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MORE REMARKS ON POLITICS

Nobody in California would be more genuinely and profoundly thankful for the defeat of the Southern Pacific's bureau of bosses in the coming state election than the railroad men who operate the Southern Pacific system of transportation. The utter destruction of that bureau and the complete elimination of the railroad from politics would be the best thing that could happen to the Southern Pacific as well as the best thing for the state. The real railroad men know that, although they are not shouting it from housetops. They want to operate railroads and let the people attend to the business of government, and they know that the railroads would get more of a square deal from the people if the corporations would keep their hands off the government and fire the whole dirty crew of Herrin's Hessians. It makes railroad men sore to be classed with the Herrins, Parkers, Burkes, Lynches and the ruck of crooks and dirty drudges comprising the army of railrooges.

Probably it will require more than one "father and mother of a licking" to put that predatory gang out of business, for the drudges will cling to their jobs like barnacles to a ship's bottom, but a few decisive defeats of the machine would demonstrate its uselessness to the railroad and result in its consignment to the scrap pile, and this seems to be a good time to begin the series of lickings.

The insurgent movement, which embodies the protest of the people against the domination of government by the "big interests" does not appear to have gained headway in California in its relation to national affairs so distinctly as in other western states, but it is strong in state politics and it is represented in this campaign by the Lincoln-Roosevelt League, whose chief purpose is to smash the Herrin machine.

The contest for the nomination for Governor is likely to be narrowed down to Johnson and Anderson before the primary election. Stanton is making no headway and probably will quit, and Curry, the candidate of the "rough-neck" followers of the machine, will be pulled out of the race if Herrin can have his way. The machine will take Anderson, not because it expects to own him in office, but because its only show is to get behind a strong man at the head of the ticket and depend upon him to pull through the rest of the bunch. We believe Anderson to be the most capable man in the race, the man best qualified for the office of Governor, but his election would be a victory for the machine and a defeat of the insurgent movement, and would postpone the extirpation of the nest of reptiles harbored by the Southern Pacific's political bureau, just as the election of Gillett, who was not a tool of the bureau by any means, helped to keep the drudges in their jobs.

It is to be regretted that the voters of Imperial County have not had an opportunity to size up Johnson for themselves. As it is, they can only base their estimate of him upon the judgment of men whom they know and in whom they have confidence, and then decide whether they will vote for a candidate or for a cause. John Eshleman says Johnson is a bigger man than he supposed him to be and is not a rabid corporation bairer of the Heney type. He says Johnson is a reasonable, earnest level-headed, capable man and would make a good Governor, and that his fight is against the railroads but against railrooges, like Eshleman's own campaign. We are quite willing to take Eshleman's judgment of the man and to accept him as the representative of the Insurgent movement in California, which we hope will have momentum enough to butt the machine off the grade and reduce it to a total wreck.

PROTECTION OF THE VALLEY

It would be futile to attempt to procure any action by Congress in the matter of control of the Colorado during the remainder of this session, for that body is too busy playing politics to give the slightest attention to anything of real importance, but the people of Imperial Valley should begin now to organize for an insistent, united demand upon Congress at the opening of the next session. The Colorado must be put back into its old channel, and levees must be thrown up to hold it there if reclamation of the arid lands of the Southwest is to be made permanent.

Control of the Imperial Valley irrigation system by the Southern Pacific has been the salvation of the valley up to date, but continuance of that control seems likely to operate adversely for the reason that the government and the settlers are disposed to assume that the railroad company's interests are so great that it can be depended upon to go on spending vast sums for their protection. There may be a limit, however, to the Southern Pacific's expenditures for protection of the valley, even though its own interests are involved and it is certain to get returns on its investment one way or another. At all events, the settlers will have to pay, directly, or indirectly, for all that the railroad does for them.

Congress will be slow to authorize expenditures that may be made to appear to be for the protection or relief of the railroad, but might give respectful attention to a demand from the people of Imperial Valley for protection of a great irrigation system and a vast tract of reclaimed land owned by them.

Until the canal system passes into the hands of the settlers, it may not be possible to induce Congress to take up in earnest the problem of control of the river, and before that comes about the settlers may find it necessary to tackle the job on their own account and put the Colorado back into its old channel by closing the opening into the Abejos. That work probably could be done more readily next winter than at any subsequent period, and if the court should find it necessary to the maintenance of the system and authorize the receiver to do it, the farmers of the valley might put their teams on the job during the season of least ac-

tivity on the farm, and build the levee and take their pay in receiver's certificates, which would give them a first lien on the property of the C. D. Company.

TEN PER CENT EFFICIENCY

The General Land Office, having learned that the settlers of Imperial Valley are not a lot of thieves and land-grabbers and that the farmers, who produce three million dollars' worth of surplus food stuff for shipment in a year from land that was an arid waste less than a decade ago, are not "dummies" holding down claims for predatory corporations, has begun issuing patents that should have been issued long ago, and the men that reclaimed the desert are coming into their own. The commissioner promises that claims shall be disposed of at the rate of six a day and at that rate the valley titles should be pretty well settled in about a year. If the office were conducted on business lines, it could dispose of sixty cases a day, but an efficiency of ten per cent is pretty good for government clerks.

SUMMER LAUNDRY WORK

Get out those duck trousers, soft shirts, and summer clothes generally that need freshening and call up at once PHONE MAIN 223 We will call for the work and deliver it to you done up in satisfactory style. This laundry is now under the exclusive management of P. J. Audureau, and is better prepared than ever to give you satisfaction.

Patronize home industry and help build up an important institution for Imperial valley. P. J. AUDEREAU, Prop.

Imperial Valley Steam Laundry

Automobiles For Hire

The Central Garage is prepared at all times to furnish automobiles for hire on short notice, with experienced Chauffeurs who have accurate knowledge of all county roads.

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Are equipped to handle all classes of work in skilled manner. Prompt service and accurate work.

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Central Garage

FRED FULLER, Proprietor

BLACKINTON BLOCK

EL CENTRO, CAL.

VALLEY'S BARLEY CROP

W. B. Russell, representing the San Francisco Produce Exchange, and a member of the produce firm of Geo. H. Martin & Company, of San Francisco and Los Angeles, has been making a trip of inspection throughout Imperial Valley this week, for the purpose of securing an estimate of the barley crop for the San Francisco Exchange. Mr. Russell says he is convinced that fully 500,000 sacks of barley will be this season's valley crop, and that deducting for the grain that will be used for feed for valley stock, fully 300,000 sacks of barley will go to the coast markets. He does not anticipate much increase in prices. Eighty-seven cents per 100 pounds is the current price.

STAGE LINE ABANDONED

An unexpected turn of circumstances has caused the Moore Brothers & Emerson to abandon their projected summer stage line from Brawley to Warner Hot Springs and Julian. Mr. Moore, who has been seriously ill, has sold all his stock and will go out of the valley, seeking a restoration to health, and Mr. Emerson has so many calls upon his time that he has decided he cannot undertake the operation of the proposed stage line. This will be a disappointment to many valley people who had contemplated taking the trip overland to the mountain regions.

Two Drug Stores

Davis Brothers have purchased the Crocker Drug Store at Holtville, and will conduct this in connection with their El Centro Drug Store.

The advantages of buying for two stores are obvious—and the customers will get the benefit.

Mr. Baggott, a registered pharmacist will be at the Holtville store at all times, and one member of the firm will be at the Holtville stores most of the time.

The patronage of East Side residents is solicited for the Store under its new management.

Davis Brothers

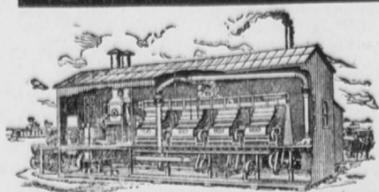
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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

The Gin that Does Perfect Work Under All Conditions

If weather and labor conditions were always ideal, there are several systems on the market that could handle cotton and produce a fair sample. But ideal conditions are the exception. Most of the cotton that comes to the gin is exceedingly dirty and trashy and much of it is wet. The ordinary system cannot do anything with it. It requires the exceptional system—the Munger System.

The Munger System thoroughly cleans and dries the cotton before it delivers it to the feeders. The process of handling the cotton in the elevator, separator and distributor, in addition to removing all the trash and dirt, opens up and loosens the cotton, leaving it in the best possible condition for the gins to handle.



Munger System Outfit

In cases where the cotton is particularly dirty and trashy the operation of separating, cleaning and drying can be repeated before delivery to the feeders. On this account the Munger System can handle cotton under any and all conditions and is the only outfit which can.

This is only one of the many exclusive features which put the Munger System in a class by itself. Every ginner should study these features carefully. They mean money in his pocket.

We have prepared and copyrighted a handsomely illustrated book on the Munger System which we will send to those interested.

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MOBILE

Imperial County, California

INTRODUCTORY PRICE OF LOTS FROM \$100 TO \$400---EASY TERMS

This town is located in a well settled up part of the Imperial Valley. It will supply shipping facilities and trading accommodations to the ranchers on the West side similar to those afforded by Holtville on the east.

The town is located on a good piece of land that has been in alfalfa for five or six years. This adds a great deal to the attractiveness of the place, makes it cooler in the summer and does away with the dust. It is the intention of the Company to irrigate and take care of the alfalfa until the property is turned over to purchasers.

Shade trees will be planted and taken care of on the residence streets. Abundant water rights go with the property and the Company plans to drill for artesian water, with every assurance of getting it.

Thousands of acres on the west side have been planted to cotton this year. A very extensive dairy business is carried on. The land is fertile and farmers are making money. Large tracts are now being opened up beyond the New River which will be tributary to Mobile. The opening railroad from San Diego, now under construction, will afford immediate and extensive business between that point and Mobile, on account of the short haul and low rates.

Investments made in lots in all the Imperial Valley towns have brought the purchasers large profits and are now selling at many times the prices asked at Mobile. The price of all lots will be raised when the railroad is in operation from El Centro and will be again increased when railroad connection is made with San Diego.

All lots connect with 20-foot alley. Unlimited certificates of title guaranteed by the Peoples Abstract & Trust Company of El Centro are given with all lots. Main business portion restricted to fire proof buildings. For further information apply to any real estate agent or Opera House Block, El Centro.

Mobile Land Co.

Opera House Block, El Centro, California