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AN UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR

One of the most unfortunate occurrences arising from the contest for county offices and county seat was the writing and printing of the article signed by S. J. Ulrey, which was printed in the Standard last week and for which writing and publishing C. H. Day alleges he was defamed and harmed.

It is to be lamented that Mr. Ulrey should go so far in his zeal to further the schemes of the Imperial push as to try and hurt the character of a citizen of the valley to the extent he should be arrested on a charge of criminal libel. The Imperial push had it all planned that Wentworth was to be the chairman of the convention and in the pockets of two or three delegates were resolutions which would have been read had Wentworth been made chairman and because the deep laid scheme was not allowed to go through, now the Imperial push must add another to its list to roast and toast through the columns of their slandering paper. The article as written ran smoothly and sounded nice and venomous, but there seemed to be no foundation for the assertions made.

Under the circumstances Day is not to be criticised for seeking redress from both the author and publisher.

From the beginning it became evident that the biggest portion of their campaign "argument," as they call it, was to malign the character of those who were not with them. Ever since Howe took charge of the Standard someone has been the object of an attack from that paper. He seems to be never satisfied unless he is maligning a defaming someone. But everyone was surprised when Mr. Ulrey should lend his versatile pen to what seems to be an attempt at the same end, and all because he had just begun to realize that their chance to win the county seat was not so great as he had believed. The question arising in the minds of a great many people is, has the Imperial push any grounds for calling a shovel by its right name, as Howe asserted Ulrey did in this in-

stance. How about the way they have conducted their campaign? Is it not a notorious fact that they have taken advantage of every underhanded political scheme they could think of?

Have they ever conceded any other town or any other section of the valley any rights whatsoever? Have they not rode rough shod over everything they could? Did they not start out at the very first with an unfair advantage? What other town in the Imperial Valley would not have allowed each community a fair representation at the first meeting called for county division? They know and you know that Imperial did not. It was fixed by the push. And now that the representative people of the valley are turning against the gang, their ire knows no bounds. What a pity. Really, what disgrace against the peace and dignity of our fair valley.

But the effect of these utterances does not end with just one man. A majority of the delegates come under these unnecessary and uncalled for remarks and it is not to be supposed that those honest delegates either in the majority or minority side will shoulder these serious imputations without resentment.

Whether Messrs. Howe and Ulrey are guilty of criminal libel is yet to be determined by the courts, but whether or no, these gentlemen have no right to cast reflection on so large a body of men and it would be better in the future should they call a shovel by some other name.

FOR SALE

100 head of first class young dairy cows 11 miles South of Pomona. Came and see them milked and see the milk check, they are money makers. Price \$60. Some terms if desired. For particulars address Crawford & Davis.

Corona, R. F. D. No. 1. 16tf

Election is one week from next Tuesday.

For Whose Benefit

After having started the county division movement in an underhanded manner when it was believed by the push that Imperial would stand its best chance to secure the county seat, and after learning to its sorrow that the majority of the valley people do not believe in such underhanded means as have been practiced by the push, the Standard tries to work on the sympathies of the voters by making false assertions that Imperial is alone in the world—an orphan as it were. Along with these same statements comes one also to the effect that the promoters of El Centro, should it win, were going to be benefited to such an extent that it was almost appalling. Let us look into this matter a little way: Imperial was promoted by one of Paulin's companies. A few lots were sold to people who live in the town at the present time. More lots—many more—were sold at auction at whatever price was offered. Most of these, however, were sold to non-residents. All of the unsold lots belong to some one of the companies dominated and controlled by F. C. Paulin. Believing the Standard was not telling the truth when it asserted that the town was mostly owned by the people who live there, the Press had the Abstract Title and Trust Co., of San Diego, make a list of the unsold lots in Imperial belonging to the Paulin companies and we are frank to confess that the figures given were even a surprise to us—and also showed us the nigger in the wood pile: There are ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FOUR unsold lots in the townsite of Imperial, or twice as many as there are in El Centro.

The figures are absolutely authentic, having been furnished, as we said before, by the Abstract Title and Trust Co., of San Diego.

The enormity of the figures cannot help but show you who will be the most benefited by winning the county seat. Paulin, with his 1134 unsold lots, would have a wad of money to take out of the valley and invest elsewhere if Imperial gets the prize.

And, information also just as authentic, shows that the large majority of Imperial property owners do not live in the valley.

Now the question comes before you: Are you going to help Paulin sell those lots so that he will have more money to invest in Los Angeles or Long Beach or are you going to stand by the men who put their money into the valley, building up needed industries; men who are not afraid to work with you shoulder to shoulder to make the advancement of the Imperial Valley more marked than any other section in the United States.

This settling of the county seat question is not a question of sympathy or of priority right as Imperial would have you believe; it's a question of securing a location where you know things will move and keep a moving.

The Awful Crime

Rev. Wentworth, practically the only minister in the valley out of fourteen to favor Imperial, spoke at Holtville Wednesday night mainly on the greatest crime of the campaign—not electing him chairman of the convention. He has taken it so seriously that it is amusing. At the end F. N. Chaplin called for three cheers for Imperial but the crowd listened and there was not a single response.—From the Calexico Chronicle.

For Sale—One half cash, 15 good milk cows and one bull, 1 DeLaval separator No. 2 and cans, 1 span of large mules and harness. Ira Aten Land Co. 10tf

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.....

An Open Letter

MR. EDITOR: As chairman of the committee on credentials at the late county convention it seems to be my duty to say a word regarding Mr. C. H. Day.

The committee found Mr. Day's name on the same list and certified to by the same authority that was given to all the Brawley delegation. No one appeared before our committee to object to these credentials and all were accepted. Now if Mr. Day had no right in the convention how could the balance of the delegation be otherwise? Mr. Day was chosen chairman by the majority of the voters of the new county's districts and as it was apparent that the people desired something different from Imperial-Wentworth rule it was only right that they should have it. The highest type of ballot reformers have adopted the most secret methods of balloting. Open balloting belongs to the dealers in votes and traders of patronage for money consideration. The majority in the convention voted for the former, so that if the minority were paying for anything they will still have to guess

whether they got it or not.

I have attended many conventions in my career and I do not hesitate to say that I consider the delegates to that convention as a whole as fair minded honorable body of gentlemen as I ever saw together anywhere and though I feel sorry for Mr. Wentworth's disappointment, for he seemed to have set his heart so much upon ruling that convention, I have nothing but loathing for a man like Mr. S. J. Ulrey, who dares to impeach the honor and integrity of a body of his superiors.

It is not to be expected that men should have hair and brains both, but there was one in the Imperial delegation who has neither.

H. J. MESSINGER,
Holtville, Cal.

School Opens Sept. 30th

The school directors have decided to open school September 30th. This decision was arrived at after a great many complaints were listened to against opening school any earlier in the season on account of the warm weather.

See H. C. Griswold, the farmer agent, about selling your land for you.

REAL ESTATE

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

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We have an excellent list to choose from and can get you as good a buy as there is in the valley. If you want

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.

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