

**WOULD DRILL FOR OIL**

Men From Northern Field May Sink Test Hole in Yuha Field

G. W. Strang returned from a visit to the oil fields of the Midway district, in Kern county, the first of this week, and brings assurance that oil operators in that district have become interested in the oil prospects of Imperial Valley and are willing to engage in test work here on the five sections of land which have been located by Imperial Valley men at the Yuha drill hole district. A stock company is to be formed at once and it is believed that a test hole can be sunk this summer. Those interested in this location as oil lands are Mr. Strang, W. D. Richards, G. M. Vermilya and L. M. Hazard, of Holtville; L. C. Thomas, of Imperial, and W. E. Morton, of El Centro. Others will be included in the new corporation.

**NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY**

The El Centro Public Library located in the room at the rear of the Valley Department Store, fronting on Sixth street, and formerly occupied by the Western Union and Wells-Fargo Express offices, is drawing many visitors daily. Six hundred and fifty new volumes have been received, and regular shipments of new books will arrive hereafter. The reading files and tables are well supplied with magazines and the dailies and weekly publications of Southern California, and the public is beginning to appreciate this fact. Although the regular library supplies have not yet been received, the circulation of books has been started, and an average of fifteen volumes per day has been taken out by library patrons. Miss Merle Whitescarver is the librarian.

**FIRST OF ITS KIND**

The first carload of sheet metal ever shipped into Imperial Valley arrived at El Centro on Thursday for the Art Metal Manufacturing Company. This shipment consists of 42,000 pounds of sheet metal in strips of 30x96 inches, and will be worked up into designs for cornices, ceilings, pillars, etc. for valley buildings. This concern has many orders ahead, and this week has completed and shipped the cornices and ceilings for the Sobieze and Whitlock buildings, at Holtville, and the Scruggs building at Mexicali. The cornices and skylights for the Mitchell Hotel, at Imperial, are now being made at these works.

**COUNTY CANDIDATES**

F. S. Webster, now supervisor for the Imperial district and president of Mutual Water Company No. 1, announces that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Assessor. Mr. Webster has been supervisor since the county was organized and was the first chairman of the board.

Phil D. Swing, deputy District Attorney under John M. Eshleman, is a declared candidate for nomination for District Attorney on the Republican ticket. Mr. Swing is a young lawyer of ability and is qualified by experience for the office that he seeks.

**"GAMBLING AND CARDS"**

"Gambling and Cards" is to be the subject of a sermon by Rev. Sumner T. Martin in the Holt Opera House tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Martin is preaching a series of Sunday evening sermons. In the evening of May 22 his subject will be "Shall I Attend the Theatre?" on May 29, "What About the Dance?"; on June 5, "Lying, Gossip and Profanity;" on June 12, "The Danger of Drink;" and on June 19, "The Deceitfulness of Riches."

**LECTURE ON THE COMET**

A lecture on Halley's Comet will be given on Sunday night, May 29, at the Holt Opera House, by B. R. Baumgardt under the auspices of the Ten Thousand Club.

**SETTLERS MAKE PROTEST**

At a mass meeting of the settlers of the Palo Verde Valley held last week, resolutions were adopted protesting against the attempt to have certain lands in that valley classified as swamp lands, which would cause them to revert to the State. The resolutions state that:

"It is our best judgment that the lands in question are not of the nature of swamp and overflow lands and should not be classed as such, since they are arid lands that need irrigation to make them productive.

"Resolved that we view with indignation and alarm the attempted wresting of the Palo Verde lands from the people who have made homes on them by a clique of wealthy land grabbers who have repeatedly failed in their purpose; now bringing action in the

name of the State of California to accomplish their selfish ends at the expense of the tax payers of the state. "Resolved that we respectfully urge the Secretary of the Interior to be vigilant and energetic in safe guarding the public domain, particularly the lands allotted to the people of Palo Verde valley, whose homes, even those guaranteed by title from the United States government, are now menaced as stated in these resolutions. To these resolutions we give our hearty endorsement and support."

**COTTON IN BRAWLEY DISTRICT**

Cotton planting has commenced in the Brawley district in a quantity that shows that the north end will be a factor to be reckoned with this year in the production of this staple, says the Brawley News. R. Malan estimates that over 2500 acres of cotton will be ginned at Brawley, besides a considerable acreage at Wiest. A rough estimate of the returns from this crop is from \$50,000 to \$200,000. The location of the gin in respect to the railroad yards has not yet been determined by the Imperial Oil & Cotton Company, which will build the oil mill at El Centro and operate the gins throughout the valley.

**DREDGER FOR THE INTAKE**

Receiver Holabird, who was in the valley last week, has gone to the coast to make arrangements for the purchase of a dredger for use in the intake at the river heading. The intake canal from the river to the gate acts as a settling basin at certain stages of the river, and the silt forms a bar that reduces materially the efficiency of the gate and causes a shortage in the canals when there is plenty of water in the river above the level of the gate floor. The remedy is to put a dredger in the intake and keep it there, and that is what the receiver proposes to do.

**ARCADE COLUMNS ARISE**

The first of the columns to be used in erecting the arcades along the Holt buildings on Main street were placed in position at the southwest corner of Sixth and Main streets on Wednesday and today the arcade for this building is so well advanced that the general plan may be clearly seen. The placing of these arcades the entire distance on Main street from Fifth to Sixth street will transform the appearance of El Centro's main highway.

**JUDGES EXCHANGE PLACES**

Judge Franklin J. Cole has been sitting in a department of the Los Angeles County Superior Court this week while Judge F. R. Willis, of that court, has been sitting as a judge of the Imperial County Superior Court. Judge Willis is accompanied on his Imperial Valley visit by his wife. Judge Willis is a brother of Mrs. F. E. Dutton, and they have been visiting at the Dutton ranch during their sojourn here.

**SETTLERS WILL PROTEST**

Settlers in the Palo Verde Valley who went on these lands with the understanding that they would get preference rights for taking up the land when it was open to entry, are preparing to secure counsel and fight the attempt to have the lands declared swamp lands, when the matter comes up for hearing on June 15. The hearing will be conducted by E. H. Archer, United States Surveyor General for California.

**MEETING OF THE SOCIEDAD**

The annual meeting of stockholders of the "Sociedad," the Mexican branch of the irrigation company that supplies the valley with water, was held in Mexicali last Saturday. The proceedings were of a formal nature in compliance with the Mexican law. C. K. Clarke was elected a director in the place of F. C. Herrmann.

**RANCH SALE AT WIEST**

A. N. Heath, of Los Angeles, has purchased from J. E. Arnold 160 acres of land in section 20, township 13, range 15, near Wiest, paying \$50 an acre therefor. Mr. Arnold will make extensive improvements on the place this year.

**ORDER AT ONCE**

A few copies of the Progress and Opportunities edition of The Imperial Valley Press are still available. Order at once, and send this paper to your friends. Price, five cents per copy.

Lamps—large and small—at Valley Hardware Store. 6-11

**PETTY OUT ON BOND**

W. R. Petty, who has been held in the Imperial County Jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, was released the latter part of last week on furnishing a bond of \$1000. He will be called before the Superior Court for trial on May 27.

**PARK COMMITTEE LAYS PLANS**

The Park Committee of the Woman's Ten Thousand Club was entertained on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. John Crawford at her home on Commercial street, and plans were discussed for the work of this committee for the coming year. Mrs. Crawford presented each member a handsome souvenir on which was a miniature park. The committee was enthusiastic for park work and hopes to accomplish much during the ensuing year. Those present were: Mesdames A. W. Swanson, Mary Garren, Charles Jones, Virgil McCombs and Harry Hornbeck. One of the efforts of the committee to swell the park fund will be the presentation of the drama "The Girl of the Golden West," early in the fall.

**BROOM CORN FOR HOGS**

(Communication)

To the Editor of the Press: Sir: Sometimes I see in your paper items about farming and stockraising, and perhaps you can give me some information. Broomcorn is said to do well in the valley, but I understand that it did not fetch the big price that was expected last year. Now I would like to know if broom corn is of any value as feed, either straight or mixed with alfalfa. Has anyone tried it? How about feeding it to hogs?

A Hog Raiser.

(We know nothing about it. Apply to the Alfalfa Meal Mill people. Possibly they have made experiments and can give the information. Ed. Press.)

**MINISTERIAL UNION MEETS**

The Imperial Valley Ministerial Union met at Calexico Monday afternoon, and under the guidance of the local Methodist minister the members were taken on a tour of inspection of wicked Mexicali. Afterwards the meeting convened in the Methodist Church, and Mr. Millar, of Brawley, read a paper on "Why the Reverend Mr. Jones Never Preached that Big Sermon at Brownsville," showing the constant calls of many descriptions on a minister's time. The paper was followed by a general discussion. After the meeting a dinner was served at a local restaurant. Ministers from all the valley towns were in attendance at this meeting.

**FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD**

The Imperial Valley members of the Fraternal Brotherhood will be honored by a visit from Supreme President James A. Foshay on the evening of Wednesday, May 18th, at the Auditorium, Imperial. On this occasion the P. P. Degree will be given to a class of candidates, to be followed by a reception, banquet and ball. All visiting members in the Valley are invited to attend.

**SALTON SEA OIL COMPANY**

The Salton Sea Oil Company has been incorporated, with Los Angeles as its principal place of business and its capital stock placed at \$10,000. The directors are: Mendal Meyer, P. W. Heller, Thomas Fellows, J. W. Newman, F. E. Dunlap and F. H. Hamilton.

**COME NOW**

AND HAVE YOUR PHOTOS TAKEN—as I will close for the summer as soon as my present material is exhausted. Weinert, Photographer, Imperial. 5-21

**BOX CASE APPEALED**

The case of the El Centro Fancy Melon Growers' Association vs. F. J. Eddy, in which suit was brought for payment for box shoo used by Eddy in handling his melon crop, and for which expense Eddy alleged he was not responsible, was decided in favor of the plaintiff by Justice Tout in the El Centro Township Court. Mr. Eddy appealed to the Superior Court, and the case was heard before Judge Willis this week. The decision had not been rendered up to the time of closing forms for this issue of The Press. The matter is of general interest to melon growers of Imperial Valley.

**LAWN FETE AT C-M. RANCH**

A lawn fete for the benefit of the Calexico free reading room will be given this evening by Mrs. Bowker, assisted by ladies from all cities of the valley, at the ranch house of the California-Mexico Land and Cattle Company east of Calexico. There will be booths representing the industries of the valley, games, refreshments and music, and some original features are being prepared. Various articles will be sold at auction for the benefit of the reading room. Admission is free and everybody is invited to attend.

**PREPARE FOR VACATIONS**

Ladies of Imperial Valley are invited to come at once to the Ladies' Toggery, El Centro, and select their outfits for the summer vacations, and thus avoid the rush. We have a fine line of made-up garments, skirts and waists, fine lingerie, etc., and can please you. 6-11

**FIRST MELONS SHIPPED OUT**

The first cantaloupe shipment for the season is to be credited to Brawley. A crate of nineteen cantaloupes was sent by express from that station on Wednesday night by Stahl Brothers to Crutchfield & Woolfolk, at Chicago. The first melon shipment last year was on May 23.

**McKELLER SENT TO WHITTIER**

Harry McKeller, a 16-year-old lad who robbed the office of Shaw & Dyke, at Imperial, of a twenty-dollar bill last week, has been sentenced as a delinquent child to a four year's term at the State Industrial School at Whittier.

**STOCK AUCTION TODAY**

The second monthly auction of stock at the Imperial Valley Stock Market, El Centro, will take place today. The offerings will be 150 cows, forty horses and mares and fifty work horses.

**BUILDING COTTAGE**

F. A. Preston, of the firm of Preston and Macartney, is building a five-room cottage for his own home in the Burke Tract, between Fourth and Fifth streets.

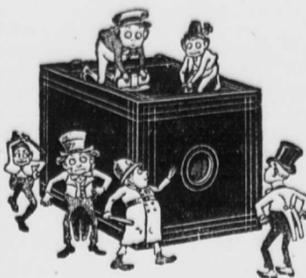
**MARRIAGES**

Garcia-Quintanir—May 9, at El Centro, Clemente Garcia and Jose Quintanir, both residents of Calexico.

Garden and field tools at Valley Hardware Store. 6-11

**BOOSTER WILL VISIT VALLEY**

J. W. Erwin, who is lecturing throughout the Southwest for the Southern Pacific Railroad, will visit El Centro Monday, accompanied by his photographer, Frederick Swannhauser, and will gather all available data as to Imperial Valley progress and development. It is expected that numerous photographs will be taken during this visit for use as lantern slides in illustrating Imperial Valley in lectures to be given by Mr. Erwin.



**SPRING KODAKING**

Live by the way and enjoy it while you live. Nothing affords one more pleasure than a kodak, you get so interested in a kodak that you forget your troubles. (THINK IT OVER).

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  - JAPANESE SILK SHIRTS—In Pure White.
  - PLAIN FIGURED WHITE SHIRTS.
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**CHILDREN'S WASH DRESSES**

Plain tan or blue and blue checked wash materials, ages 2 to 8 years. .... \$1.75 and \$2.00  
New line of ladies' shirt waists white and colors, just received from the Eastern factory \$1.25 to \$3.00.

Ladies' White Silk Shirt Waists, newest styles. .... \$2.50

**SPECIAL SALE PARASOLS**

About 3 dozen white, embroidered parasols, long handles and extra good frame, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, special ..... 95c

**GROCERIES**

Beechnut bacon, in 1-lb glass jars ..... 35c

Sliced very thin, dainty and appetizing, at the present price of side bacon. Beechnut in jars is fully as economical to use, and is much finer flavored.

Beechnut Jelly, in large glasses ..... 30c

Crabapple and Grape jelly made from the pure fruit.

Beechnut sliced dried beef in half and 1-lb glass. .... 20c to 35c

**MEN'S FURNISHINGS**

Men's Silk Shirts, in white and tan, very fine quality, at \$3.50

Men's Silk Striped Shirts, white, tan and colors. \$2.00 to \$3.00

Men's fine mercerized shirts, white, tan, gray, \$1.00 to \$2.00

Men's Cool Underwear, white Porosknit shirts and drawers, short or long, at, per garment ..... 50c

B. V. D. Union Suits, coolest of the cool, extra fine quality, at per suit. .... \$1.25

Men's balbriggan Undershirts, short sleeves, athletic style, (no buttons) at ..... 75c

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