

Progress Good In Drilling for Oil

The test hole being drilled on the Preschorn property near Melrose by W. F. Kernin, local well driller, in exploration for natural gas and oil is making excellent progress. Mr. Kernin reports, Drilling has reached the 800-foot level and is proceeding at the rate of about 25 feet per day. At present the drill is penetrating a layer of lime-shale, through which it already has bored about 200 feet. It is anticipated, Mr. Kernin states, that a good showing of natural gas will be found within not to exceed 300 more feet.

The log, a record which shows the progress of each day's operations, shows, Mr. Kernin states, that the geological formations so far encountered are exactly as had been calculated in advance drilling. The selection of the site also has been justified by the fact that the various strata so far penetrated have been level, indicating that the drill is on top of the dome.

He particularly is well pleased with the operation of the drilling equipment, which is of his own design and manufacture and embraces mechanical ideas developed in more than 25 years of experience in well drilling.

Mr. Kernin is of the opinion that natural gas in commercial quantities will soon be tapped, and that oil will be reached at about the 2400-foot level. Much gas is already in evidence, he reports, and the volume is steadily increasing as drilling progresses.

ODDITIES

(By the Associated Press)

Too Strong

SEATTLE—A safe concern took a strong box to open a two-ton strong box shipped all the way from Ketchikan, Alaska. Officials of the Ketchikan First National bank couldn't work the combination.

Wanted: Thief With Nickels

McKEESPORT, Pa.—The fellow who lifted the money box from a pin-ball machine at the jailhouse can hit a two-to-one shot if he'll give himself up.

Police are so determined to find the \$25 worth of nickels stolen from the machine that they're offering \$25 as a reward for the nickels—and the culprit.

Happy Marriage Notes

BAYARD, Neb.—Mr. and Mrs. Finley Leach offer a formula for wedded bliss—sing the years away.

For 35 years they have been singing in church choirs. They met while singing in a choir, and Mr. Leach says it was like this: "I liked her soprano, she liked my tenor, and we've been singing happily ever since."

Nuptial Marathon

CARLSBAD, N. M.—Married for the ninth time, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen Rutherford of San Angelo, Tex., are on another honeymoon today.

"We always get married again and take another wedding trip on our anniversary," Rutherford chuckled when the county clerk issued them a license. "Some folks think it's silly, but we get a kick out of it."

Miracle

BLOOMVILLE, N. Y.—E. W. Simmons, machinery dealer, picked up a letter—with a \$200 check attached—and read:

"This should pay my debt to you."

When Simmons checked his ledgers, he found that the writer had left town in 1922 owing him \$114. The check took care of that, the letter said, "plus interest."

Out of Luck

HAWTHORNE, Calif.—Behind the eight balls:

Police hooked a youth on suspicion of stealing eight balls from a bowling alley.

Pal Cuts Bullet Out of Alleged Slayer's Back

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—(AP)—An ex-convict held on a murder charge told police he sat in an automobile while a companion, working under the glare of a street light, cut a bullet out of his back with an old-fashioned razor.

Apparently on the road to recovery, William O'Neil, 21, was removed from a prison hospital yesterday and charged with the slaying of James de Caro and the wounding of his son, Dominick, 21, in a club Monday night.

The shooting took place, police said, when O'Neil and two companions forced their way into the club. Members tried to eject them. O'Neil was wounded by one of the members as he and his companions fled.

The street-corner operation was performed soon after.

Also held on a murder charge is Frederick Torino, 25. A third man, Daniel Bongiorno, 22, is charged with being an accessory after the fact.

Sutherland

SUTHERLIN, March 12.—Mrs. D. G. Clark of Roseburg is spending a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Brown. Mrs. Clark is a former resident of Sutherlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Dohelaire and family of Garden Valley were visitors at the Anna Babke home last Saturday.

Fletcher Sauerbaum, a building contractor in Portland, spent a few days here last week visiting his father, John Sauerbaum and Mrs. Sauerbaum.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hill, Sr., of

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Klamath Falls visited former acquaintances here last Sunday.

Mrs. Maude Vogelhoff was called to Eugene last Friday due to the death of her son-in-law, Alex Shippe.

Gene Godfrey and C. Van Fleet, of Yoncalla were attending to business in Sutherlin, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Patchen, temporarily residing at Yoncalla, spent the week-end at their home here.

Miss Opal Wichter, of Cottage Grove spent the week-end with Pauline Truett.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Vogelhoff and family attended the funeral of Alex Shippe in Eugene Monday.

Dr. Nicholas of Roseburg was a business visitor in this vicinity last Sunday.

Lyle Smith returned Saturday evening from a few days trip to Monmouth and other northern cities.

Orrin Webster of Corvallis is visiting his brother, Marshall Webster and family.

Mrs. J. W. Culver, Mrs. Jackie Culver, Mrs. Tom Hand, Mrs. Charles Gibson, and Mrs. Percy Luchterhand were among the Sutherlin people shopping and attending to business in Roseburg Monday.

The Nonpareil grange is sponsoring a dance at the Nonpareil community hall next Saturday night.

Miss Patry Wahl tap-danced at the style show held in Roseburg Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ed Smith had the misfortune to lose all her linens and crockery recently when a cupboard tipped over at her home east of town. Many helms and pieces of a sentimental value were among the items lost.

Gilbert Wendell, Bonanza mine employee, has purchased a new Studebaker sedan.

A PWA crew under the direction of Ernest Corty started to work Tuesday improving the drainage on East Central avenue.

Walter Stowe, local nurseryman is enlarging his frames and hotbeds in readiness for the spring business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Keith were Roseburg visitors Monday.

Walt Bedell, local logger, has contracted to cut several carloads of pine east of Boxwell Springs.

D. P. McKay, deputy county assessor, is making his rounds in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hinkle of Portland were Sutherlin visitors last Sunday.

Charlie Hartley, R. F. D. mail carrier, who has been ill for some time, resumed his duties Monday.

Steve and Gordon Fimmel returned Saturday from an extended trip to eastern Oregon visiting Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Bend on route. The boys carried camping equipment but found that eastern Oregon for all its wonders is in no place for spring camping and were glad to return to Douglas county sunshine.

Lyle Smith, local stock dealer, accompanied by Frank Toops, made a business trip to Medford Sunday.

John Cook and Johnny Pollewak attended to business in Eugene Monday.

The brick building on State street and Central avenue, belonging to the state has been ordered either repaired or demolished by the city council.

B. P. O. ELKS

Regular meeting Thursday evening, March 14. Business of importance. Nomination of officers. Don't miss this meeting.

Ira H. Riddle, Secy. Adv.

Joseph Martin Looms As Dark Horse, G. O. P.

By BRUCE CATTON.

News-Review Washington Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Pretty much in spite of himself, Congressman Joe Martin of Massachusetts is becoming more and more prominent as a dark horse in the republican presidential race.

So much in this so that, when he resigned recently as republican national committeeman from Massachusetts, the capital generally speculated that he did so to strip for action in the fight for convention votes.

That happens not to be true. As minority leader in the house, Martin is just too busy to keep the national committee post and devote his time to settling local party squabbles. He recently told a caller, "The only job I want is speaker of the house," and he means it. He'll get that job if the republicans get a majority in the next congress, and he is working hard toward that end.

Fighting to Ban Delegates. Meanwhile, the odd fact is that Martin is working harder to keep from getting delegates than some of the avowed candidates are working to get them. He is immensely popular with party workers; during the recent national committee meeting in Washington, party leaders in several states offered to climb on his band-wagon and urged him to let his name be entered in their presidential primaries.

Martin turned down all offers on the ground that he hasn't got any band-wagon.

Friends Smooth Way. Nevertheless, while he is sincere in saying he is not a candidate, it is also true that some effective work is being done in his behalf by a self-appointed group of friendly republican congressmen. These men for weeks have quietly been contacting republican leaders around the country and "putting in a good word for Joe."

They are not asking for delegates or for first-ballot votes; just trying to make sure that if the leading contenders kill each other

DAILY DEVOTIONS DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

One of the greatest needs in cultivating a spiritual life is solitude. We cannot always live in the din and confusion of the world and at the same time develop a spiritual life. There must be solitude or there will be no peace, no noise, no power. There must be some familiar place to which we can go and close the door. Then there is the need of fellowship. We are not individuals merely. We are also social creatures. A single stick, if lighted, will go out. A single soul, no matter how brightly kindled, will be extinguished if it abides alone. We must be thrown together if we are to keep our fire. Every day we meet and mingle with multitudes upon life's lower levels. We desperately need the fellowship of kindred souls upon life's higher levels. Then there is need of discipline, great spiritual life is never possible without it. Thinking is the loom on which is woven the texture of our real life. To simply hold certain faiths about life is not enough. Only by discipline, habitual thinking are these faiths of ours woven into the fabric of our common days. These three things then are the central in the techniques essential to the careful, methodical nurture of the spiritual life. May God give us grace to use them. Amen.

off and the convention looks for a dark horse, there'll be plenty of influential delegates present ready to go for Martin.

Like Martin himself, the members of this unofficial committee have actually had more trouble turning down offers of support than getting them. What they will do between now and convention time depends partly, however, on what happens to the avowed candidates. As one member of the group says:

"If in a month we see that the leaders aren't really getting anywhere, we can come out in the open and really go after delegates."

The point of it all is that while Martin is not a candidate, he can't be overlooked; and it might be well to remember that he is close to the 1936 nominee, Alf M. Landon. He

managed the Landon floor fight at the 1936 convention and ran his eastern campaign.

If it were left to republican members of the house to name a candidate, Martin would win hands down but because they admire his ability—not only because they like him.

He became floor leader less than two years ago, when republican strength in congress was weak and dispirited. In no time he had welded it into an effective opposition which routed the stronger democrats surprisingly often because it was so ably disciplined and led. It is a long time since the capital has seen as remarkable a display of skillful leadership.

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