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BRAWLEY BUILDING

Movement Toward Building at Brawley Steadily Increasing

Brawley is likely to become the scene of much building activity this fall. The sound of hammer and saw can be heard from every direction. One thing in particular which pleases the Brawley people as much as any other one thing is the putting in of a new front in the old bank building. This was the worst dilapidated building in the town and has been the object of much criticism ever since the earthquake. But now the work of fitting it up has already begun and it will present a very creditable appearance when finished. Regarding the building in that town the Brawley News prints the following:

Recent notice was given of the improvements which will be made in the buildings of Mrs. J. W. Kerfion and Varney Bros., next the Imperial Valley Bank building, the adobes being torn out and replaced with brick and concrete blocks. During the past week W. F. Holt has announced his intention of building an addition to the Bank building, the full width of the structure on the rear, giving a 30 foot extension for a storeroom for Stahl Bros. Co., which will be used for a warehouse. Beyond this two offices will be built. These will all be of brick, Contractor Peterson doing the work which will commence at once.

These buildings will extend to the alley on Sixth street. On the other side Stanley & DeBlois have commenced a brick building which will be used as a store, in connection with shed room, for a hardware and implement store. This firm has incorporated, with a capital stock of \$25,000 all paid in.

Another house will be added to those constructed in Brawley by J. F. Roth, who will soon move here with his family from Rocky Ford.

The goal for which the members of the Methodist church have striven so long and earnestly—a church building of their own—at last appears near to attainment. A large amount of funds are pledged, the plan has been selected, and the specifications sent for.

At a meeting of the board of trustees last Thursday evening a building committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, was appointed: R. Malan, chairman, D. T. Jones, Samuel Garber, Harvey Hastings and the new pastor, who will be here in a few weeks.

The building committee selected a church from the approved plans Monday evening, the building alone to cost \$2,000. The auditorium will be 28x40 and the lecture room 12x30. They will be connected so that in case of need they may be thrown together as one room. The church will have a seating capacity of 220. Work will be commenced in a few days on the new structure, which will be built near the schoolhouse.

CHANGED HANDS

El Centro Drug Store Bought by Riverside Man

The Valley Drug Co. has sold their drug business here to Samuel W. Dunaway of Riverside, who took charge the first of this week. Mr. Dunaway is an up to date druggist and will give to El Centro a drug store to be proud of. The following taken from the Riverside Press shows the appreciation of that town of his worth and qualifications:

"Samuel W. Dunaway, who has been identified with the Sun drug store for six years, has purchased the R. L. Rumsey pharmacy at El Centro, and will assume the proprietorship in about ten days.

The store is first-class in every detail and has a flattering business. It is located in the very best district of the seat of the new county of Imperial which has just been established and will afford the new owner a splendid opportunity to fully reveal himself the efficient druggist that he is.

Mr. Rumsey not being a pharmacist and having other interests which demand his attention, made it possible for Mr. Dunaway to get possession of the stock.

Riverside certainly loses a most estimable couple in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway, but her loss is El Centro's gain.

Their legion of friends wish them well, as they go into the promising valley country to make both name and fortune for themselves."

LACK OF EVIDENCE

Case Against Dunworth Dismissed for Lack of Evidence

A case was before Justice Payne Friday afternoon, against Wm. Dunworth, formerly of the eastside. The defendant was charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, and the complaint was sworn to by Mrs. S. Bradley, of Holtville. Attorney M. W. Conkling represented Mr. Dunworth, while Attorney Harry H. Dyke, of Imperial acted in the absence of the district attorney.

The complaint was that Mrs. Bradley had given Dunworth a check on a bank and in order to make change Dunworth had given a check in return, which, the complaint contended, was no good, inasmuch as there were not funds in the bank to pay the same. Dunworth proved that funds were in the bank at the time the check was drawn, and for some considerable time afterward. Defendant pled negligence on the part of plaintiff.

Upon motion of the prosecution the case was dismissed, for lack of evidence.

Engineers are arriving in the valley to commence the resurvey. One party is at Heber at the present time. About eight months will be required to complete the work.

QUITE A JOB

Chairman of the Counties Commission Expects Lots to Do

In an interview in the San Diego Union recently Mr. Gunn, gave out the following regarding the work of the commission appointed by Governor Gillett to adjust financial matters between San Diego and Imperial counties.

Their first meeting was held in El Centro last week Thursday, and organization was effected by selecting Chester Gunn as chairman and Harry W. Vincent of San Diego as secretary. Following the election of officers a general discussion of the work which the commissioners will do took place.

Mr. Gunn said: "After the selection of officers we had a general discussion of the matters which will properly come before the commission and of the work which we will have to do. There seems to be something of a misunderstanding between attorneys as how the work shall be performed. The district attorneys of San Diego and Imperial counties have different opinions as to which county shall pay for the cost of transcribing certain records. The commission decided it would be for the best interests of all concerned to employ its own attorney. It was therefore decided to engage the services of Attorney L. A. Wright as attorney for the commission.

"The acts of the commission will be of considerable importance for the reason that Imperial is the first county formed under the new law. There are several other new counties in contemplation in different parts of the state and the acts of the commission will therefore establish a precedent for other county commissions to work under. We feel that we can be none to careful and decided we had better have the advise of our own attorney.

"All the work of the commission will be done here in San Diego. The records are all here and it is necessary that we be close to them.

"There are several nifty problems to come before the commission. Under the law the collection of taxes will have to begin on the second Monday of October. Without the assessment rolls the new county will have no credit and there will be no way of collecting money. All of the assessment rolls have to be transcribed yet and the apportionment of individual taxes made."

"Yesterday Mr. Gunn and Secretary Vincent started in on the task of figuring the cost of the election held to determine the question of whether a new county should be formed and also the election of a complete set of county officers. This work is expected to require several days to complete."

The board of education will hold the first examination of teachers October 28. Temporary certificates have been granted to the teachers until after that time.

JURY DISAGREES

The Jury in the Bob Davis Case Couldn't Agree

The jury which took three days of hard work to get together in the trial of the people against M. B. Davis, before Justice Hoffman at Calexico, failed to agree, and have been discharged.

The trial was an interesting one, and was closely watched by a great many people. It was the first case of importance conducted in the new county by the newly elected district attorney, John M. Eshleman. Attorney F. C. Farr acted as counsel for the defendant, and the clashes between the two attorneys were frequent and strenuous.

Mr. Eshleman, in this instance proved himself worthy of the confidence the people of Imperial county have placed in him, and showed that he is well qualified to represent the people under any circumstance. The people of Calexico are well pleased with the way he conducted this case, realizing that it was a difficult action.

Three days were taken up in securing a jury, and when finally eleven men were found qualified to sit, there were practically no more names left to draw from in the district, so the attorneys agreed to try the case with the eleven.

The action against Bob was for selling liquor to a minor, and he put up the plea that he did not own the place, however, testimony was given that he took the money from the till and was the only one who owned a government license, and that he bought and stored the liquor that was furnished the place.

But Bob, in his defense, contended that there had been an arrangement between he and Pete Nelson, the bartender, whereby the latter was to be in charge of the business, and Davis was to sell the liquor to Nelson and take all the money from the business until a certain sum was paid.

Upon this the jury hung. It was all the defense expected.

A new trial will be had probably early next month, and judge Hoffman ordered it transferred to Holtville.

The case of Pete Nelson, on a similar charge was continued.

Called to San Diego

District Attorney Eshleman left for San Diego Thursday afternoon on county business. This trip was made necessary by the action which San Diego county has taken regarding the furnishing of the assessment rolls for the new county of Imperial. It is safe to say that there will be no fooling with our district attorney. He believes in what is right, and will insist that Imperial county gets its due. It seems that Assistant District Attorney Uteley, of San Diego county, has a grudge against Imperial county, hence the trouble.

A PIONEER DEAD

Dr. Elmendorf Passes Away in Santa Ana.

Word has been received from Santa Ana of the death there of Dr. William Elmendorf of Holtville, formerly of Imperial.

Dr. Elmendorf was one of the best known men in the valley. He came to Imperial from Santa Ana about five years ago with his wife, and despite the fact that he was far along in years, he was one of the most active of citizens.

Later on he removed to Holtville, and only occasionally visited Imperial. During the last few months his many friends have realized that he was failing in health rapidly.

He was a pioneer of pioneers, and his long and eventful life had been passed on the frontier, ranging from Central America to Alaska, and his fund of reminiscences made him always a most entertaining person, while his fund of good humor endeared him to everybody.

TWO HAPPY WEDDINGS

Two Imperial Valley Boys Married in San Diego Wednesday

Two very happy weddings took place over by the city of bay and climate last Wednesday morning, two weddings that the many El Centro friends of the two newly made husbands were particularly interested in.

The first one was the wedding of Mr. Fred A. Griswold and Miss Mary H. Williamson, which took place Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Williamson, at what is familiarly known as "Woodside Ranch." After the ceremony was performed the guests, who were relatives and near friends, were led by the happy couple to the dining room, where a beautiful wedding breakfast had been laid for the bridal party.

After breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Griswold, accompanied by Mr. Andrew Woods and his fiance, Miss Adele H. Patten, were conveyed by auto to Coronado, where the wedding of Mr. Woods and Miss Patton took place, at 12:30, at the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. H. S. Jordan, officiating.

As soon as this ceremony was performed, the four happy young people were taken to the Santa Fe station, there boarding the 1 o'clock train for Los Angeles, where they are now spending their honeymoon.

Both these young men are well known in this vicinity and the best wishes of all their friends go with them and their brides.

Mr. and Mrs. Griswold will make their home here in El Centro. They will return about Oct. 1 and will be at home after the 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods will quite likely make their home in Holtville, and will return about the first.