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A NEW DEAL IN IRRIGATION

It is probable that the question of final disposition of the California Development Company's canal system will be put up to the settlers of Imperial Valley at an early day, and it is for the water users to determine whether the property shall go into the hands of private investors or be taken over as a public work by the people of the valley.

The problem is not a simple one and is not to be solved offhand at the last moment. There are many things to be considered, many details to be worked out, many business aspects of the proposed deal to be scrutinized carefully. It may be found advisable to form an irrigation district under the Bridgford Act and issue bonds to pay for the system, but that might involve radical modification of the mutual company form of organization and introduce complicated legal questions requiring careful treatment and the aid of skilled lawyers. If the settlers propose to bid for the property when the receiver offers it for sale, they should know what it is worth and how much they can afford to pay for it, and they must have the money ready. Also it may be advisable that nobody but a committee of water users empowered to make the purchase should know just how far the settlers mean to go in the bidding.

This is not a matter to be allowed to drift without plan or definite purpose. It should be taken up at once and discussed thoroughly in all its aspects, and the association of mutual water companies appears to be the organization fitted to take up the preliminary work of collecting data relating to the problem and obtaining legal opinions concerning possible methods of acquiring and operating the canal system.

The Southern Pacific wants to get the canal system off its hands, and perhaps the sooner it gets out of the irrigation business the better for all concerned. The railroad should not be expected to take the entire responsibility of controlling the Colorado from Laguna dam to the gulf, but apparently the government does expect it to do that very thing while it retains actual control of the canal system. Congress says in effect: "The Southern Pacific's property is menaced by the Colorado floods and it is important to that company that the property it holds as security for large loans shall not be destroyed. The railroad is rich and able to protect the valley. Therefore let the railroad do the work and let Congress do politics."

When the people of Imperial Valley own the canals and the headworks, they can make their demand for government attention to the Colorado river's menace to all irrigation work in the Southwest heard and heeded. Perhaps they can even induce a congressman to attend to public business of real importance.

The Colorado river will make somebody sit up and take notice before the first of next year, and the Southern Pacific is not desirous of sitting up alone to attend to the job of putting the river to bed and saving the Laguna dam. Moreover that is the government's business, as it involves international questions and no permanent works may be constructed below the line without the consent of Mexico, which a private corporation may not easily obtain. Already the Mexican government has forbidden the completion of protective works considered important and necessary by the C. D. Co's. engineers.

It is evident that the Southern Pacific is not considering the sale of the canal system to the Reclamation Service. That proposition was dismissed some time ago as impracticable and inadvisable, and it is now held by engineers best qualified to pass upon the matter that it is impracticable to connect the valley canal system with Laguna dam. The cost of a canal on the west side of the river from the dam to Hanlon heading, that would be safe from destruction by torrents coming down the canons after summer cloudbursts, is virtually prohibitive. The settlers of Imperial Valley may as well cease looking to the Reclamation Service for any solution of the canal problem, and prepare to work out their own salvation, not forgetting that the government, like Providence, is disposed to help only those who have the will to help themselves.

Doleful essays on the decadence or disappearance of American humor are much in fashion among magazine "lit'ry fellers," and their readers might conclude that no more are there funny men in the land. It is not so. Funny men are still writing for the newspapers. The funniest of the lot is the paragrapher of the Los Angeles Times, and this is the merriest jest he ever committed: "The great thing about the Hon. William Howard Taft is that he is ingratiating himself into the hearts of the people more and more every day."

The successful bidders for the El Centro water bond issue of \$69,000 have notified the city attorney that the bonds have been approved and are in the hands of the printer. That all proceedings in the bond matter were regular and the details of issue were flawless is due to the great care and minute attention given to every step by City Attorney Ansel Smith.

Everyone knows that the Los Angeles Times is a very wicked paper; it maltreats the poor Democrats, abuses the labor unions and jumps upon all persons that have incurred the editor's distinguished distaste; tells the news to suit itself, lauds Cannon, Aldrich, Rockefeller and other undesirable citizens, and roasts those sublime patriots Uncle Aleck and Judge Works; is thicker than thieves with the railroad, prints more paid matter than any other paper and has no more show of getting to heaven than a rabbit. The Times may lay the flattering unction to its soul that it can continue its hellish career with impunity, but it forgets there's one whose eye never closes, one whose responsibility for the conduct of the universe never is evaded. The Times may think its

sins are unobserved, but Howe sees them. The total obliteration of the wicked is an appalling thing, but sometimes it is salutary, and when the sinful Times gasps its last and the worms eat it, the world will say of its sternly virtuous destroyer: "He seen his duty and he done it. Angels couldn't do no more."

A PERILOUS PLAN OF REFORM

Some persons fancy that it is a difficult thing to reform the world, that is: to make it wag the way they want it to wag. Pshaw; it's as simple as rolling off a log. All you have to do is get a bill passed by the California legislature. Now there are newspapers that pervert the news, suppress some facts and distort others, play politics like crooks and tell fibs about public affairs and public men. It is so easy to compel them to be good that it is odd nobody ever thought of doing so until Br'er Howe pointed out the way. The Sage of Imperial says:

The legislature of California should enact a law providing a penalty for any writer who deliberately and willfully falsifies conditions or facts and for any newspaper that persistently and willfully publishes false statements regarding affairs that affect public interests, and this punishment should rise to the degree of barring from newspaper connection in the state any person who is found guilty for the third time and for the suppression of any newspaper found guilty for the same number of times.

The chief objection to the plan is that if such a law were enforced the Sage himself might be tumbled off the tripod, and then the country would be without moral guidance and would go to hell sure.

Senator Aldrich, through whom "the interests" have been bossing this land for a good many years, does not misinterpret the insurgent movement in Congress and throughout the country, and he is no Joe Cannon to prance around during the lightning to strike him. Mr. Aldrich remembers that he had typhoid fever about fifty years ago and that his health consequently is not as robust as it was before the war; wherefore he announces that he will not return to the Senate after this term. Political ill-health is catching and it is probable that there will be a distinguished company of retired invalids after the next elections.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR COUNTY CLERK

I desire to announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Clerk, subject to the Republican primary election.

MAJOR S. COOK.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER

I desire to announce to the voters of Imperial County that I will be a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican primary election.

J. STANLEY BROWN.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the voters of Imperial County: I hereby announce that I shall be a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Schools, subject to the action of the Republican primary election. Sincerely yours,

GEORGE A. RAGAN.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of County Superintendent of Schools, subject to the decision of the Republican County primary elections.

L. E. COOLEY.

FOR AUDITOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Auditor to succeed myself. My record in this office is an open book. I refer you to the Board of Supervisors as to the manner in which I have conducted my office.

LEWIS F. DAVISSON.

FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR

I desire to announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of Supervisor from the First District (Calxico). Good roads has long been my slogan, and in handling the County and District business every interest will be considered with the view of securing the greatest good to the greatest number.

OTIS B. TOUT.

FOR SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT

I hereby announce to the voters of the Second Supervisorial District that I am a candidate for the office of Supervisor, subject to the will of the voters at the fall election. My platform embraces as principal planks: A supervisor first and all the time; the man to count, not the dollar; the interests of two residents and taxpayers outweigh the interests of one; dollars and acres not considered; good roads and dry roads.

DAVID DEWITT LAWRENCE.

Mrs. J. Y. Hall came down from Los Angeles the first of the week to spend several days with her husband. They are guests at the Hotel Oregon.

Just received a full line of tents at the Valley Hardware Store, El Centro. 3-11

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Not Coal Lands

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Los Angeles, California. April 13, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Mabel Claire Edgar, of Calxico, Cal., who, on June 30, 1907, made Desert Land Entry No. 2672, Serial No. 04750, for N. half NW. quarter, SE. quarter NW. quarter, NE. quarter SW. quarter, SE. quarter, Section 23, T. 15 S., R. 12 E., S. B. M., by resurvey, Lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, SE. quarter NE. quarter, E. half SE. quarter, Section 27, and Lot 1, NE. quarter NE. quarter, Sec. 24, Township 15 S., Range 12 E., S. B. M., has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of the Superior Court, at El Centro, California, on the 24th day of May 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: William Moores, Jesse A. Wolliscroft, William A. Edgar, Ellsworth C. Nuttall, John Stubbenger, all of Imperial, Cal., and Ray Edgar, of Calxico, Cal.

FRANK BUREN, Register.

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We will tell you more soon. Remember that we sell Cotton Tools, (while they last). Better hurry and don't wait, for things are moving some.

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