

The Evening Herald

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Oil Excitement in Merced County, Cal.

P. L. Fountain is in receipt of a letter from his daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. R. Fountain at Merced, California, stating that quite an excitement prevails there in the last few days over the reported oil find near there.

A man named Pete Rheelly, living six miles out of town on the Los Banos road beyond the Catholic cemetery brought in a lot of oil which he secured in an unused well near his place. He drew water for the cattle to drink and they refused. Investigation showed it to be crude oil.

Tuesday some Bakersfield men went to Rheelly's place and offered him \$4,500 for the well or \$40,000 for the forty acres about the well. The oil men announced the belief that there was oil under that section and that the pressure was so great that the oil was forced up and with drilling deeper, they will get a gusher. Great excitement prevailed in Merced following this announcement by the oil men, the letter goes on to say.

THE STRAND

A photographic sensation in which the motion picture camera caught and registered with amazing detail, the death of a jockey when his horse suddenly fouls and crashes through a fence in the third quarter of a race, is one of the extraordinary episodes of action which local "movie" fans will see on the screen of the Strand theatre, when the Buffalo Motion Picture company's version of "The Sport of Kings," by Arthur Somers Roche, begins its engagement there Sunday.

The accident that resulted in the jockey's death occurred at a far southern track, during a race especially organized for the Buffalo Motion Picture company producing staff. A prize race horse, purchased by the company to take the part of the spirited, vicious tempered Vivandiere, equine heroine of Mr. Roche's famous story, was being ridden to victory. The jockey's instruction, prior to the race, were to carry out the action of the story itself, wherein the horse is whipped heavily at the third quarter, causing it to foul and he is disqualified, thereby bringing heavy profits to the men who had planned the criminal act.

Society

Club meetings, informal dinners and afternoons were the things which occupied the time of society folk this week. The barge party by moonlight on Tuesday given by Mrs. William Duncan and Mrs. G. A. Krause was one of the larger affairs, though strictly informal. A long list of invitations were sent out. The barge was towed into the middle of the lake about nine o'clock and anchored there. The evening was devoted to dancing and several prizes were given for the best waiters and fox-trots. The climax of the evening was the serving of doughnuts, cider and apples. Decorations were Chinese lanterns, confetti and paper streamers.

"A child's party for grown-ups" was given Thursday evening by Mrs. Roy Orem, honoring her sister, Miss Barbara Goeller, who is leaving Monday for Portland. The tough little freckled boy was there, the little Miss Muffett with her hair bow and ruffles and the jolliest of all, a wee pickaninny with an uncountable number of braids sticking out like a windmill all over her head. Special games were played during the evening and milk and cookies were served by the hostess. Present on this occasion were: Mesdames James Bishop Foster, Floyd Meadows, Fred Dunbar, Leslie Terwilliger, John E. Enders, Hardin Carter, Charles Moore, Leland Haines, Byron Hardenbrook, Harry Goeller, J. I. Beard, Marjorie Gallagher, Ira Orem, Don Belding, Misses Madge Dixon, Ruth

Dixon, Verda Cozad and the honor guest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Delzell were hosts on Friday night at a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Del Gammon, at their home on Crescent avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brockenbrough entertained Sunday with a sage-hen supper on their lawn in Hot Springs Addition. Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson of Dorris, and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Albertson.

Picnics were a popular form of social diversion this last week and quite in keeping with the spirit of things was the midnight picnic given for Miss Effie Duke of Portland Saturday night and Sunday on Lower Klamath lake. Bobbie Ryan's speed boat carried the young people to their destination where breakfast was prepared in the approved camp style and an all together jolly time was passed by the company.

Sunday afternoon little Marguerite and Gertrude Boyle, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyle, were charming hostesses at a farewell party for the three Mistresses Dodges, who left Friday morning for their home in Ashland.

Mrs. W. C. Ball assisted by her daughter, Miss Mary, entertained for the Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Lawrence during their stay here, with a lawn supper. Many old members of Mr. Lawrence's congregation were present.

A delightful luncheon was enjoyed at the Rex Cafe Friday at twelve

thirty by Misses Clara Calkins, Marjorie Delzell and Maybelle Leavitt, who entertained for Miss Margaret Worden, Miss Margaret Hargus and for Miss Olive Gates of Hillsborough and Miss Dorothy Schmeer of Portland, who were here on their way to Crater lake with their parents.

Miss Alice McCourt will be hostess at an outing party to be held at Hariman Lodge today. A number of young people left the city for the Lodge about noon.

Mrs. William Ganong entertained for the Leisure Hour Bridge club on Tuesday. Those who attended were: Mesdames T. C. Campbell, M. S. West, J. S. Elliott, C. Brookins, Fred Dunbar, Guy Manning, Henrietta Melhase, E. B. Hall, Jack Slater, H. D. Lloyd Stewart, Fred Baker, and Mrs. Ganong's sister, Miss Mildred Oleson, who is visiting here.

One of the social events among lodge people will occur the evening of September 5 at the Scandinavian Hall when the Masons of this city hold their first annual dance. The impression was current that this dance would be formal, but the of-

ficers of the lodges say that it will be strictly informal. However if Shriner's wish to appear in their uniforms, it is permissible. Invitations have been sent out county wide inviting Masons and their friends to attend. The social element of this city plan to attend this affair as it is open to the public and is not a closed lodge affair.

The Auction Bridge club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs.

Oscar Shive and two tables of bridge were enjoyed throughout the afternoon. The house was decorated in golden glow and pantries, thus combining early spring with later fall in the motif. The guests follows: Mesdames G. A. Krause, E. B. Hall, George I. Wright, L. F. Willitta, Charles I. Roberts, and Mrs. Brockenbrough.

On Wednesday the Bridge club was entertained by Mrs. E. M. Igl at the

home of Mrs. Roger E. Dewoos. The house was lovely with big bouquets of sweet peas as decoration and refreshments were served to the players by the hostess. Those present were: Mesdames H. D. Lloyd Stewart, Charles Martin, Ernest Hubb, Byron Hardenbrook, Fred Dunbar, Charles Moore, Hardin Carter, Roger E. Dewoos and the hostess.

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