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PROMISCUOUS CONTESTING

There are at the present time a great many strangers coming to the Imperial Valley, the most of them looking for land. Some imagine that they can go out a mile or so from town and file on a piece of government land and seem to be greatly disappointed when they learn that the government land lying under the already constructed ditch system has been filed upon. A few seem to think there must certainly be some mistake, with the result that there is a searching of the records for some technical reason to allow of a contest on some piece of land.

One instance after another has such indiscriminate and promiscuous contesting followed in the last few weeks, contests which seem to have no foundation in fact, that it has become a menace to the development of the country and should be checked. There are instances, no doubt, where the original claimant to land in this valley has not fully complied with the law and where molestation will effect an innocent party it should be avoided.

In the cases of large holdings where it may appear there has been an attempt to grab more land than one person is entitled to under the law, it then becomes a part of good government to apprehend the offender and call him to account. If there be such cases in the Imperial Valley, as has been alleged, on recent occasions, the fact remains absolutely undisputable that there cannot be more than three or four such cases, and these will in no way effect those who would buy land at the present writing.

Real estate men complain that the agitation started by the out-papers is doing much toward discouraging people in buying claims here, as they are somewhat afraid of the titles of the land. There is positively no cause for the least hesitancy on the part of the investor, for in every case of small holdings the law has been fully lived up to and the requirements of the land office fulfilled.

The alleged land frauds is more talk than anything else, and those who are accused have not an acre of land for sale, thus eliminating any chance for an innocent purchaser to lose his investment.

There are some very large holdings in the valley and the owners may be subjected to an investigation, but where the evidence of land grabbing is lacking they have nothing to fear.

ADVERTISE THE VALLEY

There have been in the past month or so a great many times and places that the Imperial Valley could have been judiciously and cheaply advertised. The Jamestown exposition, the irrigation congress and the State Fair at Sacramento have been occasions when the advantages of this section of California could have been put before a great many people who are looking for homes and profitable farms. This valley has unequalled advantages to offer and there are thousands of homeseekers looking for chances to live in the southwest and still not a line have we sent abroad to guide those people our way. Here is a chance for the Imperial Valley Board of Trade to put in some splendid work. The members of this organization should not lose a moment's time in getting up a book which will tell of the valley, its towns and its wonderful opportunities. Such a proceeding would not be expensive and would be of incalculable value.

The railroads of the country, the chambers of commerce of both Los Angeles and San Diego are in crying need of literature pertaining to Imperial Valley.

This is a matter which should not be put off. Do it now.

A NEEDED RESTRICTION

Imperial county is at the present time without proper restrictions as to the importation of trees, cuttings, roots, etc., from other parts of the state, which other counties are now refusing to receive from. While we were still a part of San Diego county we were fully protected from the invasion to our valley of undesirable nursery stock.

There is considerable complaint among some of the growers of grapes against the letting in of any Fresno stock as they claim it will spread disease over the valley and will forever be a menace to the grape growers here. San Diego county, Riverside, San Bernardino and other counties prohibit grape cuttings being shipped from there into their boundaries, and inasmuch as there will be more or less of this done here in the future, it might be well for the board of supervisors to investigate the matter and take whatever action may be the best for the protection of this industry in Imperial county.

On October 16 Calexico is going to have a house cleaning day. The citizens of that thriving town are going at it, shovel and tongs. The chamber of commerce is responsible for the move and it's safe to assume that the streets of Calexico will present an inviting appearance when the job is done. It's a good move and could consistently be adopted in every town in the valley. El Centro needs a little work in this direction.

The Los Angeles Examiner gives the following information regarding the embezzler arrested by Jake Meadows at Calexico: "After three months of liberty, E. W. Moore was brot to this city from Calexico, Imperial county, where the man has been hiding. Moore, it is alleged, embezzled over \$5000 worth of valuable jewelry, which he had in his possession, from the Home Payment Company, an installment jewelry house of this city for whom he worked. He has been in hiding since he left this city over three months ago and until Detective George Holmes arrested Moore it was thought that the embezzler had left the State."

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