

SAN DIEGO HIGHWAY

Engineer Perry Says New Route Over Mountains Is Picturesque.

C. N. Perry, engineer for the Imperial County Highway Commission, came to El Centro, Wednesday, from the camp he has established with his corps of surveyors in Myer's Canon, about two miles from Mountain Springs. He reports good progress being made on the surveys of the two proposed routes from the valley to San Diego. About four weeks will yet be required to complete the surveys and making of the necessary maps to submit to the Commission.

"Objection has been made to these routes on the ground that they are not picturesque," said Mr. Perry on his return Wednesday, "but I want to say that I know of no more picturesque section in Southeastern California than that in which my men have been working the past week."

"High cliffs, deep gorges, huge boulders piled in fantastic heaps or strewn along the water courses give much variety, and either of the routes proposed would provide a highway that would be full of attractions. The farther south we go, however, the rougher and more abrupt we find the country, and as to a proposed dip down into Mexican territory, I believe that is entirely impracticable."

The surveying corps has had plenty of leg exercise the past week as a climb of 1075 feet in two miles has been necessary every morning. The men have kept well and have had no special excitement aside from the occasional killing of a sidewinder or a diamond back.

WATER COMPANY NO. 7.

General Manager Cory, of the California Development Company, W. F. Holt, of the Holton Power Company, P. C. Curtis, president of Water Company No. 7 and Major J. C. Patten, of the same company, were in El Centro Monday, conferring on the extension of the canal system of system No. 7. This company has arranged to water a considerable amount of land on the west side of the Alamo near Holtville and it was necessary for the California Development Company to agree to the proposition. The conference was satisfactory and the company will flume the Alamo near Holtville. It is probable that No. 7 will have to increase their capital stock in order to issue sufficient stock to cover this land. Major Patton who is Secretary of Water Company No. 7 reports the affairs of that Company as being in a flourishing condition.

MISSIONARY WILL SPEAK.

Rev. Fred C. Hagin, of Glendora, who gave a Sunday evening address in the Holt Opera House a few weeks ago on the subject of "The New Japan" will speak again tomorrow, both morning and evening at the services of the Union Christian Church, in the Opera House. His morning theme will be "Why I Believe in Jesus," and at the evening service he will speak on "The Immortality of the Soul." Special Music will be rendered at both services.

MORE PUBLICITY FOR VALLEY.

The publishers of the World's Work announce that their August number will be a special issue exploiting the Pacific Coast States, and that they will cover the country from the Mexican line to British Columbia. They have asked for literature regarding the Imperial Valley, as a resume of the development here is to be included in the publication.

BLTYHE ESTATE SALES

The Inter-State Land Company reports its sales of tracts in the Blythe estate, in Palo Verde Valley, since the first of the year exceeding two thousand acres, and that several lots at Blythe City have been sold. A large increase of the area in cultivation in the Palo Verde Valley over the season of 1908 is noted. It is expected the new hotel at Blythe will be ready for the public by the middle of May. The building will be of brick, burned on the ground.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations for the eighth grade pupils will be held next Saturday in five of the valley school districts. The number to be examined in the various cities is as follows: El Centro, 32; Holtville, 15; Brawley, 17; Imperial, 22; Calexico, 6.

JUSTICE COURT.

In Justice Tout's court Monday the case of the people against Hazel Harding was called and the defendant failed to appear. Attorney Swing for the prosecution moved that the bond be declared forfeited which was done by the Justice after overruling a motion to dismiss made by Attorney McNamara for the defence.

CULTURE CLUB RECEPTION

El Centro Women Close Season of Interesting Study of Literature Art and Languages.

A reception was given on Wednesday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Blackinton, on State street, by the El Centro Woman's Culture Club, as the closing event of its season's work.

About fifty guests were present. The rooms were decorated with a profusion of sweet peas, roses and nasturtiums. Mrs. Blackinton, president of the club, gave a brief review of the work accomplished, and the programme was a general "quiz" of the guests in the translation of current Spanish words and phrases, answering questions on main events of English history, etc.

Mrs. V. Rapp gave a review of current events, followed by a general discussion. Mrs. Whealey gave instrumental selections, and Mrs. Nat Black sang two solos. Readings were given by Misses Garnet Davis and Hazel Havermale.

The club has maintained regular weekly meetings during the past fall and winter, attracting many of the women of El Centro and vicinity. It has followed the "Bayview" course and special instructions in Spanish, and it is the intention of the Club on the renewal of its work early in the fall to include several new phases of study.

NANCE TRIAL CONTINUED.

The case of the people vs. Albert Nance, charged with embezzlement, was before the Superior Court on Wednesday forenoon, but on motion of the District Attorney the case was continued until May 17, in order to give the plaintiff an opportunity to try to produce Arthur Holmes, one of its important witnesses, who has left this part of the country.

"CHICKEN BILL" IN TROUBLE

"Chicken Bill," a picturesque Cocopah Indian who has become very familiar with the inside of jails during the past few years, is again in trouble. He pleaded guilty to a charge of battery before Justice McCollum, at Calexico the first of last week, and was brought to the County Jail to serve a thirty-day sentence Wednesday.

BEEES SUFFER FROM WINDS.

Bee keepers of Imperial Valley report that the high winds of the past week have been hard on the bees. The honey-gatherers start out in the mornings and after loading themselves with honey are unable to return to their hives and fall exhausted. Many were so heavy laden that they were blown into the water canals and perished.

WEDDING AT OREGON HOTEL

The marriage of Leroy Anderson Britton and Miss Attie Beck, both of Brawley, was solemnized by Rev. F. B. Fraser, of the El Centro Presbyterian Church, in the parlor of the Hotel Oregon on Monday morning. The bridegroom was attended by Guy Corson, and the matron of honor was Mrs. Nelson Towne Shaw, both of Brawley.

WORKING ON CLAIMS.

John Freehand and William Jones have returned to El Centro after an absence of a month, during which they were doing assessment work on their desert claims in section 32, township 11 south, range 15 east, lying east of the station of Estelle.

C. M. SALE.

The auction sale held by the California Mexico Land & Cattle Company yesterday was largely attended by farmers of the valley and a large amount of stock was sold. The total sales amounting to \$22,000.

TO HAVE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

The Deal School District of Heber, will open bids for their \$3500 school building on May 8th. The trustees of this district have purchased three acres of land from the Heber estate for a site.

RANCHER INJURED.

E. A. Perkins the rancher north of El Centro was kicked by a horse Tuesday, suffering serious injury; as a result of which he will be confined to his bed for a few days. Dr. McCombs is attending.

MORE CEMENT WALK.

Contractor Hubbell's gang of cement men are busy today putting in the walk from the new Peterson building on the north side of Main street west to the Levy building.

SHIPPING HAY.

Fuller Bros., Cortner Bros., Lake Bros. and Chas. Bloom are loading hay for shipment to Los Angeles.

SCHOOL VACATION NEAR

El Centro Grammar Grades Finish Year's Work Second Week in May—More Teachers Required

El Centro public schools are closing their year's work, after a successful season, in which the enrollment has been constantly increasing, and during which the facilities at hand have been taxed to their limit to provide accommodations for the pupils.

The schools close on May 14. On the evening of May 9 a Baccalaureate service will be held in the Holt Opera House, at which Harold Bell Wright will deliver the address.

Twenty-one pupils will graduate from the Eighth grade, prepared to enter the High School courses next fall. The examinations for these pupils begin today, and will be continued two weeks from today. Should any pupils fail to make the required percentage on these examinations, a supplementary examination will be allowed them on May 28 and 29.

Immediately after the closing of the schools there will be a general scattering of the teachers for the summer vacation. Prof. G. A. Ragan will go to his home in Santa Clara, but will remove his family to El Centro early in the fall. Mrs. Bradley will spend her vacation in Oregon; Mrs. Horton goes to Los Angeles; Miss Johnson returns to her home in Utah, and Mrs. Rapp will visit Southern California Coast points.

Plans for the next school year include an enlargement of the teaching force to eight teachers. The large two-story building will be in readiness for the beginning of the new year's work, and the indications are that every room will be well filled.

STARTING OF WESTON.

Weston, the new townsite, located in the heart of Water District No. 8, on section 16, township 13 south, range 13 east, is soon to become something more than a townsite. One cottage has been built, and a store and postoffice is to be established at once. Petitions have been sent to the Postoffice Department, asking for the establishment of the postoffice of Weston and the appointment of G. T. Wellcome as postmaster. Mr. Wellcome will at once erect a store building and residence at the new townsite, and will put in a stock of general merchandise. In order to carry on this enterprise he has tendered his resignation as president and member of the board of trustees of the city of Brawley. Weston is located seven and a half miles northwest of Brawley.

LADY BUGS ARE SCARCE.

County Horticultural Commissioner W. E. Wilsie reports that there is little probability of further shipments of lady bugs being sent to Imperial Valley this season, as the warm weather has reached the northern sections where the bugs have been gathered and they have taken to wing. However, Edward K. Carnes, superintendent of the State Insectary, at Sacramento, has engaged men to search through the northern sections of Washington, in the hope of still obtaining supplies of the bugs that have such a ravenous appetite for the aphids. In case he is successful, a large portion of them will be sent here for distribution in the cantaloupe fields.

WATER NEAR SURFACE

Mr. Fuller, a land claimant on section 24, township 13 south, range 12 east, was in El Centro, Tuesday, jubilant over the fact that he had struck a good flow of water in a well on his land at a depth of only thirty-four feet. He came to engage the services of F. S. Matthews and his well rig to sink a deeper hole, with the hope of obtaining an artesian flow. Mr. Matthews went out with his well rig on Wednesday to the location of the well, which is in the western part of Water District No. 8.

WILL PLAY IN EAST.

G. P. Goldthwaite, the promising youngster who caught for the El Centro base-ball team during the past season, departed this morning for Los Angeles enroute to Enid, Oklahoma, where he has secured an engagement for the summer season.

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NOTICE.

The hearing of the petition for the East Side and Orchid Avenue Road, beginning at the SW. corner of Sec. 8, township 15 south, range 15 east, S. B. M., thence running north five and one fourth (5 1/4) miles more or less, according to the survey of Sunset Commercial Company to the northwest corner of section 20, township 14 south, range 15 east, S. B. M. said road to be of a width of fifty (50) feet all on the east side of the section line and further that the name of this proposed highway shall be the "East Side and Orchid Avenue"

will be held by the Board of Supervisors on Monday May 10, 1909 at 10 a. m. of said date, at which time all non-consenting property owners along said proposed road are notified to be present and show cause, if any they have, why said proposed road should not be declared a public highway.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County, California, made this 19th day of April, 1909.

D. S. ELDER,

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County, California. 3-3t

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Imperial.

In the Matter of the Estate of D. P. Duncan, Deceased.

It appearing to the Court from the petition of E. E. Forrester, Administrator of said Estate, on file herein, that it is necessary to sell the whole of the real estate belonging to said Estate, it is ordered by the Court that all persons interested in the Estate of D. P. Duncan, deceased, do appear before the Superior Court of Imperial County, State of California, on the 14th day of May, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M., then and there to show cause, if any they have, why an order should not be granted to the Administrator of said Estate for the sale of all the real property belonging to said Estate as prayed for in the petition by him heretofore filed herein. And it is further ordered that notice be given to all persons interested by publication of this order for at least four successive publications in the Imperial Valley Press, a weekly newspaper, published in the said County of Imperial. April 7, 1909.

FRANKLIN J. COLE,

14t Judge of said Superior Court.

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