

APHIS DESTROYERS COME.

Millions of Lady Bugs Set at Liberty in Imperial Valley.

Millions of lady bugs have been turned loose in Imperial Valley the past two weeks, to make vigorous war on the melon aphids. It is expected that the depredations of this army of lady bugs will keep the aphids pest down to a condition where the cantaloupe growers will note but little damage to plants.

This was one of the practical results of the recent visit of the demonstration train. Prof. Edward K. Carnes, who is in charge of the insectary of the University of California, and who accompanied the party on this train, brought the supply of bugs to the valley and liberated quantities of them at each stopping place.

He states that placing the lady bugs in this field at such an early stage will be of great benefit to the melon and vegetable growers, as the bugs will at once begin the attack on the larvae of the aphids, at which period they get in their most effective work. Prof. Carnes talked very interestingly of these bugs while in El Centro, and is enthusiastic over the results possible to attain if care is given the project of bringing in supplies of them at regular periods. As the lady bugs subsist principally on the aphids it is likely they will die during the summer months, and next year a new stock will have to be brought in and set at liberty throughout the valley.

The bugs can be gathered by the quart in the northern sections of the Pacific Coast and Mr. Carnes believes that the valley ranchers would do well to provide for the gathering of large quantities, which could be secured simply for the cost of gathering and the expressage.

The insects which were liberated here were gathered in northern Washington, where they hibernate for the winter months. It is said that in some parts of that country the ground for acres is covered with these bugs, and sometimes are found in piles two and three feet deep.

Prof. Carnes says: "I have seen the ground for acres in some places simply red with lady bugs. They have a peculiar means of keeping warm, by piling in great heaps. The insects on the outside become chilled and start to burrow into the pile, and this crowds out those at the bottom of the heap. When they strike the cold air they in turn begin to burrow in, and by this continual struggle enough heat is generated to sustain them until spring arrives."

"The bugs could be gathered by men in the north who will work for \$1.75 per day, and the expressage on a large quantity would not be heavy. I shall be glad to give any information I can to anyone interested in securing a further supply of these aphid destroyers for the Imperial Valley, and letters for me may be addressed to Sacramento."

No particular care was given the bugs when they were liberated as it is believed they will at once begin their search for food on any vegetable growth which is covered with aphids.

RUSH OF COLONISTS.

Great Movement of Homeseekers and Tourists to California.

A dispatch from Chicago says the colonist traffic to California this season promises to be about equal to that of 1907, which was the heaviest on record.

During the spring of 1905 this movement amounted to 39,000 persons; in the following year it was 33,000; in 1907 there were 48,000 persons who took advantage of the low rates to get to the Pacific Coast, and last year there were 23,500, the depressed times serving to keep people at home. The spring of 1907 was the best in the history of the country.

Last year the roads increased the rate, and this action also had the effect of reducing the amount of travel. This year the roads have lowered the rate to the basis of 1907, and the effect has been that the entire movement promises to be nearly double that of last year.

EARLY APRICOTS.

E. E. Forrester brought to The Press office, last week, a twig from one of his apricot trees on his ranch, west of El Centro, that was set with twenty apricots as large as marbles. The twig was sent to Los Angeles for the Imperial county display. Mr. Forrester has a half acre set to these trees, of the Blenheim variety, and all are set so full that they will have to be thinned out.

BUYS VALLEY HAY.

The bid of J. C. Benton, of El Centro, to furnish fifty tons of alfalfa hay to the Reclamation Project headquarters at Yuma has been accepted by Francis L. Sellow, Project Engineer.

EL CENTRO METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7:30.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services are regularly held in the Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. every Sunday. Sunday School begins at 10 a. m. F. B. Fraser, Pastor.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Services are held at 10 a. m. on Sundays as follows:
El Centro, 1st Sunday.
Brawley, 2nd Sunday.
El Centro (Imperial), 3rd Sunday.
Calixto, 4th Sunday.
Holtville, 5th Sunday.
For sick calls, call at Priest's residence in El Centro.
H. EUMMELEN, Rector.

HEBER CHURCH SERVICES

Card of services of Congregational Church.
Sabbath School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Young People's Meeting, 7 p. m.
Mid-week Prayer Service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Robert Leroy Glasby, Pastor.
R. C. Moorehouse, S. S. Superintendent.
F. E. Hamilton, President of C. E. Society.
Strangers made welcome to all services.

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NOTICE OF THE SALE OF SCHOOL BONDS FOR THE JASPER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the County Treasurer of Imperial County, California, will receive sealed bids until 8 o'clock p. m. of the 3rd day of April, 1909, at his office in the Court House of Imperial County, California, at El Centro, California, for the purchase of the following described bonds of the Jasper School District, duly and regularly issued by the Board of Supervisors on the 1st day of March, 1909:

Bond No. 1. For five hundred dollars, to run two years, due and payable on the 1st day of March, 1911, with seven per cent interest from date of issue, payable semi-annually.

Bond No. 2. For five hundred dollars, to run three years, due and payable on the 1st day of March, 1912, with seven per cent interest from date of issue, payable semi-annually.

Bond No. 3. For five hundred dollars, to run four years, due and payable on the 1st day of March, 1913, with seven per cent interest from date of issue, payable semi-annually.

Bond No. 4. For five hundred dollars, to run five years, due and payable on the 1st day of March, 1914, with seven per cent interest from date of issue, payable semi-annually.

Bond No. 5. For five hundred dollars, to run six years, due and payable on the 1st day of March, 1915, with seven per cent interest from date of issue, payable semi-annually.

Said bonds shall be sold to the highest bidder or bidders therefor by the County Treasurer of Imperial County, California, for not less than par. All bids shall be for the purchase of said bonds as soon as they shall be ready for delivery. Each bid shall be accompanied by a check, certified by a responsible bank, for five per cent of par value of bonds, payable to the County Treasurer of Imperial County, California, as an assurance that the bidder will take so much of the bonds as he shall bid for, and will pay the price therefor should the bonds be awarded to him. Upon the delivery of and payment for said bonds to the amount awarded to such bidder, his certified check or checks will be returned to the bidder.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County.
PAUL BOMAN,
48-5t Treasurer of Imperial County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of J. J. Teller, deceased.
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of J. J. Teller, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said Administrator at the Law Office of Conkling & Brown, in El Centro, Imperial County, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said County of Imperial.
March 9th, 1909.
E. E. FORRESTER,
Administrator of the Estate of J. J. Teller, deceased.

LOCAL MARKET PRICES

Selling Figures for General Produce and Live Stock As Revised by El Centro Business Houses.

As a matter of general interest, The Press gives below the prices current in the local market, as revised by El Centro Business Houses. These figures are the selling prices to consumers: Centro business men, and this may be taken as indicative of general prices prevailing throughout the Imperial Valley.

Creamery firsts, butter, lb.	40c
2-lb roll.	80c
Eggs, ranch, doz.	25c
California cheese	20c
Eastern cheese	25c
Celery, head.	10c
Lettuce, dozen	50c
Radish, dozen	50c
Dry onions, 6 lbs.	25c
Cabbage	5c
Cucumbers, 2 for	5c
Carrots, bunch	10c
Turnips, bunch	5c
Sweet potatoes, lb.	3c
Egg plant, lb.	7 1/2c
Bell pepper, lb.	10c
Dry Chili pepper, lb.	25c
Pears, lb.	5c
Apples, box.	\$1.75 to \$2.25
Pineapples, lb.	10c
Guavas, lb.	5c
Bananas, doz.	30c
Cranberries.	20c
Tomatoes, fancy, lb.	10c
Green chili	10c
Potatoes, sack, 100 lbs.	\$3.00
Cracked corn, 100 lb.	\$2.20
Feed meal, 100 lb.	\$2.20
Wheat, re-cleaned, 100 lb.	\$2.75
Kaffir corn, 100 lb.	\$2.00
Corn, per 100 lb.	\$2.10
Rolled barley, per ton	\$37.00
Rolled barley, per sack	1.60
Shorts, per ton	\$37.00
Bran, heavy white, per ton	\$36.00
Bran, sack	\$1.75
Wood, mesquite, per cord	\$9.00
Coal, soft, per ton	\$13.00

Prof. H. A. Howell, of Havana, Cuba, Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"As long ago as I can remember my mother was a faithful user and friend of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, but never in my life have I realized its true value until now," writes Prof. H. A. Howell, of Howell's American School, Havana, Cuba. "On the night of February 3rd our baby was taken sick with a very severe cold; the next day was worse and the following night his condition was desperate. He could not lie down and it was necessary to have him in the arms every moment. Even then his breathing was difficult. I did not think he would live until morning. At last I thought of my mother's remedy, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which we gave, and it afforded prompt relief, and now three days later, he has fully recovered. Under the circumstances I would not hesitate a moment in saying that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and that only, saved the life of our dear little boy." For sale by Dunaway & Lowe, Druggists.

CERTIFICATE FOR BANKING No. 9349.

Treasury Department, Office of Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., February 17, 1909.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that THE EL CENTRO NATIONAL BANK in the City of El Centro, in the County of Imperial and State of California, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking:

Now, therefore, I, Lawrence O. Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that THE EL CENTRO NATIONAL BANK in the City of El Centro, in the County of Imperial, and State of California, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this seventeenth day of February, 1909.
LAWRENCE O. MURRAY,
47-7t Comptroller of the Currency.

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of D. P. Duncan, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said Administrator at the Law Office of Conkling & Brown, in El Centro, Imperial County, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said County of Imperial.
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City Clerk—F. G. Havens.
City Treasurer—R. E. Jauman.
City Attorney—M. W. Conkling.
City Marshal—C. A. Bradford.
City Recorder—J. F. Tout.

OFFICERS OF IMPERIAL COUNTY.

Supervisors—F. B. Webster, Sydney McHarg, R. H. Clark, Porter N. Ferguson, G. R. Wade.
Judge of the Superior Court—Franklin J. Cole.
District Attorney—John M. Behlman.
County Clerk—D. S. Elder.
County Treasurer—Paul Boman.
County Auditor—C. P. McClelland.
County Assessor—Fred Fuller.
County Tax Collector—E. G. Wright.
County Surveyor—E. H. Gaines.
County Recorder—John B. Baker.
County Supt. of Schools—J. E. Carr.
County Sheriff—Moble Meadows.
County Coroner—T. J. Mitchell.
County Health Officer—Virgil McCombs.
Asst. Health Officer—E. H. Sherman.
Public Administrator—E. E. Forrester.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL.)
To L. C. Pendell:
You are hereby notified that I have expended \$100.00 in labor and improvements upon the Pure Truck No. 1 Lode Mining Claim in order to hold said premises under the provisions of Section 2324 Revised Statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the same for the year ending December 31st, 1908, and if within 90 days after this notice by publication, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned under said Section 2324 Revised Statutes of the United States.
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TIME TABLE.

HOLTON INTER-URBAN RAILWAY
Effective November 12th, 1908
West Bound
No. 1 Leave Holtville*5:15 a. m.
No. 2 Leave Holtville12:30 p. m.
No. 5 Leave Holtville6:15 p. m.
East Bound
No. 2 Leave El Centro*7:00 a. m.
No. 4 Leave El Centro10:30 a. m.
No. 6 Leave El Centro5:30 p. m.
*Daily except Sunday.
Trains 1 and 2 carry freight. Trains 3, 4, 5, and 6, Motor Car Service.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

NORTHBOUND
No. 503.
Leave Calexico5:40 a. m.
" El Centro6:04 "
" Imperial6:28 "
" Brawley6:50 "
" Junction7:14 "
No. 505.
Leave Calexico1:00 p. m.
" El Centro1:24 "
" Imperial1:48 "
" Brawley2:10 "
" Junction2:30 "

SOUTHBOUND
No. 502.
Leave Junction5:40 a. m.
" Brawley6:05 "
" Imperial6:30 "
" El Centro6:55 "
" Calexico7:15 "
No. 504.
Leave Junction3:45 p. m.
" Brawley4:10 "
" Imperial4:35 "
" El Centro5:00 "
" Calexico5:25 "

LODGE NOTICES

El Centro Lodge No. 384 F. & A. M. Stated meetings in Masonic Hall, El Centro, first Monday of each month, 7:30 P. M. Members and visiting Masons invited to attend. C. B. Brown, Master. John B. Baker, Secretary.

EL CENTRO AERIE, F. O. E., meets the first four Thursday nights of each month. Members and visiting Eagles invited to attend.

W. O. W. El Centro Camp No. 624 meets every Friday night at Masonic hall, El Centro, Cal. W. A. Ort, Consul Commander. C. L. Staack, Clerk.

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