

## POSTAL BUSINESS GROWS

More Figures Indicative of the Marvellous Growth of the County Seat

A few weeks ago figures showing that the business at El Centro's postoffice had doubled in only a few months were published in the Press. The prediction made at that time that the ratio of increase would continue has already been verified. A year ago a clerk in Postmaster Brown's store was able to handle the postoffice business easily as a side issue. Now there's so much business that one of the most efficient postoffice men in California, is unable to take care of all the business, and on Wednesday of this week another clerk was added to the force. A third man will be available at times, so that adequate provision has been made for the prompt handling of outgoing mail and the speedy delivery of incoming mail.

The postoffice was established in October, 1905. During the first quarter of its existence the receipts were \$29.85. A year later, for the corresponding quarter in 1906, the receipts were \$261.50. During the same period this year the receipts have been more than \$800. The number of registered packages sent out from the office has increased in a few months from 273 to 886. It is estimated that fully 1,000 people are served from the El Centro postoffice. This is significant when it is taken into consideration that El Centro probably had a population of less than 200 in August.

### A PROGRESSIVE CHURCH

Methodists of El Centro Increase Membership and Organize New Societies

At the first quarterly conference of the El Centro Methodist Episcopal church, held Sunday, Dec. 15, by Rev. Dr. Pitner, presiding elder of the San Diego district, it was announced that in the past two months the church had taken in twenty new members. An Epworth League has been organized with all of its departments in good working order; a junior league, numbering 23 members is in a flourishing condition; a Sunday School, consisting of six classes with 53 in attendance, has grown from a small beginning and a Ladies' Aid has been organized to add to the effectiveness of the work of the church.

These are some of the indications of progress. Others are the building of living rooms for the pastor's family, installing electric lights in the church, piping water to the parsonage and the erection of a barn.

Dr. Pitner was greeted by a good audience on the occasion of this his first official visit to the valley, and his sermon was listened to with appreciation.

### At the Methodist Church

Mrs. O. L. Snow will speak at 11 a. m. Subject "Walking;" Mrs. B. L. Strange will lead the league at 6:30 p. m.; subject "The Birth of a King." The pastor, O. L. Snow will speak at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Christ of God." Church one block west of school house. All are cordially invited to these services.

For any ordinary diseases of the skin Chamberlain's Salve is excellent. It not only allays the itching and smarting but effects a cure. For sale by El Centro Drug Store.

Durham's new stock of candies keeps true to his rule that everything shall be clean and good.

For quick action list your lands with V. E. Stockwell & Co. El Centro. 30tf

Teller sells Singer sewing machines. P. O. building, Imperial. 24tf

## Ordinance No. 7 (Amended)

An ordinance to promote the horticultural interests of Imperial county, California, and providing for the inspection and destruction of insect pests and providing restrictions upon the Importation of Cuttings, etc., and providing punishment for the violation hereof.

The Board of Supervisors of Imperial County, State of California, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. No person or persons, firm or corporation, either as owner, agent, factor, broker, servant, or other employe, shall bring for delivery or cause to be brought for delivery, into the County of Imperial, from any other place or places without said County of Imperial, any trees, plants, vines, shrubs, scions, cuttings, buds or grafts, boxes, ladders, props, picking sacks, tools or other appliances which have been used in orchards or in connection with the handling or transportation of trees, plants, vines, shrubs, scions, cuttings, buds or grafts, without giving written notice of their arrival at their destination within twenty-four hours thereafter, and prior to their removal from said point of destination, to the Horticultural Commissioners of said county, or to the local inspector of the district into which the same are brought; nor shall either the persons, parties or corporations above named remove the same from the place of their destination until inspected as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Any person, or persons, corporation or corporations, mentioned in Section 1 of this ordinance, who shall ship or bring, or cause to be shipped or brought into Imperial County, California, any trees, cuttings, buds, grafts, shrubs, or plants, shall have placed upon or securely attached to each package, box, or separate parcel of such articles a distinct mark or label showing the name of the agent, owner, or shipper, the name of the grower, and the place where grown.

Section 3. Upon receiving the notification mentioned in Section 1 hereof, or any other information, of such importation, the Horticultural Commission, or the local inspector receiving the same, shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, carefully inspect the article, reference to which notice was served or information received.

If it appears that the importation is of shrubs, scions, cuttings, grafts, or buds, and that the same were grown outside of the State of California infested with the white fly (aleyrodes citri), red spider (tetranychus Mytilaspidis), red scale (aspidiotus aurantii), yellow scale (aspidiotus citrinus), purple scale (Mytilaspidis citricola), or any other injurious insects, not prevalent, it shall be the duty of the Horticultural Commission to at once cause the same to be destroyed.

If it appears that the importation is of boxes, ladders, props, picking sacks, tools or other appliances which have been used in orchards or in connection with the handling or transportation of trees, plants, vines, shrubs, scions, cuttings, buds or grafts from any place infested with the white fly, red spider, red scale, yellow scale or purple scale, or if it shall appear that the transportation of the same is from one district which is infested with the red spider, red scale, yellow scale or purple scale, or any other injurious insect within said county to another district within said county, then it shall be the duty of the Horticultural Commission to cause the same to be disinfected by a thorough fumigation with cyanide of potassium.

Section 4. If it shall appear that the importation, notice of which is required to be given by Section 1 hereof, consists of grape vines, scions, rootings, grafts, buds or cuttings, from any grape vine grown in or shipped from any infested district shall immediately be destroyed.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful to sell any vines, cuttings, rootings, grafts, scions or buds imported from any district, except upon the written permit of the Board of Horticultural Commissioners, stating that said plants have been inspected and treated as hereinbefore provided, and that the same did not come from any infested district and are free from insect pests.

Section 5 A— It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company, or corporation, etc. to import into Imperial County, any vines, shrubs, scions, cuttings, grafts, buds, citrus trees, scions or buds, from north of the north line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties, of the State of California, or from the states of Florida or Louisiana.

The provisions of this section do not apply to shipments from any lawfully authorized state farm or agricultural school, or United States Experiment Station, or Agricultural School or College.

Section 6. The Horticultural Commission shall adopt such rules in relation to application for permits provided for in the preceding sections as in their judgment may be necessary.

Section 7. Every person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the County Jail not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after the 26th day of December, 1907, and a copy thereof shall be printed and published in the Imperial Valley Press, a newspaper printed and published in said

Imperial County, for one issue before said date.

Passed, approved and adopted this 10th day of December, 1907.

F. S. WEBSTER

Chairman Board of Supervisors of Imperial County, State of California.

The above Ordinance was adopted by the following vote. Ayes:

Supervisor Sidney McHarg voting yes.  
Supervisor R. H. Clark voting yes.  
Supervisor F. S. Webster voting yes.  
Supervisor Porter N. Ferguson voting yes.

Supervisor G. R. Wade voting yes.  
Attest my hand and seal of the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County, this 10th day of December, 1907.

[SEAL] D. S. ELDER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County, State of California.

### To Let

If you want to raise cantaloupes, grapes or any kind of early vegetables in the Imperial Valley, see the California Mexico Land & Cattle Co. about renting lands for these purposes. They have the very best land for early maturing and will give you a chance to make most of the money. Call or address California Mexico Land & Cattle Co., Calexico, Cal. 34tf

### For Pepper Trees

Send Postal Order

A. Harpold, Colton, Cal.

2 to 2 1-2 feet high	7c
2 1-2 to 3 " "	8c
3 to 3 1-2 " "	9c
3 1-2 to 4 " "	11c
4 to 4 1-2 " "	14c

Arizona Ash, 6 to 8 feet, 20c.

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Real Estate and Investments

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### Something New

Our 1907 crop of Bermuda onion seed is due to arrive in a few days. Send in your orders at once. Price delivered at your postoffice:

Crystal Wax	per lb.	\$4.00
White Bermuda	"	2.50
Red	"	2.25

JOHNSON & MUSSER SEED CO.

113 N. Main Street Los Angeles, Cal.

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El Centro's New Open Air Dance Hall and Skating Rink Now Open to the Public.

The Town's Chief Pleasure Resort. Affords the Best of Enjoyment Without Objectionable Features.

Open Mornings 6 to 10

" Afternoons 4 to 6

" Evenings 8 to 10

Until October 15 admission and skating will be FREE TO LADIES mornings and afternoons.

### Sunset Pavilion

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Lindsey, Allen & Wagner

Offices Room 1, Covert Blk., Riverside, Cal. 105 S. Broadway, Los Angeles.

## The Land Office Records

Show the title to 90 per cent. of the land in Imperial County.

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El Centro, Cal.

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All accommodations extended to customers consistent with Conservative Banking Business

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On Two Year Deposits We Pay 7 Per Cent.--On Three Year Deposits, 8 Per Cent.

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All the money deposited with us and an equal amount in addition from the home office will be immediately available as loans to home builders of Imperial county.

Help yourself by starting a savings bank account where it will draw a good rate of interest and be absolutely safe.

Help your town and county by making it possible to build attractive homes.

For full information, see or write A. P. Nuffer, El Centro, Cal.