

HOLTVILLE

Mr. Gillett is planting 100 acres of corn on section ten in 16-16.

W. F. Holt was in Holtville Thursday looking after his interests here.

J. C. Williams has sold to D. A. Wheeler 190 acres, improved, near Holtville, for \$33 an acre.

G. L. Wortman has sold to D. C. Pattons, for twenty dollars an acre, forty acres improved, four miles north of Holtville.

The directors of No. 7 District met at Holtville Thursday morning. They are W. F. Holt, F. N. Chaplin, J. W. Hollister, Henry Mitchell and Mr. Peck.

The Holtville railroad work only awaits the procuring of enough laborers. That is a difficult matter in this season of the year, and even the S. P. with its well organized construction department cannot keep enough men on its work. If enough workmen can be had the road will be finished in July.

C. J. Schenck, has the foundation for his new store building laid, and is now making the adobes for the walls. He contends an adobe building to be the coolest of any kind. No doubt the building will be veneered with brick. This new store is to be fifty by fifty feet, with a double front, and is just across the street from the hotel, a most excellent location.

Mr. Harbour, of Harbour & Peterson, has a force of masons at work on the hotel this week, completing the fire-walls and chimneys. The building is now being lathed throughout, and plastering will be begun in about a week or ten days. Mrs. Mead, the lessee, is in hopes of getting settled by the first of August. When completed and furnished, this hotel will be the finest in the valley.

Twenty-five teams have been working on the dam, and it is expected within a week to have it completed. That event depends on the ability of the California Development Co. to shut off the water for twenty four hours from the Salton. The main canal connecting the East-side lake with No. 5 main canal is complete. This is 1500 feet long, has a cut of seven feet in depth and is thirty feet wide. As soon as this dam is completed there is no reason why No 5 should not have an abundant supply of water as long as it comes down the Salton river

A Deserted Wife.

A late Examiner has this despatch from Santa Ana:

Mrs. J. L. Henderson, of Holtville, Cal., a bride of six months, is in this city tonight, a deserted, penniless woman among strangers.

Mrs. Henderson came here today expecting to meet her husband, but found him out, and his present whereabouts are unknown to her. Her husband left home June 4, accompanied by his brother, and without the formality of saying goodby or informing her where he was going. They went to San Diego and a few days after arriving there Mr. Henderson addressed a letter to his wife, asking her to forgive his actions and to answer him at Santa Ana. She immediately replied, but he never received the letter, for it was returned to her. He was in Santa Ana for a day or two, however, and while here addressed a registered letter to her in which he asked her to come on to Santa Ana. After registering the letter he went to Los Angeles, where he left an order to forward his mail to Holtville.

Mrs. Henderson says she believes her husband called her here merely to annoy her.

Henderson served in the Philippines with the Thirty-Fourth Texas infantry, U. S. V., during the Spanish-American

war. He often expressed a desire to re-enlist in the army, and Mrs. Henderson believes he has done so.

A distressing feature in connection with the case is that Mr. Henderson's parents expected to leave Holtville today or tomorrow, to come to Santa Ana. They are coming with the understanding that their sons are working and will have a place for them. Henderson, Sr., has two four-horse teams at work on the city side canal at \$13 per day and will give this up. Mr. Henderson and family will come overland and the deserted wife is afraid he has already started.

Prof. Hugo de Vries.

A Riverside correspondent June 24 speaks thus of a gentleman whose name appears in the Press as a guest last week at the Hotel Imperial:

Prof. Hugo de Vries, director of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Amsterdam, Holland, and professor of Botany at the University of Amsterdam, one of the world's greatest botanists, was in the city last night, the guest of Fred M. Reed on Chicago avenue. Prof. de Vries was in Riverside for the purpose of viewing the work of Mr. Reed, who is making a culture of the anothera, or evening primrose from seeds furnished by Prof. de Vries from Holland. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Reed took him to visit S. B. Parish, the well-known San Bernardino botanist, and this morning Prof. de Vries left for Berkeley, where he will deliver a series of lectures on botany at the University of California summer school.

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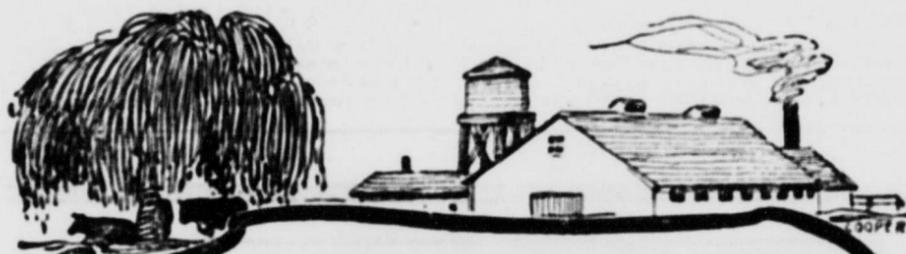
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