

**COURT HOUSE SITE
GIVEN TO COUNTY**

**OFFER OF LAND NORTH OF CITY
ACCEPTED BY BOARD.**

**Tract of Ten Acres Chosen and Plans
for Beautifying Grounds Discussed
—Petitions for Appointment of
Highway Commission Presented.**

Consideration of various road projects, accepting of easements and declaring roads public highways occupied considerable time during the two days' session of the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County at El Centro Monday and Tuesday; but probably the matter of most general interest was that of accepting a site for the permanent courthouse.

At the session on July 6 all the members were present with the exception of Sidney McHarg, who is absent on his wedding trip.

The County Recorder, Tax Collector and Assessor were appointed a committee to purchase a suitable safe for their county records. The safe is to be purchased through Herbert D. Field, and is not to cost more than \$500.

Courthouse Site.

A proposition was made by Arthur Shepherd, E. A. Perkiss, R. L. Greer, Earl F. Hart, E. M. Adams and Ira Aten offering to donate to the county ten acres, composed of the southwest quarter of the Hull Tract, the southeast quarter of the Clark Tract, and five acres of the Reid Tract directly south of these tracts, as a site for the permanent courthouse.

The board accepted the offer, provided that the adjacent property owners grant a thirty-foot easement around the property and that the owners procure a vacation of Sixth street through the property it is proposed to donate.

The board discussed the advisability, provided this offer is closed, of immediately employing a landscape gardener to prepare plans for beautifying the new site, so that it might be well advanced by the time a new building is necessary.

In accordance with the provisions of the State law, the board convened as a Board of Equalization, and then adjourned to meet as such a board on July 23.

County Roads.

The morning session of the board on July 7 was devoted mainly to road matters.

The board authorized the publication in all of the county papers notice of the time and place of sittings of the Board of Equalization.

Road easements were accepted for the Superstition Mountain road, from J. C. Fortiner, Jr., Jens N. Vendel, Henry Ramsdell, C. Hauck and Alios Kocourek.

C. A. Dawdy was appointed Live Stock Inspector for the ensuing year. His previous reports were received and filed.

The Conser road was declared a public highway, and R. L. Wilson and John M. Witman were awarded \$1.00 each as damages. All other property owners along this line had presented easements for the road.

Easements were accepted for the Yount and Grove roads, and they were declared to be public highways.

The Ironwood road is but thirty feet wide, and it appears impossible at this time to acquire a wider strip. This thirty feet, however, has been in use as a public road for fully five years, so that it thus becomes public property. The board decided to declare it a public lane. It is two miles in length, reaching from section 11, township 15, range 14, to section 2, township 15, range 14.

Miscellaneous Business.

The board adopted a resolution providing that all citizens of Imperial county may use the county jail for keeping their prisoners, whenever in the judgment of the sheriff he can properly care for them, upon the terms that each city shall pay actual costs for keeping its prisoners.

The board decided to increase the daylight burglar insurance on the county treasury to \$100,000, subject to cancellation.

A proposed ordinance requiring the extermination of Johnson grass and other plant pests was read and taken under advisement.

W. A. Ebeheart tendered his resignation as justice of the peace for Hanlon Precinct. This was accepted and John M. Keer was appointed to this position.

Long & Newman's bond for court-

house construction was released and final payment was made on this contract. The board retained sufficient money to pay for necessary repairs on the courthouse roof.

The County Treasurer was instructed to transfer \$10,000 from funds now in the treasury to the contingent fund; also to credit road districts 2 and 3 with \$1000 each from funds now in the treasury, but which might be hereafter apportioned to said road districts.

Highway Commission.

Petitions, carrying 185 names, were presented to the board, asking that it appoint a County Highway Commission. These petitions came from Imperial, Holtville, Calexico, Heber and El Centro. In this connection a letter was filed from the El Centro Ten Thousand Club presenting a resolution requesting the board to consider as available candidates for positions on this board H. J. Messenger of Holtville and George A. Carter of El Centro. Both of these men have signified their willingness to serve in this capacity without pay if their services are desired.

The board took the matter under advisement until July 23, and will receive further petitions up to that time if other communities wish to be heard.

The board adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a. m. on July 24.

MELOLAND SOLD.

**Dr. Shepherd Disposes of His Ranch to
J. R. Loftus.**

The Shepherd ranch at Meloland, two miles west of Holtville on the line of the Interurban, with the store and packing house built by Dr. Shepherd, was sold this week to Jos. R. Loftus for \$44,000, part cash and part in other property and stock of the Heber Townsite Company.

The ranch comprises 280 acres, all under cultivation and is improved with dwellings and stock buildings. A large acreage was planted to cantaloupes this season by Dr. Shepherd, but just at the opening of the shipping season his packing shed and store were burned, adding difficulties in marketing the crop to the common troubles of melon growers. Mr. Loftus proposes to sow alfalfa over the whole ranch.

Dr. Shepherd will remain in charge of the property for the present. Before the transfer to Mr. Loftus, he had sold 40 acres to Harold Bell Wright, who has built a unique and comfortable home on his ranch and will be a farmer when he isn't writing novels and receipts for royalties.

WHAT ELECTRICITY WILL DO.

An enterprising engineer has figured out the number of things which can be accomplished with but one dollar's worth of electricity at 20 cents a kilowatt hour. Here are some of them: Light an ordinary barn or stable with three 16 candle power lamps, one hour every night, for thirty nights.

With a small motor attached to the washing machine and wringer, one dollar's worth of electricity will do eight washings.

It will also do two weeks' ironing, using a six-pound iron.

An electric fan can be operated three and one-half hours a day for thirty days for one dollar.

Two weeks' sewing can be done on the motor driven sewing machine for the same price.

It will light the porch light for three hours every night for two months.

One dollar will pay for the current consumed in using the electric heating pad three hours every night for thirty nights.

It will grind 1,125 pounds of coffee; broil 30 steaks; cook 20 rarebits in the electric chafing dish; fry 400 eggs.

It will run the blacksmith's forgewelder for a week.

It will hoist 2,000,000 bricks two stories.

A one-horse-power motor will run seven hours at full load for one dollar.

TWO RANCH SALES.

R. E. Jauman during the past week closed two sales of ranches. One of these, a tract of 171 acres, six miles east of Calexico, passes from the possession of H. E. Ringo to a Riverside capitalist. The purchase price was \$2250. Another, a tract of eighty acres, four miles northeast of El Centro, was sold by County Assessor Fred Fuller to Mr. Morey. The purchaser pays \$2650 for this eighty, and has also purchased an adjoining eighty acres.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Los Angeles, California, May 25, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Albert I. Baker, of El Centro, Cal., who, on July 1, 1904, made desert-land entry No. 2709, for S. 1/2 S. W. 1/4, Section 6, Township 16 S., Range 14 E., S. B. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of the Superior Court of Imperial County, at El Centro, Cal., on the 4th day of August, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: W. V. Baker, of El Centro, Cal.; W. F. Fleming, of El Centro, Cal.; Charles Toney, of Imperial, Cal.; Charles Cressey, of El Centro, Cal.

FRANK C. PRESCOTT,
Jun 27-Jul 24 Register.

**DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.—
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Los Angeles, California, June 16, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that John Yount, of Imperial, Cal., has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1543, for the N. 1/2 of N. W. 1/4, S. W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Section 21, Township 16 S., Range 15 E., S. B. M., before Register and Receiver at Los Angeles, California, on Monday, the 27th day of July, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Arthur Edgar, of Imperial, Cal.; Monroe Eady, of Imperial, Cal.; W. G. Record, of Heber, Cal.; Archie Priest, of Imperial, Cal.

Republication; proof offered Sept. 15, 1905. Protests must be filed by July 27, 1908.

FRANK C. PRESCOTT,
June 27-July 25. Register.

--- TIME TABLES ---

**Southern Pacific Railway Company.
NORTHBOUND.**

No. 503.
Leave Calexico 6:00 a. m.
" El Centro 6:24 "
" Imperial 6:40 "
" Brawley 7:10 "
" Junction 8:00 "

No. 505.
Leave Calexico 12:45 p. m.
" El Centro 1:09 "
" Imperial 1:25 "
" Brawley 1:55 "
" Junction 2:45 "

SOUTHBOUND.

No. 502.
Leave Junction 8:40 a. m.
" Brawley 9:25 "
" Imperial 9:52 "
" El Centro 10:10 "
" Calexico 10:40 "

No. 504.
Leave Junction 3:30 p. m.
" Brawley 4:15 "
" Imperial 4:42 "
" El Centro 5:00 "
" Calexico 5:30 "

**Holton Inter-Urban Railway Company.
Effective March 23, 1908.**

WEEK DAYS.

Westbound.
No. 1—Leave Holtville 5:30 a. m.
No. 3—Leave Holtville 12:20 p. m.
No. 5—Leave Holtville 4:15 p. m.

Eastbound.
No. 2—Leave El Centro 7:20 a. m.
No. 4—Leave El Centro 1:30 p. m.
No. 6—Leave El Centro 5:30 p. m.

Trains Nos. 1 and 2 carry freight. Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6, motor car service.

SUNDAYS.

Westbound.
No. 1—Leave Holtville 10:15 a. m.
No. 3—Leave Holtville 4:15 p. m.

Eastbound.
No. 2—Leave El Centro 12:35 p. m.
No. 4—Leave El Centro 5:30 p. m.

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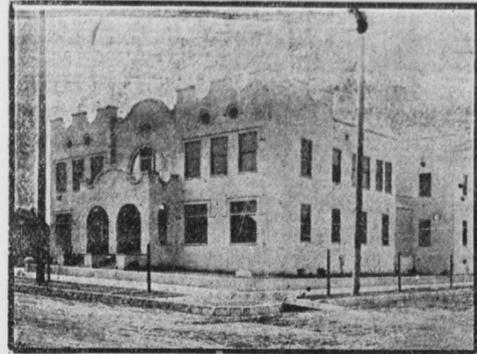
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