

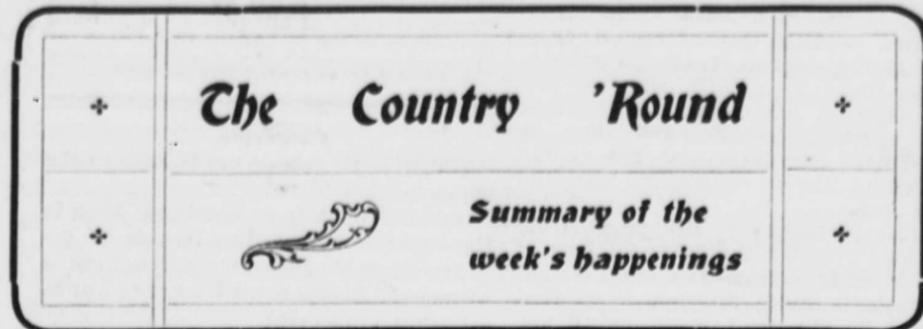
Imperial Press

"Water is King—Here is its Kingdom."

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J. B. Hoffman was up from Cameron Monday.

Surveyor Hall was up from Cameron Sunday.

Lee Armijo of Phoenix, is in the Imperial country.

W. W. Masten was in Imperial on business Wednesday.

Guy St. Clair was here from San Diego Sunday last.

Mrs. VanHorn was in town Wednesday for supplies.

C. H. Kleinhen of Escondido, has been looking over the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Stratton of Yuma, were in Imperial few days ago.

Renay Grevel is having lumber hauled for the erection of a residence.

J. L. Rutter returned from a business trip to Los Angeles last Saturday.

George Laurance and Peter Larson were up from Blue lake Wednesday.

C. C. Larue of Oxnard, has entered the employ of Dr. J. C. Blackington.

G. W. Denney has been in the Imperial country several days from Escondido.

A. W. Hathorn of San Diego, was in this section of the county first of this week.

A. W. Johnson was here from Phoenix, Arizona, few days ago, looking for land.

L. F. Hastings of Visalia, who was here in July, returned to Imperial last Sunday.

H. C. Oakley and Dr. F. P. Blake made a trip to the Blue lake region Monday.

A party of eleven land seekers arrived here Wednesday, and another large party came in Friday.

A. W. Patton, after a business trip of two weeks to points on the coast, returned to Imperial Monday.

Reports from the school indicate that it is progressing nicely, with a splendid average attendance.

Dr. Jenkins and Messrs Eaton and Atwood were here this week from Riverside, looking for a location.

F. M. Chappell, uncle of our townsman A. W. Patton, arrived in Imperial Monday from Los Banos.

J. L. Baldrige was here from Escondido the other day looking for a location. He added his name to our honor roll.

A large party of land seekers, who are coming from Escondido by private conveyance, are expected here in a day or two.

L. C. Vickrey has the foundation laid for his residence, and the work of construction will be rapidly pushed to completion.

Chas. Bond, who came here several days ago to set up a pair of Fairbanks scales for Dr. Blackington, left for Los Angeles last Sunday.

President George Chaffey of California Development company was here on business this week. Mr. Chaffey is well pleased with the developments.

Col. L. M. Holt was here from Los Angeles this week on business. He is interested with Dr. Blackington in about 600 acres of feed in the valley.

Peter Barnes, the store keeper east of Cameron, is having material placed on the ground for the construction of a business house, and also a residence.

W. R. Vanderpoel was here for supplies last Saturday, and reported an abundance of melons about Blue lake. He sends the Press to his brother at Riverside.

J. W. Lindsey was here Wednesday from Riverside. Mr. Lindsey has great faith in the Imperial country, and says it has a wonderful future ahead of it.

J. H. Richards of Redlands, who was here few days ago, was well pleased with the country that he returned Tuesday with his wife, and she will also locate a piece of land in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Haravitz and Mrs. Wagner of Phoenix, Arizona, have been in the Imperial country several days. Mr. Harvart has 160 acres of land in the valley which he will put in cultivation this fall.

The family of Leroy Holt arrived in Imperial last Friday, and will make their home here. For the present Mr. Holt and family are stopping at Hotel Imperial, but will have a residence built in a short while.

Will Hart of Pomona, arrived in Imperial last Sunday, and with J. H. McKim, who has been here several days from the same place, has been looking the country over this week, and will probably invest in the valley.

P. J. Storms was in from Diamond lake Sunday. He says melons are plentiful and very fine in that region. He said everybody in his neighborhood would be present at the first sermon in the new Christian church the fifth Sunday in this month.

H. C. Oakley, who was looking over the Blue lake section Monday, reports that Mr. Jones has a very nice garden on the banks of the lake, where sweet potatoes, tomatoes, sugar corn, and other similar plants are growing at a rate that is very surprising.

Everybody in the valley is expected to report at the Christian church in Imperial about ten o'clock Sunday morning, September 29th, to hear the first sermon in the valley, which will be delivered by Rev. J. C. Hay. The time is one week from tomorrow.

We are indebted to Mrs. Sarah Patton of Los Angeles, for a most delicious can of fruit of her own preserving, sent down by A. W. Patton Monday. This is not the first of Mrs. Patton's fruit we have had, and if we are any judge of good things, she certainly knows how to preserve fruits in a way to make them the best.

PROGRESS OF OUR RAILROAD

ENGINEERS EMPLOYED AND ACTIVE WORK HAS BEGUN

Activities in Railroad Matters Begin in Earnest in the Bay City.

Surveyors Start

GRATIFYING progress, says the San Diego Union of the 14th, is being made by those having charge of the San Diego-Yuma railway project. When the fund of \$50,000 was being raised, this paper had no hesitation in assuring the people of this city that as soon as \$40,000 were pledged, the task of making surveys and doing other preliminary work would be prosecuted vigorously and expeditiously. The assertions then made are now shown to have been fully warranted.

This first step was to secure a consulting engineer, who should possess not only skill, but a reputation that should be a guarantee to the world that the important work under his supervision would be performed in the best possible manner. In securing the services of Mr. E. Hawgood, Manager Fergusson has fully attained that end. The next requisite was a field engineer. For that position Mr. H. T. Richards, for many years recognized as among the most skillful men in his profession, has been retained.

Under these gentlemen the surveys will go forward rapidly. There will be no delay in beginning this needed work. Mr. Richards will set forth today to make a preliminary reconnaissance; and immediately afterward, the field corps will enter upon its labors.

It can be said, too, that Manager Fergusson's efforts have not been directed to getting these surveys alone. He and the members of the committee are hard at work on the general proposition, and although this is not the time to make public what has been accomplished, it can be said that substantial progress has been made.

The entire outlook for the enterprise, whose success means so much for San Diego, is in every way hopeful. The matter has been undertaken in the right way; it is in the hands of the right men, and cannot fail.

Says the Corona Courier: The desert country, as it is commonly called, is being looked to at the present time as the coming farming section of Southern California. It has no doubt a bright future before it, water in abundance and cheap at that, and a climate that is not nearly so bad as most people imagine. A number of Corona people are heavily interested in that section and some have spent the entire summer at Imperial and are perfectly satisfied with the climate, which of course is not as cool as on the coast, but no hotter than in many of the states east of the Rockies.