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WATER COMPANY NO. 1

It is hereby ordered by the board of directors of Imperial Water Company No. 1 that the Imperial Press be recognized as the official organ of said company, and the secretary is instructed to cause to be published in said newspaper without cost, the minutes of all the meetings of the directors and stockholders of said company.

Adopted by the board of directors of Imperial Water Company No. 1, July 2, 1903. R. D. McPherrin, Sec.

For President:

THEODORE ROOSEVELT
of New York

For Vice-President

CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS
of Indiana

A GRACEFUL ACT.

President Heber, of the California Development Company, has done a very generous and graceful thing in offering arbitration on the value of the company's property.

The discussion of the question had become much vexed, proceeding at times to acrimonious lengths and engendering more or less personal feeling. Notwithstanding all this, however, Mr. Heber has waived his personal feeling and voluntarily made a proposition so perfectly fair that the other side couldn't help but immediately accept it.

Coming as it did from the heat of debate it was a generous and graceful act and as such should be duly recognized and appreciated by the people of Imperial.

SAN DIEGO is losing immensely by the lack of direct communication with Imperial. Our principal trade, even to summer resort business, now goes to Los Angeles because, by rail, it is a hundred miles nearer than our own county seat. With a railroad to San Diego the situation would be reversed and Imperialites by the hundred would flock to Coronado and the Tent City. Then San Diego merchants would get their money instead of Los Angeles, and the cost of the railroad would soon come back. It would help Imperial, too, by giving it a nearer market for its products. Each needs the other, and each would be the richer for direct railroad connection.

A good deal of fake reporting has been done of Monday's meeting for the Los Angeles Express and the San Diegan-Sun. Both papers report a speech by Mr. Smythe that he did not make, and fail to mention the one important and satisfactory point of the whole meeting, the submission of the whole question to arbitration. The Express particularly goes out of its way to give the country a black eye.

Who furnished those fake reports of the Water meeting here Monday?

A rich gold dust find is reported from Newberry mountain, Mojave desert.

THE Arbitration articles will not be ready Saturday as expected, so the signers will not go down till further notice.

ALL Imperial values are strengthened by the settlement of the water question. Let no more discord enter into the history of the valley!

HEBER wants a water works and a creamery. Looks as though Imperial was supplying the latter, all right; but then our young neighbors are ambitious.

THAT was a good start of Officer Nicoll's official career, the capture of Kinney Thursday. He and Deputy Meadows have made a brilliant beginning.

THE government arid land fund is reported grown \$25,000,000, being from sale of public lands during the last year. There will evidently be enough to go around.

FALLBROOK puts in a claim for assemblyman this year, on the ground of "no plums heretofore." Well, that's a good reason, too. Imperial will soon be bobbing up serenely with the same complaint.

SENATOR BARD responded to the toast "Reclamation of Arid Lands" at the late banquet of the Union League Club in Los Angeles. He is making a good record on the subject, and gave a complete and exhaustive history of it.

BRAWLEY has applied to the supervisors for a special bond election August 20, to pay for the school house built for the district by Frank S. Miller a year ago for which \$3500 is needed. An election for this purpose was appointed once before, but when the day came round it was found that by neglect of registration only one person was entitled to vote, and he was editor Beebe, of the News. With rare modesty he declined to be "the whole push" and so the thing had to be done over again.

CLARENCE W. DORSEY, representing the bureau of soils of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is reported in Los Angeles on a mission of reclaiming alkali lands. Imperial Valley has been very much hurt by the erroneous reports of some alleged scientists in the government service and it is to be hoped that when Mr. Dorsey comes here, as he is announced to, he will review the work of his predecessor carefully and not repeat any of their mistakes. Land that government experts have condemned as worthless has produced good crops. The erroneous statements were refuted, but not until they had done much damage. These remarks do not apply to all experts, only a portion of them. Some have been conscientious and capable and their reports verified by the actual experience of practical farming.

Pasturage is in good demand.

Varney Bros. are building an awning.

About three large new store buildings are planned for Imperial this fall.

Agent Garey, of the Land Company, has received a fine new lot of photographs of Imperial scenery taken by an artist brought down by L. M. Holt lately.

KINNEY ARRESTED

Decoyed Over the Line and Taken in by Officers Nicoll and Meadows.

Since the arrival of Omer Hayes, of Creede, Colo., brother of Will Hayes, who was killed near Imperial July 10, rumors of new developments in the case have been prevalent.

Hayes is determined to avenge the killing of his brother, and, with this in view, has been searching the country for evidence, with the result that Mike Kinney was decoyed across the line and captured Thursday.

It was a pretty piece of detective work, and was accomplished by the aid of Kattie Fairchild, over whom and a debt the fatal quarrel arose. She induced Kinney, who has remained in Mexico since the affray, to meet her at the bridge on the Mexican border at Calexico. Dan Nicoll, the recently appointed constable at Imperial, who was personally unknown to Kinney, accompanied her. While engaged in conversation, the party unostentatiously moved a few feet across the line. Deputy-Constable Meadows then appeared on the scene and Kinney suddenly found himself looking into the muzzle of a large caliber pistol. Starting back, he saw Nicoll also had his gun presented, so he submitted to arrest, being brought to Imperial and confined under guard in the jail. He is held on the charge of "assault with a deadly weapon."

A warrant for the arrest of Lee Dees, who was bound over to the Superior Court on the charge of homicide on Will Hayes and released on bond, was issued Friday afternoon.

District-Attorney Carter or an assistant is expected from San Diego, and upon his arrival Kinney's trial will be held before Justice of the Peace Banta.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Weekly Meeting Wednesday Night—Ordinances Started

The City Fathers met in regular weekly session Wednesday night, at the office of Water Company No. 1. Present; President Edgar, Trustees Morrison and Varney, and City Clerk Dyke.

Considerable business was disposed of and the way paved for much future good to the city.

Four ordinances were read for the first time. The first related to the making of ordinances by the board of trustees. The second fixed the regular meeting night for Wednesday of each week. An ordinance relative to the city officers' bonds was the third, placing the necessary amount for clerk, marshal, and treasurer, at \$500 each. Later the bond of the city recorder, also fixed at \$500, was added. Ordinance No. 4 takes care of the drunks and disorderly characters—with penalty of a maximum fine of \$300 or three months imprisonment in the Imperial City Jail, or both. These ordinances will come up next Wednesday night for a second reading and passage.

Considerable discussion arose regarding the important matter of raising the necessary funds for running the city government—it being too late this year to levy a regular tax. It was agreed that an ordinance covering business licenses tax should be drawn up by city Attorney Dyke for presentation at the next meeting.

The question of fire protection created much talk. The wisdom of placing fire plugs at intervals about the city streets was made obvious and Pres. Edgar appointed Trustees Varney and Morrison a committee to ascertain the cost of so doing; also to report on a fire limit restriction.

City Clerk Dyke was, upon motion, appointed City Attorney and H. L. Peck City Recorder.

The problem of a city jail arose and it was suggested that the grounds appropriated for the new county buildings might be utilized until such time as a new county might be formed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Divorce Proceedings Begun.

Later information of the Hodge case reported elsewhere in this issue under the head of "A Domestic Tragedy," is that Mrs. Hodge has begun proceedings for divorce.

Archie Lewis was arrested Thursday on a warrant from Calexico charging him with keeping a disorderly house.

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All Filings, Annual Proofs, Final Proofs, Contests, and all land matters attended to at Imperial, making expensive trips to the Los Angeles land office unnecessary.

LAND OFFICE BUSINESS

Filings Made With United States Commissioner Havens

Filings have been made as follows with United States Commissioner F. G. Havens at his office:

First annual proof of Maggie Weinert d l e 2471, for SE 1-4 of SW 1-4, Sec. 4 in 15-14.

Third annual proof Fred W. Bishop, assignee James C. Jones, d l e 1568 for W 1-2 of SW 1-4, Sec. 5 in 15-14.

Third annual proof John Norton, d l e 1580 for W 1-2 of SW 1-4, Sec. 3 in 16-14.

First annual proof Robt. F. Kingsley, d l e 2268, for W 1-2 of NW 1-4, Sec. 17 in 13-13.

Contest affidavit Wm. H. Allen vs Culby N. Thomas, d l e 1927 for N 1-2 Sec. 3 in 15-14.

Contest affidavit F. N. Burleigh vs Rezin W. Burr, d l e 1868 for E 1-2 of lots 1 and 2 of NW 1-4, W 1-2 of lot 1 of NE 1-4 and NW 1-4 of SE 1-4, Sec. 2 in 15-14.

Contest affidavit of F. N. Burleigh vs Rezin W. Burr, h e 9778 for N 1-2 of SW 1-4, SW 1-4 of SW 1-4 and SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 Sec. 2 in 15-14.

First annual proof Walter R. Sampson d l e 2288 for E 1-2, Sec. 6 in 13-13.

Contest affidavit F. N. Burleigh vs Minnie B. Thomas, d l e 1928 for S 1-2 of Sec. 3 in 15-14.

Desert land application Edward H. Houck for N 1-2 of NE 1-4, SE 1-4 of NE 1-4 and NE 1-4 of SE 1-4, Sec. 34 in 14-14.

Assignee afft Jas. R. Adam, d l e 2461 for N 1-2 of NW 1-4 and SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 Sec. 9, in 15-13.

Assignee afft John F. Evey, d l e 1295 for SE 1-4 Sec. 9, in 16-14.

Contest afft James L. Waldlip vs Otto M. Schmidt, d l e 2264 for E 1-2 of SE 1-4 Sec. 20, and W 1-2 of SW 1-4 Sec. 21, in 16-13.

Third annual proof Bertha E. Rehkopf, d l e 1451 for SE 1-4 Sec. 32, in 14-15.

The country newspaper is read from the date line to the patent medicine ad. Many city papers can be found, scarcely rumpled, on the street car seats in the cities. Ever see a town littered up with country papers? No, they are all worn out before the neighbors get half through with them!—Harpers Weekly.