

LATEST MARKET REPORT FURNISHED BY E. F. SANGUINETTI	
Cotton	17% c
Milo Maze, ton	\$50.00
Petereta, ton	\$50.00
Alfalfa hay, ton	\$16.00
Barley, ton	\$55.00
Wheat, ton	\$62.50

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FEARLESS CHAMPION OF CITY OF YUMA, YUMA PROJECT  
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LATEST MARKET REPORT FURNISHED BY J. M. BALSZ	
Cattle	7c to 11c
Hogs	9c to 13c
Lambs	15c
Turkeys	24c
Chicks	16c
Eggs	30c

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## THE GREAT IMPERIAL VALLEY IS BEGINNING TO WAKE UP

The people over in Imperial Valley are beginning to realize that there is such a place on the face of the earth as Yuma Project. That may be because the old "rule or ruin" board of directors, with its many autocratic adjuncts, has been relegated to shades of private life; or it may mean that the new board of directors has at least some respect for the rights of Yuma Valley. At any rate there has been a very decided change in the attitude of the officials of the Imperial Irrigation district towards our Water Users' Association and let it be hoped that this change will work out to the advantage of the people of both valleys. It has always been the contention of the thoughtful people of Yuma Valley that if the officials of Imperial Valley would do their whole duty there never would be occasion for the annual row that occurs between the two valleys. That the old board of directors signally failed to grasp the situation is too well known to need comment. They kept drifting from bad to worse until the bone fide farmers of Imperial Valley drove them from office and put in their place the present board, with practically a new deal all along the line. Thus far the people have acted well.

Monday and Tuesday of this week the entire new board with the exception of Director Manning, was here in Yuma, accompanied by Attorney Phil Swing, Chief Engineer Clarke, and Consulting Engineer Anderson. They came here for the purpose of consulting with our board of governors, to make a trip to Laguna dam, and to inspect the new intake being constructed at Hanlon Heading. Their object in conferring with the board of governors was to get the sentiment of the board as to whether or not Imperial Valley will ever again be permitted to construct another diversion dam across the Colorado at the Hanlon Heading intake. They well knew that the injunction suit is still pending in Judge Baxter's court, likely to come up for final hearing at any time. Should this injunction be made permanent it will naturally act as an estoppel against the construction of a dam at any point below Yuma. The board wants to have the privilege of placing another dam across the river at that point, if its present intake cannot be completed in time to answer the purpose for which it is being constructed, and in order that our board of governors might see for themselves just what is being done at Hanlon Heading, the Imperial Valley board took our board down to the works Tuesday and pointed out exactly what they expect to accomplish through the new intake. It was my pleasure to accompany them. Attorneys Swing and Molloy were also present, as were Judge Thacker and Governors Gilmer, Marable and Schutz, and Project Manager Schlect.

We saw the whole thing. It is really a stupendous piece of work much greater than any of us had any idea was being undertaken. If it proves as successful as Engineers Anderson and Clark think it will, there will be no occasion to ask for the construction of another dam. But, and there is the rub, if it is not completed in time the dam will have to be constructed, or Imperial Valley will be "short" of water again this year, just as it has been for years past, only it may be worse this year than on previous occasions. The question, therefore, is: Shall Yuma Valley temporarily waive its right to demand the PERMANENT injunction, or will the suit be pressed to a final conclusion in face of the tremendous efforts now being put forth by the new board of directors of Imperial Valley? Will we lose any of our rights by holding the matter in abeyance until it is definitely known what the new intake will do? I apprehend certain stipulations can be made between our painstaking attorney and the Imperial Valley attorney that will be amply binding on both sides, and that being true it would seem the generous thing to do is to hold Imperial Valley right where we have them, until such time as we may want to assert our rights in the matter. I am unalterably opposed to abandoning the injunction suit. I am also irrevocably in favor of eventually making the injunction permanent. In other words I am in favor of allowing the matter to stand exactly as it is, until we know definitely what the new intake will do. As soon as that shall have been demonstrated, then I am in favor of pressing the injunction to a finality, thereby serving ample notice on Imperial Valley that NEVER AGAIN (barring the possibility of this year) will a diversion dam be permitted at Hanlon Heading.

I think I have made myself quite clear. For the welfare of Yuma I, in common with all citizens of Yuma, want to see Imperial Valley prosper, even beyond her fondest dreams, for whatever helps Imperial Valley must of neces-

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## WAKE UP, CITIZENS OF YUMA, AND ASSERT YOUR POWER.

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—After one side of Sentinel, containing conclusion of this article, had been printed, and this side ready for press, it develops that the water company, through a news leak, had contracted cold feet and the meeting with the corporation commission has been indefinitely postponed!

The immortal Abraham Lincoln is given credit for saying—

"You can fool ALL the people some of the time, and SOME of the people ALL the time, but YOU CAN'T FOOL ALL THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME."

It will be well for the board of supervisors, the city council and the Yuma Light, Gas & Water Company to memorize Abe Lincoln's words as quoted, for the people of Yuma are beginning to open their eyes, their hearing is becoming quite acute, in fact they are rolling up their sleeves, girdling up their loins, and otherwise getting ready for a battle royal, for they have been fooled just once too often. If matters cannot be mended in any other way they will express their sentiments at the ballot-box at a recall election and if it comes to that, well, good night and good bye to the city councilman or the supervisor who has already imagined or who may imagine that he "can fool all the people all the time."

At its regular meeting the early part of March the board of supervisors granted the Yuma Light, Gas & Water Company the right to operate throughout Yuma county. At the same meeting our two fellow townsmen, E. F. Sanguinetti and F. L. Ewing, were denied the same right, thereby granting an absolute monopoly to the Yuma Light, Gas & Water Company, owned, and controlled by Los Angeles bankers. Let it be said, however, in the interests of fair play and truth that there were but two members of the board of supervisors at the meeting when this important matter was voted on, Chairman Ike Proebstel moving to grant the Sanguinetti-Ewing franchise, while Supervisor Elliott refused to second the motion, which killed the application, or least put it in the waste basket until Supervisor Shanssey can be present to second the motion and vote with the chairman to place Sanguinetti and Ewing on an equality with the Los Angeles bankers.

Will Supervisor Elliott try to fool the people again? I am very much inclined to think he will not but time will tell.

In the meantime the Yuma, Light, Gas & Water Company has made application to the corporation commission, as the official notice in the Yuma Daily Examiner will testify, to abandon its muddy water (irrigation) service, to get the commission to fix a minimum charge for water, and finally to permit that concern to issue and sell stock.

Not a word is said about establishing a rate for electric light or power, that being left wholly in the hands of the Los Angeles bankers to fix for themselves. They are now charging something like SIXTEEN cents per kilowatt hour, or more than five times as much as they will be able to furnish the same power for when they connect with the Sierra High Power Company.

What are the people going to do about it? Do you intend to let these outsiders come in here, drive our own people out of business, and then gouge your very eye-balls out?

And what are you going to do with supervisors or city councilmen who vote to give those Los Angeles high-binders a monopoly of your public utilities? Are you going to remain asleep and let them rob you for all time to come? Or are you going to wake up and show your power? Which is it?

The statement of facts published elsewhere in this issue, signed by Sanguinetti and Ewing, tells the whole story. Read it well and then make up your mind to attend the meeting tomorrow and tell the corporation commission just what you think. Not only that, but you should demand of your city council that they take every step that is necessary to curb this gouging concern from Los Angeles, before it strangles the very life out of the city of Yuma. It would be worth millions of dollars to Imperial Valley if Yuma were wiped off the map, for in that event

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## REPORT GOVERNMENT ENGINEER ON WATER SYSTEM

The report of the board of engineers, consisting of Dr. Elwood Mead, D. C. Henny and Joseph Jacobs, on the irrigation and flood problems of the valley has been received by the farm bureau, the irrigation district and the board of supervisors, who jointly asked for the investigation by the department of the interior and the University of California. The report is the result of a preliminary investigation made by the above named board of engineers to determine the advisability of government aid in the solution of the permanent problems confronting the valley in connection with diversion, flood control and additional development.

A connection with Laguna dam is urged as the best means of diversion from the Colorado. A high line canal to irrigate the east side mesa is urged as a necessary development in the near future. As anticipated, the expense of the proposed permanent construction work would be met by the government on the basis of repayment of cash, including a proportionate cost of Laguna dam.

The board strongly recommends that the entire Colorado be considered as a unit by the federal government and be handled in such a way that the greatest use shall be made of the entire flow of the river. The report says in part:

"The water supply for the Imperial Valley comes from seven states. In all of these states irrigation is necessary for successful agriculture. All are deeply concerned in the utilization of the available water supply. Unless something is done to determine the areas to be irrigated in the different states and to provide for meeting the needs of these areas by interstate action costly interstate litigation is one of the inevitable events of the future. The time has come for the preparation of a plan for the irrigation development of this river as a unit, and this ought to include the Imperial Valley and ought to be prepared under the direction of the federal government, acting in co-operation with the authorities of the different states.

"Government action is necessary for the protection of a million acres of land in Imperial Valley and 180,000 acres of land in the Yuma Project. Because of mutual interference and the reflex effect of levees on opposite sides of the same stream the levee system should be handled as a single problem, and all work upon its several units should be co-ordinated to a common plan. The federal government has already constructed and is now maintaining levees on both sides of the Colorado river for protection of the Yuma Project, and it is the opinion of this board that that is the only agency that can develop the complete system of flood protection works that the Colorado river delta requires. Such action would appear to be in line with precedents set by the United States with respect to levee construction elsewhere."

The work contemplated by the district through the bond election has been strongly urged by Dr. Mead and is referred to in this report as follows:

"The determination of means of securing a dependable water supply and facilities for silt sluicing for the Imperial canal can, in our opinion, be made to advantage, by the district's own engineers, and should be paid for solely by the district. No attempt is made to outline measures immediately necessary to insure a satisfactory water supply for the next few years. No timely action could be expected from this report, and moreover measures to meet urgent needs already have been taken by the district.

"The present main canal crosses Mexican territory. Financial considerations make this the proper route and render an all-American canal impossible. In addition, a high line canal is being considered to irrigate a large area of land lying above the existing works. This canal would also have to cross Mexican territory and for this the consent of Mexico is necessary."

It will be noted that the all-American canal is condemned on the financial ground and not for engineering reasons, but there is no reason to believe the engineers have better facilities for passing on the financial problem than the people here.

It is understood that the report, of which only a small part is available now, contemplates acquiring rights in Mexico, and by inference this seems to imply the reclamation of the 700,000 acres of irrigable land there, mainly held by two American corporations. This is an economic problem which may not have come to the attention of the engineers, but which is vital in the view of residents here.

It is expected that the full report will be available for publication in these columns next week.—The Zanjero.