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S. P. Officials Realize the Greatness of Imperial Valley

The new Imperial Valley extension of the Southern Pacific Railroad from Calexico across the line into Mexico is to be completed for operation within two months. The line will be twenty-eight miles long, and will open up a rich section of the new farming country.

George A. Parkyns, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who returned from the Imperial country recently, said that six or seven miles of track had been laid on the extension and that the grading had been done for more than one-half the entire length.

Mr. Parkyns was accompanied on his trip by Division Superintendent Ingram, and together they traveled for several days in a carriage over the country tributary to their line in the imperial section. They covered nearly 150 miles in this manner.

"The new line across the border into Mexico is intended to meet the growing demand for additional railroad facilities," said Mr. Parkyns. "I have been down there several times in the four years since that country was nothing but an unpromising desert, but I was more than ever impressed this time with the wonderful transformation.

"It is estimated that there will be at least 400,000 sacks of grain in this seasons crop, while there are from 25,000 to 30,000 cattle and as many hogs, together with a diversity of crops. The stock is as fat as butter, the barley is ripening and everything is in fine condition. There are 90,000 acres planted to grain.

"I think that Los Angeles people do not fully realize the great achievement that has been accomplished in the conquering of that 600 square miles of desert land through the agency of water from the Colorado river, but if they could have seen what I saw last week they would appreciate its importance to this entire section.

"In addition to the present line of railroad from the connection with the main line at Old Beach to Calexico, and the line in course of construction into Mexico, there is a private line eleven miles long that runs from a point on the Calexico branch to Holtville. This was built to meet the demand for moving the crops and is an index of the importance of that agricultural section."—Times.

About half a hundred people came in on the evening train Tuesday and most of them got off at Imperial.

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## CALEXICO

Items of Interest at the International Gateway City.

(From regular correspondent.)

J. L. Rhodes formerly in the restaurant business here, has opened up in the same business at Holtville.

Mr. and Mrs. Garey, Mr. and Mrs. Rice and Margy Rice drove down to Calexico Sunday and enjoyed a picnic dinner on the other side of the line.

The new State Bank building is being carried forward to completion. This building will be two stories high and will be equipped and run as a first-class hotel, something Calexico has long been in need of.

S. G. Boone expects to go to Indiana in a few days to be gone till next fall. Mr. Boone is called east on business, to settle up an estate, but will return to Calexico as soon as his eastern business is finished, as no other place looks so good to him.

It is reported that Dr. Will Anderson has gone to Yuma, and is now safely beyond the jurisdiction of the California State Board of Health. He walked all the way from Calexico to Yuma, being three days on the road. As long as the doctor confined his operations to infractions of the Imperial prohibition ordinance his friends could help him out but when he got "up against" the State law leg bail was all that could clear him.

Mrs. St. Claire Davis made a trip to Imperial one day last week, and during her absence her husband got on a rampage, and upon her return there was a very strenuous family jar, culminating in "the genial Bob" taking a shot at his spouse. Whereupon Mrs. Davis returned to Imperial on the next train while Bob continued on his way, shooting up the town, figuratively speaking, and making "the boys" play hide-and-seek for his amusement. Rev. McAllen in the discharge of his duty and in the interest of public morals, undertook to remonstrate with the drink-crazed man and was roundly blasphemed for his trouble. An effort was made to secure the arrest of Davis, but Justice Hoffman declined to issue a warrant. Calexico has a number of picturesque characters and this includes both its Justice of the Peace and its leading criminal.

### Outing of the Spanish Class

A merry party of fourteen Spanish students went to Mexicala Sunday for a Spanish dinner. It was a grand feast prepared especially for the party, having been ordered a week ahead with the one fact understood it was to be entirely, elegantly Spanish—no American.

The entire party was seated at one table and the dinner was served in seven courses beginning with a delicate soup and ending with fine black coffee served in small cups typical of the South. Each dish was distinctly Spanish and the Spanish language was spoken exclusively during the meal, to the delight of the Mexican waiters who were delighted at the novelty of serving an American crowd in their own language. It was not only a most enjoyable occasion but an interesting experience long to be remembered by those who had the pleasure of participating. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Preble, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haughtelin, Misses Della English, Evelyn Rice, Agnes Ferris, Messrs. Baker, Bob Munger, J. E. Cannon, Count De Blois of the Imperial Spanish class and Messrs. Paulin, Brown and Livesly of the Brawley class.