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"Water is King—Here is its Kingdom."

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IMPERIAL IN THE SADDLE AGAIN.

Government to Re-survey the Imperial Lands---Order for Withdrawal of Public Lands from Market Revoked.

California Development Company getting ready for the Coming Winter Rush of People—Railroad to be Completed—A Hundred Thousand Dollars to be Spent in Construction of Distributing Canals—All Indications Point to Unparalleled Development during Coming Season.

The Imperial Settlements have been enjoying a quiet season for several months preparatory to the rush of people and work that is certainly coming during the coming Fall and Winter.

its power to facilitate the settlement of the Imperial country and has cooperated with the Imperial Land Company in every way possible to accomplish that end.

From a land point of view, there-

on the Imperial Branch line and it is confidently believed that this line will be open for traffic by the first of October of this year.

Products.

It has been fully demonstrated that wheat and barley are staple crops that can be successfully and profitably raised under the Imperial Canal system, and preparations are now being made for putting in many thousands of acres in these crops the coming season.

Rice is also attracting great atten-

ery rancher placed on these lands brings grist to the S. P. mill. It is a matter of fares and freights with them and their colonizing agents are at work vigorously in sending people to Imperial. Not only do their agents report that hundreds of people are headed this way but it is a well-known fact that the rush of tourists and homeseekers towards Southern California this season is to be greater than ever before in the history of this State. This report comes from all railroad agents who are in position to know whereof they speak.

Next week the Press will give in detail an account of some of the work of development that will first be undertaken.



FIRST BRICK BLOCK BUILT IN THE TOWN OF IMPERIAL.

In the early days of this settlement the California Development Company started in to resurvey the public lands under the Imperial Canal System. Because of lack of information and established corners, there was a mistake made in getting the starting point, and hence it became necessary to apply to Congress for a resurvey of these lands by the General Government. The Imperial Land Company applied to Congress last June for the passage of a law authorizing such resurvey and on the last day of the session such a law was passed and signed by the President.

The Land Department at Washington thought it necessary to withdraw all of such lands from market until the resurvey could be made and approved, and hence an order to that effect was issued and published to the world. The Imperial Land Company did not think it necessary to thus block the wheels of such an enterprise and applied to the Department to have the order withdrawing the lands from market revoked, and the revoking order was issued at once and telegraphed to the Land Office at Los Angeles. The Land Department at Washington has done everything in

fore, the road is clear for the most extensive land filings the coming season in the history of this enterprise.

What About the Water?

The Imperial Land Company will at once recommence construction work on the distributing system of canals.

First—For the completion of the system in Imperial Water Company No. 1.

Second—For the placing of all the lands now filed upon under the flow of canals in Imperial Water Company No. 5.

Third—For the construction of a Mexican canal to cover all the lands belonging to the California Development Company in Lower California south of Calexico under irrigation.

Fourth—For the extension of the Mexican canal across the boundary line near Signal Mountain to furnish water to Imperial Water Company No. 6.

Fifth—For the completion of the main canal west of Imperial so as to deliver water to Imperial Water Company No. 4.

Railroad.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company is getting ready to lay the track

tion, and the small sample crop now growing west of Imperial seems to clearly demonstrate the fact that this crop can be successfully grown in this country. Expert rice men have recently visited Imperial and they declare that there is no question as to this being a good country for the growing of rice on a large scale with great profits. So fully are they convinced on this point that they are negotiating for several thousand acres of land to be devoted to this crop. Rice land is worth \$125 an acre, although it can be had for the present at the regular price of \$15 an acre, for water right.

Business Operations.

With the development of the agricultural resources of this country business operations must materialize. Just as soon as the railroad can deliver people and goods at Imperial, a move will be made all along the line by active, live business men. They are now waiting for the coming activity to commence.

The People.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company is alive to the work of settling this fertile section of country. Ev-

Delighted With Imperial.

O. H. Norris, A. T. Gantt, L. H. Cooper and Davis Donald have returned from Imperial, where they spent several days, and they were completely carried away with the prospects of that thriving colony. The big ditch carrying water in plenty for all the lands under it, with lots to waste, was to them a thing of beauty and sign of prosperity. After carefully weighing the problem of land and water, and the results that can be obtained from a plentiful combination of the two, added to a California climate. They demonstrated their confidence in Imperial property by each one of the quartet purchasing a tract of 320 acres. Together they bought 1280 acres of land, and their intention is to prepare the land for sowing barley and alfalfa this fall—Redlands Facts.

"When homes are right the streets are boyless," says the Imperial Press, and a greater, simpler truth was never spoken. And when boys take to the streets parents may well begin to ask themselves the question, "What is the matter with our home?"—Pomona Progress.

Correct.

A baby's smiling face at the window is a better welcome home than all the bric-a-brac, paintings, tapestry and statuary ever manufactured.