

**EASTER SERVICES**

Large Congregations Attend El Centro Churches and Participate in Special Exercises.

Each of the El Centro churches had large Easter day congregations and presented special features in the services. The decorations were appropriate and showed that good progress is being made in the development of floriculture here.

At the Methodist Church a programme was given by the Sunday school children, which included songs, recitations and class exercises, and Rev. D. K. Burnham gave a short Easter address. The ordinance of baptism was administered.

Rev. F. B. Frazier gave an Eastern sermon at the Presbyterian Church and a fine musical programme was rendered.

The sermon at the Union Christian Church was by Elder Tout. Meses. C. F. Buttress, C. F. Hayden and N. Black rendered a trio, and Mrs. Black sang an Easter solo.

Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church by Rev. F. Burelbach at 7 o'clock, and the large number of attendants showed the need for a more commodious chapel. Father Burelbach went to Brawley and celebrated mass at 10 o'clock.

**DAIRYMEN MEET.**

One of the best meetings of the Imperial County Dairymen's Association yet held was that of Tuesday, at Imperial. The membership was materially increased and the association is encouraged to believe that within a

short time every dairyman in the valley will have signed the membership roll.

Dr. J. H. Patton, of Holtville, presented a paper on "Contagious Abortion," giving valuable information on the treatment of this disease, which has become a cause of serious loss to the stock industry of the Southwest.

In the discussions of the meeting the interesting fact was brought out that the dairy interests of Imperial Valley are now pouring into the pockets of the ranchers more than \$1000 per day, and the number of milk cows being brought to the valley is largely increasing.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in El Centro on Tuesday, May 11, when two papers of practical benefit to the dairymen will be presented and discussed.

**PAPAYA SEEDS HERE.**

Felix G. Havens has received from E. A. Wilson a small quantity of the seeds of the papal fruit, for experimental planting in El Centro. Mr. Wilson, who spent fifteen years in the Hawaiian Islands, where this fruit is native, believes that in the papaya will be found a tree of much value to Imperial Valley. A description of the tree and its fruit was given in a recent issue of The Press.

**MAY DAY SOCIAL.**

The Ladies' Guild of the Presbyterian Church will give a May Day social at the Palm Roof Garden on the evening of May 1, at which time a fine musical programme will be rendered and ice cream will be served. The Ladies' Guild will meet with Mrs. Cortner on Wednesday afternoon, April 21, at 2:30 o'clock.

**AUTO FROM SAN DIEGO**

Less Than Ten Hours Over Bad Road —Benefits of a Good Road Urged.

Mr. Kew, of San Diego, accompanied by his two sons and E. W. Berger, made a record run overland on Saturday, the running time being nine hours and twenty minutes from San Diego to El Centro.

They report the road as rough in places, but not sufficiently rough to damage the machine in any way. The machine, a four-cylinder 30 H. P. "Dorris" was in perfect condition on arrival at El Centro. A new grade, avoiding the sand wash of Devil's canon, and a change of route across the mesa to Coyote Well, they say, would reduce the running time to about six hours. There are mountain resorts and camps, accessible by roads from Campo, that should be attractive to Valley settlers in the summer, and the valley should attract coast people in the winter. As business men, the San Diegans are desirous to see the early completion of a good road over the mountains.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER**

Proposal to Form Lodge in Valley Discussed Without Definite Result.

Dr. Bumgarner presided at a meeting of Royal Arch Masons called to meet at Imperial on Saturday evening and there was a good attendance of Masons from all valley points. The object of the meeting was to discuss the formation of a Chapter Lodge of Royal Arch Masons in the Valley.

At a previous meeting it was decided to take a census of the Chapter members in the valley with a view to ascertaining the preference of members as to their choice of location for the new chapter.

At the meeting on Saturday evening Secretary Carr moved that Master Masons be allowed to participate in the deliberations, and H. H. Peterson moved an amendment that was carried and which caused a two or three hours discussion after which the meeting adjourned without accomplishing anything.

**NEW POSTMASTER.**

O. R. Miller on Wednesday filed his bonds as postmaster of El Centro, and as soon as these are accepted he will assume the duties of the office. The postoffice is to be moved into the west room on the first floor in the Thomas Beach block, at the northwest corner of Sixth and Main streets. The finishing touches are being given this room today. It is probable however, that it will not be occupied until the new fixtures for the postoffice arrive. It is the intention of Mr. Miller to order 500 new combination lock boxes, and to have these arranged in a V-shape, with the lobby open to the public at all times.

**MAY LEASE OREGON HOTEL**

W. W. Beach, an old-time hotel man of Southern California, has been spending several days in El Centro this week, inspecting the Hotel Oregon with the view of entering on a long lease for this building and equipment. Mr. Beach was the former manager of Hotel Metropole, on Catalina Island, was twice manager of the Arrowhead Hotel Springs Hotel, and has had connections with other prominent hotels of this part of the State. If consummated, the deal will bring about the permanent opening of the Hotel Oregon within a few days.

**JURORS DRAWN.**

Two criminal cases are set for hearing before the Imperial County Superior Court. The case of the people vs. Albert Nance, on the charge of embezzlement, is set for April 20, and that of the people vs. Victor Rivers, charged with the murder of Domingo Quicoz, at Potholes, is set for April 26. Sheriff Meadows has drawn the following venire of jurors to try these cases:

G. Martinez, Clayton Taylor, H. B. Holly, S. E. Robinson, F. M. Berger, D. H. Coe, Wm. Scull, A. J. Hammers, H. C. Webster, F. L. Sherburne, L. F. Moore, S. E. Willard, J. D. Bennett, A. W. Rogers, Washington Wilson, T. R. Pace, L. L. Forrester, Kyle MacBratney, A. S. Carr, H. M. Bump, J. W. Colson, Carlton Morford, B. C. Mulvey, B. F. McDonald, R. A. Blair, C. D. Hartshorn, E. R. Worley, E. H. Hauck, C. F. Fisher, Wm. S. Salisbury, W. H. Hartshorn, D. D. Lawrence, W. R. Vanderpoole, S. D. Yocum, Jos. H. Eastman, C. M. Tyner, John Slayton, J. A. Beekler, R. W. Davis, A. P. Wiley.

Jasper L. Travers spent several days in Redlands the past week.

**BUSINESS GROWTH**

Big El Centro Store Adds New Departments and Enlarges Sales Force.

The Delozier Furniture Co., the leading house furnishers of Imperial Valley, have recently added four men to their sales departments and have added pianos, graphophones, sewing machines, wall paper and other important departments. The Delozier Co. is now prepared to furnish and completely equip any house from attic to cellar, everything which any householder could possibly need.

The company is not only branching out in volume of business, but in territory covered, and its delivery wagons are kept busy taking goods to all parts of the valley.

**NEW SCHOOL BUILDING**

Contract Awarded to Frank Koetsch, But Work May Be Relet to Travers and Peterson

The board of directors of the El Centro school district on Monday opened the bids for the construction of the new grammar school. Six contractors submitted bids, as follows: J. L. Travers, \$21,000; Shaniel, Brothers, of San Diego, \$21,000; H. H. Peterson, of Imperial, \$20,998; J. Olsen, \$24,440; J. W. Dawson, \$30,396; Frank Koetsch, of Imperial, \$18,912.

The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Frank Koetsch, but it is probable that the work will be relet by this contractor to J. L. Travers, and H. H. Peterson, who will jointly erect the building.

Work on the structure is to be started within the ensuing two weeks, and it is to be completed and furnished ready for the opening of the schools next fall.

**WEDED IN LOS ANGELES**

Chris Jackson, a rancher living near El Centro, and Miss Allie Ogborn, sister of L. C. Ogborn, of El Centro, were married at the Hollenbeck Hotel, Los Angeles, on Monday evening, by Rev. Jesse McKnight. L. C. Ogborn and Mr. and Mrs. "Scotty" Russell went from El Centro with the bridal couple and attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will spend two weeks at Los Angeles and coast points and will then return to make their home on the Jackson ranch.

**FULLER CASE ON BRIEFS**

The case of Imperial County vs. Fred Fuller, County Assessor, in which the point to be determined is whether Fuller has the right to withhold commission on moneys collected on personal property taxes in excess of the amount finally set as the county rate, is to be submitted to Judge Franklin J. Cole on briefs. Ansel Smith is attorney for Fuller, while the county is represented by District Attorney J. M. Eshleman.

**HOTEL EL CENTRO.**

This splendid hotel is now in full operation under the new management and from the manner in which Mr. Black, the manager, is taking hold of things, the place will undoubtedly prove to be the rendezvous for traveling men. The hotel contains 38 large cool rooms, besides a large veranda on the south and east side, where cots are placed, when desired, making it by far the most comfortable place in the valley to stop during the summer. Already many of the guests are occupying cots on the porch.

It is certainly a credit to the valley to have such accommodations as the El Centro Hotel offers, and many who expect to remain during the heated term have engaged rooms. The bath rooms have been put in first class condition and baths can be had at any hour.

The new piano and furniture which have been added to the hotel parlor gives it a homelike appearance and the music furnished by the young ladies makes the evenings very pleasant.

The hotel bus meets all trains from the north and arrangements have been made for a large sample room.

**COTTON PLANTERS MEETING**

A meeting of all interested in establishing the cotton-growing industry in Imperial Valley is called at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, April 20, at the City Hall, El Centro. Farmers who are considering the advisability of planting cotton are urged especially to be present. Information will be given by experienced growers now living in the Valley.

**AUCTION SALE.**

The Pioneer Restaurant, including dishes, stoves and equipment, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, Friday, April 23, at 10 o'clock.

**Gentlemen---**

Take Due Notice: Our second car of made-for Imperial Valley Buggies is here. Fortunately it made phenomenal time across the continent, and we believe all of our friends have been able to wait for it in place of buying something they did not want. Even our competitors have caught the contagion and are talking about our made-to-order buggies. We now have a more varied line than ever before; ranging from the plain and handy village wagons to the most stylish stanhopes and driving wagons; and in price from \$45 to \$200.00. A third car will arrive before the 15th.

Just a word about our made-to-order wagons. They are made by a company that had grown hoary in the business fifty-five years ago, and has been improving ever since. This company always tries to meet new conditions. It listened to our humble suggestions and constructed a new wagon of material ESPECIALLY SEASONED FOR THIS DRY CLIMATE; Parts especially heavy and especially ironed. The wagon has no equal. We were not unassisted in designing these wagons. A skilled mechanic of twenty years experience came from the factory and spent weeks studying conditions here.

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Hemet, California, Feb. 8, 1909.

To Whom it May Concern:

I have known Dr. F. M. Wellington, the Optician, whose home is in San Diego, California, for several years, have known and know a large number of people for whom he has fitted lenses, and can say that he has given more satisfaction to his patrons, than has any optician that I have known and will further say that the glasses my family and myself wear are those prescribed by him.

Respectfully,  
JOS. E. BLACKSHAW, M. D., Hemet, California.  
San Jacinto, California, February 5, 1909.

This is to certify that I have known Dr. F. M. Wellington for a period of five years and find him thoroughly reliable and his work as an optician very satisfactory.

Sincerely,  
F. K. STRASSER, M. D., San Jacinto, California.  
Coachella, California, March 16, 1909.

"For over 12 years my eyes have been troubling and never have glasses given relief until Dr. Wellington fitted me last week. I would not take all the money I have spent on glasses in years past for the satisfaction my present lenses give me in one day. My vision is clear and the pain gone."

H. C. ROGERS.

**Timber Talk Number Two**

**AIR SEASONING VS. KILN DRYING**

Lumber preserves itself in its own sap if you give it a few years' time out in the open air. Just let nature alone—that's all.

The resinous portion of the sap does the work. It fills and toughens the fibres—Makes timber resilient, with practically no limit to its life.

Kiln-drying drives out all the resinous sap—leaves the fiber porous, dead; the prey of quick decay. Kiln-dried lumber absorbs moisture into the empty fiber-pores; paint can't prevent it! Hence! a kiln-dried wagon will warp, crack, shrink or swell. Just as a poor horse "eats its head off" so a kiln-dried wagon eats up money in repairs.

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