

## THE VALLEY NEWS

Imperial Water Co. No. 1 is considering the plan for an office building.

The publisher of the Press is spending a week with his wife and children at Ontario.

T. P. Banta received word Monday from Prescott, A. T., of the death of a sister, Mrs. Moore.

The meeting of the directors of Imperial Water Co. No. 1 will be held about the middle of the month.

There will be the regular preaching services at the hall Sunday night at 7:30. Everybody is cordially invited.

The recent sales of grain is already manifest in various lines of business, relieving a number of farmers of burdens.

Talk of incorporating Imperial is heard regularly, and action in that respect is certain to be taken early in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Dyke entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening in honor of the fifth anniversary of their wedding.

D. R. Stevenson is spending a week in Escondido with his family before their departure for Colorado Springs, where they will spend the summer.

W. D. Montgomery will hold a public auction at his corral on June 20th at 1 o'clock p. m. Grain, farming implements, personal property, etc.

There were a number of cases of drunkenness in town last Sunday, and the need of a jail and the enforcement of law was again made conspicuous.

Work on the depot at Old Beach is progressing rapidly, and as soon as that building is completed, the carpenters will begin work on the Imperial depot.

R. E. Toomey, grain buyer for George W. McNear & Co., has come to Imperial to make headquarters, and has opened an office in the Imperial Land Company building.

The biggest report of barley yet made and verified was 28 sacks to the acre, on the land of R. D. McPherrin, five miles north of town. It was harvested by one of the combined machines.

Paul H. McPherrin, of the Los Angeles office of the Imperial Land Company, is visiting his brother, R. D. McPherrin in town. They are joint owners of a section of land north of town.

From every quarter come reports of the intention to put in a large acreage of alfalfa in October, the belief being very general that the problem of getting a good stand is now pretty well solved.

A dozen friends participated in a birthday surprise party given Miss Daisy Mead Monday evening. Dainty refreshments were served, and cards and games furnished amusement for the evening.

The concert and social advertised to be given by the Cocopah Club was called off on account of all members of the club being very busy at this time and not being able to give the event the attention needed.

The school election Monday resulted in the election of W. A. Edgar to succeed T. P. Banta on the Imperial district board. Mr. Banta having declined reelection, and of Rev. F. H. Wales as member of the Cuyamaca Union High School board. Mr. Wales will attend necessary meetings of the board at Julian and attend to the circulation of petitions in the various districts for the withdrawal of the Imperial valley districts, his expenses being borne by a fund to be raised by subscription. He may be obliged to devote a month or more to the work.

A. P. Stoner, expert in charge of irrigation work for California for the Agricultural department, has joined J. E. Roadhouse in the valley. He will install an evaporating tank at Calexico to determine the loss of water by evaporation in the valley.

Mrs. Ed B. Moore received notice from Congressman Daniels Tuesday that she had been appointed postmistress at Bradtmoore. This postoffice is situated on the S. E. corner of section 21, on the Dogwood ditch, close to the Paringa townsite and will accommodate about 100 people at present.

The manufacturers of "strippers" at San Jose will soon have their machines on exhibition here. This is a new machine in the United States, coming from Australia. It is drawn by three or four horses and strips the grain from the stalk, leaving it ready threshed in bags. But one man is required to handle it and drive, and it is claimed he can harvest ten acres a day.

### BRAWLEY AFFAIRS

Brawley, June 10. (Regular Correspondence.)

Mr. Vissers has gone to Los Angeles to purchase an outfit for his restaurant.

Mrs. Edith Meador is in Los Angeles procuring the stock of stationery for her store, which she will run in connection with the postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have left for a visit to Mr. Thompson's parents in Washington, D. C.

The Salisbury brothers of Silsbee were in town Monday looking for land.

Mr. Mansfield of Pasadena, who recently came here, met with a misfortune a few days after his arrival. One of his horses having scratched by some barbed wire, Mr. Mansfield in bathing the wound became inoculated by the poison through a scratch upon his wrist. The next morning, his arm being badly swollen, he went at once to Los Angeles for treatment.

The bank building is having a coat of paint made of linseed oil and cement. The mixture of these two ingredients makes a greenish hue. This paint will make the adobe impervious to water.

There has just been completed in the rear room of the bank building a fine old fashioned fire place. It is a work of art, and all made of adobe. It is hoped that it will be as useful next winter as it is now ornamental.

### SILS BEE NEWS

Silsbee, June 8, (Regular Correspondence)—John Bowers has gone to San Diego and from there to his old home in Washington State. He will return here in October to improve his land near Silsbee. Mr. Bowers while here secured 320 acres five miles northwest of Silsbee.

L. C. Jones has arrived from San Diego and will put in a summer crop. Mr. Jones is an experienced bee man and is going into the honey business. He says that mesquite trees while in bloom and alfalfa make excellent honey.

Andy Elliott, his son James and Jack McCaine passed through here going to Superstition mountain a few days ago. Mr. Elliott is looking after several head of cattle that strayed away while he was running his cattle on the overflow land along New river.

Davies & Daley, stock men from Campo, have secured two locations of 320 acres of overflow land west of New river, near Laguna. They are improving the land and with an average overflow will raise a big crop of native grass. They expect to bring down from the

mountains a good bunch of cattle to stock their ranch.

The new bridge two and one half miles west of Silsbee at Storm's crossing is about completed. Work has been delayed some on account of the truss rods having to be ordered from Los Angeles, but they are expected now any day. And when completed the bridge will be a substantial structure. It is a piece of work that is appreciated by all. The difficulty of crossing New river during the annual overflow is overcome. People coming into the country from the west will have no difficulty in crossing as heretofore.

### BANK AND CLUB BUILDING

#### Cocopahs and First National in New Quarters

The new First National Bank building is completed and was first occupied upstairs by the Cocopah Club Sunday and downstairs by the bank Tuesday. The building is by far the finest in the valley, being solidly built of brick, finished inside in oak and having the walls beautifully decorated. The furniture in the bank is of graceful outline and of conventional form, and the silvered vault door and large fire and burglar-proof safe have a substantial air. The completion of the building comes just as the growing deposits have reached \$75,000. The Cocopahs have set up their billiard and pool tables, and have reading and writing tables and a number of easy chairs, while their piano is ready to be placed in the building. Altogether they are very comfortably housed.

#### More Cattle Coming

Leroy Holt has purchased 600 head of young steers near Solomonville, Arizona, which he expects to arrive in Imperial about June 25. They will make a trainload of about twenty cars, and will be the first stock unloaded in the large stock yards recently built here. Mr. Holt says the present demand for stock is for young steers in preference to heifers, as affording quicker returns for feed, though there would probably be greater profit in stocking the farms permanently. That will probably follow later. This will bring the total of cattle now on the Imperial farms to between 2000 and 3000 head.

#### Building Continues

It is evident that there is to be no letting up in building operations in Imperial during the summer. Rev. H. C. Mullen is building a parsonage for the Methodist Church, and will soon begin work on the church building. He will be joined by his wife in the course of a few weeks. L. C. Vickrey's new house is well under way, and Varney Brothers are building a ware house in the rear of their store. The Japanese have completed their house on East Eighth street, and work will soon be under way for a standard depot for the Southern Pacific railway.

#### The Grain Outlook

Buyers who have been nibbling at the grain product of the valley and who had made few purchases before George W. McNear & Co. bought heavily, are now offering better prices, in consequence of the shortage caused throughout the

State by lack of rain in some places and too much rain in others. There is not a great amount of grain to be had in the valley, however, many of those having stock unsold having decided to carry it till fall. There is a feeling on the part of some of the growers that the local demand next fall will exceed the stock on hand, and that better prices will prevail.

#### New Pastor Arrives

Rev. Daniel Trundle accompanied by his wife arrived this week from Elma, Wash., to take the pastorate of the Christian Church at this place. Rev. Mr. Trundle is a young man of pleasing address and will prosecute the work here vigorously. He is a graduate of the Bible School of the Kentucky University and for the last ten years has been engaged in pastorate and evangelistic work in various states. The last four years he has been stationed at Elma, Wash. He will be quartered at the parsonage.

#### Hotel Imperial Arrivals

Florence Forrester; W. J. Bodenhamer Brawley; I. W. Van Dorin, Mrs. E. W. Rice, W. A. Hayes, Silsbee; K. F. Kendall, J. H. Stevenson, Redlands; W. E. Hixson, Silsbee; E. E. Cooper, Yuma; Judge Havens, Silsbee; Frank H. Steine I. W. Ferris, Brawley; J. H. McKim, Pomona; Chas. W. Justice, Oceanside; J. P. Scott, S. B. Brown, J. Deff, San Bernardino; Chas. E. Pheyley, Jennings, La.; H. A. H. Miller, Milipitas; C. E. Wright, San Jose; A. M. Chaffey, J. W. Swanwick, Stanley S. Star, Los Angeles; Walter K. Bowker, Calexico; R. Delahey; M. Nelson, Oakland; W. V. Stahl, J. H. Vissers, Brawley; G. G. Jamieson, Mrs. M. E. Newlett, Oakland. W. E. Hart, Eastside; Daniel Trundle and wife, Elma, Wash.; G. W. Bothwell, Los Angeles.

#### Arrivals at the Thelma

Newman Jones, Los Angeles; James Henry, Seattle; Joe Combs, Monrovia; Arthur P. Stover, Berkeley; Wm. M. Gant, San Diego; C. B. Henry, Los Angeles; L. Hache, Oxnard; D. L. Burdick Azusa; J. J. Reynolds, Mesdames F. G. Thayer, F. Billheimer, Pasadena; J. E. Roadhouse, Berkeley; D. B. Fultz and wife, Texas; Wm. F. Folsom, Calexico; J. H. Anderson, Escondido; C. R. Rockwood, Calexico; D. A. McClain, Eastside; Frank Tomlinson, San Bernardino; R. E. Toomey, R. Landslager, Chas. F. Preble, C. A. Mead, Los Angeles; G. W. McNear, San Francisco; W. E. Hixon, Calexico; H. B. Henderson, Riverside; S. Greenwald, Los Angeles; G. A. Cota, Eastside; A. Latta, San Diego; W. W. Winner, C. W. York, Wm. Trau, W. E. Howard, Los Angeles; J. Tanguay, Indio; W. R. Ramsdell, San Diego; W. S. Bane, Jacob Stoner, Corona; H. E. Jennings, Flint, Mich.; W. L. Benton, St. Louis, Mo.

C. M. Garrett of Frye, Garrett & Smith, printers, and Harvey M. McKee drove over from San Diego this week to look the valley over.

Gree goods and cool treatment (which means cold drinks and a cool place to sit) are specialties at the Palm store, corner of Seventh street and Imperial avenue.

# HARNESSES

Saddles, Bridles, Lap Dusters, Buggy Umbrellas, Whips at all prices, Oils, Buggy and Express Harness. Harness neatly and promptly repaired. North Imperial avenue.

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