Gas Company To Build Here Soon



TENTH YEAR

TORRANCE. CALIF., TUESDAY, FEB. 26, 1924

Progress Club Names City Ticket

Smith, Deininger, **Torrance**, Brooks **To Be Candidates**

W. H. Gilbert, George Proctor and F. A. Zeller Decline to Run for Trusteeship at **April Election**

CLUB PLEDGES SUPPORT TO FOUR MEN

Resolution Declares That Members Will Stand Behind Men Chosen by Ballot From List of Sixteen

R. R. Smith, present trustee; Robert J. Deininger, commander of the Bert S. Crossland post of the American Legion; J. S. Torrence, employe of the Union Tool company, and Willis M. Brooks, of the Pacific Electric shops, will be candidates for the board shops, will be candidates for the board stad Mr. Deininger. The Torrance Progress club Monday The Torrance Progress club Monday and Wills the selected I bese four men by bal-lot from a list of sixteen, recommend-that of the members of the retiring elected, I will do as well as I can. I

THREE WELLS ON EAST SIDE

DRILL INTO OIL SAND HEAVY

Observations

U. S. Chamber Cannot Teach Patriotism To Veterans Of The War-Both Old Parties Are Skeletons

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

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FOLLOWING is a statement made in an anti-adjusted compensation brochure distributed broadcast över the country by the United States Chamber of Commerce: "To give the war veterans who returned unharmed gifts of money from the pational treasury is confirment to American practice, and to the spirit of a democracy. Cltizenship in a democracy entaile obligations, including that of military service. The willing performance of the obligations of military service. The willing performance of the obligations of military service. The willing performance of the obligations of military service. The unit of patriotism." "That statement opens up vast realms of thought. We agree that "citizenship in a democracy entails obligations, including that of military service." The men who fought and won the war, whether they enlisted or were drafted, recognized that fact when they put on the olive drab of the army, the blue of the navy, for the forest green of the marine corps. Of course they were obligated. And how gloriously they took that obligation constitutes the moset thrilling chapter in American history.

obligation constitutes the most thrilling chapter in American history. \star \star \star \star BUT does obligation to a democracy stop with military service in time of national danger? Are dollars more precious than men? If men of military age are obligated to offer their blood and bones, are not the nation's material resources also obligated for service? We drafted men. They went to war by the million. But we did not draft money, nor industry. While the soldiers and saliors who lived up to their obligations to the democracy fought the war, American indus-try profited by making war materials and selling them to the government. Now the spirit of the country is that the nation gives a material obligation to those soldiers, saliors and marines. But the individuals who, profited most materialy as a result of the war are the most our spoken in their antagonism to the adjusted compensation, incorrectly called a bonus.

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WHAT sudden patrictism these men display! How zealous they are in guarding American principles and traditions! One cannot but wonder what their reaction would be to a bill in congress providing that in the "next war" money and materials as well as men be draided into the service. If one citizen is obligated to offer his life to the democracy, why isn't another citizen obligated to offer his dollars? Or is blood to be held less valuable than gold?

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I BELIEVE in the rights of private property and the common advantage of 'private enterprise—in time of peace. But when the republic is in danger I believe that every weapon available belongs to the goovern-ment—able-bodied men, needed materials, and necessary dollars. The majority of ex-service men do not want a "gift" from the

The majority of ex-service and a service and government. NEITHER DO THEY FEEL THAT ANYONE IS QUALIFIED TO GIVE THEM LESSONS IN APPLIED PATRIOTISM, NOT EVEN THE UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. If congress would pass a bill or amend the constitution so that in times of national crisis property as well as persons shall be drafted into government service, most veterans would refuse to support the adjusted compensation bill.

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TN a scathing speech Senator James Reed of Missouri, Democratic leader in the senate oil fraud investigation, castigates members of his own party whose names have been more or less connected with oil com-panies, slams Republicans who have been mixed up in the mess, and sounds the opening gun of what probably is his own campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Democratic presidential nomination. Reed is against the League of Nations. He is against American en-trance into the World Court. Attacking McAdoo and other promising Democratic candidates, Reed drives a wedge into the ranks of his

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WHILE the intrepid Missouri solon is uttering his scathing speech, dividing the ranks of his own party, the Republicans, too, find their party split in twain as a result of Attorney General Daugherty's case. Old Republican wheel-horses like Senator Lodge and Senator Peoper of Pennsylvania urged that Daugherty be offered up as a sacrifice to the popular demand that the administration cleanse itself of all odor of crude oll. But appears Chairman Adams of the Republican national committee tacitly defending Daugherty, attacking the senators. Thus both parties approach the great conventions with their ranks divided.

divided. Gradually there is unfolding before the country the first act of what

Purchase Property For Structure At **Post And Cravens**

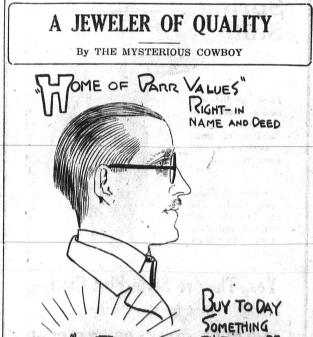
Southern California Concern Locates Here in Belief Torrance Will Be Center of Great District

THE NEW BUILDING WILL BE IMPOSING

Plans Being Drawn for Edifice, Work on Which Will Start Soon, Says Company Announcement

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The Southern California Gas com-pany, like the Southern California Edison company, has reason to believe that Torrance is destined shortly to he the geographical and commercial center of a great industrial district. The entrance of the Southern Cali-toria Gas company into Torrance with an office insures the city of first-hand service. It means also that the Torrance offices of the Edison company, and the gas company will be company, and the gas company will control of a splendid new Construction of a splendid new Southern California Gas company will diding for the Torrance home of the Southern California Gas company will building for the Torrance home of the Southern California Gas company will construction of a splendid new Southern California Gas company will dondo, Glendale, Burbank, and Van start soon on the southwest corner of Nuys."



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GAS PRESSURE ENCOUNTERED

Within a week or ten days the con-tention of operators that the most productive section. of the Torrance Lomita field is in the eastern exten-sion will be substantiated or dis-proven. Teday three wells in the far-eastern area have drilled through into the oil sand and four more are stand-ing cemented. The production obtained by these is 3850 feet. ing cemented. The produc

The production obtained by these seven will add much to the promising but inadequate data on the eastern

extension. At present the most interesting of the seven wells near production is Shell's March No. 2, in which 6½-inch combination water and oil string was landed Monday. The depth of the hole is 3790 feet.

mented. March No. \$ was cemented at 3650 feet. Two of Standard's Interstate wells No. 1 and No. 2, are standing ce-mented, water string having been landed Sunday. Interstate No. 1 was cemented at 3655 feet and No. 2 at 3550 feet. Though the Interstate lease adjoins Shell's March lease Standard has cemented about 100 feet higher than Shell.

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BOTH old parties riven, oil on the old guards of each, conservative and progressive wings at each other's threat-truly signs of the early demise of two formerly great political parties. What does it all mean to that long-suffering little fellow, Mr. John

Q. Public? It means that gradually his will is working its way. It means that his disgust with purely partisan polities is the slow poison that is killing a well known large elephant and a certain long-cared donkey. It means that the skeletons which the political leaders have dressed up in remade clothes and paraded before the electorate as national issues are bing seen in their true light. It means that the new alignment of parties is gradually taking shape.

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NOBLE efforts at resuscitation on the weary bodies of the elephant and the donkey are of no avail. "The boys" that rode them so long and so satisfactorily to themselves must seek new mounts. And these new mounts, the slowly forming new political parties, will be composed on the one hand of the progressives of both old organizations, and on the other by Republican and Democratic conservatives.

P.-T. A. PROGRESSIVE PARTY

of the country

CATHOLIC CARD PARTY

agent to

Mrs. Ted Wertz will be hostess at

Business Men Put Off Annual Dance

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Owing to a conflict with several other events which will take place on F Friday night, Feb. 29, the Business V Men's association of Torrance has postponed its first annual ball until Thursday night, March 6,

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Annual Dance Until March 6th a conflict with several s which will take place on by Feb. 29, the Business Wage.

THE GIBSONS ENTERTAIN

Miss Helma Greenlund was a week-end guest of her sisters at Riverside.

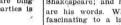
The Torrance P.-T. A. will hold a The fortance react, and the high school the card party next Will be hostens at progressive games and old fashioned at 8 o'clock sharp. Six prizes and a dances—the Virginia reel and quad-dances—the Virginia reel and quad-clies—will furnish, diversion for the ments will be served at the close of the evening. Admission 50 cents. rilles-

Delicious eats will be served.

Everyone is welcome. The proceeds will replenish the P.-T.A. treasury. Admission 25 cents. Mr. and Mrs. George Watson of Admission 25 cents.

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THAT WILL BE AN HEIRLOOM OF TOMORROW

Tumb jewels in their silent kind, more than quick words do move woman's midd." Thus spake Williah Bhakespeare; and how beautifully true as his words. What could be howed the set in the section of the skilled craftsmanship of fascinating to a lady's fancy than also and the section of the section of the section of the skilled craftsmanship of forestors of men and women since pieces of the section of most pieces of the first and crue usually the central fea-tion and the secting of sands of South Afrida, and at many of the savages found it easy to beat on the sav

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