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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Wesley Patton has been on the sick list this week.

W. F. Holt left Sunday for Redlands to spend the week with his family.

Leroy Holt is spending this week with his family in San Bernardino.

Call bells for the telephone have been placed in every house in town.

A U. S. postoffice has been established at Imperial, with Dr. Heffernan as postmaster.

Crawford Bros. of Pomona shipped a fine lot of fruits to the Imperial Land Company last week.

Dr. Heffernan and C. R. Rockwood went to Los Angeles last Saturday. Dr. Heffernan returned Thursday.

W. S. Post and A. W. Perry left here latter part of last week for Los Angeles, Mr. Post returning yesterday.

A. Rigsbee of Los Angeles, the electrician, having completed his work on the telephone line, left for the city yesterday.

W. F. Holt, who recently purchased the stock of general merchandise of Dr. Heffernan, will take possession of same next week.

P. Barnes arrived here from Los Angeles Thursday. Mr. Barnes came to stay, and established his camp near Cameron Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Fergusson left for Los Angeles Sunday. Mr. Fergusson expects to return to Imperial in a few days.

Millard F. Hudson took the school census of the Imperial School District this week, the appointed census marshal, P. E. Fergusson, being absent from town.

Material for the lumber sheds of W. F. Holt, which has been at the railroad for some time, is now being hauled out, and the work of construction will be commenced at once.

Samuel B. Brown, of the firm of Brown Bros., representing the Imperial Land Company at San Bernardino, is here this week. Mr. Brown expects a party of people here in a day or two, whom he hopes to locate on land in this country.

Attention is called to the new ad in this number of the PRESS of Kerckhoff-Cuzner Mill & Lumber Co. of Los Angeles. These gentlemen are wide-awake business men, and realize that a vast amount of business must of necessity go from this section in the future, and they are anxious to get a portion of it turned their way.

PRESS NOTES

Arizona Republican

A man in Vermont recently created a sensation by coughing up a tack. We fail to see anything peculiar or remarkable about it. Every winter in Phoenix every man is expected to cough up his tax.

Arizona Republican

Bryan is surely a most unfortunate mortal. Before election he prophesied all manner of disaster if McKinley were elected. And now he does not even have the satisfaction of saying "I told you so."

El Paso Herald

If Russia and England are as anxious to avoid a fight as they say they are the best way to avoid trouble would be for both parties to get out of China. It is unlikely that any objection would be offered to such a course.

A Des Moines young man who has bankrupt his reputation by gambling says he acquired a taste for the habit in the social card parties where prizes hung up to be played for. This is an old dodge, as old as Adam, place the blame for our faults and frailties upon others.—Ex.

Los Angeles Herald

Mayor Carter H. Harrison told the New Yorkers during his recent visit, that it is "not true that Chicago is a wide open town." He said "it is a closely shutdown town, in every sense of the word." From this we infer that Mayor Carter's conception of a wide open town is one that is turned inside out.

Tennessee Farmer

Five thousand dollars for U. S. Department of Agriculture for a new building sounds very modest. But remember it is merely an architect's fee, to secure plans for the proposed new structure. It is time for this department of the government to be worthy housed, as is the Treasury, the Interior and other executive departments.

Orange County Herald

The "honorable" Chas. A. Towne is now having cramps in the brain because Aguinaldo has yielded "to force only." It is not to be expected, however that Mr Towne should take quite the same view of the affair as Aguinaldo, who has been maintaining his position in actual warfare while the Minnesota patriot has simply been shooting at his country through his mouth.

Educate the President

President McKinley's trip to the Pacific Coast may result in greater good to the arid west than may be supposed at first thought. No one in crossing the great American desert has been more impressed than by the sight of this

boundless area of gray sand, broken here and there, as if through magic, by an expanse of green and flowering vegetation. This is the case in many places where distinct lines can be seen dividing the irrigated lands from the unirrigated. It is verily a realization of that old saying "to make the desert blossom as the rose." Will the presidential party in steaming across this wonderful country cross it with eyes closed or will they see the advantages of a system of irrigation which will add untold wealth, population and industry to this nation? It remains for the people of the west to unite, not only in a welcome to the president and his party, but to also at every turn and chance, bring their attention to the wonderful influence of water upon the arid country.—Southwestern Stockman.

Were it possible for the presidential party to witness the work being done to reclaim this vast stretch of waste country, known as the Colorado Desert, by uniting the soil of the desert and the waters of the river, it would doubtless be an eye-opener, and they would be taught one valuable lesson concerning the Southwest.

LIVESTOCK NOTES

One of the leading industries of this country is now, and always will be, the raising of cattle for the home and foreign markets. On account of the high price of land and water in Southern California this business has not come so prominently to the front as some others, but now that people will be enabled to get plenty of cheap land and plenty of cheap water through the reclamation of this vast stretch of country eminently suited to this business, we will in a short time become exporters instead of importers of cattle and beef.

The main facts about the cattle industry come within the knowledge of all. Stop the first man you meet and he will confirm them. On the other hand, leave the city where beef is consumed and go to the mountains and valley where beef is produced, and if you inquire among all classes you will everywhere be told that a cow is the best money maker in the world.

When yearling calves sell for \$15 per head on the range, two-year-olds for \$30 to \$40 and three-year-olds for \$60 to \$70, cattlemen count on netting 40 to 50 per cent. profit from the business of actual producing beef from herds of good stock cattle. Cut the profit in halves and there is "big money" in the business, provided only that the operations are conducted in favored localities.

The Agricultural Department at Washington furnishes the latest and most reliable statistics in regard to the visibly supply. According to this authority cattle in the United States have existed in the following numbers during the past ten years:

In 1890 there were 36,849,024.

In 1895 there were 34,364,216.
In 1896 there were 32,000,000.
In 1897 there were 30,508,408.
In 1898 there were 29,264,000.
In 1899 there were 27,994,225.

The number of American cattle has declined during the past five years at the rate of about 2,000,000 head per year and is today less than it has been at any time since the industry assumed large proportions. In 1890 there were 589 head of cattle for each 1,000 inhabitants. In 1899 there are but 373 to each 1,000 inhabitants. As the number of cattle went down the price of beef went up, as witness the following record of the Kansas City stockyard on the same day and month of year for the past three years:

August 10, 1897, \$4.80 per 100 pounds
August 10, 1898, 5.25 per 100 pounds
August 10, 1899, 6.20 per 100 pounds
Texas has 2,500,000 head less than in 1895. Cuba has dropped from 800,000 head to less than 25,000, and now the Boers, the great cattle raisers of Africa, are neglecting their herds to go to war. The number of swine, and hogs are most profitable raised with cattle on stock ranches, has fallen from 51,000,000 head in 1890 to 38,641,635.

The New England Homestead declares that "The horse trot at the county fair long ago outlived its usefulness as a means of encouragement to farmers to breed improved horses. This is true all over the country, but it does encourage gambling, and ruins more farmer's sons than ever before, and is ruining the usefulness of our state and county fairs. Farmers should not give up their fairs to fast men to run, but should see to it that other stock breeder's interests are recognized by putting in better officers.

It is reported that an honest real estate man died in San Francisco a few days ago—which is nothing so very remarkable.

How to reach the Imperial Settlement in the New River Country

Take the Southern Pacific train for Flowingwell, which is located about 190 miles east of Los Angeles. You can get good hotel accommodations at Flowingwell at the

McCaulley House.

The McCaully Stage Line, with good teams and rigs, will take you to any part the valley.

Total expense of trip Los Angeles, about \$25