

IMPERIAL VALLEY GETS NEW STATION

Bill Passes Legislature for the Establishment of Work in This County

Provides an Appropriation of Six Thousand Dollars For First Year's Work—May Find Location on Farm of Collegiate Institute at Heber, or at El Centro.

Imperial Valley is to get its State Agricultural Experimental Station. The Legislature at Sacramento last week passed Representative Percy Johnson's bill providing for the investigation of agricultural problems and conditions in Imperial county.

It is probable that the state will be tendered a location on the eighty-acre tract of land adjoining the townsite of Heber, which was donated to the Imperial Valley Collegiate Institute a few weeks ago by Mrs. A. H. Heber. The school has planned to include in its work general instruction in scientific agriculture, and it is believed that the new experimental station would be a distinct advantage to the institute. In case a satisfactory arrangement is not made with the school at Heber, El Centro stands ready to offer the State such land as may be desired for the new Agricultural Experimental Station.

The following is the text of the measure as it has passed the Assembly:

"Section 1. The regents of the University of California are hereby directed to cause to be prosecuted, through the Southern California path-

ological laboratory and branch agricultural experimental station, investigations on the conditions and problems attending the culture of crops in the region known as the Imperial Valley and similar adjacent sections: "Section 2. Such investigations shall be particularly directed toward the solution of various difficulties and problems affecting the growing of crops which have arisen in said region on account of the unique natural conditions obtaining in that portion of the state.

"Section 3. The sum of six thousand dollars (\$6000) is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the regents of the University of California in carrying out the purposes of this act, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant for the same, payable to the regents of the University of California, and the treasurer of the state is hereby directed to pay such warrant."

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Necessary Documents to Close Details on Proposed Gift for El Centro Building May Begin This Year.

During the past week all the necessary steps have been taken to insure to El Centro the gift of \$10,000 from Andrew Carnegie for the erection of a free public library.

Through the activities of Phil D. Swing, Library Committee of the Ten Thousand Club, and Library Commissioner H. B. Pearson, of the Board of City Trustees, the title to the lots donated by W. F. Holt and W. T. Bill has been placed on record. The expenses of the certificate of title were donated by the Imperial Valley Abstract and Trust Company.

A duplicate of this certificate of title to the proposed library site, a plat of the city, showing the location of these lots in comparison with the business district, industrial center, residential sections, etc., and a certified copy of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of City Trustees in which resolutions were passed providing for the maintenance of the free public library, were all sent on to Carnegie.

These minutes of the Board of Trustees also contained the counter proposition of the Board to the effect that it would undertake to provide the sum of \$1500 annually for maintenance of the library, provided Mr. Carnegie would raise his donation for the building to \$15,000.

Statements of lumbermen and contractors were also sent, showing the additional cost of buildings here over the rates prevailing in Los Angeles, and urging the need of the desired extra \$5000 in order to provide such a building as will be suitable for the city when its rapid growth is taken into consideration.

It is believed that Carnegie will raise the amount of his gift to \$15,000. All details probably will be completed so that construction of the building may begin early next fall.

CHANGES AT THE BORDER

A move is on foot to change the customs service guard station at Mexicali from the angle now occupied, between the canal and the Inter-California Railroad, to a point about two blocks east. The objection to the present location is that whenever a team is stopped by the guards, it necessitates stopping almost upon the railroad tracks, and with the coming operation of the road, it is feared accidents will result. As the American Customs House is almost opposite this guard station on the Mexican side, it is probable that a new location will be sought for it, on land about opposite the new guard station.

RANCH IMPROVEMENTS.

F. W. Waite is making extensive improvements on his ranch west of El Centro. His family now occupies his new ranch house, and he is developing the place into an attractive country home. He has started the planting of six acres of eucalyptus trees, which will make a border on three sides of his land, and has set out 2200 rooted grape vines of the Damascus, Thompson Seedless, Malaga and Muscat varieties. This week he has planted 2200 date seeds, sent from the Government Station at Mecca, and he has 500 seedling orange trees on his town property which he will plant on the ranch this spring.

TELEPHONE IMPROVEMENTS

F. W. Hinchcliffe, of Tucson, general manager of the Imperial Telephone Company, has been in the valley the past week, making an inspection of the lines of this company. He promises numerous improvements while he will be of great benefit to the service. The company has made a proposition to Water Company No. 1 to take over the management of the telephone system of that company.

A FIVE YEAR'S TEST

H. C. Oakley Tells of Results of Citrus Fruit Culture at Brawley and Says Oranges Are "Reasonably Safe" Here.

H. C. Oakley, who five years ago undertook the planting of an experimental plot of land in the city of Brawley to citrus fruits, and whose trees have attracted much attention, in a recent issue of the Brawley News tells of his observations on citrus fruit growing in that portion of the Imperial Valley. Mr. Oakley says:

"The conditions for citrus fruit culture in the Imperial Valley have been so far proven during the past five years that I now consider it is reasonably safe to advise anyone looking to citrus culture as an occupation that the north-western part of the valley today presents a most promising field, when the price of land and water, character of soil, time of ripening and small necessary cost of fertilizer for the bearing orchards are taken into consideration. Necessarily a great deal has yet to be learned. Five years of careful study of the experimental grove in the Imperial Investment Company's grounds at Brawley, together with other scattering citrus trees in various parts of the valley warrants the above conclusions.

"The quality of Washington Navel oranges grown at Brawley is fully equal to the best Arizona, and ripens even earlier than in the Salt River Valley, but is apparently subject to the same characteristic of being rather a shy bearer as compared with other sections of California, but fully as heavy as in the Salt River Valley. It is therefore a safe tree to plant.

"My observation of the few lemon trees that have fruited in the valley leads me to believe that it should be placed third in the list of citrus fruits that can be profitably grown. The quality is most excellent, but so far as my observation goes the crop will come in at a time when the largest part of the California crop is in, and hence will come into competition with it, and the same would be true of the Late Valencia and seedling oranges to some extent, while the Navelencia, Navel, Tangerine and grape fruit crops will fit into the time in the market between the late Valencia crop of Southern California and the early navels of the Northern California groves at Thanksgiving and Christmas time, bringing us the cream of prices for the rich, sweet fruit that we can produce."

NEW BUSINESS CENTER

The Bill Block Soon to be Completed, Will House Numerous El Centro Firms.

With the completion of the two-story brick block being erected on the north side of Main street, adjoining the Hotel El Centro block, will come a fitting of several business firms in this city and the creation of quite a business center.

In the room adjoining the hotel block will be located the Garey Land Company. Next will come A. Fink, tailor, and adjoining his place will be "Ye Smoke Shop," which concern is to add a line of sporting goods.

Benson will occupy one room with his restaurant, and C. W. Collins will take one room for his stationery store and the office of the Desert Farmer. It is probable that Nance will occupy a portion of the block with his stock of men's furnishing goods.

The upper floor is being finished as office rooms, and gives twenty rooms, well lighted and convenient.

Plate glass has arrived for the store fronts. Eight large windows have been placed in this frontage. Pressed steel ceilings are being used in the finish of the first floor rooms.

As soon as this work is completed, Contractor J. L. Travers will begin the remodeling of the front of the Meserve clothing store, adjoining the Bill block. Plate glass windows are to be put in and a square front is to take the place of the angles now used.

Material is on the ground for the Peterson building, directly west of the Bill-Miller block. This building will be two stories in height, with arcade or arches reaching clear to the roof level. The roof will be of dormer style, pitching towards the street, and will be of red tiling.

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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Official Notification From County Superintendent of Public Instruction—Outline of Programme

The annual session of the Teachers' Institute of Imperial county will be held in El Centro for five days, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., on Monday, March 15th, 1909.

The law requires every teacher to attend, and we have determined not to excuse unless for real cause.

It is the present intention, weather permitting, to have an outdoor session during one day, when the geography, topography, geology and agricultural features of our new county will be studied, including a climb to the top of Signal Mountain, where an address will be delivered by State Superintendent Hyatt. Bring a climbing outfit.

J. E. CARR,
County Superintendent of Schools.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all cotton seed for Imperial Valley must be consigned to the County Board of Horticulture at El Centro, there to be examined, treated and held, until they are satisfied that the seed contains no insect infection. This notice is given under the State quarantine order of April 23, 1908.

W. E. WILSIE,
County Horticultural Commissioner.

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