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A FRAUD ON ITS FACE

Either a Forgery or Purchased Signature

The promised sensation prefaced by the Imperial people some three weeks ago has been sprung, but like most of the roguery planned by the Imperial push its fraudulent character appears upon its face. The great sensation which was promised as early as July 1st consists of a letter dated July 18th from one, T. P. Roberts, who styles himself business manager of the Maier Brewing Co., to his brother here in the valley and purports to rehash certain conversations with Mr. W. F. Holt.

The letter is a fraud on its face. Nobody would write a letter to his brother and sign his name business manager. It is also too particular. It sets out with too great particularity the contents of another letter which the writer pretends his brother has written to him. If his brother had written such a letter it would not have been necessary to re-state the contents to him.

This letter is either one of two things: It is either a palpable forgery or else it is a put up job for which the Imperial push have paid a consideration. But it is such a palpable job that they have paid to much for it, no matter how little they have paid.

UNCLE SAM DOES BIG BUSINESS

Calexico Station Collected $20,033.-43 On Imported Goods During Past Year

The United States Custom house at Calexico has become an important station in Uncle Sam's business. The figures given below show that the officers of the government have collected, during the fiscal year ending July 1st, 1907, over $20,000 on goods and stock imported from Mexico. The records are also kept on goods exported and the value of these during the same time reach the enormous total of $629,894.07.

This shows an active and increasing growth of trade from this section with the republic of Mexico. Calexico is bound to become the "El Paso of Southern California" if this rate is kept up.

Ralph Conklin, collector for Uncle Sam, is kept busy all the time attending to the government's business. He has conducted the office in a manner highly appreciated by the people on both sides of the line and is deservedly popular as a result.

Mr. Conklin has been considering an offer that would greatly increase his income, but the Chronicle is glad to announce that he is too much in love with the Imperial Valley to make the change at present and will remain at Calexico.

Following is the table that shows the business that was handled thru his office during the year ending July 1:

Value of merchandise exported through U. S. custom house at Calexico station for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907:

1st half Dec. 31, '06	$322,686.84
3d half June 30, '07	307,207.53
Total exports,	$629,894.07

Value of merchandise imported at Calexico station with duty collected thereon:

1st half	43,155.30	duty	10,412.35
2d half	150,264.00	duty	9,621.08
Total	$193,419.30		$20,033.43

Branch Office in El Centro

The enterprising firm of Beach & Dool has opened a branch office in El Centro and an attractive advertisement appears in the last issue of the Press to that effect. Mr. Beach is in charge at that place and has with him L B. Moody, formerly with the California Development company and a young man of ability and hustle.—Calexico Chronicle.

Ice cream is a food. Try it for your noon meal, at the drug store

REAL ESTATE

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

Farm Lands and Town Lots

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.

CALL AND SEE US IN OUR NEW OFFICE

BEACH & DOOL

EL CENTRO CALIFORNIA

A Bad Man Captured

A wild and wooly Mexican created some excitement in Calexico last week. He cut a man severely in Mexicali Tuesda night and fearing the authorities made a bold attempt to shake the desert dust from his shoes. His scheme involved several.

He first induced a young Mexican girl, niece of Juan Dominguiz, to steal $150 from Mrs. Dominguiz. He then went to the livery stable and hired a team stating he wished to drive to El Centro. Taking the team he drove with all his might for the main line, with the girl and her baby, catching the train and deserting the team.

When the team did not show up Mobley Meadows became suspicious and decided that the team was stolen. He immediately wired ahead of the train and the couple was captured at Deming, New Mexico. Meadows brot him back and after an examiantion was taken to San Diego where he will stand trial.

The man has a bad appearance and his influence over the girl who has been living with him makes her fear him.

You had better buy an El Centro lot now before the prices go up. There is no better investment in the country today than a resident or business lot in the town that does things. El Centro Land Co. See the agent at the office. 15tf

Calexico Chronicle:

Messrs. Leroy Holt and Arthur Edgar were here from Imperial Saturday trying to see why Calexico favored El Centro so strongly for county seat. Mr. Edgar had the nerve to offer to bet that Calexico would not deliver 50 per cent. of its vote to El Centro, which proposition did not have to wait ten seconds for a taker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eshleman left Sunday for Los Angeles. Mrs. Eshleman went on to Berkeley to get together the household belongings and will return shortly to establish their permanent home in the valley. Mr. Eshleman has returned to take up his campaign for District attorney.

F. A. Ingerson was taken suddenly ill while attending the convention in Imperial st Monday. Upon returning home he became worse and Saturday night he was taken to Los Angeles where an operation was performed. At last reports he was resting well. His many friends in Calexico are sorry to learn of his trouble.

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

In Explanation

Owing to a disappointment in one of my contributors failing to furnish copy at the time promised it was impossible to get out the July number of the Imperial Valley Magazine, but the August number will be off the press in a few days and ready for distribution. It is no small work, this matter of publishing a magazine and especially are there many trials encountered in getting out a first number. The people are enthusiastic about the magazine. I have met with flattering encouragement, securing twice as much advertising for the first number as I expected and there is no reason why the publication cannot be made a means of exploiting the resources and advantages of the great Imperial Valley in a manner hardly possible by any other channel. This delay has been more disappointing to me than it could possibly be to anyone else and I only ask that the public be patient for a few days more and the magazine will be ready for distribution.

T. J. BOYD, Publisher.

We have the finest sanitary fountain in the Valley. Valley Drug Co.

W. F. HOLT'S STATEMENT

In Regard to Letter Read by Judge Farr at His Meeting at Brawley Thursday Night

It is an old trick by parties doing dirty and dishonest politics to spring letters and telegrams at or near the end of a campaign which have been fixed up for the purpose. The Imperial "Push" are evidently getting more desperate and willing to resort to any dishonest and disreputable methods to gain their end. The people of this valley are too intelligent and fair minded to be misled by any such shallow trickery. Judge Farr in his speech at Brawley, Thursday night read a letter which he claimed had been written by a man by the name of Roberts. THE STATEMENTS IN THIS LETTER SO FAR AS THEY REFER TO ME ARE FALSE AND UNTRUE IN EVERY PARTICULAR. I NEVER MADE ANY SUCH STATEMENTS TO THIS MAN ROBERTS OR TO ANY ONE ELSE and I believe this letter is a fixed up scheme planned and gotten up purely for the purpose of trying to mislead the voters of this valley and is only another of the many dishonest and crooked methods of the Imperial "Push" and goes farther to show that they are willing to resort to anything to mislead the people.

W. F. HOLT.

SPEAKING

Meetings will be held and speeches delivered on the issues involved in the campaign at the following places and dates:

Holtville, Thursday evening Aug 1
Calexico, Friday evening, Aug 2d.
Silsbee, Saturday evening, Aug 3d
El Centro, Monday evening Aug 5.

Good music will be furnished and everyone is invited to attend.

El Centro Campaign Committee,
T. B. BLANCHARD, Sec'y

Wouldn't it Make YOU Mad?

If you had called a convention yourself and promised every office on the ticket and then the other fellows captured the convention and you didn't have a look in? Wouldn't it make you mad?

Wanted

A man or woman capable of doing subscription soliciting for the Imperial Valley Magazine in the Imperial Valley. Must furnish own means of getting over the country precincts. Good inducements. Call on T. J. Boyd at the Press office, El Centro.

Porosknit Underwar For Men

This much advertised brand of underwear is specially suited to this warm climate. As the name indicates it is knit in openwork pattern that assures coolness an comefort. We have it in white only. Price shirts or drawers 50 cents.

New Lot of Dry Goods

We received a nice lot of dress ginghams prints, dimities, in a great variety of patterns. Also new additions to our hoisery stock, muslin underwear etc. We have some light weight ginghams that are especially nice for boys waistts, childrens dresses etc.

Don't forget our Bargain Sale

of Summer wash goods. We are selling the whole line at greatly reduced prices.

15 and 20c. goods at 10½
12½ and 15c. goods at 8 1-3

El Centro Department Store

EL CENTRO, CAL. ROY L. RUMSEY, Prop.