

EFFECTS ABSENTEES

Ruling of General Land Office Effects Non-Residents Only

To allay considerable apprehension felt in the Imperial Valley over the recent order of the commissioner of the general land office, that all homestead claims filed after March 31, 1906, shall be rejected, Register Prescott of the Los Angeles land office has written an open letter to Imperial settlers, explaining the situation.

"The effect of the ruling of the commissioner is not to oust actual settlers from their holdings," writes Gen. Prescott. "As the lands are to be surveyed they are now regarded as unsurveyed. As unsurveyed lands they are open to desert entry only under the statutes.

"But the prior squatter, honestly and in good faith making and maintaining a home on such unsurveyed lands, is not jeopardized. The rejection of his application at this time does not terminate his possessory rights. He will have the regular time after the approval of the plats in which to perfect his homestead entry.

"He may now appeal from the rejection. That ties up the land of record until the disposition of the appeal. Desert entrymen must make oath that the lands they file on have hitherto been unappropriated, unoccupied and unsettled. In administering this oath, our office is endeavoring to prevent thoughtless persons from making such oath untruthfully. This should show that the action of the department is not unfair."

Altogether 250 homestead claimants were affected by the order from the commissioner of the general land office. A large proportion of this number of homesteaders are actual settlers. By Prescott's interpretation of the order, only the non-resident homesteaders will be ousted from their holdings.

Colorado River Gage Heights

Mean daily gage heights and discharges of Colorado river at Yuma, Arizona, for the week ending Saturday, August 31, 1907

Date	Gage Height	Discharge
August 25	20.20	25,800
August 26	20.50	27,300
August 27	20.40	26,300
August 28	20.50	27,300
August 29	20.30	25,000
August 30	19.90	23,900
August 31	19.60	23,100

FRANCIS L. SELLEW,
Project Engineer.

A POPULAR LICENSE

The Hunting License is Proving a Popular One

What has proved to be one of the most popular licenses ever required by the state law is the Hunting License. The receipts of this license goes to the Fish Commissioner and helps in the preservation of our game. And men will hunt, license or no license, and so many men want to shoot that up to the present time not enough license tags could be kept on hand to supply the hunters. Every county clerk in the state has run out of tags, receipts and applications, have been obliged to send for more—so many times in fact has this happened that the chief deputy of the Fish Commission has ordered by mail and by telegraph, until his orders from the manufacturers at present amounts to 90,000. The following letter from the chief clerk to county clerk Elder will prove of interest.

Hon. D. S. ELDER,
County Clerk,
El Centro, Imperial Co. Cal.

Dear Sir:—
Yours of the 24th has just reached our office. Unfortunately the last lot of Tags we had were sent away to-day so we will be obliged to keep you waiting a few days. We expect another consignment of 15,000 about Saturday. In the meantime we will send you some application blanks, some receipt books

and also a County Clerk's Book. We will follow up with the tags just as soon as they reach us.

The License Law is certainly the most popular one ever placed in our Statute Books. We asked for estimates early in June. The fifty-seven County Clerks at that time responded but the aggregate of their estimates was less than 15,000. We ordered 24,000 and that number was in the hands of the different County Clerks by June 26th, four days before the Law became operative and three weeks before any Game could lawfully be shot. We afterwards telegraphed for 20,000 more and they lasted less than a day. This was followed up by two more orders aggregating 75,000, all of which have been sold and the 15,000 on the way will bring it up to 90,000.

Almost universal approvals have been heard; occasionally some Newspaper chap, who has not given the matter full consideration (notably one in your part of the State) emitted a few barks but he subsided when he found that the people did not agree with him.

Hitherto, the State was obliged to appropriate money to protect Game for the sport of a few are paying to protect the game; in other words, it is "the fellow who dances who plays the fiddle". A man who does not hunt is exempt from any taxation of that sort. This simple fact ought to appeal to anybody of fairness.

A State license law is now in effect in 35 states of the union in one form or another and also, an article referring to hunting licenses.

Yours respectfully,
CALIFORNIA FISH COMMISSION
CHAS. A. VOGLESANG,
Chief Deputy

CAUSED ALARM

Man Supposed to be Lost in Western Sand Hills, but Found on River

The citizens of Imperial, were quite excited and alarmed over the belief that a young man by the name of T. J. Maeteson had gotten lost on the desert somewhere between that town and Coyote Spring. A relief party was soon gotten together and Ralph Benton and Roy Breedlove struck out ahead on horseback, it being thought that with his superior knowledge of the country to the west Ralph Benton would be likely to locate him quicker than anyone else. Another party was to follow with a wagon. He was quickly found on New River, however, to which place he had made his way over forty miles of desert without food or water, but had suffered no great inconvenience.

He and a man by the name of Jordan were on their way to Imperial overland and upon leaving Coyote Spring Maeteson went on ahead with his dog and gun, thinking perhaps he would find some game. His companion followed his trail for a time, but that was finally lost and he did not see Maeteson again. Upon reaching Imperial Tuesday he spread the alarm and the searching party was immediately sent out. It was feared for a time that there would be another of the characteristic desert tragedies to record.

W. O. W. Good Time

The members of the W. O. W. propose to have a good time next week Friday night. They are preparing for a social time in which there will be dancing, games, toasts, etc. There is a large membership here of that order and with their friends a pleasant gathering will assemble.

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Meeting to be Postponed

On account of the absence of the Worthy President the regular meeting of the Eagle lodge had to be postponed for one week. The regular meeting will be held in the hall next Thursday night, September 12th.

Supervisors Meet Tuesday

The board of supervisors meet here next week Tuesday to transact such business as may come before the board. Several matters of importance will be taken up and disposed of.

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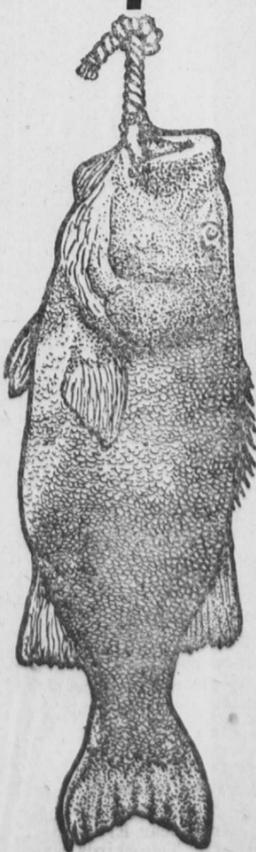
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