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## A PROGRESSIVE PRESIDENT

President Roosevelt is a man of ideas. More than any other President since Lincoln, he is capable of reaching out beyond conventionalities. He is not simply an executive genius. He is of that rarest and most valued type, a statesman with creative instinct. A native of the East, he has a broader comprehension of the West and of the needs and opportunities of the West than have most natives of this great new region. This much can be said of the new President, even by men who are not in accord with all his political sentiments.

Before the president sent his message to Congress, a few days since, all this was believed by his friends. The message itself has the power of convincing his opponents.

Touching on many points, the message is particularly notable by its taking up the question of irrigation, and making a strong plea for the salvation of waste places through the arid portions of the country. It was to be expected that the president would deal vigorously with all subjects, but in thus annexing a new issue to National politics, and an issue of greater industrial importance than any which has been known since the days of anti-slavery agitation, President Roosevelt has placed himself at once on a level with the very few constructive statesmen who have been promoted to his high place.

Our civilization was first conceived in irrigated Asia Minor and irrigated Egypt. There were germs of civilization in irrigated Mexico, in irrigated Peru, and in irrigated Arizona, long before the days of the Caucasian invasion. No form of civilization has ever been found indigenous in a none irrigated country. Irrigation is conducive to density of population, and thus develops man by permitting full scope to his gregarious instincts without divorcing him from land, close association with which is essential for the preservation of liberty and the promulgation of high ideals of government and society. In his endorsement of irrigation development on a large scale by the Government, President Roosevelt has taken the most important step in governmental evolution during the life of the generation to which he belongs.

Albany, New York has already made a record of 26 degrees below zero this winter. Imperial last Sunday morning had its lowest record for the winter, 36 above zero. The temperature at Albany was about 127 degrees below the maximum of last summer, and that at Imperial was 83 degrees below its maximum heat of the summer, the variation at Albany being over 50 per cent greater than at Imperial.

## TO CARE FOR THE INDIANS

San Diego Union: James McLaughlin, special agent of the department of Indian affairs, accompanied by Dr. L. A. Wright of San Jacinto, the Indian agent for the southern part of the state, arrived in San Diego yesterday noon from a ten days' trip through the mountains and valleys, and among the Indian reservations on the Warner ranch. The purpose of Mr. McLaughlin's visit is to examine and report on all propositions which have been made for furnishing land for the Warner's ranch Indians.

There are five reservations on the ranch: Agua Caliente, Puerta La Cruz, Mataguay, San Jose and Puerta Chiquita. All of the Indians, about 200, living on these reservations, must soon be provided with other lands, for the decision of the supreme court has been that the ranch belongs to some one else, and that the government never had the right to locate the Indians where they are. The same is true of the San Felipe Indians, though the decision of the court has not been rendered in that case.

The Indians on the Warner ranch now occupy about 1,400 acres of land, and the San Felipe Indians about 160 acres. The Warner's ranch owners do not want to sell less than 30,000 acres out of the 44,000 acres it contains, and therefore Mr. McLaughlin has been examining some eight or ten other pieces of land which have been offered to the government. He has found several locations which may be considered suitable, and he expects to visit several more during the coming week, for he has a number of other offers on his list for investigation. His report on the entire number with his recommendations, will not go to Washington for three or four weeks.

## Beet Sugar Prospects

The Yuma Sun advises people thinking of engaging in sugar beet growing to bide a bit until Mr. Havemeyer decides whether he will have Congress admit Cuban sugar free. It is possible that there is a trifle of sarcasm in this advice, and it may also be noted that the asphalt trust, which was nearly as powerful as the sugar trust, though in a smaller way, has been undermined by small producers of asphaltum and has collapsed. Therein lies the danger to the trust, and it may be that even the great sugar trust is too big and cumbersome to meet attacks from beet sugar men scattered over the whole country, and will collapse. There is also a possibility, which the Sun seems to have overlooked, that the sugar trust does not own Congress.

## Telephone Improvements

The telephone system which connects Imperial with Iris, Flowingwell and Calexico, has heretofore had but one telephone at each of the towns reached, but is now undergoing marked improvements. New telephones have been put in by the Imperial Mercantile company in their stores at Imperial and Calexico and by the Press and Messrs. VanHorn, the latter at their farm south of Imperial. The telephone heretofore at the hotel has been moved to the postoffice, where Miss Clark will assume the management of central with her duties as postmistress. There are several other plans for improving the device.

## Mainly Personal

George A. Carter and Geo. Thompson returned Thursday from a visit to Los Angeles.

Judge Clark, who has been quite sick for some days, was considerably improved this week.

A. W. Cook of Redlands spent two days at Imperial this week and secured forty acres of land.

George Fishbaugh and Mr. Ferguson, old neighbors of J. A. Hammers in Anthony, Kansas, were in Imperial this week studying the situation.

A. J. Downer, for nearly twenty years in the nursery business at San Bernardino, returned home after spending two weeks in the valley.

# Imperial Water Rights

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