

WEST SIDE CANAL NOW COMPLETED

WATER AVAILABLE FOR THREE
DISTRICTS WEST OF NEW
RIVER.

Reclamation of More Than Hundred
Thousand Acres Possible if Main
Canal Does Not Fill Up With Silt
This Season.

Contractors completed work on the canal carrying water to districts west of New River, early this week, and water was turned in at Sharp's heading on Wednesday night. This restores the irrigation system of the west side of Imperial Valley and makes possible the reclamation and cultivation of about 45,000 acres in districts 6, 8 and 9, lying west of Calexico, El Centro and Imperial, and about 65,000 acres west and northwest of Brawley. Whether or not sufficient water for all the territory will be available depends upon the extent to which the intake and main canal silt up in consequence of the attempt to check waste and control the system at the headgate on the river.

At the annual meeting of Water Company No. 9, held on Wednesday, the following named directors were elected: M. Schlatter, H. V. Thompson, E. E. Bennett, D. Davison, E. Lyons, H. A. F. Miller and B. McDonald.

The directors organized by the election of E. E. Bennett as president, H. V. Thompson as vice president, and H. A. F. Miller, secretary and treasurer.

The directors were instructed to open negotiations with the California Development Company with a view to securing water for irrigation purposes as soon as possible.

No. 9 water company occupies a strip of land lying between Nos. 6 and 8, where water has never been applied and for which no provision has been made for irrigation. The land under the No. 8 canal has all been filed on.

MEXICAN BOUNDARY

Negotiations for Correction May Affect
Colorado River Questions.

Discussing the report that negotiations affecting the boundary along the Rio Grande are in progress between the United States and Mexico, the San Diego Union says:

"It will be hoped that if such negotiations are pending, they are more comprehensive in scope than is indicated in the dispatch, and it appears reasonable to believe that they are. It certainly seems improbable that if there is to be a revision of the boundary, it will be limited to the Rio Grande. The line could be changed at other points, with advantage to the United States and at least without detriment to Mexico. The use of the waters of the Colorado for irrigation in the United States has already occasioned complications with Mexico, the stream being held navigable, and these might probably be removed by changes in the boundary that would not involve transfer of territory of much present value.

"The old treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which fixed the boundary, made it rather indefinite from the point where it left the Rio Grande near Rincon and followed the Gila to its confluence with the Colorado. To rectify the line and make it definite, the United States sent Gen. Gadsden of North Carolina to make a new boundary treaty with Santa Anna, who was the president of Mexico in 1853. The result was what is known as "The Gadsden purchase," by which the United States acquired for the sum of \$16,000,000 an irregularly-shaped piece of land that zigzags all the way from El Paso to Yuma and thence follows the original line to the Pacific ocean. It was the intention of the United States to run the line due west from El Paso, with the view of acquiring the northern bight of the gulf of California and controlling the mouth of the Colorado river. When this country paid for Gadsden's purchase it was supposed that he had accomplished this. But he was a man unskilled in diplomacy and ignorant of the Spanish language. The region covered by the treaty was then as unknown as darkest Africa and so the United States missed the chief value for which it paid the cunning Santa Anna a large sum. Had the line run as was supposed when the treaty was made, there would be no question be-

tween Mexico and the United States as to the use by the latter of the waters of the Colorado for irrigation. As it is, there is an international issue, although not an acute one. The fact that negotiations as to the boundary line are now in progress, strongly suggests that the treaty when completed may remove the complications as to the Colorado.

"A solution of the difficulty, it has often been suggested, would be the transfer to the United States of a strip of territory lying between Nogales and the gulf and a portion of Lower California below Tia Juana. This would make the boundary what the United States thought it was when it agreed to Gen. Gadsden's deal. It would place the mouth of the Colorado within United States territory, as was originally contemplated, and render impossible any future controversy between Mexico and this country in reference to the use of the waters of that stream. Nor does it appear that Mexico could with reason object to such a course. It would not be an alienation of territory in the sense in which that term is commonly used—it would simply be a rectification of a boundary blunder of half a century ago. Incidentally such procedure, if taken, would throw into San Diego county a portion of Lower California.

"It is quite safe to assume that any negotiations now in progress with Mexico are the direct result of the visit which Secretary Root paid to the sister republic last autumn. It would certainly be very strange had he tentatively arranged for a settlement of boundary questions as affecting the Rio Grande, and not with respect to the rest of the line between the two countries."

COLONISTS COMING.

Idaho Syndicate Will Bring Farmers to
Imperial Valley.

State Senator C. C. Moore of St. Anthony, Idaho, who represents a syndicate of wealthy Idaho men who expect to locate in Southern California, has left for the East. Before his departure, says the Los Angeles Times, he stated that he expected to close a deal shortly for a large tract of the Imperial Valley. He visited various places during his travels in the State, and was favorably impressed with the agricultural possibilities of the Imperial section.

If the tract under consideration can be secured at a reasonable figure, it is the purpose of Moore and his associates to organize a colonization scheme in Idaho. The members of the syndicate are confident that many of the practical farmers of the Middle West can be induced to migrate to a section where it is summer all the year, and crops grow in a way unknown to the eastern rancher.

MELON GROWERS UNITE.

Plan to Bring All Associations Together for Mutual Benefit.

The directors of the Heber Fancy Melon Growers' Association have suggested to other associations in the valley the organization of a central body, composed of representatives of all the organizations of shippers, and the plan is being considered favorably. By united action, the growers probably could secure concessions and benefits which might be denied to associations acting independently. The central body could promote the interests of all growers and shippers in many ways and systematize the business of packing and shipping by cooperating with distributors.

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The first annual session of the Teachers' Institute of Imperial County, will be held at El Centro on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 10, 11 and 12. All teachers are requested by law to be present at each and every session thereof.

As the number of teachers in the county is limited, a full attendance is desired, and no excuses for non-attendance will be entertained.

School officers and all others interested in the cause of education are cordially invited to be present.

Many eminent educators from outside the county will be present to take part in the proceedings.

J. E. CARR,
Co. Supt. Schools.

NOTICE.

Because it is impossible to allow waste of water down the Alamo or New River channels, as has been done in the past, it will be necessary to have all orders for water in this office two and one-half days previous to the time on which it is to be delivered.

E. R. BAKER,
Secretary.

FREE GARDEN SEED.

A consignment of vegetable seeds has been received by the Press from Senator Frank P. Flint and is ready for free distribution. Each package contains five varieties. Anyone who desires to start a vegetable garden may obtain seeds by calling at this office.

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