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VICTORY IS ASSURED

The Results of a Careful Canvass of the Proposed New County Show that County Division Will Carry and El Centro County Seat

The campaign is practically over and the workers for county seat will see the result of their labors. The towns of the valley that are candidates for county seat honors have led a good fight. Each one of the towns at this writing knows pretty well how the vote will stand on election day. The voters throughout the entire proposed new county have been very free to express their sentiments and it does not take a particularly careful calculator to figure out which is going to win in the contest.

In the first place the town of Imperial started out with a great deal of puffed up pride—proud of what she failed to say. A great deal of noisy noise was made, which attracted considerable attention, but ere long this subsided to a little buzz, at about which time El Centro stepped into the arena—putting forth a few unsurpassed claims and invited the people to come and see. Many did come and saw that the second candidate had the goods to back up her claims. People then began to take sides between the two, and as said before, they have been extremely outspoken as to their choice. Just as the contest was waxing a little warm here comes the town of Brawley and says she wants in the game, too. At the time the neighbor claimant was looked upon with a little suspicion, but as time passed she proved herself to be in earnest and has certainly gained much advertising by reason of this venturesome nature of hers. But Brawley, "the garden spot," etc., kept on getting there with both feet, until now, at practically the eve of the election, it has proved in more ways than one that she is a stronger candidate than Imperial.

The first evidences of weakness and forlorn hope came when Imperial in its desperation allowed Lawyer Farr to spring some of the same kind of dirty politics he had heretofore handed the ruralites down in his county in Missouri. This man Farr, who says the proper way to run a campaign is to excite the voter's baser nature, planned by a trick as base as one could imagine, to capture some of El Centro's votes. Happily, however, almost everyone who heard about it considered the source from which it came and gave it the credence such low-down, mean, dirty, contemptible kind of politics deserve. Within twenty-four hours Imperial awoke to the fact that this man, who sways from side to side on all questions as the wind swayeth the growing grain, has even proved to them that their scheme, so deeply laid, to fool the people into voting against their better judgment, was of no avail.

At the end of the week the El Centro county seat committee, who have had charge of the campaign in behalf

of El Centro which committee, by the way, is composed of five of the most prominent business men of the town, have received reports from every voting precinct in the new county's territory. The figures have been carefully tabulated and the result is certainly gratifying to all the people of El Centro, and especially so to the committee, who have conducted a campaign as clean and above board as does the business man conduct his business. It is confidently expected that El Centro's lead will be considerably greater than what it was figured last night, for it has become evident that there are voters in the valley who heretofore have been somewhat disinterested, have come out strongly in favor of El Centro.

From copies of the great register it is ascertained that the valley registration is as follows:

VALLEY REGISTRATION	
El Centro.....	289
Silsbee.....	127
Calexico.....	268
Holtville.....	285
Brawley.....	430
Imperial (outside).....	132
Imperial.....	297
Old Beach.....	24

It will not be out of place to figure just a little. Take Imperial, 297, and Imperial outside, 132, and we find 429 registered. Then take El Centro, 289, and Silsbee 127, and here we find 416 votes or only 13 less than Imperial and Imperial outside. At the time the voting precincts were changed to conform with the supervisorial districts, there were 25 voters favorable to El Centro transferred from the Silsbee to the Imperial outside precinct. Subtract the above 13 from 25 and you have 12 left. Imperial claims 6 or 7 in Silsbee and 2 in El Centro—but even then in these four precincts El Centro would lead with 3 votes. Both Imperial and El Centro have friends in Brawley and a stand-off vote will be the result, the majority of the Brawley voters being determined to cast a complimentary vote for their own town, so that lets Brawley out and alone. Now bring down the 3 which El Centro has over Imperial, and see what there is elsewhere. Calexico has 268 votes. The supporters of El Centro at this place claim they will cast more than 85 per cent of the votes for El Centro. This would give, then El Centro 227 votes and Imperial 41, or a majority there of 186. To this add 3, making 189 majority for El Centro up to here. At Holtville this town is the favorite by a good majority. At that place there are 285 votes. El Centro is pretty certain of 190, which would give Imperial 95 making again a majority for El Centro of 95. Add

now the 189 majority and you find 284. At Old Beach there will be 18 votes cast—all for El Centro and this brings just here in the valley a majority for El Centro of 302. This, of course is figuring all the voters registered. It is expected that only about 50 percent of them will vote and in that event El Centro's vote will over reach Imperial's by 151 votes.

THE RIVER REGISTRATION	
Laguna.....	90
Picacho.....	37
Palo Verde.....	23
Hedges.....	12

A majority of 75 votes is admitted by all from this part of the new country and adding them to the 151 El Centro already has will give to her 226 votes.

In the light of all this it behoves every friend of El Centro to get in on election day and see if the majority vote can't be made still bigger. Make it decisive.

Vote for county division—Yes.
Vote for county seat—El Centro.

Look out for roars from Imperial.

Affidavit

El Centro, Cal., July 30, 1907

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, }

W. F. Holt, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he has read a certain letter exhibited by one F. C. Farr in the course of his speech at Brawley, Cal., on July 25th, 1907, a copy of which appeared in the Imperial Standard July 26th, 1907, purporting to be from one T. P. Roberts of the Maler Brewery Company to his brother A. F. Roberts and pertaining to restate a conversation and agreement between affiant and said A. F. Roberts relative to a saloon at El Centro, the affiant further says that he made said A. F. Roberts no promise of any kind, shape or character nor did he hold out any encouragement whatever to said A. F. Roberts nor was the subject of a saloon at El Centro discussed with said A. F. Roberts at any time, place or under any circumstances. The affiant further says that neither the said A. F. Roberts nor anyone else connected with the Maler Brewery Company has contributed anything whatever to the El Centro campaign nor have they been asked to do so.

W. F. HOLT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of July, 1907.

W. L. PAYNE

Notary Public in and for San Diego County, California.

Affidavit

El Centro, Cal., Aug. 3, 1907.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, }

W. F. Holt being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he never has made any proposition to Mr. George A. Parkyns or to anyone else at any time or place to take the liquor clauses out of the deeds to property in any of the townsites of the valley.

W. F. HOLT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, F. G. Havens, notary public in and for the county of San Diego, this 3d day of August, 1907.

F. G. HAVENS.

Notary Public in and for the county of San Diego.

His Vindication is Complete W. F. Holt proves the Assertions of his Sland-ers to be Absolutely False in Every Particular

Forced, by false assertions being made, from the platform and by the Standard, Mr. W. F. Holt has addressed the people of Brawley, Holtville and Calexico, and will talk at Silsbee and El Centro Saturday and Monday nights, respectively.

Never pretending to be a public speaker Mr. Holt at first demurred at the suggestion that he publicly refute these charges and assertions, and it was only for his friends sake that he finally consented.

The man with a retiring nature, the man who goes about through life doing what he can to advance the interest of his county, treating his neighbor as he would that his neighbor should treat him; a man, I say, who has always borne an honorable name and an enviable reputation for liberal dealing, such a man, and only he, can fully appreciate how hard a task it must have been for Mr. Holt to digress from his usual course, compelled to make public his private business, and for who, pray? Why, for three such men as Howe, Farr and Wentworth.

In the first place Imperial had no just claims for the county seat, and in order not to disclose this fact to the voters they commenced a campaign

of false and malicious assertions regarding Mr. Holt, and in some cases was he so villainously attacked that, as said before, his friends demanded that he, for his own sake, go on the platform and give the facts. Any man who ever had any dealings with Mr. Holt, or who had known him for long knew these charges were false and for campaign purposes.

This tour of the valley which Mr. Holt is now making is not a campaigning tour. He does not need to tell of the advantages of El Centro for county seat—the friends of the town all over the valley are doing that—but he is refuting every charge they make, and in so doing, giving facts and figures, dates and names, he is proving to the people of this valley that there is an aggregation of the most malicious, falsifying set of people in charge of the Imperial campaign known anywhere.

In showing up the underhanded work of this gang Mr. Holt has won a great many votes for El Centro who would have voted for Imperial, but they positively refuse to become a party to or in any way help a town which harbors and abets such people in such work.

DENIALS DON'T GO

The Protest and Petition Were There All Right

AFFIDAVIT

State of California, } ss.
County of San Diego, }

Felix G. Havens, being first duly sworn, deposes and says. That on May 7th, 1907 he was in the city of Washington D. C. and visited the office of the Solicitor of the State Department to enquire concerning the claims for damages that have been filed by Imperial Valley people against the Mexican government. At that time, almost the first thing mentioned by the Department officials was the protest that had been filed by Imperial people, the Assistant Solicitor to whom I was referred remarking that sentiment here at home was evidently strong against the claims, I asked

what evidence he had that such was the case, and he showed me the protest of the Imperial Chamber of Commerce, and also a shorter document in the form of a petition with about forty or more names signed to it. The protest was typewritten and signed by H. L. Peck as President and H. N. Dyke, Secretary, while the petition had the names of practically all the leading men in Imperial, and some in Brawley signed to it.

Signed:

FELIX G. HAVENS

Sworn to and subscribed before me at my office in El Centro Cal, this 3rd day of August 1907.

W. L. PAYNE

Notary Public in and for San Diego Co. Calif.

More Imperialism

Canvassers are out from Imperial doing some more underhanded work. It was not until to-day this last trick on the part of the push was discovered. These canvassers are going over the valley and ascertaining how the voter stands, and in the event he favors Imperial, all well and good, but should he favor El Centro these same Imperial

boosters urge the voter to vote against county division.

Although Imperial forced the question at this time, she is today acting the baby part, and even though you did not really favor county division at first, you should now vote for division all the harder. Give Imperial the lesson she needs. Vote for county division and El Centro for county seat.