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A FEW FACTS

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valley in Arizona. The nights as a rule are not too warm for comfort in the summer months. The atmosphere is so very dry that the heat which, at mid-day, runs above a hundred in the shade for weeks at a time, is not oppressive.

As to crops, this will be a general farming country, with alfalfa a staple, and the fattening of cattle will be a leading industry. This will be the greatest cattle fattening country in the United States. More cattle can be fattened here on a given area and at less expense than in any other known section.

Eventually it will be an early fruit country. This industry will develop gradually. It is probably too cold for citrus fruits in most localities, but deciduous fruits and raisin grapes will develop here to perfection.

So much for the country, the soil, the climate, the productions and the work already done to make this country habitable, but nothing will succeed without water.

The California Development Company commenced work last August on the main canal at Hanlon Heading on the Colorado river.

A large dredge was purchased, having a capacity to handle 3,000 cubic yards of dirt every twenty-four hours. This dredge, which is forty-five feet in width, has worked its way down towards the Salton River channel, digging the canal as it went, for a distance of nearly ten miles, so that now the water is running down from the Colorado river through the canal into the Salton river channel to a point where it is being diverted into the canal again near Cameron Lake, about fifty miles from Hanlon Heading.

A hydraulic dredge has also been constructed with which to pump the silt, that may settle from the water, back into the Colorado river again. This dredge is now at work near the temporary heading of the canal. The permanent heading has not as yet been constructed. Below the permanent heading there will be a large settling basin in which all the coarser matter in the water will settle. This basin will be about half mile long by a quarter of a mile wide. The lower head gates now being built are located just below this basin, and a temporary heading a mile below the permanent heading and just above the lower headgates is now being used to take the water from the river into the canal.

For several months past a large force of teams and Fresno scrapers has been at work constructing the main canal that is to furnish water to that portion of the desert between Salton and New rivers. This main canal is seventy feet wide and will carry four or five feet of water. By the first of June the water will be at the town of Imperial and the distributing canals will be completed as rapidly as possible, so that by next winter those who are located between these two rivers will be able to have the water delivered to their lands. Many of the settlers will be able to procure

water this summer for summer crops, such as sorghum, Egyptian corn and other similar crops.

Recently a steam excavator has been brought to Imperial and will be set to work to assist in dredging the distributing system of canals and ditches, and the work will now progress more rapidly. The work with teams has been very expensive, as hay has cost \$30 a ton and grain \$35 a ton, and with feed at these prices, one hundred and seventy horses have been kept busy on the works for months. This has been in addition to nearly as many more employed on the canal near the Colorado river.

During the past year an immense amount of work has been done under great difficulties. The worst is now over. The water will soon be delivered. The public confidence in ultimate success has been extraordinary.

It was hoped that the water could have been delivered to the settlers in time for active work in cultivating their lands this season, but unforeseen obstacles delayed the work for a few weeks beyond the appointed time.

This is the record of a year's work. The public are asked to scan it carefully and pass judgement.

For further particulars address S. W. Fergusson, General Manager Imperial Land Company, Imperial, via Flowingwell, Calif.

Indio is Enjoying Prosperity

Regarding Indio, which is located on the edge of the Colorado Desert, and is surrounded by soil the same as that of the Imperial country, the Riverside Enterprise says:

"One of the best indications of the rapid growth and development that has taken place in the section of the country around Indio in the past year, is the statement of competent persons that where fifty votes were cast in that precinct at the last election two hundred would now be cast. The recent water development is the cause. Since it has been demonstrated beyond question that there is abundance of water there for irrigation all the land for miles around has been located and hundreds of acres are already under cultivation, the crops being melons, beets and other garden stuff.

J. S. Westerfield, who came in from Indio today, says that the young beets planted by the Oxnard Sugar Company are well up, and the melon vines planted by other parties are doing well, though these have been set back some by the coolness of the season.

"The work of sinking wells is going on with much vigor, and that where any attempt has been made for water a good stream has been found. All the way between Indio and Thermal there are to be seen spouting wells, and in most of the distance there has been more or less work done in the way of cultivating the land.

"Referring to the traffic on the railroad, Mr. Westerfield says that it is extraordinarily heavy for this season of the year. Frequently the west-bound overland is brought through in two sections, each section being a good sized train of itself."

Artesian wells are doing for Indio in part what irrigation canals will do for the Imperial country.

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The Colorado River furnishes the most abundant supply of water for irrigation purposes to be found west of the Rocky Mountains.

Its greatest supply is furnished during the month of June, when it is needed the most, and the least supply during December, when it is needed the least—the river being about nine feet higher in June than in December.

The river carries enough water to irrigate 8,000,000 acres of land, hence the supply can never be cut short by dry seasons.

The Colorado Delta, located in Riverside and San Diego counties in Southern California and extending down into Lower California, comprises about 1,000,000 acres of level, irrigable land that has been made during the past ages by alluvial deposits carried down by the waters of the Colorado River.

The waters of this river carry more fertilizers than is carried by the waters of any other river in the world, not excepting even the Nile.

The soil of this Delta is therefore as fertile as soil can be, and when it is cultivated and irrigated by water from this source of supply, it must continue to remain fertile, as each season's irrigation will deposit on each acre irrigated more than \$10 worth of commercial fertilizers deposited by the waters without extra expense.

An extensive irrigation system is now being constructed to reclaim this large tract of country. The main canal will be enlarged and the main branch canals will be extended to meet the demand for water as the irrigated area is enlarged.

The land to be reclaimed is located in San Diego county, east of the New River, and embraces 500,000 acres of level, fertile land, free from Alkali, with sufficient slope to be easily irrigated. It is all Government land and can be taken up under the desert land law or the homestead law.

This tract will be irrigated by mutual water companies, designated as Imperial Water Company No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 etc., which companies are formed to distribute water to stockholders, only, at cost.

The Imperial Land Company sells this water stock to the land-owners—one share to each acre. The price is now only \$11.25 per share.

The terms of payment for the stock extend over a period of about six years with interest at five per cent.

A town for a business center is now being laid out and a branch railroad to this town, connecting with the Southern Pacific, is on the program.

This country is suited to the production of alfalfa and other farm products, and the fattening of cattle, a line of business that can never be overdone.

It is also believed that this will become a great early fruit country.

Water will be ready for use for fall and winter crops.

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