

Miss Marie Anderson of Los Angeles has been a house guest of Mrs. O. E. Erickson for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tassej of Redondo boulevard have returned from a vacation trip in the northern part of the state.

Miss Enie Kostela was an overnight guest of Miss Lavonne Getst in Los Angeles Saturday, and the girls spent Sunday at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crane of Normandie avenue saw "The Hur" in Los Angeles Monday evening.



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SHOULD CALIFORNIA VOTE TO REPEAL WRIGHT ACT?

Committee Opposed to Cancellation of State's Liquor Enforcement Law Presents Arguments; Herald and News Donate Space to Organization Each Week

By B. H. LINGENFELTER

The purpose of these articles appearing in The Herald is that the voters may act intelligently at the November election. The Wright act was voted by the people of California in November, 1922. Its purpose, as stated in the act, was the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment to the United States Constitution and making the Volstead act a part of the law of the state of California. It is California's answer to the rest of the states which accept the Constitution as the supreme law of the land. The question is: Shall the state of California refuse to join with her sister states in the enforcement of this part of the supreme law of the land? The temperance forces of the state answer without hesitation No, and will vote No on Number 3 at the coming election. It is universally admitted that the law has not been completely enforced. Neither has any part of the law against crime been perfectly enforced. The law against murder, for example, has been a signal failure. Yet no one even thinks of annulling that law. That the total results of the eighteenth amendment have been good is proven by any number of surveys. The Los Angeles Times made such a survey during the last year and published the results February 14. The following are some of the findings in that survey:

"Prohibition has improved the financial, social and industrial conditions of the average workingman at least 25 percent. It has added a like increase to his efficiency on the job. It has brought to himself and his family a well-being hitherto unknown; and well-being has brought contentment in its wake. "This conclusion is the condensed result of a survey conducted by

the Times, among the employers and employees of more than 100 of the city's largest industrial institutions during the past two weeks. It is a verdict attested by far more than a majority, and it is a verdict unusual in that it was declared and emphasized by the workers themselves, in controversy of the frequent argument that the working people are against prohibition.

"Among the corporations, companies, manufacturing plants and other organizations visited and where statements were obtained either from employer or employee were the Southern California Edison Company, Santa Fe Railroad Company, Southern Pacific, Baker Iron Works, Llewellyn Iron Works, Nicholls Grain and Milling Company, Sperry Flour Company, Lacy Manufacturing Company, Southern California Telephone Company, Southern California Gas Company, Holsum Bakery, R. B. Ward & Co., Inc., Los Angeles Railway Company, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railway Company, Wilson & Co., Coast Packing Company, Los Angeles Gas and Electric Company, Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and the larger employment agencies and building contractors.

"Motion pictures of the olden days generally show a mining camp, construction headquarters, or any other civic habit of labor in the raw as one long street of saloons, "The First Chance," "The Last Chance," and the chances in between. So it was when the Southern California Edison Company built its Kern River plant No. 1. Here are the observations of David H. Redinger, resident engineer, and President R. H. Ballard of the Southern California Edison Company:

"In the building of the Kern River No. 1 plant in 1907-8, before the eighteenth amendment went into effect, there were constantly three separate gangs connected with the work—one gang was working, one gang was coming down off the job with their pay checks hot in their pockets, and another gang was going up to the job. One pay day was generally the life of one man's work until he had had his spree.

"Labor Turnover Decreases
The eighteenth amendment has undoubtedly lessened this turnover. The ordinary worker stays on the job two or three times as long as formerly. This, in itself, increases efficiency, as it is always expensive to break in new men. The company's records show that man power results are as much as 25 per cent better now than formerly. And the fact that the possession and transportation of liquor is illegal makes it possible for the company's executives to maintain better control of the situation and to deal vigorously and effectively with the occasional bootlegger who turns up on the job.

"The men are now saving their money. Not long ago the company officials sent some representatives of its investment department to interview men on the job, particularly those who had been employed a year and who might be expected to remain in employment for several years in the future. It was anticipated that quite a number of men would sign up to purchase stock on the monthly payment plan. "It was quite a surprise to us to find that not only was far more stock sold than was anticipated, but that of that amount more than THREE-FOURTHS was paid for in cash, the men delving into buried tin-can savings banks, or resurcting uncashed time checks and the like.

"Today we have more than \$400,000 in installment stock purchases on the books for men in our camps, and we employ from 2500 to 5000 men constantly. We believe that their savings yearly will total around \$1,850,000. This is all money which went for other purposes in former days. "One cook's helper—and this case is of course far above the average—is the owner of 52 shares with a valuation of \$5200. If he keeps on working he'll never have to bother about his old age, will he?"

"Virtually the same story comes from other industrial organizations. "Eighty percent of the linemen of the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Company would vote dry if an election were held today," is the verdict of their field superintendent. "We are getting a lot better service from the individual worker today than ever before," said D. L. Scott, vice-president. "The men are more steady and reliable. They are learning financial responsibility. They are buying homes and automobiles; they are enjoying luxuries hitherto unknown to them."

"From the Southern California Gas Company: 'Eighty percent of our permanent employees are now stockholders in our company—a condition unheard of before prohibition. Prohibition has tended to increase the efficiency of the men on the job; it has tended to perpetuate. They are saving money as never before, and consequently are more happy, for the possession of property honestly earned cannot help but bring happiness. Automobiles? Why, we were forced to go out and purchase a large plot of ground near our plant to provide a parking place for the privately owned automobiles of our employees who drive them to and from work.' "W. C. Kennedy of the Baker Iron Works said: 'It (prohibition) is a wonderful move in the right direction. Our men are saving their money. It has meant to them the ability to buy things for their families, more children sent to school,

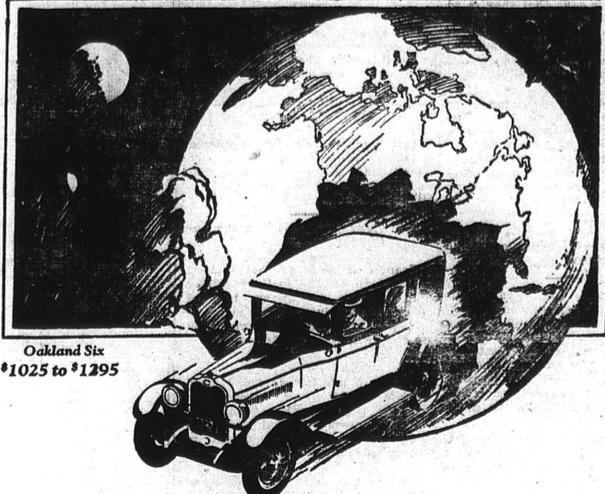
better shoes and clothing—conditions that cannot help but reflect on the work, for a man who is in hot water with his family is hard put to it to keep out of hot water on the job. The change is very noticeable and very helpful; it is one of the greatest aids to thrift ever discovered. And it is particularly notable among our 800 employees. There are, of course, exceptions, but there must always be those. "G. E. Gaylord, superintendent of the Los Angeles division of the Southern Pacific, declared: "Prohibition has been a material help to us and to our men. We used to have our share of trouble, despite rule G and other stringent regulations as to sobriety. There isn't any doubt or question as to the improvement. There is much better efficiency on the job, and the men are much more contented. More money is going home, and with more money, better conditions re-

LOMITA NOTES

Miss Ethel Haslam was a weekend guest of Miss Opal Edwards of Weston street.
Guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Powell of 257th street were Mr. and Mrs. George Clairville of Beverly and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Golings of San Pedro.
Miss Christine Vaughn of Huntington Beach was entertained over the weekend by Miss Eunice Huggins.
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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shelhart and Miss Sara Shelhart, of Eshelman avenue, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cleighton Shelhart of Thirteenth street, San Pedro.
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gilbert of George street spent Sunday with friends in Sierra Madre and Monrovia.

Mr. and Mrs. McVey have moved from Beacon street to 257th street.
E. J. Buford of 258th street joined a party of friends on a weekend duck hunt.
Mrs. E. B. Schriver of Eshelman avenue spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. C. J. Seidmore, of Garden Grove.
Mrs. H. C. Hansen spent Thursday with friends in Wilmington.



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