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THE EARTHQUAKE LESSON

The cry for help from the stricken, starving people of San Francisco, was promptly and liberally responded to by the people of the country generally, contributions amounting to millions have been forwarded to them, and are still being sent. The railroads are carrying the people free from the desolate city to any place they want to go. In this way tens of thousands are being distributed among the cities and towns of this state, and even back to the far eastern states. The greatest distress is now practically over, and the nerve and pluck of the people is reasserting itself in the promise of a greater and more beautiful San Francisco in the future.

The total loss of life is unknown and probably always will be. The property loss is estimated at 350 millions of dollars, the insurance on which was about 175 millions.

The insurance companies assert that they will pay these losses in full. This will realize an immense amount of money for rebuilding the great city, and its expenditure will perhaps affect the state of business on the entire Pacific coast for years to come, maintaining a high wage rate and a lively trade, as soon as the adjustment to meet new conditions can be effected. In this Valley the contributions to the San Francisco relief fund was quite liberal, about one thousand dollars in money and a considerable amount of provisions and clothing being sent. Imperial contributed \$430 in money and 700 pounds of clothing. El Centro 225 dollars in money, Calexico and Holtville about \$150 each, Brawley sent a quantity of food, fresh eggs and onions. In addition there were a number of contributions sent direct to the Relief Committee at San Francisco. We feel that Imperial Valley did her part on the short notice given us for contributions to the needy. If the people who lost their all in the San Francisco catastrophe will come to this Valley, we will guarantee them a hearty welcome and a warm sympathy. Also, and what is of more importance to an ambitious man, and that is abundant opportunities to work and recover their shattered fortunes. Our cantaloupe growers and farmers will need several thousand people to help them harvest their crops in a very short time. And after that is done any thrifty man can rent land on most favorable terms if he is unable to buy, and in a few years, with industry and application can realize his competence he may have a better chance of reconstruction of San Francisco than any other Valley in the world.

ELECTRIC POWER

Furnishes Brilliant Lights at Holtville

The Holt Power Co. started up its Holtville plant on Thursday evening for a trial run. The great water-wheel spun merrily, running the dynamos at a good rate of speed and producing a good current of electricity. The Alamo hotel and the store of C. J. Schenck had already been wired and were brilliantly lighted from 7 o'clock until midnight. The particular reason for running the power plant at the present time, aside from a desire to test the machinery, was to draw off the water in the power canal in order that the intake of the penstock can be gotten at and its condition determined before starting up on a long run. The machinery worked with absolute success, and almost without noise, proving that it is the right kind, and has been properly put in.

The transmission line to this place is already complete and the transformers were put in place last Friday. In a few days electric lights will be gleaming in El Centro. The line will be completed to Imperial by the last of next week, and the change made from the antiquated steam plant with which that town has been served in the past, to the most modern method of electrical generation, the turbine wheel and the transmission line. The line will be carried on to Brawley as rapidly as possible and electricity furnished to that town, also to Calexico, too. It is expected that the transformer rooms and substations will be completed in all the towns and the electricity supplied to all of them before July 1st.

Ed. E. Boyd Realty Co. says the 5 and 10 acre tracts at Holtville selling at 3 or 4 hundred apiece are going like hot cakes.

A SABBATARIAN

Result of a Doctor's Compact With an Insane Patient.

Dr. A. did not believe in forcible restraint for the insane. Therefore, as head of an insane asylum where personal influence was made to take the place of bolts and bars and shackles, he was kept a busy man. One patient in particular was a young boy continually complained of at headquarters because he refused to wear his clothing, preferring to tear it into rags.

Dr. A. remonstrated in vain, then thought out a plan of diplomacy, with which he approached his patient.

"John," said he, "I find I am in need of a boy and thought you might like to take the position. I want to engage a boy not to tear clothes. Do you think you could do that work?"

"Yes, I could," said John.

"Very well. What wages will you ask?"

"Twopence a day."

The bargain was closed on the spot, John's destroyed clothing having cost the asylum pounds where his wages were pennies. From Monday to Saturday John was a model laborer, receiving at the end of each day his wage with the other workmen about the asylum. Sunday came, and with it John's mania. He had not a whole rag on his back when Dr. A. was called upon to speak to him.

"How did this happen, John?" he asked. "Weren't you engaged to work for me? You have broken your contract."

"I have not, sir," asserted John, with warmth. "Didn't I work for you all the week? Today's Sunday, and I'll be hanged if I work for any man on Sunday."—Pearson's Magazine.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned citizen of the United States is in possession of the tract of land described as the E 1-2 of NE 1-4 and E 1 2 of SE 1-4 of Sec. 26, T 16, S R 15, E, S. B. M., according to the survey made in 1900 by the Sunset Commercial Co. and commonly known as the East side or Bothwell Survey. The numbers describing these lands have been taken by other parties and applied to other lands two miles west from this land and under the Imperial survey so that no opportunity has existed to enter these lands in the United States Land Office. I hereby certify that I have been in possession of the above described land since April 1st, 1906, and that no other claim or occupancy exists to said land except mine. I also certify that it is my bona fide intention to enter said land as a desert land claim as soon as the survey now being made by United States Deputy Surveyor L. C. Vickery according with the Act of Congress, passed July 1st 1902, Statutes at Large, Vol. 32, Part 1, page 728 shall be completed and the maps filed in the United States Land Office at Los Angeles, Cal. and opened for entry.

GEORGE G. JENNINGS.
Witness, ED. E. BOYD.
Holtville, Cal., Apr. 16, 1906.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned citizen of the United States is in possession of the tract of land described as the E 1-2 of the NW 1-4 of Sec. 30, T 14, S, R 15 E, S. B. M., according to the survey made in 1900 by the Imperial Land Co. and commonly called the Imperial Survey. The numbers properly describing these lands have been taken by other parties and applied to other lands two miles east from this tract, but I hereby certify that there is no other claim or occupancy of these lands in opposition to mine. I also certify that I have been in peaceable possession of these lands since April 1st, 1906, and that it is my bona fide intention to improve and reclaim this land and to enter the same as a desert land claim, as soon as the survey of these lands now under contract according to the Act of Congress, passed July 1st, 1902, Statutes at Large, Vol. 32, Part 1, page 728, shall be completed and the maps properly describing these lands filed in the United States Land Office at Los Angeles, Cal., and the lands opened for entry.

Signed, B. T. SMITH,
Witness, I. L. WILSON.
Dated at Imperial, Cal., April 18, 1906.
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned citizen of the United States is in possession of the tract of land described as the NE ¼, Sec. 1, Tp. 16, S, R. 15, E, S. B. M., according to the survey commonly called the Henderson survey. Township 16 S, R. 15, E, S. B. M. is six and one-half (6 1-2) miles wide and eight and one-half (8 1-2) miles long and has two Sec. 1 and two Sec. 2. Mrs. Kate Ekhart holds the number with her filing in East Sec. 1 which properly describes my tract so it is impossible for me to make filing at present in the U. S. Land office on my claim in West Sec. 1. I declare that there is no other claim or occupancy to said land in opposition to mine and I further declare that it is my bona fide intention to enter said land as a homestead as soon as the survey of the townships in this part of the country provided for in the Act of Congress passed July 1, 1902, Statutes at Large, Vol. 32, Part 1, Page 728, which survey is now being made by United States Deputy Surveyor, L. C. Vickery, shall be completed and the maps properly describing said land filed in the U. S. Land Office at Los Angeles, Calif.

Signed, RALPH SLEAD.
Witness, EDGAR HEUBNER.
Holtville, Calif., April 7, 1906.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned citizen of the United States is in possession of the tract of land described as the SE ¼ of Sec. 26, Tp. 14, S, R. 14 E, S. B. M., according to the survey made in 1900 by the Imperial Land Co. and commonly known as the Imperial survey. The numbers correctly describing this land is taken by other parties and applied to other lands two miles west and one half mile south of the lands above described, but I hereby certify that there is no other claimant or occupant to said lands except myself. I further certify that I have been in possession of this land since March 30th, 1906, and that it is my bona fide intention to occupy and improve this land and to enter the same under the Desert Land Act as soon as the survey of the lands in Imperial Valley, provided for by the Act of Congress of July 1st, 1902 (Statutes at Large, Vol. 32, part 1, page 728) is completed and the map of these lands filed in the United States Land Office at Los Angeles, Cal.

Signed, OTIS CLEMENT.
Witness, ESTEL STURGELL.
Brawley, Cal., April 7th, 1906.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned citizen of the United States is in possession of the tract of land described as the SW ¼ of Sec. 26, Tp. 14, S, R. 14 E, S. B. M., according to the survey made in 1900 by the Imperial Land Co. and commonly known as the Imperial survey. The numbers properly describing this land is taken by other parties and applied to other lands two miles west and one-half mile south of the lands above described, but I hereby certify that there is no other claimant or occupant to said lands except myself. I further certify that I have been in possession of this land since March 30th, 1906, and that it is my bona fide intention to occupy and improve this land and to enter the same under the Desert Land Act as soon as the survey of the lands in Imperial Valley, provided for by the Act of Congress of July 1st, 1902, Statutes at Large, Vol. 32, part 1, page 728, is completed and the map of these lands filed in the United States Land Office at Los Angeles, Cal.

Signed, THOMAS TRACY.
Witness, ALBERT HEYDLOUFF.
Brawley, Cal., April 25th, 1906.
apr-28-m-19.

Notice To The Public

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned citizen of the United States is in possession of the land described as the SE ¼ of Sec. 3, Tp. 16 S, R. 15 E, S. B. M., according to the survey of these lands made in 1900 by the Imperial Land Co. and commonly called the Imperial Survey. This land was entered by Oliver H. Norris as a Desert Claim on August 18th, 1902, and water stock for said land purchased, and three annual proofs made in accordance with the Desert Land Act, since that date. I have purchased the water stock and claim of Oliver H. Norris and to said land and am in possession of said land at the present time, and am preparing the same for crop. Owing to the fact that all lands in Imperial Valley are withdrawn from entry at the United States Land Office, I am unable to make an entry of this land or to file on it at the present time. But I hereby certify that I occupy and am in possession of the above described land, and that it is my bona fide intention to improve and cultivate the same, and to file on it as a Desert Land Claim as soon as the survey of said land, provided for by the Act of Congress, passed July 1st, 1902, Statutes at Large, Vol. 32, part 1, page 728, is completed and the maps of said land filed in the United States Land Office at Los Angeles, Cal., and the lands opened for entry.

Signed, RALPH R. VOGT.
Witness, ED. E. BOYD.
Holtville, Cal., April 26th, 1906.
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NOTE—Our Mr. L. M. Lyon will take personal charge of the Brawley office on May 10 and remain during the shipping season, and until May 1 his address will be 330 Washington Street, New York City.

Mr. Peter P. Hovely is in charge of the Brawley office until Mr. Lyon arrives.