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REV. WENTWORTH
IN POLITICS

The people of Imperial are so hard pressed for talent to represent them in the pending contest for county seat honors that they have impressed the Methodist minister at that place into service and Rev. Wentworth is billed to speak on behalf of that town at Holtville and other places. We have heard it from the lips of persons whose lives were consecrated to the service of the blessed master that the rule of christian living may be determined by asking the question, what would Jesus do? Also some years ago an eminent divine wrote a book entitled, "If Christ came to Chicago." Therefore the query arises, if Christ came to Imperial Valley what would he do and is the Rev. Wentworth following in the steps of the master when he deserts his church work to enter politics. While we do not pretend to infallibility in religious matters we do not think many christian people will think that the Rev. Wentworth is obeying the mandates of the gospel when he takes up the cudgels for Imperial or any other town for county seat. So long as there is a sinner unconverted or a blind pig in Imperial the Rev. gentleman can find plenty of work in the line of his high calling. If he loves Imperial more than he does his God he should resign the service of his God, so as to be free to enter that of Imperial. If he loves his God most then he should attend to the ministrations of the gospel and let politics alone. He cannot serve God and mammon. We have no objection to a minister of the gospel taking a lively interest in those public matters which involve questions of morality. But the Methodist church members outside of Imperial will hardly believe that if Christ came to Imperial Valley at this time he would find any great moral question involved in deciding where the best location for county seat exists. They believe that if Jesus were in our midst He would attend to the Master's business—heal

the sick, preach the gospel, urge sinners to repent and seek the kingdom of God.

The Methodists at El Centro and vicinity who are helping to pay Rev. Wentworth's salary are willing that he should take sufficient time from his pulpit to help clean out the blind pigs which now exist at Imperial and elsewhere, too, if any exist elsewhere, but when he takes the stump on the county seat question he should resign his pulpit.

IMPROVED SERVICE

The New Auto Car Will Soon Be Placed in Commission

The large auto car for use on the Holt Inter-Urban Ry arrived in the El Centro yards Monday on a New York Central flat car. W. E. Boyington, a motor car expert from the Sheffield Car Co's factory at Three Rivers, Mich., was here to receive it. It was unloaded and made its trial trip to Holtville within three hours from the time of its arrival. General Superintendent Paris and Machinist Buttress accompanied Mr. Boyington and state that the car is in every respect satisfactory. It will be placed in commission within a day or two. Patrons of the H. I. are to be congratulated on this new addition to the motive power which means to them better service and rapid transit. This is the first car of this style to be placed in service in this state and will be inspected by several parties from other parts of the state during Mr. Boyington's stay of ten days or two weeks.

Bad Burn Quickly Healed

"I am so delighted with what Chamberlain's Salve has done for me that I feel bound to write and tell you so," says Mrs. Robert Mytton, 457 John St., Hamilton, Ontario. "My little daughter had a bad burn on her knee. I applied Chamberlain's Salve and it healed beautifully." This salve allays the pain of a burn almost instantly. It is for sale by El Centro drug store.

J. F. Tout and the County Seat Contest

All sorts of things have been said about my connection with this contest. I simply want to be understood, hence this note.

Two years ago I was sent to Imperial to preach the gospel. I was supported jointly by the Southern California and Arizona Christian Missionary Society and the Christian church of Imperial. I cannot say too much in appreciation of favors, respect and kindness shown me during my term of service, by the church business men and people generally. There has never been a moment when a sincere "God bless you all" was not my feeling toward all. The people are all right and I have no reason for not considering them my personal friends.

For about fifteen months I have been preaching at El Centro once in two weeks in the afternoon. The people here as in Imperial have been cordial and kind to me and my work; this work was encouraged by the same missionary society. When the time came to close my work at Imperial it was my desire to move here and give my time to this field. It was also the wish of the members who reside here.

On a survey of the situation during the last year I became convinced that El Centro gave promise of leadership among the towns of the valley. I believed it would be the county seat when the time came for county division, this conviction was settled in my mind at the time of the conviction of the "one hundred prominent citizens," that conviction has grown stronger up to the present moment.

I want to say right here that Mr. Holt never solicited me directly nor indirectly to come here. I had decided to move here and had a house rented. I went to him and told him my purpose.

Whatever I do to advance the chances of El Centro for county seat is entirely of my own choosing. While I think Mr. Holt or any one else has a perfect right to solicit people to work in their interests, I desire to make emphatic that no such solicitation came to me.

I have my reasons for the conviction that El Centro is the proper place for the county seat. I have given some of them and will give more of them. Every fair minded person will accord me this right. A minister has every right that belongs to others. The old cry that a "preacher should keep out of politics" is true only when the "politics" is bad, but the moment the preacher should "keep out" every one else had better "keep out." I want to give notice now that as long as I am in this valley I expect to take an active part in its politics, I think this is my duty. I am a citizen and shall exercise every right I have according to my pleasure.

J. F. TOUT, El Centro

Free Scales

Through the generosity of W. F. Holt and the merchants and citizens of El Centro and vicinity a new ten ton Fairbanks' scale is now open to the use of the public absolutely free of charge. It has been installed at stock yards, south of depot; the S. P. Ry. has just completed a third stock pen and has also piped water to same and conditions are perfect for weighing and shipping of live stock. The El Centro chamber of commerce will see that scales are at all times kept in perfect repair.

Crushed fruit flavors used in our fountain drinks. Valley Drug Co.

EL CENTRO is the key to the situation in the matter of the County Seat question. It is the most centrally located point in the proposed new county and the most convenient to reach by a large majority of the people of the territory to be embraced in the new county. It is a live, growing, progressive town. It holds out the hand of good-fellowship to every community in the peerless Imperial Valley and it asks for nothing not justified by its merits.....

CRIMINAL LIBEL

C. H. Day Has E. F. Howe and S. D. Ulrey of Imperial Arrested

Upon the complaints of C. H. Day of Calexico Deputy Sheriff Murray McAlmond placed Edgar F. Howe and S. D. Ulrey, of Imperial, under arrest Tuesday morning and took them to Calexico on the morning train, where they appeared before Justice Hoffman, to answer to the charge of criminal libel. The preliminary hearing was set for August 8th and the prisoners were released on their recognizance to appear at that time and place.

Attorney Cox represented the complainant and attorney Farr appeared for the defense.

Two separate complaints were made out and two warrants issued.

This suit for criminal libel arose out of the article published in the Standard recently, signed by S. D. Ulrey, whereby Mr. Day alleges that it defamed his character and has hurt his business.

Mrs. J. G. Newton spent several days in Imperial last week.

HOLTVILLE'S SHIPMENTS

Special Freight Train Was Run Last Thursday Evening

The Holt Inter Urban railroad was compelled to run a special freight train last Thursday evening in order to accommodate the shipments from that place. This one day alone there were shipped from Holtville 9 cars of hogs, 1 car of cantaloupes, 2 cars of brick and one ton of honey. Of course this was an extraordinary shipment for one day, but the shipments from this town are steadily increasing and will continue to do so.

The people of that place are realizing more and more every day that if they were depending upon anyone connected with the town of Imperial they would not have the shipping advantages they now enjoy. All the railroads ever built by the Imperial push have been merely on a map and probably a little talk. That's all it ever amounts to.

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We have opened a Real Estate Office in the Hotel block, and are ready for business. We can sell you

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To Sell

Your property, list it with us. We are in touch with prospective buyers and will be able to dispose of property quickly.

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EL CENTRO CALIFORNIA

Summer Wash Goods

Beginning Tuesday, July 16th, we will place on sale our entire stock of Figured Wash Goods at exceedingly low prices. The stock includes Lawns, Organdies, Batistes, Voiles, etc., that sold from 12 1-2 to 20 cents a yard. In order to close them out and have the room for a big fall stock we have priced the entire line at 8 1-3c to 10 1-2c.

Jelly Glasses at 32 1-2c. a doz.

We have two barrels to sell at this price and will be unable to get more at any where near this figure. There are several styles in the lot, some plain, some with fluted bottoms, etc., all with smooth finished tops, making a nice drinking glass. They are regular 60c a dozen glasses. Yours for 32 1-2c while this lot lasts.

El Centro Department Store

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