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ABOUT MARKETING CANTALOUPE

We are in receipt of a communication this week from one of our subscribers, Will S. Fawcett, of Whittier, giving us a few suggestions on the marketing of our cantaloupes, which we take liberty to publish, feeling sure it will be read with interest by the cantaloupe growers of the Imperial Valley.

There certainly must be a cheaper method of handling the valley's crop of melon which will prove equally as satisfactory as the plan followed the past season. Mr. Fawcett says in his letter that oranges and lemons are marketed for 10 cents per box through the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, which would amount to \$35.20 on a car of 352 boxes, as against \$223.95 paid by the cantaloupe growers for a car of the same number of crates of melons.

Mr. Fawcett suggests that representatives of the melon growers of this valley confer with the California Fruit Growers' Exchange in regard to the marketing of our melons the coming season. The idea seems to be a good one, and we see no reason why it would not prove immensely beneficial to the growers. It would do no hurt to investigate the matter to the fullest and maybe something advantageous will appear.

OPENING OF THE HOTEL

As an evidence that the time for a revival of business is fast approaching, and that those who are in a position best to know believe there will be a big increase in the volume of business, and that El Centro will be the center of traffic as well as of business, the owners of the Hotel El Centro have made arrangements to have this large, new and elegantly appointed hostelry opened to the public Saturday, September 8th.

This hotel is the largest and finest in the valley, and it has been furnished in a splendid manner; in fact it is equal in appointment to any hotel of its size in California.

The opening of this new hotel makes it possible for El Centro to entertain her guests with greater comfort than heretofore, and the accommodations thus offered will be an extra inducement for investor to make this town their headquarters.

An era of prosperity is dawning for El Centro, the likes of which has never before visited any other Imperial Valley town. With the shutting off of the water every town in the valley will have its pulse quickened, but El Centro has planned the

largest and built its foundation for future greatness on surer ground, and will, of course, receive a large share of the coming activity. The a force of men at work on the ice and cold storage plant, and other large forces busy finishing the Bank building and Opera House block, together with those who will start the other business blocks that have been arranged for, will make of this place indeed a busy center.

The growing of dates in the Imperial Valley has been the subject of a great many newspaper articles, and thousands of pounds of the choicest kind of Deglet Noors and other varieties have been grown on paper, but it has remained for Mr. E. F. Chumard to make the actual test, and prove that dates can really be grown here. On his farm is the evidence, and he invites anyone to come and see. It does not seem improbable that when new shoots, or suckers, can be secured at home instead of sending to Africa for them, there will be more interest taken in the growing of this fruit. There seems to be not the least doubt about date palms doing well here and yielding satisfactorily, and the financial returns are certain to be large.

THE ANCIENT INCAS.

They Knew Neither Idleness Nor Riches Nor Poverty.

The flocks of llamas belonged to the sun and the Inca. It was death to kill one. At certain seasons of the year they were collected from the hills and shorn. Large numbers were sent to supply food for the court and to be used at the religious festivals and sacrifices. Male llamas only were killed. The wool belonged to the Inca and was stored in the government depositories and dealt out according as the people's wants required. In this way they were provided with warm clothing. When they had worked up enough wool into clothing for themselves they were then employed in working up material for the Inca. The distribution of the wool and superintendence of its manufacture were in the hands of officers appointed for the purpose. No one was allowed to be idle. Idleness was a crime and was severely punished.

All the mines belonged to the Inca and were worked for his benefit. The various employments were usually in the hands of a few and became hereditary. What the father was, that the son became. A great part of the agricultural products was stored in granaries scattered up and down the country and was dealt out to the people as required. It will thus be seen that there was no chance for a man to become rich, neither could he become poor. The spirit of speculation had no existence there.—Chambers' Journal.

THE BLACK BALL.

A Clever Scheme That Was Spoiled In the Drawing.

Two young men in a French village were called on to draw for conscription. One only was wanted to complete the number, and of the two who were to draw one was the son of a rich farmer and the other the child of a poor widow.

The farmer ingratiated himself with the superintendent of the ballot and promised him a present if he could find means to prevent his son from going in the army. In order to accomplish this the official put into the urn two black balls instead of one white and one black ball. When the young men came, he said:

"There are two balls, one black and one white, in the urn. He who draws the black one must serve. Your turn is first," pointing to the widow's son.

The latter, suspecting that all was not fair, approached the urn and drew one of the balls, which he immediately swallowed without looking at it.

"Why," said the superintendent, "have you done that?" How are we to know whether you have drawn a black or a white ball?"

"Oh, that's very easy to discover," was the reply. "Let the other now draw. If I have the black, he must necessarily draw the white one."

There was no help for it, and the farmer's son, putting his hand into the urn, drew the remaining ball, which, to the satisfaction of the spectators, was a black one.

Pranks of the Types.

Tom Moore wrote the line, "Had taken up in heaven his position," but the printer made it read, "Had taken up to heaven his physician." In a weekly story paper a love story con-

tained no less than twenty ridiculous errors. Instead of falling into a river; "bull pup" appeared for "pull up," "nasal" for "natal" and "trombone" for "trembling." The fair heroine was awfully "hungry" instead of "angry." Her heart was filled with "et ceteras" and not "ecstasies," and when she meant to say "thine" the types made her say, "I am thin, I am wholly thin." A newspaper in telling of a cow cut into halves by a railway train said the cow was cut into calves.

HENRIK IBSEN.

How the Scandinavian Dramatist Impressed an Observer.

William Archer tells how Henrik Ibsen impressed him when he met the Scandinavian dramatist in Rome in 1881: "In glided an undersized man with very broad shoulders and a large leonine head, wearing a long black frock coat with very broad lapels, on one of which a knot of red ribbon was conspicuous. I knew him at once, but was a little taken aback by his low stature. His natural height was even somewhat diminished by a habit of bending forward slightly from the waist, begotten, no doubt, of shortsightedness and the need to peer into things.

"He moved very slowly and noiselessly, with his hands behind his back—an unobtrusive personality. But there was nothing insignificant about the high and massive forehead, crowned with a mane of (then) iron gray hair, the small and pale but piercing eyes behind the gold rimmed spectacles, or the thin lipped mouth, depressed at the corners into a curve indicative of iron will and set between bushy whiskers of the same dark gray as the hair.

"The most cursory observer could not but recognize power and character in the head, yet one would scarcely have guessed it to be the power of a poet, the character of a prophet. One would rather have supposed one's self face to face with an eminent statesman or diplomatist."

THE GULF OF MEXICO.

America's Mediterranean and Its Promise For the Future.

The gulf of Mexico is a sea 1,000 miles long from the straits of Florida to the harbor of Tampico and 800 miles wide from the mouth of the Mississippi river to the mouth of the Coatzacoalcas.

This Mediterranean of the west is surrounded by countries of extraordinary richness in the fertility of their soil, the geniality of their climates, the vastness and value of their forests and the variety and extent of their mineral endowments.

All these countries, capable of sustaining hundreds of millions of people, are inhabited by nations and races who live under republican forms of government and cherish and maintain free institutions. The northern coast line of this important sea is in the great republic of the United States of North America. The southern half is in the next greatest American republic, that of Mexico, while on the east are the important islands of the West Indies, with Cuba at their head. The region around this most important sea is destined to be far richer, more powerful and more distinguished in the history and affairs of our globe than were ever those that bordered the ancient Mediterranean of the eastern hemisphere, not even excepting Egypt, Greece and Rome.—New Orleans Picayune.

St. Alban and His Teacher.

By some strange irony St. Alban, the martyred but possibly mythical Roman soldier, whose festival falls on June 22, has quite overshadowed his probably historic instructor, St. Amphibalus, whose anniversary comes on the following day. About Amphibalus we know that he was a native of Caerleon, which the golden legend expresses by dubbing him "a prince's son of Wales in grete araye." He was buried at Redbourne, but "translated" to St. Alban's abbey, where his cup was preserved, "which they of the common sort call St. Affabelle Bolle." In former times children were frequently christened with his name, and Affabell Partridge was goldsmith to Queen Elizabeth.—Westminster Gazette.

He Couldn't Run Off With It.

The freaks were forming a club. The elastic skin man had the chair. "Next in order," said he, "are nominations for treasurer. Has any one?"—The wild man of Borneo rose. "I nominate," he said, "the legless wonder."

Lots of Care.

"You know, George," she was explaining, "I was brought up without any care." "Marry me, my darling," said George, "and you shall have nothing but care."

No Nonsense About Her.

Skidds—Did she say it so sudden when you asked her to marry you? Askin—Of course she didn't. She was a widow.

A Difference in Kicks.

People are queer. If a man's neighbor is kicked by a horse the neighbors are serious and concerned for the injured man's welfare. But if the neighbor is kicked by a mule, the best the neighbors can do for him is to laugh.—Kansas City Journal.

Would Be More Careful.

Heavy Father (violently)—Now, see here, Molly, don't let me catch you and young Dovecot flirting together in the conservatory again. Gulleless Daughter (demurely)—No, father, you shan't.—Bystander.

Greatness is to take the common things of life and walk truly among them.—Schreiner.

Cabbage growers along the Mississippi river are concerned over the appearance of cabbage lice, which are doing much damage and are thought to have been imported in shipments of cabbage from the south.

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1	59.15	66.75			
2	59.40	66.95			
3	60.15	67.05			
4	60.30	67.05			
5	60.55	67.15			
6	61.05	67.25			
7	61.45	67.35			
8	61.75	67.45			
9	62.08	67.53			
10	62.30	67.65			
11	62.58	67.75			
12	62.85	67.85			
13	63.30	67.95			
14	63.35	68.15			
15	63.55	68.25			
16	63.84	68.33			
17	64.05	68.45			
18	64.26	68.55			
19	64.45				
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