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FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Will be Held in El Centro Opera House Friday and Saturday

DECEMBER 6 AND 7

Subjects of Special Interest to Imperial Valley Settlers Will Be Discussed

Last Wednesday a number of the prominent farmers throughout the valley met in the Ira Aten Land company's office and decided to hold a Farmers' Institute in El Centro on Friday and Saturday, December 6th and 7th. J. B. Neff, representative of the University of California, was present at the meeting, and the topics for discussion were decided upon. The speakers for the two days have partially been selected and the names of the others will soon be in the hands of the committee. The institute will be held under the auspices of the University of California.

A great deal of time was taken in selecting the subjects to be treated upon during the institute here. It was especially desirable that those questions which were of vital importance to the farmers of the Imperial Valley be discussed. Among the subjects for the papers are: Vegetable Culture, Eucalyptus and Other Timbers, Diseases Peculiar to Animals, Cantaloupe Culture, Dairying, Poultry Raising and a number of others, which will appear in the program to be published shortly.

Committeemen were chosen from the different parts of the valley and a lively interest is expected to be taken in this year's session. The farmers' institute is of great advantage to the farmers of any community in so far as they make use of them. All you are called upon to do is to attend and take an interest, thereby learning things you perhaps would never otherwise know, and thereby be the loser. Every effort possible is going to be made this year to get the farmers out to these meetings. They will be held in the opera house, where there will be plenty of room for all and it will be a comfortable place to sit and listen and learn. On Friday the first day there will be three sessions, one in the forenoon, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

This will make the fourth year the University of California has held an institute in the Imperial Valley. Last year there was not the attendance there should have been.

Arrangements were also made, it is understood, to hold a one day session at Brawley, on Thursday, the 5th day of December.

A COLT SHOW

Who Can Show the Best Colt in the Imperial Valley?

It has been proposed that on Saturday afternoon, December 7th, the last day of the Farmers' Institute to be held here, that there be a colt show. Now there is something that will be mighty interesting to every farmer in the valley. There are a great many very nice colts in this part of the country and there is many a farmer who thinks that he has the finest ever, and this is a good way to find out who really is entitled to the blue ribbon. Somebody is going to get it, and this is not too early a date to commence to get that colt in condition for show. A colt show will tend to give a wide reputation to the valley and will draw an immense crowd to see the fine array of young horses which will be on exhibition.

BRIDGE PETITIONS

Two Will Come Before the Board of Supervisors Monday

Petitions have been circulated in Imperial and the Silsbee districts, asking that the Board of Supervisors aid in the building of bridges across New river, one west and north of Imperial and one west of Silsbee.

It seems that the construction of these two bridges at the present time is not wholly essential. On the west side of New River, from southwest of Silsbee to northwest of Imperial there is practically not a settler, and there will not be until water is brought to these sections, which will be sometime in the future. A building of a bridge northwest of Imperial would probably be of benefit to two or three, but the one west of Silsbee would only be used by the few who travel to and from San Diego and the mountains.

Sometime ago Brawley and Calexico asked for bridges, and it was difficult to get the board to in any way agree to aid in their construction, and the property interests were a great deal greater in these districts.

It's hardly to be supposed the supervisors will feel like giving any aid in these directions for some little time. Of course assistance will be given when it is felt that there is an urgent need and the money is available.

The last change in time on the Southern Pacific branch give the valley people only one train a day which makes connections with the west bound train. The other train makes connection with the east bound train. It is hoped that there will be another coach added to the valley service, as with only the one it makes it very inconvenient for incoming passengers. Not infrequently do as many as fifteen or twenty have to stand up from the junction to Brawley at least, if not further.

Attorney V. Rapp has succeeded in securing desk room in the Ira Aten Land office.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

County Treasurer's Son Sustains Painful Injury

While out driving with his father, Harold Boman, son of the county clerk, was accidentally shot in the left arm last Sunday. A gun which was in the bottom of the cart in which the two were riding slipped and some way was discharged, the heavy load of shot striking the boy in the arm between the elbow and shoulder.

Mr. Boman hurried his son on onto the train which left Sunday afternoon and got him to Los Angeles as soon as possible, but was delayed some considerable time at the junction, making a long and painful trip. He was taken to the Sisters' hospital.

Dr. Peterson dressed the wound, at the same time expressing himself as being doubtful as to whether the young man would be fortunate enough to retain the injured member.

"The Better City"

"The Better City" is the name of a book which recently found its way to the writer's desk. It is written by Rev. Dana Bartlett, of Los Angeles, who is a well known institutional worker of the city, and also pastor of the Bethlehem church.

The book while it points directly to the city of the Angels and deals with this city in particular—it's the one the writer of the book knows, and in whose welfare his life is bound up. But while discussing the problems of Los Angeles, he has had a consciousness that he was discussing the problems of city life in general. Every city has its own peculiar problems, but city life in all its essential features is everywhere the same. It is the purpose of the author to concentrate thought upon the ethical ideal—believing that a city may become as noted for its righteousness, its morality, its social virtues, its artistic life, as for its material resources.

The book is full of splendid halftone pictures of places in Los Angeles. It is interesting from cover to cover. For anyone who thinks along these lines it will be found extremely interesting. It is battling for civic cleanliness.

"The Better City" will be on general sale, and the proceeds will go into the work to which the author has given his life—that of the building of Bethlehem Institutions.

If some of the El Centro merchants were wise they would carry a better line of vegetables. A hint in this direction should be sufficient. People will have such stuff to eat, you know.

There is going to be a large demand this fall for pasture. It is not too late yet to put in a crop of barley. There will be plenty of chances to rent all the land you have into this crop for pasture. And the rate will be good this year.

Now is a splendid time for those who live in town and keep a cow to lay in a supply of alfalfa for the winter's feeding.

A PROMINENT MAN

Will Shortly Settle in the Valley and Make It His Home

Rev. Harold Bell Wright, pastor of the First Christian church in this city, has resigned his pastorate here, says the Redlands review. He has agreed to remain in Redlands until a successor to the work can be secured, although no one has yet been selected and it is not likely that a choice can be made under a month.

Rev. Mr. Wright came to Redlands from Kansas City the first of last February. Since he arrived his work has been heavier than he felt he could bear, and he has decided to leave for Imperial Valley where he owns a tract of land.

The outgoing pastor has endeared himself to a large circle of church people, particularly those of his own congregation, who regret to see him depart from Redlands.

Mr. Wright is a writer as well as a preacher. Several of his books have met with public favor. "The Shepherd of the Hills" just off the press has been favorably mentioned everywhere and seems destined to have large sale. Another of Mr. Wright's books that was known as a "good seller" is "The Printer of Udell's."

Entertainment and Lecture Course—Solicitors Wanted

This valley is to enjoy one of the most highly recommended series of entertainments and lectures ever given in any part of the country. A contract was signed last June by the ministerial association by which they have become responsible financially for the enterprise. They did this with full faith in our people that they would patronize the course heartily. It will be necessary to raise the full amount of money before the first number is given. Season tickets are for sale at \$2.50 for the full course of six numbers. The first will be given in El Centro, Oct. 24th. The time is short for us to sell our quota of tickets. In apportioning the different towns El Centro was expected to sell one hundred season tickets; this surely ought to be a small task.

We want twelve persons to take up the sale of these tickets. This will be only eight tickets to the man. Some have responded. We want persons who will be responsible for \$20 or the sale of eight tickets. All the other towns in the valley have disposed of their quota of tickets, so we understand. Let El Centro do its well. I rarely canvass anyone for money, but this is a matter of such importance to the whole community that I hope by the help of these men that this will be an easy job.

Full description of the character and nature of these entertainments may be found at the hotel El Centro.

J. F. TOUT, Treasurer of Com. Ministerial Association.

Mrs. Lucy Painter, of Redlands, was registered at the hotel Monday.

BUILDING DEDICATED

New School House is Satisfactory in Every Way

REGISTRATION OF 82

Educational Plan Provides for \$15,000 High School Building Next Year

El Centro's handsome new school house, which was erected this summer at a cost of about \$4,000, was formally dedicated Monday morning. Many of the town's citizens were present including the members of the board of school trustees and the school year was begun under favorable auspices. The building is admirably arranged, well lighted and ventilated and the people of El Centro are to be congratulated on having made so favorable a beginning of their educational programme. The teaching corps is efficient and competent, consisting of Mrs. Carrie K. Rapp of Ogden, Utah, principal and Mrs. M. E. Tuttle of El Centro, assistant.

At the opening of the school Monday morning brief remarks were made by Ira Aten, clerk of the board of trustees and H. M. Kinne, who is also a member of the board. The arrangements which had been made for the comfort and welfare of the children were inspected and heartily approved by the visitors and the general opinion was that El Centro's school facilities had already reached a high standard.

The school will be kept for eight months and will close for the year about the middle of June. A vacation of one week at Christmas time but there will be no other break until the end of the school year except that the teachers will be given an opportunity to attend a teachers' institute this winter.

Even during the first week of its occupancy the new building has been taxed almost to its full capacity and the necessity for still further provision for schools is apparent. Monday 82 students registered and others have been added to the list since then. It is expected that fully a hundred children will attend the two grades this winter. Sometime during the coming year a brick or stone building to cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 will be erected on the corner opposite the location of the present building. This will be used for the higher grades and it is proposed to organize a high school next fall.

The town has a splendid school site at Commercial and Fifth streets and when the plans for beautifying it have been consummated it will be one of the most attractive places in town. Early in the spring Bermuda grass will be sown and shade trees planted and a lawn arranged for both the present school and the proposed high school.