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Will Editor Howe please let us know when he wants us to believe him. Just a short time ago, about June, the Standard printed an article telling how angry the Southern Pacific company was with Mr. Holt and the Holton Power company. Also the Standard claimed the Southern Pacific owned the H. I. road and was very much dissatisfied at the way it was being run and that next winter the road would be extended to Imperial because the S. P. company did not like El Centro. This appeared in the issue of June 3, of the standard. Now, in direct contradiction of these statements, the standard of July 23 and 24, says there is a triple alliance, namely: The southern Pacific, the Holton Power company and the California Development company. on July 24 Howe states that the "Southern Pacific aids El Centro scheme."

It sums up this way: One of Howe's statements is false, or else he does not know what he is talking about in either case. The readers of his paper have expressed a desire to know which one of the statements he would have believed. Being so badly mixed, Howe will, of necessity, have to label his explanations exhibit A. and exhibit B. But really, by glancing over the files of the Standard, one comes to the conclusion that Howe can beat any old 3-wheeled velocipede all to pieces on jumping the track.

The latest feature to come to light is that in the building of El Centro the Southern Pacific Company has given to the promoters of that town the freight rates applied to the construction of its own branch railroads.

To enable the railroad to keep track of the actual expense of railroad construction, the company has established a rate of a half a cent a ton per mile for structural material, which is the estimated cost of moving such material over the road.

If any citizen of Imperial, however wants to bring in structural material for his personal purposes he must pay a rate several times as great as this for this is the rate established exclusively for the Southern Pacific's own business. —Imperial Standard

The rate paid by the companies for the shipping in of gravel and material to El Centro is a rate that has been fixed by the railroad company and can be obtained by anyone upon application under the same circumstances. Howe makes an assertion in the above article which is absolutely false. The records of the railroad company can be seen by anyone and Howe knows that no person or company in El Centro ever got a rate other than was lawful and the same rate could be had by Imperial or any other town. It is such state-

ments as these that practically brand Howe either an imbecile or a wanton prevaricator of the truth. If what he publishes were true he could very easily make complaint to the Commerce Commission and put a stop to it.

Rev. Wentworth spoke to a small audience at Holtville, Wednesday night, and as we read over the transcript of his speech we are forced to the conclusion that the speaker, although a minister of the gospel, is just as prone to misrepresent and make statements in behalf of the cause to which he has loaned his influence and voice as any other politician, who professes no other avocation. We do not know what the Rev. Wentworth would say if he were called upon to discuss these matters, but the first sample delivered by the Politician Wentworth is in keeping with all the misrepresentations of the Imperial push. In fact some of them would do justice to his side-partner on the stump in behalf of Imperial.

Politician Wentworth at first dwells quite lengthy on the fact that he stood before his audience as an honest man. That was taken for granted. Up to the time no one had cause to dispute it. Then he takes up the assessment of the property in El Centro and Imperial, and followed the same tactics as that of another henchman of the Imperial push. He led his hearers to believe that there had been misrepresentation on the part of owners of property in El Centro. Now if Wentworth intends to stand before his next audience as an honest man, he will be called upon by his own conscience to make a statement that he willingly, maliciously and with intent to deceive, failed to state to his Holtville audience that he was fully aware that when the assessments were made the buildings in El Centro were then in the course of construction and such buildings are never assessed for any larger amount than what would cover the material on the ground at the time of assessment. Why, if he was as honest as he claimed to be, did he not go on and say that reading from the advertisement in the Press and also from the assessment roll he learned that the town of El Cen-

tro had made one of the most phenomenal growths in the past six months of any town in Southern California. Next year, those buildings which are completed will be assessed as such, while those that will then be in the course of construction will be assessed only for such material as is in sight. Wentworth need not think that because he deals considerably in the future that the county assessor will assess what a business man intends to do. The buildings are here, some finished, some not. Work is progressing rapidly. Wentworth himself helped build a Methodist church in this town since March 1st. He knows that when this was being built there were a dozen buildings here in the course of construction at the same time. Aye, behold the politician.

Mr. Wentworth will please now explain how it comes that the Paulin push managed to actually escape from paying taxes on the domestic water systems both at Brawley and at Imperial. They were not even turned in and were not on the assessment roll until this year. Dodged, absolutely. And that leads us up to the unsold lots in Imperial which the city council exempted from taxation. Do you want the county seat in a town where such actions are common occurrences?

Wentworth would do well also to explain how it comes that he, a minister of the gospel, is out working for a town that allows the illegal sale of liquor to go merrily on without a protest from him. The town he supports even owned the fixtures where it is rumored a pig is now operating. How much more would the people of the valley respect him if he would go about the valley asking the help of the people to rid his town of these unlawful places. Such actions would show his honesty of purpose and his purity of heart.

Paulin worked up an auction sale for Imperial through the Emerson company. Now he is trying to work through the Imperial push a scheme to sell that terrible big bunch of lots he has left in Imperial. Every vote for Imperial for county seat helps him just so much.

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