

NOT A DESERT NOW, NOR IN DANGER OF FLOODS

Imperial Valley, With Its Thriving Cities, Ample Cared for by the Natural Drainage Channels of Alamo and New

Editor Examiner: The flood waters of the Colorado river, should any come into the Valley from the overflowed lands near the river, are amply cared for by the natural drainage channels of the desert, to wit:—the Alamo and New rivers, which could carry all the water now flowing down the Colorado river. There has been no strenuous fight for homes, there has been no call for help, no cry for "more men, more workers," except from the vast agricultural and dairy interests in the Valley who oftentimes find it difficult to secure the necessary help, so rapid has been the growth of these industries. The people are not alarmed, nor is there the slightest apprehension that such an impossible state of affairs as flooding the entire Valley could ever come to pass.

It was a well known fact that the Colorado river was subject to floods in the summer time, assuring the settlers of ample water for irrigation in the summer months when most needed, and the California Development Company has made ample provisions to care for the surplus of such flood water should any find its way into their canal system. It has constructed its system with that condition in view and has complete control of such waters as enter its canals at the heading on the Colorado river. They can care for these floods at any time of year or for the

whole year should they continue that long.

From a desert years ago the Imperial Valley now has over one hundred thousand acres in growing crops—wheat, barley, alfalfa and summer crops; it has an irrigating system sufficient to thoroughly irrigate all this and more; it has growing dairy interests, supporting a creamery making one thousand pounds of butter per day; it has thousands of head of cattle and hogs that are being fattened for market upon the feed which is so easily and cheaply grown. This Valley is destined to become the greatest stock country in the Southwest; it will be a grape and raisin country; it will produce the earliest melons and vegetables, and will feed the whole of Southern California.

The City of Imperial has been built up from nothing to more than one thousand inhabitants in less than three years; it has large business interests in all lines; it ranks third in volume of business of all the cities of Southern California on the line of the Southern Pacific; it is an incorporated city, with graded streets, cement sidewalks, no saloons, and is sure to become one of the important cities of the State. Calexico, Silsbee, Heber, Holtville and Brawley are all thriving towns with prosperous futures before them.

The desert is a thing of the past, the land reclaimed, of abundant crops, cheap feed and unexampled prosperity, has taken its place, and it will soon be a veritable empire in the Southwest.—Examiner.

It isn't what a man is going to do that adds to his bank balance.

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An Important Transaction

Mr. F. C. Paulin of the Imperial Land Company has sold to A. H. Heber of the California Development Company all of his shares in the last named corporation, and Mr. Heber has sold all of his stock interest in the California Development Company, and Mr. Heber retires from the Imperial Land Company.

The general agency contract between the California Development Company and the Imperial Land Company has been surrendered and canceled and the connection between the two corporations has been entirely severed.

The California Development Company, the owner of the Imperial Canal system will, in the future, vigorously prosecute the completion of the system and will not place upon the market any new water shares for the time being, but will assist the Mexican Company to colonize the lands in Mexico and otherwise use its influence to fill up the Valley with homeseekers.

The Imperial Land Company, in surrendering its contract, has acquired a block of water stock in the various natural water companies as now constituted and will continue its colonization work and dispose of said water shares on its own account. The Imperial Land Company, the owner of the towns now established in the Valley, will also handle its town property and will use its best endeavors to improve and build up said towns. The business of the two corporations having been segregated, separate offices will be maintained.

Mr. Heber remains at the head of the California Development Company and Mr. Paulin assumes the control of the Imperial Land Company. Both will continue to use their best efforts for the upbuilding of the Imperial Valley on the specific lines above named.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF—

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Los Angeles, Cal., February 8, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that ELIZA A. LIEBMAN, of No. 1254 Wilson St., Los Angeles, Cal., has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert land claim No. 1433, for the E 1/2 of Sec. 5, Twp. 15 S., R. 15 E., S. B. M., before U. S. Land Office at Los Angeles, Cal., on Wednesday, the 29th day of March, 1905.

She names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

Fred C. Liebman, of No. 1254 Wilson St., Los Angeles, Cal.; Frank N. Chaplin, of Imperial, Cal.; Geo. W. Haviland, of No. 1254 Wilson St., Los Angeles, Cal.; Mary F. Haviland, of No. 1254 Wilson St., Los Angeles, Cal.

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