Cut Plan of People's League Trustee Candidates

PLEDGE OF ECONOMY GIVEN

Citizens Urge John Dennis and Brady Wolfe to Run
O. K. BARTLETT, DOLLEY
Platform Is Clear-Cut on Issues at Election in April

Strict municipal economy was the watchword at the first political meeting, held last Friday night, in anticipation of the city election of April 13, when 50 representative citizens formed the People's League, adopted a platform of principles, formally requested John Dennis and Brady Wolfe to become candidates for city trustee, and endorsed the candidacies of A. H. Bartlett, for re-election as city clerk and Harry H. Dolley for re-election as city treasurer.

The platform of principles, which was unanimously passed and accepted in its entirety by the selected candidates, goes on record in favor of rigid economy; lights for Torrance, but to be installed only after an authorization by the people at an election; a substantial reduction in the city tax rate and continued pressure on county officials for further decreases in Torrance assessed valuation; activity that will induce all who work in Torrance to live in Torrance; intelligent application of city zoning to suit all purposes, and regulation designed to make it possible for workmen to own homes in Torrance; the encouragement of home trade and home commerce, everything else being equal, and the employment of Torrance labor by contractors doing city work; the principle that all city employees must live in Torrance.

To Name Committee
A committee of 15 will conduct the campaign for the candidates who have pledged themselves to this platform. George W. Neill and C. A. Raymond were selected to head the committee and to name the other 13 members thereof.

Ford Cuts Prices On Closed Cars, Effective Today
A new price list for Ford cars, including a reduction in closed car prices, was announced today by Schultz, Peckham and Schultz. The new prices take effect Feb. 11. The biggest reduction is made in the Fordor sedan, the price being cut \$35, or to \$565. A reduction of \$60 is made in the Tudor sedan, which is cut from \$580 to \$520, and the price of the coupe is reduced from \$520 to \$500. The new price of the touring car \$310, and the runabout \$290. All prices are f. o. b. Detroit.

LOW TAXES, RIGID ECONOMY, NO FAVORITISM, ARE PLANKS THAT BUILD THIS PLATFORM

Candidates Run With Issues Clear; Endorse Sensible Zoning to Encourage Construction of Workmen's Homes; Say City Employees Must Live in Torrance

Here is the platform on which John Dennis, Brady Wolfe, A. H. Bartlett and H. H. Dolley will be candidates for city office with the endorsement of the People's League:
Banded together with unselfish interest but with true devotion to the welfare of the City of Torrance, we, the members of the People's League, hereby affirm our conviction that the future of this city is in a great measure on the quality of the municipal government and the devotion of our city officials to intelligent and unbiased administration of our municipal affairs.

1—We stand positively and firmly in favor of a substantial reduction in the municipal tax rate of the City of Torrance and for continued pressure on the county officials for further decreases in the assessed valuation of land in the corporate limits of Torrance; and we will devote our energies individually and collectively to these ends.
2—We believe that a lighting system should be installed in Torrance, but believe without reservation, that such improvement should not be undertaken until authorized by the voters of the city at an election.
3—It is our firm conviction that any person or group of persons who seek special privilege through the municipal government are enemies to the public weal and should be so regarded; and we pledge ourselves to oppose any efforts to secure special advantage at the expense of the public.

4—We believe that Torrance stands at the threshold of a substantial growth and that in this unusually important period of the city's history, more than ordinary study should be given to the allocation of funds for the various departments of the municipality, so that all city expenditures shall represent real economy in all its important aspects. We believe that municipalities should follow the lead of the government at Washington by curtailing all unnecessary expenditures and

HOSPITAL LOSING MONEY

Annual Report Shows 7 Percent of Cases Are Charity Patients
POOR NEVER NEGLECTED
3 Directors Re-elected by Members; Brian Welch Named President

That the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital is being operated at a loss, due in a substantial measure to the fact that 7 percent of the patients treated are charity cases, was one of the interesting statements in the report of Dr. J. S. Lancaster, who has been president of the Torrance Hospital Association for the past five years.

Directors Elected
After the meeting of members of the directors elected officers for the ensuing year. Dr. Lancaster, president, and Mrs. Isabel Henderson, secretary, each of whom has served as an officer for five years, requested that they not be re-elected.

Officers were unanimously elected as follows: President, Brian K. Welch; vice-president, R. R. Smith; secretary, Mrs. Willis M. Brooks; treasurer, George W. Neill.
A report of the association covering the period from May 13, 1925, to Dec. 31, 1925, has been published and may be obtained at the hospital.

Figures of Finances
The balance sheet as of Dec. 31st, 1925, shows total fixed assets in the way of plant and equipment of \$125,158.65 (after writing off \$3,042.82 depreciation), as current assets, consisting of accounts receivable, prepaid insurance, supplies on hand and cash, of \$4,702.82. Against these figures, the association had indebtedness of \$8,605.15 on fixed assets, and \$1,681.38 owing on trade accounts.

Costs Per Patient
A total of 672 patients were treated during the period. Of these, 128 were discharged after temporary dressings or treatment, while 544 were admitted. Of these, 513 were discharged, 19 died, and 19 were in the hospital on Dec. 31. There were 229 minor operations.
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Observations

Wets and Drys and Their Intolerance—Don't Believe Gossip—The Senate Uses Wisdom in Killing Income Tax Publicity
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

PROBABLY no question has confronted the American people since the pre-war slavery controversy that has aroused so much hatred as the present fight over the modification of the Volstead act. Why must otherwise intelligent persons who differ on the matter of prohibition resort to slimy personalities whenever they discuss the Volstead act?

To the wets any person who believes that the Volstead act should remain as it is, constitutes an enemy to personal liberty, a danger to society and a hypocrite. To the drys he who would modify the act and legalize light wines and beer is an enemy of the constitution, a libertine, a burglar and a thug. The wets and the drys are, both wrong.

I KNOW a number of persons who positively are against modification, but who are among the highest type of citizens that the country can boast. I know just as many persons who favor beer and wines, and find them without devils' tails, without cloven hoofs, and just as good citizens as one could wish in any community.

NO man can take a stand for anything in his community without making himself the target of some abuse. But the person who allows the abuse to drive him to cover is a jellyfish, to say the least. I have little use for the chap who opens a conversation with the well-known "Of course I don't want to be quoted as saying it is so, but I have heard that"—and you know the rest. When a fellow opens up like that with me I take it for granted that all of what follows is untrue.

THE Senate voted to repeal the law that makes income tax reports public. Once in these columns I wrote a somewhat heated editorial to the general effect that income tax reports should remain open to publicity. But there is enough of the woman in me—half my ancestors having been women—to allow me to change my mind. It seems logical that a man's private business is his own affair and should not be pried open by snoopers. If income tax publicity would do anyone any good, then we should have that publicity. But I can't see why the public should have the right to know the status of a man's income any more than people generally should be allowed to ascertain a man's balance at the bank.

LEGISLATION of the past few years has legalized too much snooping anyway and we should not encourage it further. The common practice of searching a man's home with a John Doe warrant is an example of modern snooping. To shatter one old American tradition for the sake of enforcing a new law is contrary to everything on which the United States government is based. If democracy means anything at all it means that certain basic rights of individuals cannot be abrogated. One of these rights is the guarantee that no man's home shall be entered without due process of law. Another is that his private business is his own affair alone, unless it encroaches on the rights of society. Really the Senate's action is refreshing after so much legal bunk has been written on the statute books. To all who disagree with me on certain of these ideas expressed above—and there will be many who do, no doubt—I commend careful concentration over the essays of Herbert Spencer.

AREA OF TORRANCE DOUBLED BY BALLOT; HOME LANDS ADDED

4.9 Square Miles Joined to Municipality, Eliminating Danger of Dwelling Property Limitations and Los Angeles Incursions
SEE TAX CUT FOR THE CITY AND THE NEW AREA
\$2,000,000 Valuation Will Enable Corporation to Reduce Next Year's Levy; Expect Formal Joining in 30 Days

By a vote of 67 to 2, said to bring to the city treasury almost \$20,000 a year. But with this increased valuation a big reduction of this municipal rate is practically assured, so that taxes in the annexed area as well as in the city of Torrance will be materially lower because of the election result.

The annexation proceedings which were recently defeated by a scant majority of four votes called for the consolidation of only 1530 acres, with an assessed valuation of \$948,900. The territory voted for annexation Tuesday comprises 2795 acres with an assessed valuation of \$1,622,774, exclusive of personal property.

Much Residence Area
Most of the territory which was voted for consolidation is outside the oil area and constitutes excellent potential residence property. This latent dwelling-house territory extends from Western avenue (north of the present Torrance limits) way through to Redondo Beach. Much of it is owned by the Dominguez Estates.

START BIG MOVE TO INDUCE ALL WHO WORK IN TORRANCE TO BECOME RESIDENTS HERE
The election approves consolidation with Torrance of the Del Amo Ranch, under oil development by the Chancellor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, and extending from the present Torrance limits west to Redondo Beach. That the result of the election eliminates a scarcity of undeveloped residence property is the conviction of Chamber of Commerce officials here. The civic survey made by Eberle and Riggelman pointed out that the oil field had taken much potential dwelling-house property from Torrance, thus hampering future growth. It is as a result of this conclusion by the experts that the Chamber of Commerce actively assisted residents to the west and north of Torrance in preparing the proceedings which resulted in the election Tuesday.

With this large amount of property within the limits of Torrance, the city will be unhampered in its growth for a long time to come, Chamber of Commerce directors believe.

Taft's Doctor To Speak Here On March 3rd

Dr. Chas. Barker Also To Address Club Women in L. A. Feb. 18

Mrs. Fay Parks, president of the Women's Club of Torrance, announces that Dr. Charles Barker, noted speaker and formerly personal physician of President Taft, will speak before the Federation of Women's Clubs at the Philharmonic Auditorium in Los Angeles Thursday, Feb. 18, at 2:30 p. m. Dr. Barker is the only speaker sent over the country by Rotary International. His address in Los Angeles was arranged by the Rotary Club of that city and will be on the subject, "A Mother's Responsibility to Her Daughter." All Torrance women are invited to attend. The Rotary Club of Torrance has arranged with the Rotary Club of Redondo Beach to have Dr. Barker in Redondo and Torrance on March 3.

Pied Piper Coming To Torrance, Kids!

Every child knows about the Pied Piper of Hamelin. For Robert Browning made him famous—yes indeed. And now the Pied Piper is coming to Torrance, according to Sam Rappaport, proprietor of Rappaport's Department Store, where shoes named after the Pied Piper are sold.

Section Meeting Of P.-T. A. Feb. 19
All members of the local P.-T. A. and their friends are invited to attend a mass meeting of Section D to be held at the Gardena High School Friday, Feb. 19, at 2 o'clock. The state and tenth district presidents and other federation officers will be present.

Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber of Post avenue and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Earle and son Richard of Los Angeles spent Sunday at the Proctor cottage at Anaheim Landing.