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THE NEWHALL CO.

One of the Most Influential Companies Now Operating.

Located In the Heart of the Oil Belt of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Oil has been produced in Ventura and Los Angeles counties longer than in any district in the state. Here are to be found the oldest wells, some of which are

the counties of Los Angeles and Ventura, and a short distance from the main line of the Southern Pacific Company, and the branch from Saugus to Santa Barbara.

wide along the boundary of the Ranchos San Francisco and Simi, on the northerly slope of the San Fernando Range. The geological formation of this range is that of all oil producing territory, and extends for many miles east and west—abounds with oil and gas springs, seepages, asphaltum outflows and cropping of petroleum sandstones.

On the south and east is situated the San Fernando Oil Mining District, in which is the Pico Canyon, where the first successful deep oil well was drilled in 1875. In this district and adjoining the property of this company are the oil fields owned and operated by the Pacific Coast Oil Company, which has drilled many heavy producing wells, some of which have yielded

oil products, and its operations, though in the beginning hampered by many obstacles, have been profitable and successful. It has already taken from Pico Canyon over 3,000,000 barrels of oil, and the yield still continues.

On the south and west lie the leaseholds of the Union and Eureka Oil companies. The former operates a field known as Torrey Canon, which was formerly a portion of the San Francisco Rancho, and here it has one of the best and most valuable properties which it owns or controls.

The Union Oil Company also has a short lease of a part of this Company's acquirement, and is now actively engaged in prospecting and developing.

Contiguous on the west is the leasehold of the Eureka Oil Company, also a part of the Newhall ranch, which is now producing 2000 to 3000 barrels per month, and it is the opinion of experts that this output could be greatly increased by more active operation. The Pacific Coast Oil Company maintain and operate a pipe line, which traverses a part of the property of this company from the Pico oil wells to the seaport, Ventura and also one to the main line of the Southern Pacific at Newhall at both of which points there are the best facilities for loading and transportation.

From the western end the Union Oil Co. have a pipe line to Ventura; thus, from the first, transportation facilities can be easily obtained and a ready market found for all products.

SUBDIVISION.

The lands will be subdivided into suitable tracts of twenty and forty acres and placed upon the market, and the representatives of the company will afford every opportunity and assistance for inspection and investigation.



Entrance to Pico Canyon, with the buildings, pumping plants and tanks of the Pacific Oil Co., Adjoining the property of the Newhall Oil and Development Co.

yielding daily as many barrels as they did twenty years ago. The oil found in the district near Newhall is of a superior quality, being of a high gravity, easily handled through pipe lines and being suitable for illuminating as well as for fuel purposes. Drilling oil wells here has in it but little element of uncertainty, as "dusters" are unknown, and it has been found unnecessary to go to such great depths as have made drilling in other districts so expensive and uncertain.

The Newhall Oil and Development Company of San Francisco was duly organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of California on November 20th, 1899, for the object of acquiring territory on which may be developed petroleum, oil, gas, asphaltum and kindred products; for the sale and leasing of such lands; for the promotion, organization and location of companies to bore and prospect oil territory, and for the sale and application of the products to all purposes to which the same may be applied.

The capital stock is \$500,000, divided into 500,000 shares of a par value of one dollar per share.

The company has acquired from "The Newhall Land and Farming Company," a portion of the well known San Francisco Rancho, situated near the town of Newhall, in



Wells on mountain above Pico Canyon and adjoining property of the Newhall Oil & Development Company.

LOCATION.

This territory comprises five thousand two hundred and twenty-seven acres, in a tract about eight miles east and west, and one mile

for the last twenty years. This latter company, with its predecessors, was the first to engage in and carry on the business of producing and manufacturing petrol-

TITLE.

The title to these lands is comprised in the Mexican grant known as the "San Francisco Rancho."

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So far as enthusiasm in the oil industry is concerned San Francisco can well afford to emulate the example of her southern sister. There is more vim and enthusiasm among the oil men of Los Angeles in a week than can be found in San Francisco in a month. There the oil men pull together, producers, consumers and brokers, and each one seems interested in the other's success. Here there is too much apparent jealousy, and if some one seems likely to make a penny others are ready to break up the deal if possible.

Now that there is some talk of cutting from the list some of the companies that are called on the Exchange, it would be a better idea to take some of the members of the Oil Exchange and drop them over the side rail into the lobby with the request they make themselves scarce as soon as possible. Without question there are some people connected with the Exchange whose methods of doing business out-Shylock Shylock. Los Angeles apparently is free from these vermin and it is a pity there are any in San Francisco.

Another lesson San Francisco may learn from Los Angeles is that in the latter city the oil men, especially the members of the new Oil Exchange, give a hearty and generous support to the weekly paper just established there in behalf of the oil industry. Los Angeles believes in advertising, and knows it pays to help those who can help her. In this respect the new Producers' Oil Exchange can learn a valuable lesson.

Texas oil producers have succeeded in defeating a bill to tax oil wells. Ex-Senator Mills addressed the legislature in opposition to the measure, attacking it upon constitutional grounds and with much force and ability. He pointed out that if an

oil well increased the value of a piece of real estate, the taxes upon the real estate advanced in proportion to the increase in value. To levy an additional tax upon the well would be to impose a double burden upon the owner of the property. Such measures are special legislation that will not stand the test of the courts. The action of the Texas law-makers is to be commended.

A City of Mexico Dispatch says: "It is no longer a question as to whether oil in Mexico. quantities can be had in Mexico, for this has been demonstrated satisfactorily in three different states of the republic. Transportation is now the vital question in this connection. The company now engaged in exploiting Vera Cruz fields has about 500 tons of machinery on the ground and is pushing matters as quickly as possible, but while it has developed the property quite sufficiently to be sure of deposits there, it is in the first place forty miles freighting to the coast and then water transportation before encountering the long journey to the City of Mexico, which is, of course; the principal market point to depend upon.

THE PACIFIC OIL REPORTER is the only oil paper published in San Francisco, and in fact the only oil paper published in the State except one recently established in Los Angeles, devoted to the southern field. This paper has held its own in the face of the liveliest competition; and its worth has been manifested by the fact that while other papers have been forced to suspend, the PACIFIC OIL REPORTER has been favored with a steady increase of patronage, and its subscription list has grown until it has one of the largest circulations of any class paper on the Pacific Coast. We aim to give the latest, fullest and most reliable news from all the various California oil fields. We are under obligations to no man, firm, oil company or oil exchange, and no one dictates the policy of this paper. We own a complete plant, and do our own work, and with the assistance of God and our own hustling manage to pay our debts. We are always glad to see oil men especially when they want work done and have the coin to pay for it, and have the heartiest contempt for those who attempt to get the paper without paying for it. There are a few such, and may they live long and suffer is our earnest supplication.

Oil City Land for Sale.

The property known as the Blue Wing has been platted and surveyed into 20 acre tracts. This land is located in Fresno county, on the northwest quarter of section 16, township 19 south, range 15 east, and is adjacent to the Oil City gushers. Title perfect. Address "Owner," Box 2065 San Francisco, or Phone F. Falck, 1706 Steiner.

The Commonwealth.

R. R. Fullerton of the Commonwealth Oil Company of San Francisco reports the sale of a large tract of land in 32, 26-28, Kern River district, to Portland, Oregon, parties, represented by Judge Durham. The Commonwealth Oil Co. will purchase its machinery next week, and will be drilling by the end of next month.

Late Kern News.

The Petroleum center on 28-28-28 will soon have its well completed.

The Californian Standard at McKittrick has landed No. 2 which is now being perforated.

The Brown company is down 500 feet, but being on high ground has not yet reached oil sand.

The Peerless has finished well No. 4 at a depth of 747 feet. This well contains 232 feet of oil sand.

The Kern Valley Bank has granted the Kern County Pipe Line and Storage company a right of way to lay a pipe line across section 13 in 30-21.

The Virginia yesterday dropped into oil sand in great shape at a depth of 885 feet. The oil rose 500 feet in the casing in a few minutes.

Newton's crew have finished pulling the casing from the abandoned well on section 28, 27 and are now putting in the machinery for No. 2.

Supervisor Jastro is about ready with the sprinkler he is having constructed and will be able to try it out in a day or two. As soon as possible he will begin oiling the road into the river district.

W. S. Tevis et al. have transferred thirty-six mineral locations in the neighborhood of Sunset to the Western Minerals company. The locations aggregate nearly a whole township.

The Eldorado well is still being pumped, the idea being to form a big reservoir before inserting the casing which is to be put in, in place of that ruined by the perforators.

The Lone Star Company, which has a large tract of land in the Sunset district, has decided to issue no treasury stock, but to raise funds by levying assessments. A rig is to be purchased and work pushed as expeditiously as possible.

The McKittrick Central, operating on section 23, 30, 21 and back of the break has struck the oil sand at about 350 feet. If a good well is developed here it will extend the oil territory greatly in the McKittrick district.

The Templor district is not so conveniently situated as the McKittrick which has had a tendency to retard its progress, but in the opinion of some professed experts its surface indications are superior to that of the McKittrick territory now known to be valuable.

The Caspian well on 15, 29-28 on which work stopped at a depth of 850 feet, before the presence of oil in that district was demonstrated, is to be finished. It is now stated that the temporary abandonment of drilling was due to the high rate per foot demanded by the contractors before they would proceed and which was re-

fused. The company has decided to purchase a rig of its own and to have it in operation at an early date.

A. G. Newton confirms the report that he has disposed of a half interest in the Lovell White tract, to W. L. Hardison. This tract consists of seven sections, 1 in 29-27, and 5, 9, 15, 21, 27, 35 in 28-27 and there are no developments upon it, the only work done having been the well on section 1, which unfortunately proved a failure on account of defective casing which parted. Mr. Hardison who thus gets into the Kern River district to such a large extent is one of the largest operators in California. Some weeks ago he examined the property he has since bought and upon his observation then, he made the purchase. Active operations will begin as soon as possible, the first step being to put in three or more rigs.

The report of a sale of a lease by J. F. Elwood for \$43,000 was substantially correct, but it is explained further that Elwood who constituted the Central Point Oil company sold the capital stock for the aforesaid sum. The Central Point's interest consisted of a standard rig, twenty-year lease, one-eighth royalty without privilege of purchase, on the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of section 4, 29-28. There is one well on the ground and others will be sunk without delay. The purchasers are Messrs. Brooks and Waterman and a number of Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Riverside and San Francisco capitalists.

Great Producers.

C. H. Phillips, of the Crocker building, is enthusiastic over the success which has attended the developments of the companies in which he is interested.

The Gray Eagle company has had all its stock taken from the market, and none is for sale. The fifth well is now being drilled on section 30, 28 28. The four wells now completed are down each 725 feet, and all are good producers, ranging from 75 to 100 barrels a day each. This company recently sold to Chanslor & Canfield eighty acres at the rate of \$500 an acre.

A dispatch received yesterday morning from Bakersfield in regard to work on the Virginia well stated that the casing would be through the primary oil sand before Saturday night at a depth of a little over 900 feet. When this oil sand was first reached the oil rose in the 75/8 casing 500 feet, and the superintendent says the well gives every indication of being a fine flowing well with a capacity of 200 barrels a day. This well is on section 20, 30-22. Arrangements have been made with the Shamrock Company to use their pipe line, so that production will commence immediately.

The Shamrock company has been completely reorganized in a new incorporation called the Shamrock Consolidated, and has contracted with Green & Whittier of Los Angeles for five wells to be drilled to a minimum depth of 1,000 feet each; also to re-perforate and put in working order for immediate production of 250 barrels a day. The work of drilling will continue steadily night and day with two standard rigs on this property from now on. The Shamrock has 160 acres, and 100 wells will be drilled before development work ceases.

THE NEWHALL CO

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Confirmed by United States Patent in February 1875 to grantees' heirs Jacobo Felez, et als obtained by purchase by the late H. M. Newhall in that same year, and upon the settlement of his estate passed to the Newhall Land and Farming Company in June, 1883.

A lease has just been made with the Alta Oil company for a subdivision and they are about to commence drilling.

Two other parties are now on the Newhall tract selecting locations.

WARTHAN.

A New and Promising Oil Section of Fresno.

Warthan—which lies in Fresno county, 12 miles southwest of Alcalde—is at present only a small collection of houses, though judging from present indications, it will become ere long a prosperous oil locality. It consists of a general merchandise store kept by Mr. Bray, a resident of the neighborhood for 15 or more years, and three or four small houses which constitute the village. Then about a half a mile further up the road

to the discovery of unmistakable evidence of oil in the neighborhood. The country for miles around shows signs of being rich in this product, and it will not be at all surprising if before long this part of the country becomes alive with prospectors in search of localities for boring for oil wells. The wonder is that this has not yet taken place, indications of oil formations are so plainly visible.

Three miles from the Hayes house are the celebrated Fresno Sulphur Springs, the property of the Kreyenhagen estate, consisting of a large hotel with some 10 or 12 cottages. There is a good

A Big Oil Land Sale.

Jewett & Blodgett, the Bakersfield bankers, have sold their oil properties in the Sunset Oil District for half a million dollars. In response to a request for a statement for the Daily Californian Mr. Jewett said: "Unquestionably the property is sold, but again I am not one of those who grow enthusiastic over a sale where the money has not been paid. The conditions are these: Four months ago we gave this English company an option on the Sunset property for \$50,000. Since then there have been many communications on the subject. Now our attorneys in San Francisco inform us that the sale has been consummated, and I presume there is no longer any question about it. Since giving the option spoken of we have had offers from Eastern companies guaranteeing us the same amount for the property, but of course they could not be considered."

The Sunset property represents the earliest development work in the oil business in Kern county. For more than ten years Messrs. Jewett & Blodgett have labored unceasingly there, spending a large sum of money in connection with the work. The property is now, developed as it is, a most valuable one, and the assurance of a railroad line to the Coast Range enhances that value materially.

The Bear State.

The Bear State Oil Co., recently incorporated under the laws of California, has acquired by purchase 640 acres of valuable oil land in the Coalinga district. Within two miles of the company's property a pipe line is now in operation which secures them a market for their oil. On the ad-



Upper end of Pico Canyon, looking east, with wells, boiler house and buildings of the Pacific Coast Oil Co.

They will commence drilling immediately.

The officers of the company are: George A. Newhall, president; Henry J. Crocker, vice-president; E. W. Newhall, secretary; Henry G. Newhall, consulting engineer; Bank of California depository.

The Board of Directors consists of George A. Newhall, Henry J. Crocker, Henry F. Allen, Walter S. Newhall, Henry G. Newhall, E. W. Newhall, M. H. Hecht.

A limited number of shares of this company will be sold, for which application may now be made. Any and all information can be obtained and maps and books inspected at the office of the company. E. W. Newhall, Secretary, 307 Sansome St., San Francisco; Walter S. Newhall, California Bank, Los Angeles.

Oil Dividends.

The Rex Oil Company, Los Angeles, declared a 5 per cent dividend on the 22nd inst.

A 2 per cent monthly dividend is payable upon its capital stock at the office of the Wilson Oil Company in Los Angeles.

The Burlington Oil Company paid this week a 2 per cent dividend. The payments were made from the company's San Francisco office.

The Central Oil Company has declared a second monthly dividend of 1 per cent, payable April 15.

The Monarch is preparing to erect a derrick on land leased from the La Coronua.



Upper end of Pico Canyon, looking west, showing wells of the Pacific Coast Oil Co.

a traveler will come to Mr. Hay's place where he will find very fair accommodation; he sets a good table for that part of the country, though it goes without saying that one must not expect to find Palace hotel luxuries in a small country place or he will be disappointed; but for a small town he could not want better. Owing to the increase of travel lately Mr. Hay has found it necessary to build another little house for the accommodation of visitors who are beginning to travel that way owing

wagon road from Alcalde to the Springs, which springs are most excellent remedies for rheumatism and kidney diseases; altogether this portion of California is well worth a visit from those who are interested in the oil industry, or, indeed, as a health resort it cannot be equalled.

If you want to buy oil lands, lease or promote oil companies, call on A. Barieau, Oil Land Expert, Room 505 Call Building.

joining section are several producing wells.

The company is capitalized for 200,000 shares at a par value of \$1 per share. A limited amount of stock is now offered at 50c per share. Mr. S. Aspland, 916 Market street, room 53, is the Secretary.

For Sale.

Two Second-hand Standard Drilling Machines, three Second-hand Standard Oil Country Drilling Rigs, CHARLES W. DOWNES, 6821 Manchester Ave., St. Louis, Mo.