

Imperial Press

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Peter Barnes was up from Cameron Wednesday, and regarding crop conditions there he said: "Everything has brightened up wonderfully during the past week. Kafir corn and sorghum are looking much healthier, while millet that was thought to be of no account has now developed to such a point that an unusually large crop is anticipated. Considering the unfavorable conditions under which all the seeds were put in, the crops have flourished wonderfully. The land certainly does its part well. I have melons as large as your head." (Our head fills a No. 7 hat).

S. W. Mitchell, who was here several weeks ago, writes from Lyons, Oregon, as follows: "Inclosed find 50c, which I think will pay for the PRESS for what time I will be here. I expect to be with you after that. I am lost without the news from Imperial. Several parties are talking of coming to that section from here." Mr. Mitchell will engage in the mercantile business here. He is a strong advocate for wider streets in Imperial, which should be.

Paul Kluss, Anaheim, Cal., to the PRESS says: I took a trip through your country last November, and was well impressed with its possibilities, and I want to keep posted on what is going on there. Please send me the IMPERIAL PRESS.

A. W. Patton, who is harvesting hay on New river, came up for supplies Wednesday. Mr. Patton reports good headway in the harvest and says the hay is the best he ever saw grow wild.

S. B. Brown, of the firm of Brown Bros., representing at San Bernardino the Imperial Land company, was here the other day.

A. H. Heber, general manager Imperial Land company, and George Chaffey, president California Development company, are expected here from Los Angeles latter part of this week.

Several hundred acres of sorghum that was planted in the valley about July 1st is now higher than a man's head.

There was a field planted to corn just east of Imperial last Saturday. Four days later, Wednesday, a good stand of corn was up in this field.

Report comes from the Blue lake region that melons "are smiling on de vines."

The lumber sheds of Leroy Holt are being rapidly filled with lumber and feed.

W. W. Masten came in Wednesday for a load of feed to be used at his construction camp.

George Mitchell of Los Angeles, is in the employ of A. W. Patton.

Mrs. W. A. VanHorn came in from their ranch Monday for supplies.

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POETIC JUSTICE

A JERSEY man, who went out for a pleasure drive with his sweetheart not so very long ago, recieved a needed, though rather severe, lesson on the necessity of being humane to animals in this day and generation. It was a very hot day, and when the drive was about half over the horse became balky. The driver thereupon lost his temper and gave the animal an unmerciful beating. Then the trouble began. A constable saw him and promptly arrested him for cruelty to animals. He was unable to pay the money, and his companion settled the business for him. Then she went home, and wrote him a note, and this is what it said:

"When a man will so brutally beat a horse and so easily lose his temper, a woman marrying him would subject herself to the same treatment."

And the rest of the note released him from the engagement.

Most people will be of the opinion that the young lady in question did exactly the right thing, and that she was exceedingly fortunate in discovering the disposition of her fiance before instead of after marriage. Insensibility to the pain of another is not a trait which is particularly desirable in either a husband or a wife. While, of course, it is not to be inferred that every man who will beat his horse will also beat his wife, cruelty to animals so vitiates the moral nature that those perceptions upon which a sense of justice depends are blunted. The intimacy of marriage is so close that happiness can only exist where there is mutual forbearance together with a certain sensitiveness to the feelings of others. The man who does not possess this sensitiveness may not be actually cruel to either wife or children, so far as physical maltreatment is concerned, but he will say and do things which are quite as brutal as a blow with a whip would be. There are a dozen considerations which are likely to restrain him from wife-beating—the opinion of his neighbors, fear that his wife may invoke the law, fear of retaliation by her relatives, or merely the fact that it is not usual for American husbands to express their sentiments in that way. But if his nature is essentially cruel he will find ways to torture those dependent upon him which are worse than any physical pain. The true test of a man's character is not to be found in his actions when he is restrained by public sentiment or fear of consequences. He is his real self when he is free to act, to indulge meanness, or passion, or cruelty, toward some creature which cannot retaliate and has no means of defense. The Jersey man who is the unenviable hero of the above recorded was subjected to the test, and apparently failed. He may have had an idea that by his lack of consideration for his horse he was showing a manly and stern strength of character which would impress the girl in the seat beside him. Some men have an idea that women rather admire those who are capable of cruelty. These men are trying to fit sixteenth century ideas into twentieth century civilization. It can not be done. It is true that women admire a brave man, and often the man in question is a soldier or a hunter, but there is a very fine distinction between the brave man and the man who is ever ready to inflict pain. What the modern girl sees to admire in a soldier is not his willingness to shoot other men, but his readiness to be shot himself; not his murderous impulses, but his sacrifice of personal safety. The kind of woman who would admire a man after seeing him act cruelly toward a helpless animal is not safe for a wife.

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Monument 220..... 16 1/4 miles
Salton River..... 20 1/4 miles
West Mesa..... 27 1/4 miles
East Mesa..... 28 3/4 miles
Alomo Mocho..... 30 3/4 miles
Gardener's..... 36 3/4 miles
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