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Generous Rains Bless Southland

The recent generous rains have been of incalculable value to the Southland. Vegetable and truck gardens and plants and grasses of all kinds have been vastly benefitted and the danger of frosts in the citrus districts have probably been averted this year by the recent and former rains. More bountiful crops than we have had for several years seem assured.

In addition to the physical benefits are others equally advantageous to one and all in the increase of confidence, in bettering business and financial conditions, in increase of building operations and manufacturing output, in short a better and wider outlook of optimism and confidence in all financial and commercial lines.

Larger Markets for Home Products

The campaign for a bigger market at home for California products being undertaken under the auspices of the Southern California Retail Grocers' association is a movement to be highly commended and which should prove of much benefit to the entire Southland and aid greatly in the development of our agricultural and horticultural possibilities.

"Buy California's products—and keep buying and using them" is the slogan of the retail merchants and as it is the verdict of health authorities that California's food products are pure and the pure food law one of their best marketing helps, the adoption of the slogan by every household should benefit the consumer as well as the producer.

Let Us Not Move Backward

It is to be hoped that the strife between the county Board of Supervisors and the Civil Service commission will result in more efficient and result-producing civil service. While there can be no question that civil service is in the line of progress there should be more elasticity and efficiency in its workings. It should not be allowed to degenerate into a mere bureau enmeshed in its own red tape, nor should it become a bulwark for discontented, inefficient employes or employes unfitted for the work to which they have been assigned. But least of all would we welcome back the old political "reward of service" system.

Behold the Foolish Man

What would you think of an army which carried arms and ammunition in times of peace, but when war came, discarded them. The man who advertises during good times and stops when trade gets dull is doing the same stunt.—Venice Vanguard.

Real Advertising

You may disguise barns and fences and rocks and roads, waste your money on so-called business charts, signs and all that sort of thing, and vainly imagine you are advertising. But you are not. The newspaper that weekly visits hundreds of homes and is looked upon by its readers as a reliable friend and adviser, is the medium through which the wide-awake business man will speak to the people. Quack advertising—the kind you bite on when a stranger comes around with a great "scheme"—is like quack medicine—the less you take of it the better. The man who appreciates the value of newspaper advertising and has business instinct enough to know that all other methods are spurious, is the man who meets with success.—Deming, (N. M.) Headlight.

NO RESPECT FOR ANYONE

The Pacific Ocean seems to have less self-control than a man making a New Year's resolution. It has been spilling itself all over our beach for the last week or two without respect for the Standard Oil Company's wharf or anything else. If these waves don't let out coast alone they will go broke.—Times.

What, the beach or the ocean?—Venice Vanguard.
Not John D. at any rate.—El Segundo Herald.
Better move to Torrance where there will be no danger.

After all, the American hen is the great national bird.
It is rose time in Southern California—but apple blossom time in Normandy.

England again protests against the fortifying of the Panama Canal by the United States. Roll over again, John Bull, and take another snooze!

Why it is that the United States cannot have a consistent naval policy like England and other European nations, something built along broad lines, that we may stick to year after year? The people would approve of such a plan.

Estimates give New York City a population of over five million souls. It is less than the Los Angeles of the Atlantic Coast.

COUNTY W. C. T. U. TAKES UP DRY STATE FIGHT

The Fight is on.

There were 80,000 names signed in four weeks to the petition for a privilege to vote on California Dry next November.

Our County W. C. T. U. are doing what they can to forward this great cause for righteousness.

Tuesday at Redondo a campaign institute was held which was presided over by Mrs. Adelia Phelps our County W. C. T. U. president.

County Probation

Officers Meet

Whether or not changes should be made in the probation laws of the State, whereby the evils of indiscriminate probation may be done away with, is one of the important questions which will be discussed at the State Probation Conference, which opened for a three-day session on Wednesday in the Los Angeles Hall of Records.

Word received by Hugh C. Gibson, the originator of the conference idea, indicates that practically every county in the state will be represented by probation officers, Juvenile Court judges, members of county probation committees or social workers interested in child welfare.

Question pertaining to legislation, past, present and future, appear on the program for discussion Thursday evening. Among these are "Should the Definition of Adult Contributory Be Changed?" "Should the Punishment for Contributing Be Changed?" "Should the Juvenile Court Law of 1913, as Passed, or as Signed, Be a Guide for Future Legislation?" "Should Persistent Disobedience Be a Ground for Juvenile Court Jurisdiction?"

Legal Battle Over

Billings Estate

The \$10,000 estate of James H. Billings, who died at Torrance December 26, 1913, furnished a legal battle between the widow, Mamie A. Billings, of Chicago; her daughters, Gertrude E. Engelbaugh, of No. 1317 De Long street, this city, and May E. Justice of Chicago, on one side, and Litta W. Billings, on the other. The widow and her children contest the probate of the will which makes Litta W. Billings a devisee, on the ground that she unduly influenced Billings in executing his will.

The petition for the probate of the will was filed by Charles W. Lyon of Venice. The contest followed, the petition alleging there is no such person as Litta W. Billings. Billings is alleged to have been controlled by Litta W. Heiman, who is averred to have passed herself off as his wife. Furthermore, she is charged with keeping an espionage over the old man, following him from room to room of the house when Mrs. Engelbaugh called to see him on private affairs, preventing the discussion.

Harry Engelbaugh, the son-in-law, was also unable to accompany Billings to a shoe factory, it is alleged, owing to the prohibition of Litta. The latter is also charged with attempting to influence Billings to force his wife to get a divorce. She is said to have declared that when Billings died she would get all of the property, objecting to him making investments, as she might find it burdensome to keep up the payments.—Times.

PLANS FOR OIL EXHIBIT

The Los Angeles chamber of mines and oil is fostering a movement to have a representative oil and mineral exhibit, advertising California products, on display at the Panama-Pacific International exposition next year in San Francisco.

PROGRESS NOTES

Torrance is to have a new issue of currency. Mr. Jake Isenstein, proprietor of the "First Grocery in Torrance," is the originator of the scheme. The money is to be made of aluminum and is good for groceries at his store only, but it probably will be in use in general before many days.

Anaheim will have an ice factory and it will be financed and controlled by Anaheim people, instead of having half the capital supplied by outside parties, as proposed recently by local business men. This was the decision reached last night at the meeting of the board of trade.

Ten thousand dollars capital stock will be raised, of which \$3000 has already been subscribed, and the committee expects to have the entire amount subscribed quickly.

HERALD WILL ACCEPT

"NEWS" SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Torrance Herald has decided to give paid subscribers to the Torrance News credit on subscriptions to the Torrance Herald for the period for which they have paid same on the News.

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CLASSIFIED LINERS

The Herald prints neat calling cards. Orders also taken for the engraved cards.

Readers are requested to send The Herald any news items they may have as early in the week as possible.

WANTED—Rooms and houses for rent to be advertised in our want ad column.

LOST—JANUARY 12th, GOLD WATCH Fob Pendant engraved R. A. Return to Hendrie Rubber Company office. Reward.

FOR SALE—OLIVER TYPEWRITER NO. 5, slightly used for \$75. A good bargain to one who needs a machine. Post Office box 39.

FOR SALE—Two Banded Rock cockerels, fancy stock. Edward Byrnes, 2026 Carson.

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