

By Road to Imperial.

A. J. Downer, who has just returned from Imperial, has made out the following table of distances for the benefit of those who are making the trip with wagon and team. At each stop indicated, water can be found.

San Bernardino to Moreno, 18 miles; Moreno to Hemet, 18 miles; Hemet to Logsdon, 10 miles; Logsdon to Tripps, 13 miles; Tripps to Oak Grove, 10 miles; Oak Grove to Port La Cruz, 10 miles; Port La Cruz, to Warner's store, 7 miles; Warner's store to San Phillippe, 15 miles; San Phillippe to Mason's, 13 miles; Mason's to Valliceto, 5 miles; Valliceto to Palm Springs, 10 miles; Palm Springs to Carriso Springs, 10 miles; Carriso Springs to Diamond Lake, 27 miles; Diamond Lake to Imperial, 15 miles.

Total distance by wagon road from San Bernardino to Imperial, 181 miles.

The measurements were made with a road meter fastened to one of the wagon wheels and so of course is the actual measurement of the distance traversed by the wagon.—San Bernardino Sun.

From Los Angeles a different road would be traveled. The shortest and best road would probably be via Pomona, Corona, Elsinore, Temecula, to Oak Grove, thence taking the road outlined by the Sun.

New Leguminous Plant.

German papers speak of an annual belonging to the leguminous class, growing in tropical Africa, which is largely cultivated by the negroes as an article of food. It has also been introduced to some extent in Brazil. The Africans call it woandsu, but its botanical name is Glycine subterranea. The fruit, like the peanut, matures under the ground. The eatable kernel has the shape of an egg, and is dark red with black stripes and a white hilum like most beans. It furnishes a very white flour, the flavor of which, after cooking, very much resembles that of chestnuts.

A French chemical expert recently analyzed the fruit of the woandsu with reference to its composition and as to its value as a food. He found 58 per cent. of starchy substance, 19 per cent. nitrogenous, 10 per cent. water, 6 per cent. oil, 4 per cent. cellulose, and 3 per cent. ashes. From this it is ascertained that two pounds of this product would supply the daily requirements of the human system. This is one of the very few fruits which, in a natural state, contain all the chemical properties of a perfect nutriment.

Conundrums.

What is the difference between the manager of a theater and a sailor? A sailor likes to see a light-house and the manager doesn't.

Why is it that when a church is burned, nothing is so difficult to save as the organ? Because the fire engine cannot play upon it.

What did Jack Frost say to the lily? Wilt thou—and she wilted.

Why was Noah the best broker of ancient times? He could float more stock than any other man.

What is the difference between a hill and a pill? One is hard to get up and the other is hard to get down.

Why do lovers linger long at the garden gate? Because so much can be said on both sides.

When are two heads better than one? When they are in a barrel.

When is a farmer like a dentist? When he is pulling out stumps.

Why should the highest apple on a tree be the best one? Because it's a tip-top apple.

What is the most afflicted part of a house? The window, because it is full of panes.

Why is milk like a treadmill? Because it strengthens the calves.

What is the most fashionable article in the world? A woman.

Why is a nice, but uncultured girl like brown sugar? Because she is sweet but unrefined.

What are the most popular airs in the land? Millionaires.

Why is baseball likely to become epidemic? Because the game is catching.

What is the best size for a man? Exercise.

Glass bath tubs are next in order. They are said to be cheaper than any other kind that is worth having.

Vigorous Growth.

The growth of Southern California in the last fifteen years, says the Pomona Progress, has attracted the attention of the whole country and astonishes those who come to view it for themselves. Everywhere one goes carpenters, masons and painters and all who are engaged in building operations are busy and work is waiting for them. Nor is this activity anything in the nature of a boom, as was the case nearly fifteen years ago. The country has been gradually working up to it for a decade. The attractions and advantages of Southern California for homeseekers needed only the conditions of general prosperity prevailing throughout the country to produce the development now in progress here.

Huntington to Move to Los Angeles.

Last November the Imperial Press and Farmer published a statement reviewing the extensive investments of H. E. Huntington in Southern California, and predicting that in the near future he would take up his residence here and make Los Angeles his future home. And now comes a dispatch from San Francisco dated December 21st, which says:

"H. E. Huntington, accompanied by his daughter Clara and his son Howard, says the Cal. will arrive in San Francisco next Tuesday to join his wife and partake of their last Christmas dinner in San Francisco.

"It is now known that Huntington will sell his residence and make his future home in Los Angeles, where he can superintend more thoroughly his own street-car ventures."

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