

### INCREASED GAIN IN OUTPUT SHOWN

**Aubury Believes Sulphur Mountain Region Will Be Big Producer**

**Demand for Refining Oil Has Been Far Greater Than the Supply**

Rich in light gravity oil, the Ventura fields have been considered by many of the oil experts the best in the state. It is shown by comparative records that the largest gain in the coast oil fields or in southern California last month was in Ventura county. The gross production shown was 55,000 barrels of which 4,000 were consumed in the fields as fuel. In the Ventura fields the demand for refining oils so far exceeds the supply that it is doubtful if in the present decade the output of the fields will be sufficient to present the rapid increase in value of the high gravity oils. Added to this is the fact that the eastern high gravity fields have fallen off one-third in the last few years and Ventura today presents the greatest opportunity in the world for the development of refining oil.

#### HONEST PROMOTIONS

Owing to the fact that a high gravity well, though it yields huge and steady profits when successfully developed, calls for persistent effort, the Ventura fields have been singularly free from illegitimate promotions. On Sulphur mountain the Liberty oil company is making splendid progress on its well No. 2. The company recently struck a moving sand formation carrying quantities of gas and oil, which made it hard to drill. Liberty No. 2 is close to the sands struck by No. 1 at 1,500 feet.

Owing to the great pressure in Sulphur mountain and the known sands underlying the mountain a big well is expected in the first stratum. There is no doubt in the minds of the old pioneers that some of the best wells in the Ventura district will be tapped on Sulphur mountain.

On Sulphur mountain adjoining the Liberty well of the Puritan oil company, which has one of the best rigs, equipment, construction, bunkhouse and water wells in the Ventura fields is going down fast.

In a summary of an extensive report on the Sulphur mountain region W. H. Aubury, E. M. said:

"I am of the opinion that a strip along the axis of Sulphur mountain, of a width of approximately three-fourths of a mile, will be productive. That this strip will include all of lot 5, all of the southeast one-fourth northeast one-fourth, and a small portion of the southern margin of lot 4, but that the two and three and four of lot 1 will be non-productive. I believe that no data is available for determining the productiveness of wells within this strip, but that there will in all probability be wells in the strip. The oil will probably be of 20 Beaume or lighter gravity, except the edges of the strip, and the wells along the margins of the strip will produce at from 1,500 to 1,800 feet but will be small producers. The best production of the strip, the lightest oil will be found along the axis of the syncline, at a depth of from 2,000 to 2,500 feet. The oil will produce from shale rather than from sand.

The territory is difficult to handle, because of water and tar streaks and should be worked only with the best equipment and with proper machinery, and intelligent supervision no insuperable difficulties should be encountered in drilling to 2,000 feet if this should be found necessary.

Concerning the south side of Sulphur mountain Aubury said:

"I have found that the south side confirms my other report. I found that there have been about 20 tunnels run into the mountain on the south side near its base. These tunnels are from 150 to 1,500 feet long and were some 20 to 30 feet high. A great many of them are still producing oil in small quantities, but of high gravity. I am of the opinion that oil will be found in paying quantities on the land and in less than 2,500 feet in depth. One of the remarkable feats of oil well drilling in Ventura county is credited to the Puritan well in the Sulphur mountain district. Fifteen and a half inch casing has been carried to a depth of more than 400 feet and 10 inch many hundreds of feet farther, which considering the rocky and unsure formation of the district is quite an achievement, one hitherto thought practically impossible.

#### MAN PAYS FINE FOR BREAKING HIS WINDOWS

**Stones Thrown at House After Ejection and Accident**

William Bradley, 62 Congress street, said that he was the original hard luck man of the universe when he was fined \$20 by Judge Shortall yesterday for disturbing the peace.

Bradley fell off a car Monday night, and he alleged that when he got home and attempted to tell of his misfortune to his wife she slammed the door in his face and ordered him to leave the premises.

In his anger at such treatment he retired to the sidewalk and vented his wrath by hurling cobble stones through all the windows in the front of the house. His arrest followed.

The fine was paid, but Bradley uttered a loud groan when notified that he must also pay the glazier who restored the broken windows.

#### WOMAN IS BEATEN BY YOUNG MAN IN PARK

**Pedestrians Try in Vain to Capture Assailant**

Mrs. Jack Mason, 1150 Taylor street, was attacked and badly beaten by an unidentified thug in Buena Vista park yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Mason was sitting on a bench in the park, when a well dressed youth of 19 or 20 insulted her.

She repulsed the stranger's advances, whereupon he struck her face a number of times with his fist. Her cries attracted several passersby. They set out in pursuit of the youth, but he escaped.

Mrs. Mason was treated at the park hospital.

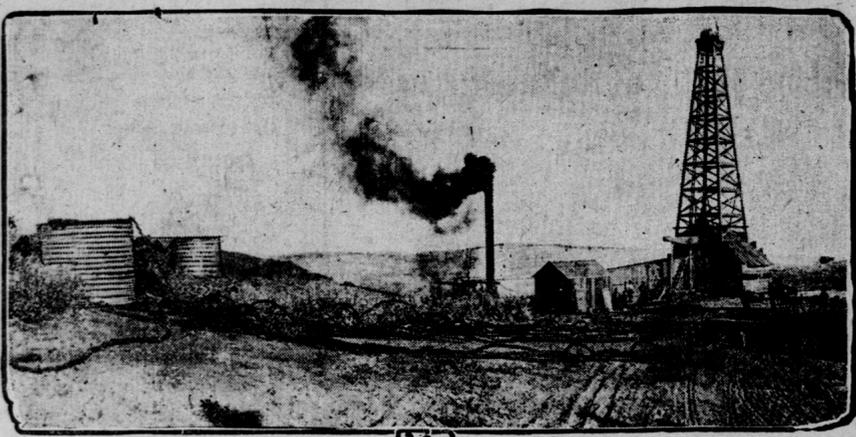
#### AUTO INJURES MAN; CHAUFFEUR JAILED

**Police Say Driver of Car Was Intoxicated**

Daniel Margetich, a laborer who gave his address as 4204 Maplewood street, Chicago, was treated at the central emergency hospital early yesterday morning for injuries received when struck by a taxicab at Van Ness avenue and Market street.

The taxi is the property of Wilson & Rooker, 78 Oak street, and was driven by Andrew Wood, 1677 Forty-eighth avenue. An investigation, the police say, shows that Wood, the driver, was under the influence of liquor. He was arrested and charged with battery.

## VENTURA FIELDS FAMOUS FOR LIGHT GRAVITY PETROLEUM



Puritan No. 1 in the Sulphur mountain oil region, where light gravity oil has been secured.

### PIERCE PROMISES TO AID OIL MEN

**Assistant Secretary of Interior Guest of Chamber of Commerce at Luncheon**

At a luncheon given in honor of Frank Pierce, first assistant secretary of the interior, by the chamber of commerce at the Palace hotel yesterday the official reiterated his statement made in an interview published in the Call that he would assist the oil producers rather than hamper their development of one of the state's chief natural resources. Besides the members of the commercial organization several prominent oilmen were in attendance. The assistant secretary left for Washington last night. Upon his arrival there he will immediately review the California situation and make his report.

In his address yesterday Pierce assured those present of his fairness in the matter, which appears to have been brought to a head principally through his ruling made in the Yard case, which, in effect, provides that oil locations shall not consist of more than 20 acres. This would have the effect of stopping operations in some of the fields and demoralized the industry in a general way, according to the oilmen interested.

#### HOMELESS CHILDREN BENEFIT TO BE GIVEN

**Native Sons and Daughters to Give Entertainment**

Balboa parlour No. 234, Native Sons of the Golden West, under the auspices of the Native Sons' and Daughters' Literary and social committee, will give an entertainment and dance tonight in Golden Gate hall for the benefit of the homeless children in care of the Native Daughters. The affair will be under the direction of George E. Mitchell Jr., floor manager, Charles Kaiser, Carl D. Dorn and George Strothmeyer, assistants; Miss H. Hilderbrandt, Louis Erb, W. C. Eisenschmel and Dr. H. E. Gedge, reception committee.

### NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR STANDARD OIL

**Office Buildings, Bunkhouses and Warehouse Erected in Midway Field**

[Special Dispatch to The Call] BAKERSFIELD, Oct. 25.—The Standard oil company is establishing new headquarters in the Midway field on section 14-22-23. New office buildings and bunkhouses are being erected. A big warehouse will be one of the main buildings.

A suit was filed today in the superior court by J. H. Hunt, trustee, against the Pioneer Midway oil company et al., asking that the title to a piece of property described as the northwest, southeast and northeast quarters of section 30-21-23 and an order restraining the defendants from interfering with the work of improving the property, which is also designated as Horse-shoe placer mining claims Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

According to the complaint the property was located in 1907 and in October, 1908, the defendants appeared and drove the plaintiffs away at the point of guns. The Pioneer Midway oil company is now owned by the Associated oil company.

The town of Taft is now burning natural gas for illuminating and cooking purposes. The supply is conveyed through a two inch steel main under pressure of 300 pounds. The capacity of the line is 250,000 cubic feet an hour. The Lakeside oil company in the Elk hills is down 3,200 feet and expects to reach the oil sand in another hundred feet. The well has been giving splendid indications since the 2,700 foot mark and a good producer is expected. The Midway basin company got oil at 3,117 feet.

#### HEAVY PRESSURE OF GAS

The Buena Vista, on section 24-21-24, is 2,550 feet deep. There is a heavy gas pressure and sand has been forced through 2,500 feet of water used for drilling. A tool is lost in the well for which fishing is now in progress. The sand which comes to the surface is forced upward through the small opening between the casing and the drilling pipe and because of this tremendous gas pressure a very large well is looked for.

Articles of incorporation were filed today by the Forsman self-filling tank company with main offices in Bakersfield. The company controls a device for filling oil tanks.

### INDIA BASIN MAPS GIVEN TO VOTERS

**Arguments Favoring Proposed \$1,000,000 Bond Issue Go With Each**

Under the direction of the California harbor improvement committee thousands of maps have been printed and are being distributed throughout the state showing the 63 blocks between the India basin and the Islais channel which will be acquired by the state under the India basin act. Beneath the map are printed arguments favoring the acquisition of the property by the state.

The 63 blocks are under water, in some places 30 feet deep. Being owned by private interests, the harbor commission can collect no harbor charges for ships that dock at private wharves.

Behind this territory it is shown there stretches for miles the level land needed for warehouses and for railroads. The territory is separated from the San Francisco bay by the seawall, but at the upper end is the Islais channel, a government waterway, which gives easy access to such a harbor within a harbor.

The space could be made to accommodate from five to seven miles of shipping, whereas the entire wharf room of San Francisco today is little more than nine miles.

#### GRAND PRESIDENT OF I. O. B. B. COMING HERE

Isaac Swett of Portland, Ore., grand president of District Grand lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B., will pay an official visit to the subordinate lodges of this city about November 14. One of the features of the reception will be the initiation of about 250 candidates in the new temple of the order in Eddy street. The arrangements for this initiation is in charge of a committee of fifty.

### BUTTER MUST BE SOLD BY WEIGHT

**Ordinance to Be Introduced Doing Away With Measure System**

Butter in San Francisco is hereafter to be sold by weight. The ordinance suggested Monday to the board of supervisors by the wholesale dairy produce exchange was taken up by the police committee yesterday, reviewed and recommended for a greater weight than the true net weight thereof.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell or offer for sale or to cause or to permit to be sold or offered for sale any butter in prints or packages or otherwise other than by and in terms of pounds or ounces three sixteenths of an ounce in weight than the true net weight thereof.

Secretary W. D. McArthur and Attorney Brown of Vogelsong & Brown spoke for the measure, but there was little to be said, as Supervisors Herget, Deasy and Knowles were heartily for it. Chairman Herget said:

"It is high time to grapple with this evil of short weighting now. No better start can be made in bringing about a better condition than to take up the butter square question."

"About 65 per cent of the scales in the retail butcher shops are false weight," declared Charles D. Johnson, representing a commission house at the hearing. "The dealers buy by one set of scales and sell by another." The general overhauling of weights and measures and the appointment of an inspector for the same was taken up briefly, but put over for two weeks. The committee is considering defining a downtown taxicab district and setting an arbitrary flat charge for runs in it, but nothing definite was done yesterday.

Chairman O'Dowd of the license committee has under consideration the placing of a charge on automobile trucks. Wagons and delivery carts of all kinds, drays and vans are subject to tax, said the supervisor.

Plans for the new fire department headquarters in Mint avenue near Fifth street are near completion in the city architect's office. They provide for a three story reinforced concrete structure to cost \$60,000.

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