

**THE VALLEY NEWS**

James Cart is building a house on his farm near Cameron Lake.

George E. Irwin is building an adobe house on his ranch west of town.

W. A. Van Horn is building an adobe house on his farm south of Imperial.

I have good alfalfa pasture, horses \$2 per head per month. Jacob Stoner. tf

See these lovely dress patterns at Varny's. All kinds, colors and prices. No two alike. 49tf

Rev. J. W. Sherk has lumber on the 3C ranch for a new house to add to the comfort of the family.

NOTICE—Parties found cutting timber around Blue Lake will be prosecuted. Blue Lake Land & Town Co. tf

Water stock for sale on easy terms by Imperial Water Company, No. 1. Inquire of R. D. McPherrin, Secretary. tf

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O'Brien Brothers, who recently purchased 700 acres on the line east of Calexico, are now building a house on the farm.

Lost—Between Imperial and Old Beach, 38 Smith & Wesson, notch in handle, Mexican belt. Reward if left at this office 49-50

M. P. Holman returned Thursday from Los Angeles, where he has been on a purchasing expedition for the firm of Mitchell & Holman.

Hon. T. Estudillo of Los Angeles came to the valley this week to visit his son, Joe Estudillo, of Calexico, who has been quite ill for some weeks.

Miss Charlotte Thayer of Detroit, Mich., left for her home Friday morning, being escorted to Old Beach by Earl Heber and Miss Ula Hammers.

Farnsworth & Holland lost a fire horse this week which Mr. Farnsworth had driven down to Beltrand's slough, below the line, the animal dying suddenly.

The Press force was this week strengthened by the arrival of Armiger Howson of the publisher, who will henceforth be an active participant in the duties of the office.

C. J. Schenk has been busy the past week laying brick on his new business block opposite the Press office, and the building begins to make a pretentious appearance.

Supervisor Jasper, who has been planning to make his home on his ranch near Blue Lake, is now building an adobe house on the property, and will soon be nicely situated there.

A great rain which has prevailed on the coast much of the time for three weeks, this week resulted in several brief sprinkles in the valley, being just sufficient to lay the dust nicely.

John A. Merrill has retired from the firm of Chaplin Brothers & Merrill, Messrs. Chaplin having purchased his interest, and the business will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of Chaplin Brothers.

F. C. Paulin came into Imperial from Yuma Thursday morning, having spent the previous night in Brawley. He reports great interest manifest in Imperial wherever he goes and from every section from which he hears.

The California and Mexico Land and Cattle Company is building a house on the ranch on this side of the line, for the use of the foreman, and below the line the company is also making improvements in the same line.

Born—Near Imperial, Friday, April 3, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell, a daughter.

Some of the construction crew cars of the Southern Pacific Company, occupied by choles who had been at work at Imperial, caught fire at Old Beach Friday afternoon, and five of them were burned.

J. H. McKim was in from Pomona this week to look after his farm east of town. He expects to bring in about 500 breeding hogs as soon as feed can be grown for them this summer, and later to follow the importation with cattle.

Non-resident owners of land near Imperial: We would like to get a section or more, in one or more tracts of unimproved land, on which to put a summer crop of Egyptian corn, sorghum, etc. Write for particulars. Edgar Bros. 49-51

The cottonwood trees which made a growth last summer and have been dormant during the winter are now making good growth again, and a few good sized trees will soon be seen in town, though not so many as might be wished for.

C. Barnett, of the firm of Barnett Brothers, who are planning to open a harness shop in the building they erected last week on the east side of Imperial avenue, has returned from a hasty trip to Los Angeles, where he bought a stock of goods in his line.

Edgar Brothers have arranged to get a limited number of Kaffir corn headers for the valley this year, and thus another novel agricultural implement will become known in the country, although there will probably not be enough of them this year to meet all demands.

The Farmers' Club meeting Saturday afternoon was not well attended, the farmers evidently being too busy attending to their crops to join in the discussion of questions liable to be brought up. The next meeting of the Club will be on the last Saturday in the month.

The Imperial Lumber and Commercial Company has made good progress during the last few days in putting up an office which will take rank as one of the most attractive buildings in the valley, though not large. It has graceful form, with curving roof and generous porches.

During the last few days a rather novel sight has been presented in a number of wagon loads of alfalfa hay, cut on the land of S. J. Ulrey, about a mile east of Imperial. Not only is this an early cutting, but it is the first alfalfa hay ever put on the market from land in the immediate vicinity of the town.

Charles Sanborn, United States customs officer at Calexico, arrived in Campo on Monday, where Mrs. Sanborn, of Nestor, joined him by stage in the evening. They started for Calexico Tuesday, where Mrs. Sanborn will add experience both enjoyable and novel during her sojourn on the borderland.—San Diego Union.

Greater activity prevails on the farms of the valley than ever before, with the result that the town has been drained of all its available population and even the farmers do not find time to come into town for trading purposes, except in case of necessity. This has resulted in giving the town during the week a degree of quietude not known for some time.

Mrs. L. C. Vickrey entertained several lady friends at an April Fool party Wednesday afternoon, when many games were played and refreshments pertinent to the day were served. Those who shared Mrs. Vickrey's hospitality were

A special dispatch received by the Press Saturday morning stated that regular train service will be begun into Imperial on April 10.

Mesdames Leroy Holt, G. N. Young, S. W. Mitchell, Ray Edgar, J. A. Morrison, H. N. Dyke, J. H. McKay, Z. L. Gardner and Miss Emily Seigmiller.

The Imperial Land Company is anxious to interest all the farmers of the valley in aiding in preparing good exhibits of the products of the valley for the company's offices in Los Angeles and Chicago and for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. While this is not the best time of year for making up exhibits, it is hoped that everybody will take an interest in making the showing as good as possible.

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**Notice to Taxpayers.**

"All taxpayers are required by the constitution to annually make and deliver to the assessor a statement, under oath, setting forth specifically all real and personal property, owned by such person, or in his possession, or under his control, at twelve o'clock, meridian, on the first Monday in March."

The above is the law regarding taxes and as the assessor is now in the valley, he wishes that every taxpayer would make out a list of his taxable property, and be ready to pay such taxes when he calls upon you, as he will soon do. Do not overlook this, as it causes an endless lot of trouble, and the assessor asks that you be ready to pay same when he calls.

J. D. RUSH,  
County Assessor.  
C. B. ALLEN, Deputy Co. Assessor.

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**This is believed to be the orange belt of the Imperial Settlements**

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