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COUNTY DIVISION MEETING AT IMPERIAL

A Prearranged Affair Was Pulled Off According to Program at Imperial, Thursday Afternoon

Last week three wise men of Imperial fearing to wait for county division until summer was over lest either El Centro would grow so fast as to take away all chance Imperial ever had of capturing the county seat or that Imperial, now dying, would by that time be too dead to skin, concluded to do it now and to gain great glory by having it all in their own hands. So they appointed a committee of one hundred prominent citizens from all over the valley, a majority of whom could be counted on to favor their plans and called them to meet at Water company hall, Imperial, on May 2d. The program was carefully arranged and went through without a hitch. Roy McPherrin, of the California Development Co., was made chairman and Bert Chaplin, secretary. A. D. Medhurst, of El Centro, was not one of the one hundred selected, but he secured a proxy and butted in. He got the floor and proceeded to tell the assemblage that the persons who appointed them had a lot of gall to assume to act for the citizens of the valley without giving the citizens of the various towns and precincts an opportunity to select their own representatives and move that the meeting adjourn and that a new meeting be called two weeks hence the delegates to be selected by the people of the various precincts; the motion was seconded, but Attorney Farr raised a point of order that Medhurst was not a delegate. It was apparent to the chair that Medhurst would have to be squelched or he might queer the program, so he promptly ruled that the meeting was purely a private invitation affair and that no one who didn't have a printed invitation card with the monogram of the wise three could attend. That squelched Medhurst. Then At-

torney Farr moved the passage of a resolution favoring county division and authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee of three from each precinct to conduct the campaign.

Prof. McCully, of Calexico, moved that the meeting adjourn for a week and that each precinct send in its own delegates. The chairman ruled him out of order. The professor then moved that the meeting adjourn sine die, but the chair without waiting for a second declared his motion lost for want of a second and recognized attorney Farr, who made a speech in favor of his resolution. The speech was unnecessary, but it had been prepared for the occasion and had to be uncorked. When the learned attorney had pulled all the tail feathers out of the American eagle in his appeal to the patriotism and cupidity of his hearers, the program was carried with a rush. The unsquelchable Prof. McCully got the floor again and moved that each precinct be allowed to name six persons and that the chair select the three committeemen from such list of six. The motion was seconded, but Attorney Farr again raised a point of order. Just what the point of order was he failed to state, but that wasn't necessary, as the chairman promptly decided that whatever the point was it was good and well taken. The Imperial people then invited the visiting delegates to stay and take supper with them; the supper, like the meeting, being strictly an invitation affair and our reporter not being one of the valley's one hundred select citizens, was unable to report further, but it is safe to assume it also went off according to program. We hope, however, that unlike the meeting, "Farr & McPherrin" were not permitted to do it all.

NEW LODGE AT CALEXICO

Fraternal Brotherhood Starts off With a Fine List of Members

Monday evening the new lodge of the Fraternal Brotherhood was organized in Calexico. L. M. Appleby, organizer, has been working for that order here for the past few weeks and secured a good starting list of twenty-two members. The officers are as follows:

President, R. L. Conklin.
Vice president, May Potter.
Secretary, O. B. Tout.
Treasurer, Ray Edgar.
Physician, F. W. Peterson.
Chaplain, Florence R. Morrison.
Sergeant, G. R. Thrasher.
Mistress at arms, Edyth M. Thrasher.
Inner door keeper, J. E. Peck.
Outer door keeper, W. B. Hammers.
Past president, J. A. Morrison.

A marriage license has been granted to James R. Elliott, of Imperial, and Florence K. Gaskill of Jopota, Cal.

Councilman elect, A. E. Dodson, with his son and Otto Dedrichson, has returned from a two weeks' camping trip through the Imperial valley.—San Diego Union.

Calexico to Have Telephone Exchange After June 1st

The Imperial Telephone company has announced a completely new plan and system to be in operation at Calexico by June. P. V. Murray, special agent for the company, arrived in Calexico, Monday, and from him was learned Calexico is to have an exchange installed within thirty days, the outfit now being on the way. The new system when worked out will not have more than ten subscribers on the same line, thus assuring every subscriber a better service than the valley has known. Superintendent Yeakle and Mr. Murray are now actively engaged in perfecting the system along these lines and Imperial valley will soon have a more suitable telephone service in every way.

Wants to Be Guardian

L. L. Forrester, of Imperial, grandfather of Nina, Eva and Carl Miller, has filed a petition to be appointed their guardian on the ground that their mother and their father are both dead. The estate consists of a homestead entry in San Diego county by the deceased mother.

R. H. Ingram was in the valley this week and visited all the towns.

Mr. Holt and County Division

The Imperial Standard of last Wednesday published a scare-head article to the effect that W. F. Holt and the Holton Power company were trying to defeat county division. The statement was false. And furthermore if the Standard's editor did not know that such statement was false he was grossly careless, as he could have easily ascertained that such was not the case. Yet the Standard's editor on the week previous delivered a lecture to newspaper men in Los Angeles in which he more than roasted newspaper men who mistake facts in public print.

Sam Jones used to tell of a man, who, when he wanted to do a dirty trick in his cellar, hired some one to proclaim his virtues from the house top. The difference between the Standard's editor and Sam Jones' man is plain—the Standard's editor had to proclaim his own virtues.

Mass Meeting

A mass meeting of all who are in favor of holding the election for county division after the hot weather is over, so that the new county will not be formed before there will be money to run it, is called to meet in the Masonic Hall at : : :

EL CENTRO

Wednesday
At 2 P. M.
May 8th

Everybody is invited.
Prompt action now may be of benefit to every taxpayer in the proposed new county : : :

Change of Locations

The Southern Pacific will send a house-moving crew to Calexico shortly to move the business houses that have disposed of their property where they are now located for right of way purposes. As has been stated the Calexico Mercantile Company will be located on the corner opposite the First State Bank; A. E. Eslow, the barber, has leased a lot from W. F. Holt, next to Edgar Brothers' store and will erect a building to accommodate his shop; Webster's pool hall will be located in the Donovan building now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins as living apartments; P. Barnes & Co. will occupy the vacant store room in the hotel block. Their building will be moved to their lots a block east of the hotel and cut in two parts, making two additional store rooms, which will no doubt be occupied. Bob Davis has not decided just what he will do at the present writing. Jenkins & Meadows' livery stable will be located on the corner opposite the postoffice. As soon as the papers are drawn, which will be within a month, the moving will commence, and Calexico will be once again in permanent business quarters.—Calexico Chronicle.

M. Blackstock, State Bank Commissioner of California, has been in the Valley this week inspecting the various banks. He was in El Centro Tuesday and inspected the Valley State Bank, which he found in first class shape.

MAY 17th

Is the Day Set for the San Diego Excursion to Imperial Valley

The chamber of commerce of San Diego had planned to be in Imperial valley to-day, but it was thought best to postpone the trip here for a couple of weeks, for following so soon upon the excursion to El Cajon valley, there were some who would not feel that they could take the time again so soon to visit the Imperial valley. Speaking of the excursion the San Diego Union says:

"The chamber of commerce excursion to Imperial has been definitely fixed for May 17.

It is important that those intending to go should leave their names and designate the class of sleeping accommodation they will require, at once at the office of the Santa Fe railway company, on C street, between Fourth and Fifth, so the proper equipment can be provided.

The train as at present ordered will consist of one standard and two tourist sleepers, one dining car and one combination baggage and smoker. This equipment will be changed to accommodate the wishes of the passengers. The train will leave the depot just before or following the regular train in the morning, arriving in Imperial in the afternoon of the same day. Two days will be spent in the Imperial valley as guests of the chambers of commerce of the cities of El Centro, Holtville, Calexico, Brawley and Imperial. The train will be pulled out of Imperial valley the night of the 19th, delivered at Pasadena, Monday morning, May 20th, where the chamber of commerce of Pasadena will take charge of the party for a sight of that beautiful city. Here the special train will be given up and the party will return on any regular train within thirty days.

The following are among those who have already signified an intention of going: E. W. Peterson, J. W. Thompson, F. A. Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Day of Lakeside; Mr. and Mrs. Omer C. Smith; Mrs. S. M. Ut and daughter, E. E. Snaffer and wife, W. H. Frasier, Bert Hakes and C. O. Richards.

A Better System

B. V. Murray a telephone expert, is in the valley inspecting the telephone system and we understand he will remain until the entire system is put in better condition. It is to be hoped this work of improvement will be put forward with all possible haste. The efficiency of a telephone system is very important in a country like this where there are so many in use.

Holtville is rejoicing over street lights, they being turned on for the first time last night.

REFRIGERATOR SERVICE

Southern Pacific Taking Up Matter of Refrigerator Car From Valley

W. D. Pontius, commercial agent of the Southern Pacific, while in El Centro, Wednesday, informed a Press representative that his mission to the valley this week was to look after the handling of the cantaloupe crop. He says the Southern Pacific company is figuring on the establishment of a daily refrigerator car service from points in the Imperial valley, to handle shipments of butter, eggs and produce. The need for such a service had been called to the attention of railroad officials and they were not slow in taking the matter up. There will soon be, if not already, a sufficient amount of perishable stuff to fill a car a day and the railroad company is to be commended on its quick action in the matter.

Such matters as these are what show to the greatest extent the importance to which the Imperial valley is rising. The shipment of butter from the valley is increasing daily, likewise the shipments of cream, eggs and other produce.

Every effort possible should be made by the farmers to produce such stuff as will require refrigeration during transportation, for in these is the most money made. Acres of lettuce, cucumbers and tomatoes should be added to the present production of garden truck. Los Angeles will afford a splendid market for the early grown and the only competition the Imperial valley farmer will meet is the output of hot houses, which will not be noticeable.

Along this line lies innumerable chances here for the man who can secure a ten acre tract and farm it intensively. It is not idle talk that the income from such a tract rightly tilled will equal that of the 100 acre farms in the far eastern states, where the seasons are so short. The small farmer is the coming man and the S. P. is getting ready to handle his produce.

Old Maids' Convention

The old maids will hold a convention in El Centro on Saturday night, May 11th.

The "Old Maids' Convention" is a very laughable farce and will be played in Masonic hall, by ladies of Imperial. The proceeds of the play will be divided between Imperial and El Centro and will go for the benefit of the libraries of these towns. You will miss a treat if you do not see this play. The ladies are rehearsing nightly and will be able to furnish an abundance of fun and amusement. Remember the time, the cause and the place.

The Sewing Circle met and visited with Mrs. C. E. Paris Thursday afternoon.

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ALL CONVENIENCES

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Rooms \$20 to \$30 per week

Maternity Ward \$20 per week

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