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WHY is an appointee of the Governor urging his reelection "for the salvation of the State" like a bald-headed barber selling a "hair restorer?"

NOW THAT Hill and Harriman, the railroad magnates, are racing for Thunder Mountain, they will be lucky if they are not struck by lightning.

"AGRICULTURE is not an exact science, because we cannot control the weather," says Farm and Ranch. But the writer forgets that we can irrigate.

THE Alameda Encinal fears the town will be lost sight of it does not advertise its attractions. But this cannot happen so long as George Weeks edits the Encinal.

THE man who owns land in Imperial valley and goes to sleep for ten years will wake up to find himself well off, but the man who farms his land will find himself rich before that time.

IN the Imperial valley there are but two or three days a year when rain puts an end to the farmer's work. The success of the work done also carries an insurance policy in the water certificate.

REPORTS continue to come in of many people who are planning to take possession of their farms in the valley early in the fall. Now that grains have given surprising big crops here, big acreage is a certainty for next winter.

ARMOUR & Co. are building an immense meat packing establishment at Fort Worth, Texas. In time they will be bound to do the same on the coast, for the shipment of meat to the Orient and to meet the demands of the coast markets.

NO NEATER or more attractive journal comes to the exchange desk of the Star than the Imperial Press, and it is through the handsome typographical appearance of the Press that Imperial receives as much attention in the other newspapers of the state as it does.—Pasadena Star.

THE cry is going up from all over the State that the present greatest opportunity in agriculture is in the production of staples. There is no place in the world where greater results can be obtained in growing grain, cattle, hogs and all the staple products of the farm than in the Imperial valley.

CALIFORNIA has 1,446,114 acres under irrigation according to the last census, against 1,004,233 a decade before. This is not the rate of progress the State ought to make with the possibilities before it, but it is a substantial gain. The present decade ought to see the quantity of irrigated land doubled.

Now President Roosevelt is going after the cattlemen who have fenced in large sections of the public domain, and it is announced that the fences will come down if it takes the standing army to remove them. The contest between settlers and cattle kings has been fought out by inches for years and the Government will do well to come vigorously to the aid of the settlers.

It is by almost imperceptible stages that the town grows. Six months ago a buggy was a novelty on the streets of Imperial, so new was the country. Today there is scarcely a time when they are not to be seen. Yet the change in this and other respects is so gradual that one must recall the conditions of a few months since to measure the progress.

JOHN DENTON STEELE has written a poem in which he speaks of Los Angeles as:

"Queen of the far-west, rose-garlanded, azure-zoned, radiantly lovely;  
On a throne of amethyst, gold-chased, emerald embossed,  
Under a dome of stainless sapphire, sun-illuminated, and curtained with silver."

That is to say nothing of neighboring copper and tin mines. But if such is Los Angeles, why is it necessary to call on Congress for a paltry million dollars to build a postoffice?

THE fact is now revealed why certain persons in San Diego want to secede from California and be annexed to Arizona. It is because California laws prevent duck hunting when ducks are ripe in this region. It does not seem to have occurred to the promoters of this fool scheme that it might be easier to get the duck law amended than to cut themselves off from California. Just at this time, when San Diego is getting in shape to take a more prominent place in the affairs of Southern California and when the fates are working in her favor, it is particularly unfortunate that the city should have an eruption of this form of imbecility.

THE papers of the country are publishing a sensational story about the finding of a whale "on the Colorado desert." It is thus that we get scooped. The Press has been at work for weeks gathering important information regarding this whale, only to let contemporaries get in first with the story. Now all we can do is to give the additional information that about the year 3462 B. C. this whale got stranded in the lake about the spring of natural gin, where it has been floundering around ever since in a drunken debauch. It was with great difficulty that the quadruped was captured and sent to the Arizona territorial university and preserved in a bottle of alcohol.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC PROJECT

San Diego papers take exceptions to the articles which have appeared in Los Angeles papers regarding the reported intention of the Southern Pacific company to build from Imperial to San Diego, transferring their main line to Imperial. The position of the San Diego papers, while not fully set forth, seems to be the very sensible one that, after making the survey for the San Diego-Eastern road, the people of that city cannot afford to take any intangible promises of the building of a road as excuse for decreasing the energy put forth to secure a road. The way to get the road is to get it, and the people of San Diego would be very foolish if they should in any degree reduce the very creditable enterprise they are manifesting in going out to make a road for themselves.

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