

Town and County

A Seventh Crop

Many El Centroans had the privilege of eating some very sweet and delicious Muscat grapes picked from the Corwin vineyard this week. These were the seventh picking or crop since the first of June. Grapes surely bear prolifically in Imperial valley.

Imperial Beats Them All

Rev. J. M. Huston of Los Angeles, who arrived in El Centro Wednesday night and has made a tour of the valley is enthusiastic over the outlook for the new county. He says: "I have travelled extensively in this and other countries, through the east into Canada and through the rich Mexican country but I have seen nothing anywhere to equal Imperial valley. This is the best proposition I know of."

Bought Land for Grapes

A. L. Julian spent a few days looking about Imperial valley this week. He was so well pleased with the conditions that he purchased through the Ira Aten Land Co. eighty acres of the Holman ranch two miles North-east of El Centro. Mr. Julian intends to bring his land up to as high a state of cultivation as possible and will begin at once to prepare it for cantaloupes and grapes.

Fine Suspended

T. P. Banta was found guilty in Imperial Monday of having permitted his hogs to get into a ditch. Justice Weber imposed a fine of \$250 but suspended it on condition that Mr. Banta should not be found guilty of the same offense again in a year. Mr. Banta says that the hogs got through his fences accidentally and that he has never willingly let them get into any of the ditches.

On Broadway

The old bank building on Broadway street which has been leased by the Colby Real Estate Co. has been renovated and refitted and now presents a much more attractive appearance. A part of the building will be occupied by R. L. Greer, architect. The building which is being erected by Rev. J. F. Tout on Commercial street is now well under way and will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks.

Saving to Landowners

Register Prescott of the Los Angeles land office has assigned several final proofs for hearing before County Clerk Elder at El Centro, thus saving the land claimants the expense of taking their witnesses to Los Angeles. In some cases those who have had their intention to make final proof published have arranged for readvertising for the sake of getting the hearing transferred. The saving to the claimants will be from \$50 to \$75 in each case heard in the valley.

Fall Crop Appearing

Practical interest in the up-building of the El Centro Public Library is evidenced by Mrs. W. F. Holt's donation of "That Printer of Udell's", by Harold Bell Wright, and Miss Chloe Holt's addition of "The Casting Away of Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. Aleshine", by Frank R. Stockton. Formal thanks are inadequate. The best evidence of appreciation is given when others are inspired to imitate such acts. A section that cuts alfalfa every month in the year ought not to lack in cutting leaves of new books as often. Who's next?

Rehearsal at El Centro

On next Sunday the 20th the young people are going to meet to practice some music for the Y. P. C. U. convention the 19th of November and we would be glad to have all who will take part in this to meet with us at El Centro at 3:00 p. m.

New Library Soon

The State travelling library which has been in use in El Centro was sent away to Sacramento this week. It will be replaced by another library probably in a week or two. It is expected that the new library will include some of the recent books of merit and will have 50 to 75 volumes.

Firemen Saved Creamery

The Holtville creamery had a narrow escape from being burned down about 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. An explosion in the engine room gave the flames a start in that part of the building but a company of volunteer firemen who saw the smoke came to the rescue in time to save the building. Aside from scorching the walls and roof little damage was done.

Bought Eighty Acres

Mr. J. F. Weeks, of Whittier, California, this week bought the Andrew N. Pearson 80 acres, two miles north of town. Mr. Weeks who is a merchant in his home town, has spent considerable time looking over the valley for a place to suit him. The price he paid was \$70 per acre, which, considering the excellent quality of the land and the fine location is very reasonable. Mr. Pearson expects to leave soon on a visit to his home in Minnesota.

Forrester's Latest

E. E. Forrester had another novelty for El Centroans this week in the form of a sugar cane twelve feet high and weighing eight pounds. A few days ago he cut one which was fourteen feet high and sent it to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Later he intends to send a sample of the cane to the government station at Berkeley to find out what percentage of sugar it contains. Sugar cane will undoubtedly thrive in this country. Mr. Forrester has about forty stalks in one hill. Mr. Forrester also states that he has been eating some very fine string beans which were planted the first of September. Getting string beans on the table in less than six weeks from the time they were planted is quite an achievement even for Imperial valley.

Will Stay in Valley

Percy L. Hedrick, Civil Engineer, who recently located in Holtville has received an offer of the first assistant engineer in the Department of Public Works, Havana, but has declined the offer and will remain in Imperial valley. Mr. Hedrick is a graduate of Cornell University was at one time city engineer of Mason City, Iowa and later engaged with the Illinois Central railroad upon location work. In 1903 he accepted a position as sanitary engineer with the McCormick division of the International Harvester Co. A year later as a result of a successfully passed civil service examination Mr. Hedrick was chosen Chief Sanitary Inspector for the city of Chicago which position he held until recently when an appellate court decision made a new appointment necessary. In connection with his work at Chicago Mr. Hedrick inspected the Union stock yards and the allied

slaughtering and rendering plants and under his orders \$750,000 was expended for sanitary improvements. Mr. Hedrick believes in Imperial valley and its future and has decided to permanently locate here.

Y. P. C. U. Picnic

Young people, are you remembering the picnic that the Y. P. C. U. of Imperial Valley are going to give the 26th of this month? Get up a good crowd from your vicinity and come with a filled basket and get acquainted with the other young people of Imperial Valley.

Beckwith-Souder

Edward Beckwith and Miss Etta Souder, of El Centro, were united in marriage last Tuesday by Judge Cole of the Superior court. Tuesday evening the newly married couple entertained a party of 50 friends at the bride's brother's, Joseph Souder, about two miles east of El Centro. Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith will live near El Centro.

New Canal on West Side

The contract for building the canal system for Water Companies 6 and 8, awarded a week ago in Los Angeles, calls for the expenditure of \$90,000 and 900 animals and 300 men will be engaged on the work. The contract was let to the Hollywood Building, Realty and Grading Company and it provided that the work must be completed by January 10, in default of which the company must forfeit \$250 a day. Through the building of this canal, the development of the country west of New river will take on great activity, for the irrigation of farms in districts 6 and 8 will not only be resumed but there will be a large part of what has been known as No. 9 district brought under irrigation for the first time.

The Davis Trial

The trial of M. B. Davis on the charge of selling intoxicating liquors to a minor, which had been tried once before Judge Hoffman at Calexico, came up for trial before Judge Webb in the local Justice's Court in Holtville last week, having been

transferred from Judge Hoffman's court. Davis was represented by Judge F. C. Farr, of Imperial and C. L. Brown, Esq., of Yuma, while the interests of the State were looked after by John M. Eshelman, District Attorney. The following jury was impanelled: W. A. Hoyt, Purdy Hart, Ben Humphreys, William Allen, John Toll, H. J. Messenger, R. S. Strain, D. C. Patton and Frank Morris. After a few hours of fruitless balloting the jury reported unable to agree and were discharged. It is reported that the jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction. It is stated that the case will not be pressed any farther.

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