

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. W. T. Heffernan returned from Los Angeles Thursday.

T. S. Brandegee of San Diego, was looking over this country recently.

W. H. Horn of Lincoln, Neb., was looking over the Imperial country this week.

The organ to be used in the Christian church is in the reception hall of the hotel.

George Emmerson of Indiana, who will probably invest in this country, is here this week.

Engineer Rockwood was here from Cameron lake last week during the visit of the editors.

S. W. Fergusson, who went to Los Angeles last Saturday, returned via Yuma latter part of this week.

The household goods of our townsman, Dr. W. T. Heffernan, were destroyed by fire in Yuma, recently.

Deputy Tax Assessor and Collector Frank Stephens of San Diego, has been doing the town and country.

Messrs D. B. and William Crawford of Pomona, arrived in Imperial Thursday to look after their interests here.

Hon. A. H. Heber of Chicago, is here, investigating this country and the work of reclamation that is being done.

Mr. Thompson of New York City is in Imperial this week. He is here with a view to investing in land in this country.

H. P. Wood, secretary of the chamber of commerce of San Diego, accompanied the Editorial party to Imperial last week.

Misses Nana Caler and Elizabeth Staub came out from Los Angeles Thursday with a view to locating land in this country.

Mrs. H. L. Frost returned to San Diego April 6, having spent several days here, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Reed.

The foundation was laid this week for W. Patton & Co's. office building. There is to be four rooms in the building, two of which will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Fergusson.

W. S. Post of Los Angeles, arrived here from Phoenix, Arizona last week, going from here to Rockwood's camp at Cameron lake. Mr. Post is an engineer and is interested in the development of this country.

Miss E. Bertella Fergusson left for her home in Los Angeles Monday, having spent some time in the Imperial country. Miss Fergusson will probably return to this country after the summer months have passed.

S. R. Gage of Louisiana, who has been in Porto Rico the past few months, was in Imperial Sunday, going from here to Los Angeles Monday. He will engage in the livestock business in this country if he finds sufficient land in a body.

Mrs. R. V. Tibbols of San Diego, was here last week. Mrs. Tibbols has a tract of homestead land near Blue lake and came for the purpose of gaining information regarding same. Unfortunately no one here could enlighten her, as the surveys are not yet completed.

G. W. Bothwell came in from Sunset Spring last Thursday, returning the following day as leader of the Imperial Editorial Party. Mr. Bothwell said that surveying was the only work being done at present on the East Side tract, but that work on the canals would be commenced in about thirty days.

Two Churches for Imperial

Work will at once be commenced on the construction of the Christian church. Material is all on the ground and the building will go up rapidly. Rev. J. C. Hay of Pueblo, Colorado, has been secured as pastor of the church for a term of two years. From all reports, he is an excellent gentleman, and is the right man in the right place. We anxiously look forward to the time of his arrival.

Rev. J. S. Kline and E. A. Slane of Los Angeles, were in the city the latter part of last week. The former has a quarter section of land in what will eventually be the suburbs of Imperial, and, with Mr. Slane, who is a carpenter, came out to look over the land and lay the plans for the erection of a residence on same.

Mr. Kline, who is a member of the Southern California M. E. Conference, announces that a Methodist church will be constructed here during this year. He expects to spend a portion of the summer here, and move his family out next fall.

The Telephone Line Will be Completed Next Week.

W. F. and Leroy Holt left here Monday of last week for Flowingwell, to resume work on the telephone line. The work has been delayed for some time on account of the poles failing to arrive. A good force of workmen are now employed and the work will progress very rapidly, and Mr. Holt expects to have the line completed to Imperial some time during next week.

Four stations will be established, at once, and others will be added as it becomes necessary. One station will be placed at Iris, to connect with the telegraph, one at Flowingwell, one at Imperial and one at Cameron Lake. It is thought that a station will be necessary at Sunset Springs, on East Side tract very soon.

Mr. Holt is to be congratulated for his nerve and enterprise in placing forty miles of telephone wire in a country where the population requires but four 'phones.

Imperial Public School Will be Opened in the Fall of 1901.

The Imperial settlement has been made a school district, and County Superintendent Hugh J. Baldwin arrived here Friday of last week and appointed Paul E. Fergusson census marshal for the Imperial School District, and gave instructions for holding a trustees election in June.

The plans now are to erect a school house this season to cost not less than \$5000 and to open the first term the coming winter with an enrolment sufficient to employ two teachers.

Mr. Baldwin is an energetic and courteous gentleman, and made a most favorable impression with the people of Imperial. He was making the trip by private conveyance and left here Saturday morning for the Hedges and Picacho districts, about 100 miles from Imperial.

The Press Office

The PRESS is one of the most complete "little" printing plants in Southern California. It is equipped with material to do a superior class of job printing and to publish a small newspaper. Our type is Barnhart's "Superior Copper Mixed," while our press is Chandler & Price's "Challenge Gorden," and it is perhaps only justice to say it was furnished us through Nicklin's Southwest Printer's Supply of Los Angeles. Mr. Nicklin assisted personally in selecting the material, which means that everything is modern and up-to-date, and who, by-the-way, had the honor of christening the paper.

THE PRESS HONORED

With a Visit By the Imperial Editorial Party

Perhaps no finer body of men ever visited any place than that composing the Imperial Editorial Party, which reached the city at noon Wednesday, April 10. About 2 P. M. the party filed into the PRESS headquarters and paid us a tribute that shall long be remembered and which is the most interesting feature of the initial number of the paper. We know of no better way of expressing our appreciation of the same than to say to each individual "if you don't see what you want ask for it." Those of the party who started as we did, "as a printers' devil," put their good wishes in type, while those who had never acquired the skill as a typo left their copy with us. The following is what they said:

Here's hoping that the Imperial Press may live long and prosper. Compliments of George F. Weeks, editor Alameda Daily En-cinal.

The Imperial Press is destined to become the vehicle which will tell to the world the marvelous story of the transformation of a voiceless desert into a valley full of life and dotted with the happy homes of a prosperous and contented people.—FRED L. ALLES, Evening Express, Los Angeles.

The words "to fail" are unknown to such men as Fergusson, Chaffey and Rockwood of the Imperial Land and Water Companies. And now comes the IMPERIAL PRESS, a bright and new-sy sheet, published in the Imperial Settlement, through the columns of which the editor will tell to the world the great and glorious work which is being accomplished by these Imperial men in providing homes for millions by the reclamation of the desert.—J. L. MATTHEWS of the Covina Argus, Los Angeles Co.

The following is by L. M. Holt: Don't wander too far from town or you may get drowned in mirage lake.

This is a great country. Here the morning bath is taken in imaginary water; then a brisk walk is enjoyed down the imaginary boulevard; with the aid of a pipe the morning's news can be imagined, even to the cablegrams; in fact, all the comforts of civilization can be imagined by the nifty men who propose to make them realities. Here's to their success.—I. H. Rice, Western Graphic, L. A.

The Imperial Colony, the largest irrigation development in America, will bring into use and fruitfulness, the most fertile body of arid land on the continent, and will make a desert waste a community of happy homes, and a center of industrial activity. All honor and prosperity to the men who had the courage to inaugurate this gigantic enterprise.

H. D. WILLIAMS, Whittier Register.

The mirage of the desert will be surpassed by the great miracle of the desert transformation to a garden fit for a second Adam and Eve by the waters from the Imperial Canal.—GARNER CURRAN, Los Angeles Daily Journal.

We are most favorably impressed with what we have thus far seen on our trip of observation as one of the guests of the Imperial Land Company. We find thousands of acres of first-class land, requiring water only to make it a garden spot, an inexhaustible supply of which is to be had from the Colorado river. To accomplish this gigantic irrigation scheme bold financiers have provided the means, skillful engineers have perfected the plans, and an energetic and competent engineer, Geo. H. Chaffey, is pushing the work to a successful conclusion.

The Imperial Press, H. C. Reed editor and manager, which issues its initial number on April 20, at the new town of Imperial, San Diego county, is comfortably housed in a new and

roomy building, and is well equipped with material for job and newspaper work. Mr. Reed is a young man of experience as a practical printer, and a pleasant and courteous gentleman. That he will ably represent the interests of the new city and colony of the Imperial company goes without saying.

C. H. EBERLE, DOWNEY CHAMPION.

A. F. Clarke, of the Riverside Press, yawns thusly:

All hail, Imperial!
You waste of desolation,
With never an indication
Of greatness latent:
Open up your eye of faith
And squint
Hereward
A decade hence.
See the desert transformed
And the act performed
Which wedded water to fertile land.
Kindly Nature's gracious act
Of promise prophetic
Finds realization thrice perfected,
And every hope fulfilled.
Imperial!
'Tis a name to conjure
And so we adjure
You to make known its charms.

Imperial has a future, and that future is assured. Crops will reward industry, and fat cattle will make the land famous.

J. A. JOHNSON Orchard and Ranch Editor, Los Angeles Herald.

The Imperial Press, published in the town of Imperial, which is the Imperial School District, in San Diego county, in the Imperial State of California—one of the states of the greatest nations on earth. This paper represents the Imperial Settlements, which are irrigated by the most extensive irrigation system on the Pacific coast.

L. M. HOLT, Imperial Farmer, L. A.

Having had five years' experience in conducting a desert journal, I extend greetings to the editor of the Imperial Press as the exponent of the happiest, healthiest and most useful professions. You will carry to the word the development of a new region.

W. S. MELICK, Pasadena Daily News. April 10, 1901.

Hail to the Imperial Press! We shall greet you and pull with you until we are bound together with IRON TIES. E. J. SWAYNE, San Diegan Sun.

Martin Hensin of Escondido, was in Imperial recently. Mr. Hensin has a tract of land about six miles south from town and has just completed a residence on same, which is the first building erected in the country surrounding Imperial. He went from here to his home at Escondido, but will return when water for irrigation can be had.

How to reach the Imperial Settlement in the New River Country

Take the Southern Pacific train for Flowingwell, which is located about 190 miles east of Los Angeles. You can get good hotel accommodations at Flowingwell at the

McCaulley House.

The McCaully Stage Line, with good teams and rigs, will take you to any part of the valley.

Total expense of trip from Los Angeles, about \$25.