

## SAN DIEGO'S DREAM NOW COMING TRUE

Railroad to the East Through  
Imperial Valley Means  
Great Progress.

Construction of First Section of the  
San Diego & Arizona Line Inspires  
Confidence in the Spreckels Pro-  
ject—Three Possible Routes Through  
The Valley.

With huge steam shovels, dozens of scrapers and wagons and several big gangs of men actively at work on the grading of the San Diego & Arizona railroad, San Diegans are now seeing their dreams of many years for direct railroad connection with the east becoming realized. Already more than five miles of the right of way have been graded, and within the next couple of months it is expected the work will be completed from San Diego to a point on the international boundary line near Tia Juana, a distance of slightly more than fifteen miles.

It will be by means of Carriso gorge that the road will find its entrance into the Imperial desert, continuing through the Imperial Valley to Yuma, Arizona, a distance of 220 miles from San Diego. The final route from Carriso gorge to Yuma has not yet been selected. Two lines have already been run by the surveyors and the third is now nearing completion. From these three preliminary routes the final route will be selected.

The most practicable and shortest possible route between San Diego and Yuma, Arizona, is to be followed. It is estimated that the total length of the route is 220 miles, though it is possible that this distance may be shortened slightly. In any event it will bring San Diego people into direct communication with the east, and 100 miles nearer than any other Southern California city, and this is what is most desired.

For years it had been the dream of San Diego people that they might have direct railroad connection with the east. A road by way of the famous Imperial Valley was greatly desired, for this would bring to the very doors of the city one of the most fertile regions in the entire world, not excepting even the rich Nile valley. Accordingly when Mr. Spreckels announced that he would build the road it is not to be wondered at that residents of this city, who full well realized what the announcement meant,

were fairly intoxicated with enthusiasm. Those who had visited here but a brief time, not to mention those who had spent years of their lives in this city, felt that the one possible hindrance to the advancement of San Diego into one of the biggest and most important cities on the entire Pacific coast, had been over come.—San Diego Union.

### ORGANIZATIONS CONSOLIDATE

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solved, and the Chamber of Commerce followed suit.

With some amendments, the constitution submitted was adopted and was signed by fifty persons, constituting the El Centro Chamber of Commerce. The plan of organization is substantially that of the Ten Thousand Club, the executive body consisting of five directors, whose functions and responsibilities are clearly defined. The directors are to hold weekly meetings, open to all members, and the whole body is to meet on the second Monday in every month.

After signing the roll, the meeting proceeded to elect officers. On motion of Allen Kelly, Geo. A. Carter was elected president by unanimous vote. T. B. Blanchard was elected vice president without dissent, and three other directors were chosen by ballot. The board consists of Geo. A. Carter, T. B. Blanchard, C. E. Sprouse, Phil D. Swing and Dan V. Noland.

On motion of W. H. Sprague, the chamber passed a resolution making W. F. Holt, J. Stanley Brown and Allen Kelly honorary presidents of the organization in recognition of their services to El Centro.

The directors met Saturday morning, appointed F. B. Putnam secretary and J. V. Wachtel, Jr., treasurer, and started out as a finance committee to raise funds to pay off the debts of the old civic organizations. They collected more than \$400 on the first trip and added 38 names to the membership roll. All old obligations will be met, and the chamber will begin work with clear decks and money in hand, and it is the declared policy of the body to incur no obligations unless the funds to meet them are in the treasury.

The following chairmen of standing committees have been appointed: Geo. A. Carter, Industrial Promotion; T. B. Blanchard, Finance; Dan V. Noland, Advertising and Publicity; C. E. Sprouse, Reception and Entertainment; Phil D. Swing, Civic Welfare. Each chairman will appoint two additional members of his committee from the membership roll.

President Taft hastily summons Senator Aldrich and Representative Payne to conference to save corporation tax amendment.

Japan to assume Korean judicial autonomy and establish central bank of Korea.

## HIGH SCHOOL'S PROGRESS

Additional Regular and Special Teachers Engaged For Coming Year.

The trustees of the Central Union High School met last Saturday, July 10th, in accordance with the law, and organized for the ensuing year. The trustees are M. W. Conkling, El Centro District; H. W. Moorehouse, Deal; Fred Fuller, Heber; Mr. Campbell, Silsbee; G. W. Nichols, Adair; E. E. Forrester, Eucalyptus; Harry Vandenhoevel, Elder. The board organized by electing Mr. Conkling President and Mr. Moorehouse, Clerk.

The Board decided to cooperate with the Grammar School Trustees in employing special teachers of drawing and music, also to add one more regular teacher to the high school faculty. Principal B. C. Nichols and Miss Mary A. Sands were reelected; Miss Sue M. Gregory, of Monterey, and Miss Eva Hunter, of Los Angeles, were elected as regular teachers; Miss Ethel H. Foster, of Hadley, Wash., was chosen as a special teacher of music. She will also teach one or two other classes in the high school. Miss Garnet Davis, of El Centro, was elected special teacher in drawing.

The addition of these teachers makes possible a more complete list of subjects, which are ordinarily offered in high schools of approved standing. Last year the school offered four years each of Latin and English; three years each of mathematics, history and science, and two years each of Spanish and music. Next year the mathematics, history and science will each be increased by one additional year; and drawing, both free-hand and mechanical, will be offered. This means the addition of the specific subjects of trigonometry, English, history, botany, and drawing.

Besides this regular high school work Principal Nichols is planning special classes for those students particularly deficient in spelling, writing, reading and composition. He also intends to personally instruct a class once a week in the subject of parliamentary law, civics, and argumentation. This class will not be open to first year students.

The High School will open in the fall on the third Monday in September, unless something unforeseen prevents.

The incoming freshman class will probably not be as large as last fall, but most of last year's students will return and there will be quite a number of transfers. Forty was the total enrollment for last year; the average daily attendance for the year was thirty-two. An examination of State records show that no high school has been started in California of late years having as high an enrollment. Usually high schools have been started with less than twenty students.

The place of holding school next year has not been definitely decided. The High School Board has made an offer to the grammar school trustees for the rental of the old grammar school.

### EXHIBIT AT SACRAMENTO

In the absence of Chairman Noland of the Advertising and Publicity Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Swing has appointed W. E. Wilsie a committee of one to secure and forward a cotton exhibit to the State Fair at Sacramento. Mr. Wilsie has accepted the appointment and will undoubtedly secure a good exhibit.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, July 28, 1909, at 10 a. m. As an important matter relating to the grant from the "Board of Church Erection" must then be considered, every adherent and member is requested to be present. By order of the Session. F. B. FRASER, Pastor First Presbyterian Church.

Engineer C. N. Perry is on a visit to the coast.

F. B. Shaw, an old timer of Holtville, has taken up his residence in San Diego for the summer months and having purchased a home site by the sea will be pleased to have his many friends and acquaintances communicate with him should they require any information about San Diego before going there for the summer vacation. Any letters of inquiry will find him at 1438 E St., San Diego, Cal.

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- 1 Barley Roller ..... 35.00
- 2 Reversible Disc Harrows, Six Foot; Each... 25.00
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- 1 Eight-Foot Sampson Wind Mill, never been used ..... 25.00
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