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BREAK IS CLOSED

And Business Picks Up Immediately. All the Towns Feel Pulse Quicken

Now that the Colorado river is again under control and practically the only draw back the Imperial valley has had to contend with is at last done away with, it is expected that a great revival of business will take place. It was but natural that a spirit of depression should possess the people of the valley during the period of uncertainty that enveloped us for some time, but nevertheless the courage of our people is not easily weakened and improvements have been steadily going on in every section of the valley. New buildings have been going up in every town and new acreage has been put into crops in every vicinity.

But now the time has come when things will move much more rapidly. Those who were rather timid before will come to the front with enthusiasm and will do all the more because of their former lack of confidence that the river will be shut out.

The hotels of the valley are already enjoying larger lists of guests and everyone who comes here from the outside is looking for a piece of land. The cantaloupe growers feel in the best of spirits; in fact, their optimistic view of the situation seems to be infectious, for Heber has symptoms of the fever and an additional acreage of the famous Imperial valley cantaloupes will quite likely be planted there.

The greatest activity in building is going on at El Centro and the crying need of the contractors here is for more help. The ice plant is being rushed to completion, the creamery is needed, the new power plant for the Holton Power Co. is yet to be built, new cottages are under way.

Of course with the shutting off of the water comes so many rearrangements that inconveniences will be experienced. The water for irrigation will now have to come through the cement headgate and the intake to this will have to be dredged out and the main canal leading from the gate will have to be deepened, all of which takes time, but not of long duration. It is believed that ten days or two weeks will see a sufficient amount of water running again to supply all needs. The irrigation water at present is not particularly inadequate, but the Holton Power company, which furnishes light and power throughout the valley, is suffering for the want of water to run its turbine, consequently all the towns of the valley are discommoded alike. There is never any water used for power when there is a likelihood that such use would cause a shortage of irrigation water.

Colorado River Gage Taken At Yuma

Daily mean gage height and discharge of the Colorado river at Yuma, Arizona for week ending February 9, 1907:

Date	Gage Height	Discharge
February 3	22.40	31,300
February 4	21.50	26,600
February 5	21.10	24,400
February 6	20.65	19,200
February 7	20.35	17,900
February 8	20.60	19,000
February 9	20.95	20,500

Reclamation Service.

H. B. Pearson has rented the corner office room over the bank for the headquarters of Crutchfield & Woolfolk, cantaloupe merchants of Pittsburg.

SHE LIKES HER UNCLE.



TO BUILD CREAMERY

The Site Has Been Chosen and Building Will Soon Commence

The Central Creamery company has completed its arrangements for the erection of a creamery at El Centro. The lots have been secured and Thursday morning the location of the building was staked out. J. L. Travers will superintend the building the creamery and has the lumber all ordered. He expects to start the cement foundation right away. The building will be 48x48 feet and when completed and equipped will cost \$6,000. The Central Creamery company is a dairymen's association, formed for the express purpose of building and conducting this creamery, believing that by the co-operation plan much money can be saved for the dairyman. The committee having the building in charge consists of W. A. VanHorn, Ira Aten and G. W. Nichols. They fully expect to have the plant in operation in ninety days. It will be located on the east side of the railroad between the ice plant and cantaloupe packing shed and will be close to the Southern Pacific freight depot to soon be built.

A St. Valentine's Party

The spirit of the Ecclesiastical martyr, St. Valentine of Rome must have been pleased Thursday evening, when a jolly crowd of young people assembled at Hotel Franklin, upon invitation of Misses Alma Tuttle and Fannie Kinne, to do honor to the memory of that patron saint of the love lorn.

They found the sombreness of the school room and hotel lobby dispelled by a lavish display of red, red hearts, festooned, circled and scattered hither and yon, interlaced with Japanese lanterns and other articles of decoration that made the rooms veritable abodes of color and beauty. With the arrival of the young people from Holtville and Imperial the program of games was commenced and many quaint and curious schemes were introduced to aid the heart free to determine who might be the Prince or Princess Darling of the future and each new game met with gay approval until the electric lights gave warning of approaching darkness. Then candles and lamps were produced. Refreshments were served in the "other" school room and were delightfully in keeping with the other happy arrangements for which the hostesses were responsible.

Mesdames C. E. Paris, C. F. Buttress, P. O. Parsons and J. T. Tuttle were patronesses of the evening.

The guests present were: Misses Blanche Straight, Ethel Free, Daisy Mead and Mabel Swindle, of Holtville; Misses Elizabeth Reid and Beulah Good, of Imperial; Messrs. G. L. Dutcher, of Holtville; T. A. Atkinson, G. A. Childers, Chas. F. Masten, Wesley Masten, Roy Shepard, Roger Webster, Chas. Staack, Fred A. Griswold, A. W. Woods, W. L. Payne and Robt. P. Moore.

Salton Sea Gage

The following is the record of the rise of the Salton sea, near Salton Cal., from Feb. 1st to 7th, inclusive, 1907:

Date	Gage height (feet)
February 1	75.45
February 2	75.55
February 3	75.60
February 4	75.65
February 5	75.75
February 6	75.75
February 7	75.80

The above record is furnished by Mr. W. B. Clapp, engineer U. S. Geological survey, Los Angeles, Cal.

ARE SIGNING UP

Cantaloupe Association Met Tuesday and Members Commenced Signing Contracts

On Tuesday the board of directors of the El Centro Cantaloupe Growers' Association disposed of considerable important business in executive session, winding up all unfinished business in readiness for the active work now under way of planting.

Immediately following this the association membership met, nearly every member being present. The contract between grower and the shipping association provoked some discussion on the point of time of delivery of melons to the shed, this being set at 5 o'clock p. m. It is thought, however, that delivery time can be materially extended when summer conditions can be fully explained to the receiving company. In all other points the contract was approved and members present started the signing of the agreements.

The acreage signed ranges from 5 acres to 40 acres, with a number leaving that open until they have finished planting. Several of these will exceed 50 acres. As indicative of El Centro enterprise many town lots will soon be adorned with the trailing melon vines and will add their quota to the shipments of the El Centro association. The lure of the melon and its profits appeals alike to staid citizen and school-boy.

Band Concert

The El Centro band will give an open air concert here on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock. The following is the program which will be rendered:

- Part 1.
1. March, Under the Double Eagle Wagner
 2. Overture, Grand Religious Fantasia Rollinson
 3. Waltz, Annuccia Mia (dedicated to Miss Chaplin)..... Scarpa
 4. La Palome, Spanish Serenade, Yradier
- Part 2.
5. March, La Francesa..... Costa
 6. Waltz, True Love..... Brown
 7. Funeral March..... Chopin
 8. Grand Fantasia, Our Nation. Beyer

NO COMPROMISE

Flint Says He Has Not Compromised and is Not Going To

"I have agreed to no compromise whatever. No compromise has been suggested and I shall entertain nothing of the sort."

This positive declaration was made by Senator Flint, when he was asked as to the probability of a compromise being reached on his bill, which has passed the senate, appropriating \$2,000,000 for the purpose of constructing the necessary repair work to stop the overflowing of the Colorado river at its banks and inundating land within the boundaries of the United States.

When the measure reached the house committee on irrigation the appropriation was cut to \$1,000,000. This amount, in the opinion of Senator Flint, will be entirely inadequate for the purposes required and he proposes to fight for the retention of \$2,000,000, as passed by the senate.

Representative Smith, who will have charge of the measure in the house, has made several efforts to see Speaker Cannon, in order to secure recognition in the house for the bill, but up to the present time has been unsuccessful on account of the illness of the speaker. When he succeeds in getting the bill before the house he says he will make a speech in favor of increasing the amount of the appropriation to \$2,000,000 as provided for in Flint's bill, and if unsuccessful there, he will make a fight in conference. Both Flint and Smith will undoubtedly be on the conference committee and they will undoubtedly succeed in securing the \$2,000,000 appropriation.

An important point now is to secure permission from Speaker Cannon for recognition to consider the bill.

Bridge Across New River

A bridge is planned over New river on the country road west of town. The bridge will have one or two spans, and be so constructed and tied that in case of flood it will be raised on the piling and float to the bank, instead of going down to the sink. The river bed will be filled into the approaches and the grade of the banks reduced.—Brawley News.

MELONS AT HEBER

An Association Formed and a Good Sized Acreage will be Planted.

Last Wednesday the farmers near Heber met and formed an association to be known as the Heber Fancy Melon Growers' Association, and in the neighborhood of 250 acres of cantaloupes will be planted.

A packing house will be erected and a spur track built right away. The association has contracted with Crutchfield & Woolfolk, of Pittsburg, Pa., through their agent, H. B. Pearson, who will handle the entire crop, making an advance payment of 75 cents per crate for the month of June and 50 cents per crate for July for all Fancy Standards and Jumbos, the balance to be paid as soon as the returns can be had.

The officers of the new association are as follows: Geo. Cline, president; W. A. Van Horn, vice-president; L. E. Srack, secretary and treasurer and Ernest Bucher and Frank Tetley.

Change of Meeting

The meeting of members of the Methodist church called for Feb. 20th, will be held this Saturday evening, Feb. 16th, at 7 o'clock, at Hotel El Centro. All members of the church are urged to be present and others who feel a desire to forward those things which make for good will be gladly welcomed, so that by united effort much may be accomplished for that which endures. S

For the Library

The ladies of El Centro who have worked so hard to secure a reading room have secured the use of space in Mr. Burkett's ice cream parlor and they are going to give an opening next Thursday night, February 21. Everybody is invited to come. Refreshments will be served and a nice time is assured. A free will offering is solicited—bring a chair, a book or a silver offering. Everyone should respond to this invitation to aid a reading room. It is needed and will be appreciated by a large number.