

### AT IMPERIAL TOWNSITE

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head of cattle are kept on the range near the lake.

Our townsman, Dr. Burdick, of the County Farm, has a claim of 320 acres near this fine sheet of water that will, with Cameron lake, be permanently filled from the irrigation canal that will pass this way.

The sun was approaching the summit of the mountain range to the westward when we headed for Imperial, 8 miles distant. This fine body of land between the Salton and New river, which we again crossed, will be the first to receive the water, which it is believed will be turned into the distributing ditches by June 15 of this year. All the way going and back to Imperial the land was the same rich sediment deposit from the Colorado river. A remarkable feature of the country over which our 50 mile drive of today took us was the small area of waste land. We know of no portion of California that has any thing near so little in an equal area of territory.

Our day's journey ended a little before sun down. The weather was all we could ask. A cool breeze blew up from the Gulf and the mid day sun was not oppressive. The temperature marked on the registering thermometer at Imperial at 90 degrees, though it did not seem that warm to us.

#### THE BOOT ON THE OTHER LEG

From the Western Graphic

It is a tradition that the ancient Egyptian priests and the Roman augurs were wont to laugh in each other's faces, while fooling the people at the top of their bent. The high and mighty allies who are engaged in the work of dispoiling China must perforce indulge in many a seance of this kind. When they come to pronounce the word "indemnity" the temptation to the broad guffaw must be very great indeed. In our wild and woolly West there is a catchword about knocking a man down and then kicking him for falling. This is about the experience the Chinese are undergoing. With the exception of the United States, which is unlearned in the arts of robbery, and has always shown knightly and most modest avoidance of the role of bully and spoliator, the powers who are just now engaged in the business of bulldozing the Celestial empire, are displaying themselves unblushingly in the role of highwaymen. The probability is that China, through the acts of her Boxers, did do ten or twelve million dollars' worth of damage to the several European powers. The killing of Baron von Ketteler and the outrages on the missionaries were deplorable. There is little doubt that China would have made ample reparation for these injuries. But when it comes to making up the Chinese side of the ledger, ye Gods and little fishes, what a "demnition total" as Mantilini would have said, is to be noted? When it comes to the equities of the matter, when it comes right down to it, what a colossal indemnity the powers ought to pay to China. Assessing damages to the Caucasian race at \$330,000,000. the latest figure reported from German headquarters, China ought to be awarded at least \$630,000,000. Thus, by passing over to the Celestials \$300,000,000, an equitable solution of the question might be reached. It was not known by the public until the other day that Italy and Spain had put in demands for big indemnities—big considering the fact that nobody had ever heard that they had been out and injured so much as a sou marquee. The poor disciple of Confucius is evidently the lineal descendant of the gentle-

man who fell amongst thieves. It is hard to realize that the world powers, who are engaged in the work of dispoiling China, have the most oblique connection or sympathy with Christ or his doctrines. Their inspiration is to be found in the lines—

The good old rule, the simple plan,  
That he may take who hath the power  
And he may keep who can.

Just there is the real animus of the coalition of world against China. If the principles of these ostensibly Christian Powers were applied to one of themselves a howl would go up that would not only make the welkin ring, but which would break the tympanums of all earthly ears. Without any exaggeration, there is food for profound thought and much dejection at the thinness of the venter of Christianity and Civilization that overlays the ferocious and predacious fibre of the Caucasian race.

#### New Buildings Going Up

Various obstacles, mainly lack of carpenters, have caused considerable delay in the completion of the Christian church and parsonage, and other buildings, all of which are really in course of construction, though no great headway has as yet been made on any of them. W. F. Holt, who is having these buildings erected, reached here Tuesday, after an absence of a week, and gave it out that he was very much displeased with the progress of the work, hence he had engaged the services of four men who are now completing the unfinished buildings. The city of Imperial will present a different appearance in a few weeks.

#### JUST BEFORE GOING TO PRESS

Work on the canal at Cameron is being pushed day and night and it is thought the water will be in this town during the next week. It is flowing in a large body by Cameron and will be turned this way in a few days.

I. W. Gleason brought the following party over from Riverside: David Pyle, R. C. Donovan and Robert Jensen. They are now at Blue lake. Will return here tomorrow.

E. A. Slane of Los Angeles, is in charge of the mechanical work on the lumber sheds of Holt Brothers.

Arthur Razez of Riverside is painting the town white this week.

L. C. Vickrey of Redlands is here doing carpenter work.

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Salton River.....	20 1/4 miles	Cook's Wells.....	51 1/4 miles
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