

DOWN ON THE RIO GRANDE

Waters of that stream divided by treaty between United States and Mexico

The following news sent out from Washington by the Associated Press on May 21st is of much interest to our people as well as to a great many others.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Secretary Root, for the United States, and Ambassador Casasius, for the Mexican government, today signed a treaty regulating the use of the waters of the Rio Grande, which, if approved by the senate, will remove what has been for twenty years past a source of friction in the relations of the two countries.

For almost a century the Mexicans living along the lower river have made large use of its waters for the purpose of irrigating their lands. But in recent years private companies on the upper waters in the United States have by the construction of wing dams, diverted a large part of the water to this side of the river. The Mexicans have presented claims for the damage sustained, but so far without success.

Now the plans of the reclamation service have made it certain that practically all of the water will be retained on American soil until some proper scheme of division can be arranged. The construction of the \$7,000,000 dam across the Rio Grande at Engel, N. M., brought the matter to a climax and led to negotiations between the two countries which culminated in the treaty signed today.

The underlying principle of the convention is the recognition of the common law right of the Mexicans to a fair share of the waters of the river, but as the United States government is put to the entire expense of building the great dam and the canals, the Mexican share is only a fractional proportion of the whole flow.

It is estimated that the impounded waters will suffice to irrigate about 200,000 acres of otherwise arid land, and it is stipulated that of this total 60,000 acre-feet of water, which is to make arable about 25,000 acres of land, will be delivered on the Mexican side of the border each year. For its part the Mexican government guarantees the United States government against any suit for liability on account of claims of individual Mexicans who have so far suffered through the diversion of water.

Opposition to the treaty is expected on the part of some of the western senators, who express the belief that either the United States is entitled to all of the water without compensation in view of the great expense to which it has been put by the work of constructing the irrigating dams and canals, or that if the Mexican right is to be recognized at all its title should be purchased outright by a cash payment.—Los Angeles Express.

It will be remembered that during the month of March 1905, a Commission was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate a treaty with Mexico, concerning the division of the waters of the Colorado River, and their use for irrigation. Sometime afterward a similar Commission was appointed to negotiate the treaty for the division of the waters of the Rio Grande, and to provide for their use for irrigation. The above item shows that the Rio Grande Commission has completed its work and the treaty agreed upon is now before the United States Senate. Just what progress the other Commission has made in negotiating a treaty for the division of the waters of the Colorado, and their use for irrigation has not been disclosed but it is safe to say that the problem presented by the diversion of that stream and its discharge into Salton Sink is the most difficult enigma with which they have had to deal. In the Rio Grande case, Mexico pays the damage claims of her own citizens, in order to get a certain amount of the waters of the river delivered to their people for irrigation. Should the United States undertake to pay the damages that have been done and may be done by this water in this valley and in the Salton Sink and take Mexico's share of the water to balance the account, it might take all the water that would be coming to Mexico, "and then some". At any rate the ice has been broken and the precedent established, and we can feel a reasonable assurance that Uncle Sam's mind is made up as to what will be done in the matter.

Ed E. Boyd realty company says they have land and water stock for sale for \$14.00 per acre on the Eastside.

Brawley Budget

From our regular Correspondent.

Mr. C. A. Nelson of El Centro spent last Sunday in Brawley.

S. K. Halcomb shipped a bushel of cucumbers to Los Angeles, Tuesday.

Jack Murray left last Sunday for the North. He expects to be away for a year or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst, of Nevada, have been guests of W. F. Ernst of the Bungalow hotel.

Jack Bennett is constructing a giant reservoir 20 feet deep of brick, for L. M. Lyon, who will have Mecca artesian water brought here for drinking purposes during the cantaloupe season.

M. D. Witter has been appointed by George J. Holloway to act as assistant secretary of Imperial Water company No. 4 and will receive assessments during Judge Holloway's absence during the cantaloupe season.

George J. Holloway sold the first cucumbers of the season Saturday, selling them to Miss Nellie Pellet's restaurant. At the time there were only hot house cucumbers on the market at Los Angeles and they were selling from \$1.50 to \$2 a dozen.

W. C. Eaton, the Southern Pacific agent, arranged to leave early Sunday morning for a day's visit with his family at Beaumont, where they are spending the summer. He was depending on Mr. Reid, the telegraph operator at Imperial, to come up and relieve him but Mr. Reid failed to hear the alarm clock so Mr. Eaton spent the day in Brawley.

George J. Holloway has the honor of being the first cantaloupe shipper of the Valley, having already sent about two acres down to Salton Sea by way of New river. The river is straightening its channel and has damaged the Judge's patch. This is not his 40 acre tract in which he takes so much pride but is the same field that yielded so heavily last year.

George Wade and Miss Margie Ernst were united in marriage at 3 o'clock Saturday morning by Rev. A. H. Croco. They had intended to escape the usual congratulations bestowed upon newly married couples and only the family of the bride were attendants at the wedding. A merry party met them at the early morning train and bade them God speed.

Silsbee Sayings

From our Regular Correspondent.

Mrs. Geo. L. Campbell visited Imperial last Monday.

John E. High is looking after Bert Irwin's place northwest of town.

Mr. Joseph Harper and wife of the south side started for the coast last week via Campo.

Charles Emery our deputy assessor was making the rounds of the Silsbee district last week.

As harvesting is in full blast now everybody is at work. Farmers claim a scarcity of both men and horses.

A. J. Elliott started for Campo with a bunch of cattle last Sunday crossing New river at Brawley on the cable.

The water in Blue Lake has been on a stand still now for about six weeks at no time being lower than two inches below high water mark.

Ralph Jasper has been gathering up his cattle this week. He expects to take them out to the mountains for two or three months, returning after the summer overflow.

Lew Walch with the assistance of Mr. Cassleman is managing the boats between here and O. V. Darling's place on New river. They are transporting supplies from here to the dynamite camp on New river.

Last Saturday Messrs. Ed. Rockwood, Farnsworth, Gripper, Perry and George were here from Calexico. They took the trip to New river and report work progressing very favorable in cutting out the channel in New river.

Every day we hear the continuous boom of the dynamite on New river west 2½ miles and ½ mile south of this place. The crew are to work about one and one-half miles south of the old crossing at the Storm's bridge. They have a good sized channel opened up from that point and are at work now in the old New river channel above Ewens' dam. They expect in a few days or not over one week's time to get the work far enough along towards the old Indian Wells station to tap the inlet to Blue Lake, which means the draining of thousands of acres of land laying north-west and south of this place.

Notice to Applicants to Teach

The regular annual examinations for applicants to teach, will be held in the County Court House, San Diego, California. The examinations will begin Monday at Nine A. M., June 11th, 1906.

For particulars apply to the undersigned.

HUGH J. BALDWIN,
County Superintendent of Schools, San Diego, California.

The Beach place of 160 acres located at the west end of Main street, has been purchased by Messrs. Deuel and Vencil for \$60 per acre. The land is nearly all in a nice crop of alfalfa and is most excellent land. Its quality and location make it a great bargain.

Singer Sewing Machines are the best. See Teller, Imperial, Postoffice building.

Died

MILLER—In Berkeley, Cal., May 22d, Mrs. W. C. E. Miller, mother of H. A. F. and A. F. Miller, of Imperial and Pelican Lake. A native of Germany, aged 80 years, 2 months and 3 days.

A Good Excuse.

After the Duke of Wellington's victorious campaigns the University of Oxford complimented the duke himself and his principal officers by conferring upon them the honorary and not very appropriate degree of doctor of civil laws. At that time the fees were heavy, and one of the distinguished soldiers, who had gathered more honor than profit in the wars, declined the proffered degree in the following verse:

Oxford, I know you wish me well,
But prithee let me be.
I can't, alas, be D. C. L.
For want of £ s. d.

Tradition.

What an enormous "camera obscura" magnifier is tradition. How a thing grows in the human memory, in the human imagination, when love, worship and all that lies in the human heart are there to encourage it, and in the darkness, in the entire ignorance, without date or document, no book, no Arundel marble, only here and there some dull monumental cairn.—Carlyle.

Violence.

Violence ever defeats its own ends. Where you cannot drive you can always persuade. A gentle word, a kind look, a good natured smile, can work wonders and accomplish miracles. There is a secret pride in every human heart that revolts at tyranny. You may order and drive an individual, but you cannot make him respect you.—Hazlitt.

Just a Dig.

Proud Mother—Professor Octave called at our house today, and my daughter played the piano for him. He just raved over her playing. Her Neighbor—How rude! Why couldn't he conceal his feelings just as the rest of us do?

Hopeless.

"Tom has proposed, and asks me to give him his answer in a letter."
"Shall you do it?"
"No. I will be more liberal and give him his answer in two letters."

Or Cook With Them On.

There never was an angel who wouldn't take off her wings and cook for the man she loved.—New Orleans Picayune.

Colorado River Gage Taken At Yuma

Day	May		June	
	Gage Height	Discharge	Discharge	Gage Height
1	24.75	45,900		
2	25.10	49,600		
3	25.00	48,100		
4	24.70	43,400		
5	24.55	41,170		
6	24.55	41,200		
7	24.40	43,000		
8	24.20	36,660		
9	23.95	34,800		
10	23.80	34,000		
11	23.80	34,000		
12	24.25	41,190		
13	24.30	42,000		
14	24.50	43,200		
15	24.90	46,500		
16	25.40	49,000		
17	25.85	51,000		
18	26.20	52,800		
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Notice is hereby given that the partnership
heretofore existing under the firm name of
Chaplin & Payne is dissolved, W. L. Payne re-
tiring, and D. H. Chaplin continuing the bus-
ness.
Signed, W. L. PAYNE,
D. H. CHAPLIN.
Dated at El Centro, April 25, 1906.

Memorial services will be held in the
Methodist church instead of the Chris-
tian church at Imperial as announced
last week. Rev. J. F. Tout will de-
liver the sermon.

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 E½ of SW¼
and W½ of SE¼ of Sec. 36, Tp 15 S. R 14, 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 is known
to be vacant and unclaimed public land, as the
School Section 36 in this township has already
been located by the proper Authorities and is
situated 2 miles East and ½ mile north of the
lands occupied and claimed by myself. I
hereby certify that there is no other claim or
occupation to said land except mine, and that I
have been in possession of said land since May
7th, 1906. I also certify that it is my bona fide
intention to enter said land as a desert claim
as soon as the resurvey of these lands, provid-
ed for by the Act of Congress of July 1st, 1902,
Statutes at Large, Vol. 32, part 1, page 728, is
completed and the map properly describing
these lands filed in the United States Land Of-
fice at Los Angeles, California, and the lands
opened for entry.

Signed, A. SOCHOR.
Witness, I. L. WILSON.
Dated at El Centro, Cal., May 8th, 1906.
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160 Acres fine soft land all improved
has been in barley, no water stock
small house. \$1600. Bert R. Chaplin
Imperial, Cal.

Wilson says that as he
has sold all his Deering
Headers but one and all
the rest of them are out
in the field doing the best
kind of work he will sell
the last one for ! Well,
it's a shame to say how
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making NINE Associations, covering the original territory, comprising
the Rocky Ford Cantaloupe District of Colorado.

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.