

# GOVERNMENT LANDS WITH CHEAP WATER IN THE IMPERIAL SETTLEMENT



Do you want a ranch in Southern California?  
A ranch of first class soil at the government  
price of \$1.25 per acre?      ←      ←      ←  
With a right at small cost to all the irriga-  
tion water that can be used?      ←      ←  
At an annual expense for water lower than ever  
before offered on the pacific coast?      ←



**If so, the following information will interest you.**

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 world, not excepting ever 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 water 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 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. 320 acres can be taken up by each person under the desert land law, and residence on the land is not required. This liberal law is liable to be repealed or unfavorably modified soon.

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 landowners—one share to each acre. The price is now only \$11.25 per share.

A branch railroad tapping the Imperial Settlement 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.

For circular matter and full information, address

## IMPERIAL LAND Co.

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#### GENERAL MANAGER FERGUSSON IN SAN DIEGO

S. W. Fergusson failed to reach Imperial yesterday, as was expected. The San Diegan Sun of the 23d says: S. W. Fergusson, general manager of the Imperial Land company, was an arrival on last evening's train from the north. Mr. Fergusson's visit here is for the purpose of advocating and urging the appointment of a constable

and other officers necessary to preserve good order. He will also urge the building of a stage road to Imperial. If such a road were built, the Imperial Land company would at once institute a regular stage service between San Diego and Imperial.

Mr. Fergusson will remain here several days to urge these propositions and transact other business of importance to the company he represents.