

## EL CENTRO

(D. J. B.)

El Centro—Imperial goddess!  
Where sittest thou in state?  
The place of thine enthronement,  
Much questioned is of late.

Listen! all ye of doubting mind,  
Or hard of heart and blind,  
When once you TRULY seek her.  
She's not so hard to find.

Far-famed Imperial Valley,  
The Land of Promise great,  
Claims honor of her presence,  
And thankful for such fate.

In midst of million acres  
Of rich alluvial lands,  
In her heart of hearts abiding,  
'Tis there El Centro stands.

Before her throne of beauty,  
She stands with queenly grace,  
Inviting all to meet her,  
And greet her face to face.

Her welcome smiles assuring  
All those who seek her hand,  
Of the richness of her treasures,  
Which her good grace hath planned.

On every side her structures rise,  
Proud landmarks of her skill—  
And future generations  
Will do her honor still.

They speak of promises fulfilled,  
Of words to deeds transformed,—  
The hope of inspiration give  
To Faith from Courage born.

All hail! to thee, fair goddess!  
Thy gifts are free to all  
Who come in faith believing  
On thy rich grace to call.

But hark! a bell is ringing  
Glad news to one all,  
That Mistress Education,  
Has come on us to call.

To build her Hall of Learning—  
The time is very high,  
When she will furnish knowledge.  
Both Common School and High,

To the youthful minds among us,  
Unlearned in the strife,  
To make them better fitted  
For all the walks of life.

And for the LITTLE people,  
Let not our zeal dishearten,  
Until we fully realize  
An ideal kindergarten.

The Church of God will soon take form—  
Her spires will heavenward rise,  
To call to mind another home,  
A home beyond the skies.

For who, in contemplation  
Of the stars in heaven, at night,  
Their countless numbers sparkling,  
Each in its orbit, bright,

Doubts not the Great Creator,—  
That Voice which Nature hears  
And springeth forth, and maketh  
The 'music of the spheres',

Made not another haven,  
By far more grand than this,  
Where souls are free from striving,  
And rest in perfect bliss.

A Hall of Justice, too, will rise,  
And Justice sweet be crowned,  
The equal rights of man to give  
To all the country round.

For all mankind should brothers be:  
The souls, that dwell in all,  
Are all alike to Him who made  
All things both great and small.

Then Discord harsh shall banished be:  
True Harmony will reign,  
And Faith and Hope and Charity  
Will lead the sweet refrain.

To her that hath shall given be,  
And nothing left amiss,  
Until El Centro stands in pride,  
The great Metropolis.

Of these fair lands, encircled  
By mountains grand around—  
The region known to all the world,  
Where health and wealth abound.

And strangers, leaving eastern snows,  
For the Land of Sunshine bright,  
Will first behold our valley green,  
And charmed will be their sight.

And Queen El Centro sits in state,  
With arms extended wide,  
To welcome all within her walls,  
And with her to abide,

To feast upon her dainties—  
And not the least of all her hopes  
From warmth of climate and wealth of  
soil,  
Are the rich and juicy cantaloupes.

To her that hath shall given be,  
And nothing left amiss,  
Until El Centro stands in pride,  
The great Metropolis

Of our valley agricultural,  
With her railroads, ports, and  
harbors,  
And Panama Canal in fact,  
To reach the world's great larders.

Once more, All Hail! El Centro!  
Enthroned midst these broad lands,  
In her heart of hearts abiding,  
'Tis there El Centro stands

## Holtville Happenings

From Our Regular Correspondent.

The Misses Harlan visited in Imperial last week.

Barbara Kucera of Imperial was visiting in Holtville over Sunday.

P. H. Keeney, the real estate man of Modesto, California is in town this week.

George Theisen, John Taggart, Sidney Blackman and Fred Baker drove over to Calexico Sunday.

Extensive improvements and repairs are being made in the Alamo Hotel building this week.

Will Tufts is assisting in K. L. Kendle store during the time of Mr. Kendle's visit in Redlands.

A. Latson, of Rocky Ford, Colorado was in Holtville Saturday interviewing the cantaloupe growers of this place.

Our public schools were closed for the summer vacation last Friday, and our teacher Geo. H. Maxfield has gone to San Diego to spend his vacation.

Wheeler and Dunworth started up their threshing outfit on Wednesday of this week and are rushing their work along for the benefit of the many patrons of their machine.

J. L. Mack, a prominent attorney of San Bernardino and a stockholder in Imperial Water Co. No. 5, has been spending a few days in and around Holtville on business.

Taggart and Tyner opened their new pool hall Wednesday evening with a very enjoyable dance, and a large crowd were present to enjoy the dancing and refreshments.

Arrangements are being made by the Methodist Sabbath School for holding childrens day exercises on June 3rd, the first Sunday in June. A fine program is being arranged and the occasion is being looked forward to with pleasure by the children.

Bishop Pitner of the Methodist Church will be in Holtville the 7th, day of June and will give a lecture in the office of Water Co. No. 5. The Bishop is one of the finest speakers in this part of the country and the people of Holtville are fortunate in securing him for an address.

## Imperial Items

From Our Regular Correspondent

The city cooler was well patronized Sunday.

Prof. DeLegro received a fine violin this week.

Mr. Slaughter started his steam thrasher Monday.

Wheat for your chickens. Desert Grain Co., Imperial.

Mr. A. L. Hill, our hardware man, is reported improving.

Dr. Holtzman has returned from Los Angeles and Riverside.

Chas. Fernald's new house will soon be ready for occupancy.

Mrs. Peterson entertained a company of friends Tuesday evening.

John Palmer is the proud owner of a fine team of driving burros.

Virgil Shepherd is driving the delivery wagon for Stevenson Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston left the Valley this week to remain during the summer.

Mrs. J. K. Thomas left Wednesday morning for Los Angeles to remain during the hot season.

Miss Richardson went to Calexico, Monday, to finish a contract for a life long term of school.

J. T. Lyons, representing the White Sewing Machine Co., is making his headquarters at Imperial.

Rev. Mr. Wright of the Friends church at Holtville exchanged pulpits with Rev. Myrick last Sunday morning.

Mr. Ecker is engaged in shipping cream for Mr. Peacock. Goes down to El Centro each morning and back each evening.

Our much needed street sprinkler began operations the 23d, the high wind we are having making it a very welcome visitor.

Mr. Hall, a piano tuner from Redlands, was in town doing some work for Mrs. Brite, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Aten and Mrs. Groves.

The social given by the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor societies in the Water company hall last Saturday evening was a social success in every way.

Imperial schools closed last Friday.

We guess the teachers as well as pupils are glad to rest during the hot weather. Miss Becket's room treated themselves to ice cream to celebrate the occasion.

Prof. and Mrs. Norrish entertained the seventh and eighth grades Monday evening. Pit was the principal game of the evening. Miss Barbara Kucera was the champion player. At ten o'clock light refreshments were served, after which the children departed, declaring this one of the pleasantest features of the season.

Matrons' silver medal contest to be held at the Water company hall on Thursday evening, May 31st, promptly at 8 o'clock. The contestants are: Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. W. A. Edgar, Mrs. Paul Maul, Mrs. Sochor, Mrs. Vickery, Mrs. Bixby and Mrs. Tout. These orations interspersed with vocal and instrumental music will furnish a program both interesting and instructive and is worthy a liberal patronage. A silver medal will be awarded the successful contestant. Admission 25 cents.

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See Fuller and Aten,  
El Centro, Calif.

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