

HALF A MILLION TREES

F. G. Havens and W. W. Laport Growing Sour Orange Seedlings to be Budded to Navels

The largest seedling orange enterprise yet started in Imperial Valley is that now under way on the Laport ranch, southeast of Silsbee.

They have erected a lath house 128x156 feet, and seven feet in height. Within this enclosure the work of starting the orange plants has been carried on for the past three months.

Five and a half bushels of Florida sour orange seed was secured for this first planting. The methods used are interesting.

These young trees will be ready for budding a year from next fall, and from this one shipment of seed it is estimated that enough orange trees may be matured to convert Imperial Valley into an important citrus fruit district.

YOUNG ATTORNEY HERE.

Frank A. Connelly, of Baltimore, Maryland, is a guest of his former college classmate at the University of Virginia Law School, H. C. Miller.

HENS ARE WORTH WHILE

Mrs. W. R. Garey Finds Poultry Yard Source of Profit, Even Though Confined to Town Lot.

Mrs. W. R. Garey, of El Centro, has an affirmative answer to the question, Are hens worth while? She has demonstrated that the keeping of poultry, even on so small a space as the rear of a town lot, can be made highly profitable.

Mrs. Garey began the keeping of a few hens at her home in El Centro about a year ago, and their numbers gradually grew until she had fifty hens in the flock.

For February, March and April of this year the egg sales from 150 to 175 hens reached the total of \$162.50, while the feed bill was not more than \$10 per month.

When she first established her poultry yard, which is a small space covering only a part of the rear of the lot, she secured fourteen pigeons, and the increase has amounted to more than 100 since then.

ARIZONA HAY BUYER HERE

J. M. Foster, head of the Foster Mercantile Company, of Safford, Arizona, has been spending several days in the Imperial Valley this week, looking over the hay situation.

TO REDUCE RATES.

The Holtan Inter-Urban Co. has decided to accede to the request of the Holtville patrons and reduce the passenger rates on the Holtan Inter-Urban between Holtville and El Centro to a fare of one and a third for the round trip between all points.

NUMBER ELEVEN'S NEW PLANS

The directors of Water Company No. 11 met in Taggart's Hall Saturday evening with H. J. Messinger in the chair. A resolution was passed asking the S. D. Co. through H. D. Cory, to build a canal and deliver water to No. 11 Co. at a point on the American side of the International boundary line for which No. 11 agrees to pay \$10 per share for stock to cover the whole acreage contained in the boundaries of Water Co. No. 11 and furthermore to build their own distributing system.

FIREMEN MEET.

The firemen met Monday night in the fire hall and adopted constitution and by-laws. Twenty two of the twenty-five members of the company were in attendance at the meeting and the other three were fined for non-attendance.

FARMING ACROSS THE BORDER

C. A. Carr, who is ranching in Mexico, three and a half miles southwest of Calexico, was an El Centro visitor last Monday. He has a lease on 800 acres of the Groshen land in Lower California, and is preparing 150 acres for the planting of Milo maize.

LEASES LIVERY STABLE.

W. C. Horan, of Yuma, who has been operating the mail line to Picocho for the past year, has leased the Depot Stables, at El Centro, and will move here to open the stables next week.

NOTICE OF THE SALE OF SCHOOL BONDS FOR THE VERDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the County Treasurer of Imperial County, California, will receive sealed bids until 3 o'clock p. m. of the twelfth day of June, 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 Verde school district, duly and regularly issued by the Board of Supervisors on the fifth day of May, 1909.

Bond No. 1. For four hundred dollars, to run four years, due and payable on the fifth day of May, 1913, with six per cent interest from date of issue, payable semi-annually.

Bond No. 2. For four hundred dollars, to run five years, due and payable on the fifth day of May, 1914, with six per cent interest from date of issue, payable semi-annually.

Bond No. 3. For four hundred dollars, to run six years, due and payable on the fifth day of May, 1915, with six per cent interest from date of issue, payable semi-annually.

Bond No. 4. For four hundred dollars, to run seven years, due and payable on the fifth day of May, 1916, with six 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.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County.

PAUL BOMAN, Treasurer of Imperial County.

CERTIFICATE FOR BANKING

Treasury Department, Office of Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., February 25, 1909.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF EL CENTRO 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, inerefore I, Lawrence O. Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF EL CENTRO 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 twenty-fifth day of February, 1909.

LAWRENCE O. MURRAY, Comptroller of the Currency.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all cotton seed for Imperial Valley must be consigned to the County Board of Horticulture at El Centro, there to be examined, treated and held, until they are satisfied that the seed contains no insect infection. This notice is given under the State quarantine order of April 23, 1908.

W. E. WILSIE, County Horticultural Commissioner.

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