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EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The day of small things for Imperial is fast becoming history. Until recently it has been possible for the undersigned to fill the position of editor and manager of the Imperial Press, and at the same time do the mechanical work. It was seen, however, that under this arrangement the demands of the Imperial country could no longer be met, and the other day the Imperial Farmer, formerly published in Los Angeles, was consolidated with this paper. The "ready print," or "patent inside," is discarded and the entire eight pages will be devoted to the Imperial country, with an increased number of pages as the business demands it. Under this new arrangement I have the privilege of introducing to our readers Edgar F. Howe as editor and manager of the Imperial Press and Farmer.
H. C. REED.

In assuming editorial management of the Imperial Press and Farmer, I prefer to be judged by the paper as it appears from week to week, rather than by promises. The former editor, Henry C. Reed, remains with the paper to reap the honor which is his due as the pioneer newspaper man of the Imperial colony. Respectfully,
E. F. HOWE.

VALUED TEACHERS

There is one class of people now coming to the colony who have it in their power to prove most valuable instructors to others. These are the men, gaining in number rapidly, who are coming from the Salt river valley, Arizona. They have for years been growing feed and raising cattle under conditions which parallel the conditions here, and they have brought alfalfa growing, especially, to an art. They know how to get the best of results and avoid the mistakes that in a new colony are very often seriously destructive to crops.

There is such a thing possible as allowing water to stand on alfalfa in the hot sun until it scalds the plants and kills them, and other similar mistakes may be equally injurious.

The people of Southern California are accustomed to irrigation, but under different conditions than those which exist on the delta of the Colorado, and every person who has a piece of land in charge will do well to make the acquaintance of one of the former residents of the Salt river valley, study their methods and ask many questions.

Here, as elsewhere, the best results will be obtained by those persons who best adapt themselves to the demands of nature under the conditions of climate, soil and water which prevail.

OLD LAND MARK

E. L. Maxwell of Pittsburg, Kansas, paid a brief visit to Imperial Tuesday and Wednesday. Standing by the hotel Wednesday morning, he studied Signal Mountain, and said that in 1860 he made a trip from San Francisco to Memphis, Tennessee, by stage, going over the old Butterfield route. He remembered that over a wide plane the road was indistinct and they had a solitary mountain as their guide. He recognized Signal Mountain as the one which was followed forty years ago.

Pen Pictures

A CLOUD of dust, a dash of four horses and wagon, an out-climbing of seven or eight men, a charge on the hotel table, a continuous joshing of good-natured Chinese Charley, a rollicking song and jolly banter, and everybody knows that the surveying "gang" has arrived for the night. And everybody greets the boys with a pleasant word, for everybody knows that they have fought a noble battle for the redemption of the desert, and have stood the onslaught of the elements for month after month in the preliminary work essential to the irrigation of the soil.

F. F. Hall, who has charge of the field work, and who heads "the gang," is a boyish-looking personage, though he has brought honors from Cornell University and has demonstrated the thoroughness of his education and the pluck concealed in his apparently frail structure during the two years of his service on the Imperial tract.

Scarce is supper over than Mr. Hall repairs to the telephone, and the mystic words of the surveyor's craft begin to rattle over the wire. To the uninitiated it is all a mystery, but those who know can picture to themselves the thoughtful though jolly face of C. N. Perry at the company's headquarters in Calexico, comparing notes with Mr. Hall and directing the movements of the morrow.

Mr. Perry is one of the men who will long be remembered in connection with the Imperial colony. Under the direction of George Chaffey, whose guiding genius touches the Imperial colony at all points, it is the special task of Mr. Perry to direct the work of the engineers and to work in conjunction with the construction department, which is under the superintendency of Thomas Beach, in such a way that the latter will always have elbow room without collision with the engineers.

And so the work goes on, with energy which is apparent to all, but with system the riddle of which is unsolvable but by those who have before them day by day the contour maps which tell the story of the months of toil in mapping the great delta of the Colorado.

MINERS' OUTFIT

C. G. Balch and Jeff Killam, who were on their way from Fresno to Yuma several days ago found what is apparently the remains of a miners' outfit and left it at the Press office. The find was made this side of Carriso creek, and consists of a coffee mill, copper wash basin, bridle bits, silver fork, glass inkstand and wagon wrench. There was also a common miner's pan, which fell to pieces when picked up. There is no doubt that the articles have lain for a great many years on the plain, and seem to have been cast aside to lighten the load which the overburdened miner was carrying.

Another find was made during the present week by H. C. Oakley and some men whom he was showing over the tract. There were a number of pieces of Indian pottery, some showing ornamental work of a superior character, while a number of flints and a meal grinder were near by.

There is every reason to believe that the Imperial tract will prove rich in finds which will contribute to a knowledge of the experiences of man here, and it will be well for every person having an opportunity to make it a point to discover as many relics of man's residence here as possible.

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