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COUNTY DIVISION CARRIES

El Centro Elected County Seat By Large Majority. Most of Non-Partisan Ticket Elected. Election Quiet. Everybody Well Pleased.



The county division election carried by a large majority, and the peerless Imperial county has by the will of the voters been duly formed, and El Centro, the center in name and the center in fact has been chosen by a large majority as the county seat of the new county.

That this town would be chosen as the county seat had been practically conceded by all nearly a week before election. The people of the valley believed that to put the seat of government at this place would best conserve the interests of the largest number of people.

The election was quiet all over the county. Much interest was taken in the questions and a very large vote was polled, showing that practically every voter in the county cast his vote for his choice.

The contest for county seat was between El Centro, Imperial and Brawley, and it waxed warm at times and was strenuous every minute, but now it is all over with, there is a feeling of general satisfaction over the entire county. Among a few there may yet be a little ill feeling, but as a general rule extreme good nature prevails. The people of El Centro realized that there were two of the contestants for county seat honors would of necessity be on the losing side, and they had made up their minds that should their town be one of the two, they would get into the ring and help make of the county seat town one to be proud of, and now, in as much as El Centro was the one to receive the honor, its citizens hold out the good hand of fellowship to all the towns of the val-

ley and stand ready to join in any movement which tends towards the upbuilding of this great valley of ours. They hold malice toward no one, and although Imperial was its hardest competitor, and perhaps was dishartened over its defeat at first, it might not be out of place to right here add that it is the wish of El Centro to be a sister town of Imperial and every inducement to secure harmony will be put forward. It were well to remember that the court house does not necessarily make or mar a town and that Imperial will not suffer is believed by all. Let each town get in and work for the betterment of the valley, for the good of the county, and the prosperity of all its towns and their people. There is room enough for us all. Town pride is justifiable—but a harmonious county pride is to be looked upon with exceeding favor. Let there be no more of this trying to niggardly bickering, let ill feeling be at an end. Let the people of the entire county of Imperial stand for good government and make of this new county of ours one to be proud of—yes even such a one as to be world famed and peerless indeed.

Tomato Seeds

H. B. Pearson has left a quantity of tomato seeds at the Press office. There are a number of farmers who are going to put an acreage of tomatoes for the eastern market, and the seed has been left here for those who intend to plant. As large a number of people as possible should plant tomatoes as the prices will be good.

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The First Officials of Imperial County



Superior Judge
J. COLE, Holtville
District Attorney
J. M. ESHLEMAN, Calexico
County Clerk
D. S. ELDER, Brawley
Sheriff
MOBLEY MEADOWS, Calexico
Recorder
J. B. BAKER, Holtville
Tax Collector
THOS. HARDING, Silsbee
Treasurer
PAUL BOMAN, Holtville
Assessor
FRED FULLER, Silsbee
Supt. of Schools
J. E. CARR, Picacho
Auditor
T. J. KELLOGG, Brawley
Coroner
T. J. MITCHELL, Calexico
Public Administrator
E. E. FORRESTER, Silsbee
Surveyor
E. H. GAINES, Calexico
Supervisors
1st Dist. SIDNEY McHARG, Calexico
2d Dist. R. H. CLARK, El Centro
4th Dist. G. R. WADE, Brawley
5th Dist. P. N. FERGUSON, Holtville

COUNTY OFFICERS

The Non-Partisan Ticket Elected With One Exception

The nominees of the convention, with one exception, were elected by good safe majorities at the election Tuesday, and the new county will start out with a fine set of officers. They are all men well qualified to fill the office to which they were elected, and are men who will look to the best interest of the county. Not a man in the list is of a selfish nature; they are all public spirited and patriotic.

First, heading the ticket is Franklin J. Cole, superior judge. He is as solid a young man as you will meet in many a day's travel, learned in the law, and of sound judgement. He has been a resident of the valley for the past two years or more and understands conditions in the valley well. He will make a just and efficient judge.

John M. Eshleman was the only candidate for district attorney. He is a young man who has been a credit to other parts of the state of California, and has had considerable experience with the work he will have to do here. He had not been a resident of the valley for long when he was nominated, but the people here feel that they know him quite well especially those who have followed his career in the state legislature, where he represented the Alameda district.

For county clerk, D. S. Elder was given a good majority. He is a pioneer in the valley and has a large farm in the No. 8 district, and is well known over the valley. He will give the office efficient service.

The well and widely known Mobley Meadows, of Calexico, was elected as the first sheriff of the new county. Mobley needs no introduction to anyone in the county. He will make a good sheriff and it is safe to say that you don't want to get caught, you had better be good.

For Recorder, John B. Baker, of Holtville, received a good majority. Mr. Baker is the editor of the Holtville Tribune and is well known and liked throughout the valley.

Thomas Harding was the only candidate for tax collector. He is a pioneer in the valley and is a Silsbee farmer, and most of the people have a personal acquaintance with him.

Paul Boman, of Holtville is the new treasurer, and the county's funds could not be placed in better hands.

For assessor, Fred Fuller, the only independent candidate elected, is one of the best known men in the valley. His big vote was due no doubt to his large acquaintance and his personal qualifications. Mr. Fuller has bought hogs from nearly every farmer in the valley, and is noted for square dealing in all instances. Fred will make a very efficient officer, and the interest of the county will not suffer from his hands.

J. E. Carr, elected superintendent of schools, was the only candidate from the river district, and he made a good run. He had two good men in opposition. Mr. Carr was the pioneer teacher in the Imperial valley and taught the first school here. He has the school at Picacho, and is well liked both there and here. He is a very pleasant gentleman and will make more friends during his term of office.

For auditor, Thomas J. Kellogg, of Brawley was chosen. Mr. Kellogg is an old timer in the valley and the first settler in Brawley. He has been a prominent factor in the upbuilding of the north part of the valley.

The office of Coroner will be presided over by T. J. Mitchell, of Calexico, while E. E. Forrester will be the Public Administrator. Mr. Forrester is an extensive farmer west of El Centro and both he and Mr. Mitchell are well and favorably known.

For surveyor, E. H. Gaines, was a popular candidate. No man knows this valley better than he does, and a better man for the place could not have been found.

Express Their Thanks

Editor Press

Dear Sir:

Please allow me through your valuable paper to express to the good people of the Valley on behalf of the El Centro campaign committee and the people of El Centro and vicinity our sincere thanks for their loyal support during the campaign and at the poles.

Yours very truly,
J. Stanley Brown
Chairman Committee

MARRIED

H. C. Griswold and Miss Anna Symmes Married Wednesday Morning

A very pleasant wedding occurred last Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock when Hurbert C. Griswold and Miss Anna G. Symmes were united in holy wedlock.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. H. Croco, Presbyterian minister, at the home of the bride's uncle, E. A. Gullick. The couple stood up under a large beautiful umbrella tree in the front yard, where the words were pronounced that made them man and wife.

This couple has the honor of being the principals in the first wedding in the new county of Imperial.

The bride came to the valley with her parents about eight months ago, while the bridegroom is a pioneer, having come to the Imperial Valley nearly six years ago, and has been a prominent factor in the upbuilding of the county.

The happy couple left Wednesday morning for San Diego and other coast points of interest where they will spend their honeymoon. They expect to return September 1st, and will make their future home in El Centro.

The Board of Supervisors

The board of supervisors of the new county is composed of a set of men as representative of the best interests of the valley as could be.

The First district will be represented by Sidney McHarg, of Calexico, the second district, by R. H. Clark, of El Centro, the Third district by F. S. Webster, of Silsbee, the Fourth by G. R. Wade, of Brawley, and Fifth district by P. N. Ferguson, of Holtville.

All of these men have lived in the county for several years past and are thoroughly familiar with conditions. They are men with clean records, and the affairs of the county are perfectly safe in their hands.

Lucky Imperial Valley

Stockton, Aug. 5.—With practically an embargo placed on ice by the railroads, several towns in this vicinity are suffering from an ice famine.

As yet, Stockton has not suffered, but this is owing to the fact that the local plant produces about sixty tons daily, while the consumption ranges from thirty to forty tons daily. The surrounding towns must now depend on Stockton for their ice as the scarcity of cars has caused the railroads to cease handling ice except in small shipments.

The local dealers say there is plenty of ice at points in the mountains, but it is impossible to get it delivered at required places.