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SCHOOL FUNDS

Part Payment By San Diego to Imperial County

Unexplained Hold-Out of Road and General Fund and Money Due to the State. Apportionment of Money to School Districts.

County Treasurer Boman has received from San Diego, and stowed away in a safe that looks like the breech of a fourteen-inch gun, a sack containing \$16,765.59 in coin. This is the apportioned school money due the school districts of Imperial County, and the districts can now pay teachers' salaries and other obligations so far as the money goes. Apportionment to the general funds of the districts is as follows: Alamo \$51.62; Brawley \$253.34; Calexico \$97.38; Central \$33.32; Colorado \$52.41; East Side \$52.44; Elder \$154.29; Heber \$300.99; Holtville \$74.68; Imperial \$848.67; Jasper \$5.24; Silsbee \$135.66; Spruce \$19.27; Sunset Valley 81 cents; High School \$1298.73. In addition Brawley gets \$115.22 special fund, \$405.60 bond and sinking. Calexico gets \$838.19 bond and sinking fund. El Centro \$418.70 special fund and \$3.91 building fund. Holtville \$1494.24 building fund, \$101.35 bond. Imperial, \$373.73 special, \$5,540 building and \$2626.85 bond and sinking. Silsbee, \$29.14 building, \$1080.79 bond. The old districts get an aggregate of \$460.22 in library funds. The new districts do not share in this money.

For reasons not given, San Diego still holds out \$6,976, due to Imperial County according to the report of the Commissioners. Of that amount \$722.28 is unapportioned school money, \$1,834.81 belongs to the road fund and \$4,418.97 to the general fund. San Diego also retains \$1,265.47 due to the State. No explanation of the hold-out has been given, and there appears to be no reason for treating the roads and general funds differently from the school fund. The State Controller asked Treasurer Boman why the amount due the State had not been forwarded, and the Treasurer replied that it was locked up in San Diego. What the Controller said about the action of San Diego was not intended for publication.

HEAD UNDER THE HAT

Circumstances Overlooked by The William Tell of Mesquite Lake

It is doubtful that William Tell would have acquired an immortal reputation as a fancy marksman if he had attempted to show off before the tyrant Gesler and taken a shot at the apple with a scatter gun. Luckily for William, and more luckily for the boy, the Swiss had refrained from inventing shotguns up to the period of the patriot's celebrated archery stunt.

Mr. James Owens, of Mesquite Lake, is something of a Wild West shootist, but he made rather a bad mess of his imitation of William Tell last Sunday. Mr. Owens proclaimed his ability to perform remarkable feats with a gun, and Mr. E. Sturgill scoffed at his skill, intimating pretty

plainly that Mr. Owens could not hit a barn if he were inside with closed doors.

"I can shoot the hat off your head," boasted Mr. Owens.

"Huh! You can't hit nothing. Bet the drinks you don't hit my hat," and Mr. Sturgill shoved his sombrero back to offer a tempting mark.

"You're on," rejoined Mr. Owens, and forgetting that a shotgun has a propensity to take in quite a scope of country, he threw up his gun and blazed away.

Mr. Sturgill lost the bet and also a piece of his skull, to the great chagrin of the marksman. There was a head under the hat, and shotguns do scatter to beat the band.

The surgeons have hopes of Sturgill's recovery, and the William Tell of Mesquite Lake is doing as well as could be expected.

Beware of Frequent Colds

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention which it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Some one told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by El Centro Drug Store.

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Water Company Management

Considerable wire pulling is being done by men who are anxious to become prominent in the management of the business of Water Company No. 1.

I am a farmer who has no ax to grind and no desire to mix in county seat politics, and it seems to me that in endeavoring to gain advantage for either El Centro or Imperial the welfare of waterusers has become a secondary consideration.

The prosperity of all the towns depends on the farming interests, and the success of these interests rests upon the proper supply, distribution, and use of water.

The facts are so evident that to call attention to them would be unnecessary, except that sentiment and politics are now swaying the nominees for directors in the forthcoming election. Instead of asking whether a candidate for director favors El Centro or Imperial as a place to sell his products and purchase his supplies, the question should be whether or not the man is able and honest.

A candidate for director should be a man respected and trusted by his neighbors, a man who resorts to no subterfuge to evade the payment of his just debts. Should not honesty and a decent regard for the truth be considered necessary qualifications for every candidate who may reasonably hope to get the votes and support of his neighbors? Together with honesty should be combined good business ability. Among the stockholders of No. 1 are many careful, able, and successful farmers,—men who stand as good business men in any community, in which they might locate, and men of this character should be chosen directors.

Every man whose heart is in the right place rejoices in the prosperity of the men who came in with nothing and honestly made good, but the continued prosperity of all classes of farmers depends to a great extent upon the character of the incoming board. No. 1 can afford no experiments. The best men should be elected without reference to locality. The fact that a man lives in the right place should count for nothing unless he is the right man.

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Mr. Rancher, just a minute! A neighbor of ours sent to Chicago for a watch. It was a 15 jeweled Waltham, and he brought it to me and asked what the value of it was. He said he paid \$8.45 for it and when I told him that I sold that grade of watch of the Jeweler's quality at \$7.50, he did not look very pleased.

I have worked in watch factories and also some of the largest jewelry stores, both in England and America, and know what I am talking about when I am talking about watches.

"The superintendent of a large watch factory, while instructing his classifier, holds in his hands two watches which, in appearance, are exactly the same, but there is a great difference. Watch No. 1 is as nearly perfect as human skill can make it, and is sold only through the jewelers and cannot be sold for less than \$25. While watch No. 2 looks to be the same as No. 1, there is an imperfection. It is true that it has the same number of jewels and all other parts, but you see that some of the jewels are faulty, the pivots don't fit their jewels and the springs are imperfect. It has been handled roughly and to make it perfect would cost about as much as it would to build a new one out and out, and if sent to a jeweler it would come back. So, as a matter of course, it is money for the factory to class it 'second' or 'discontinued,' sell it to the mail order department of the catalogue house at one-third less than the first quality or watch No. 1, or at a discount of \$8.50. The factory has nothing further to do with this watch. The mail order house is at liberty to sell it for what they choose. As a matter of fact, the mail order house proceeds to catalogue it and sell it to those unaware of the tricks of the trade and who live thousands of miles away."

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