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**IMPERIAL VALLEY WONDERFUL SECTION**

(By A. D. Moe.)

Holtville, Calif., March 10, 1922. California has three distinct sections: Northern California, Southern California and the Imperial Valley. Of the latter I have been wonderfully impressed with its possibilities, and believe it has a great future. It is but 20 years old and has made wonderful progress, but all of its industries have no more than started. Some have passed the experimental stage, others just beginning.

We have been very pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kelsay at Holtville, and to Mr. Kelsay I am indebted for a trip around this section of the valley and for information that could hardly be secured were I among strangers. He has been here 12 years and has a 90-acre ranch in a fine state of cultivation and is just getting out half of it to grapes. He has 25 acres of lettuce this year that will be marketed early in April, and he expects to ship 25 to 30 carloads. We visited the Harold Bell Wright ranch, where the "Winning of Barbara Worth" was written, and also many places mentioned in the book. The engineer Rockwood, called the seer in the book, died last week in Los Angeles. Most of the scenes of the novel are laid around Holtville, the dam that was blown up being close to the city, and the great cavern caused by the waters is still unexplored.

Most of the California districts are adapted to but one or two things. The Imperial valley can raise them all. There is more diversity of agriculture and horticulture here than anywhere else in the west. The first crops raised by the pioneers were hay and grain, followed by dairying and sheep raising. These industries still are important and comprise the bulk of the crops. However, experiments with more intensified farming have proved that the land and climate will produce a larger return per acre in fruits and vegetables, and these are attracting attention.

"How about the draw-backs to the country?" I asked Mr. Kelsay. "They say that it is often 120 in the shade in summer."

"Well," said he, "you don't have to stay in the shade. That reminds me, when I first came down here a man from Saskatchewan was talking with an old resident of the valley when I happened along. They tell me it gets to be 60 below in your country," said the southerner. "Oh, it is a dry cold, we are fixed for it and don't mind it. But I hear it is very hot here in summer." "Yes," said the southerner, "but it is a dry heat and we don't mind it. Now here is a man from Oregon, where it rains all the time in winter. I wouldn't like that," I simply told him, "Oh, it is a dry rain, you can be out in it all day and not get wet. We don't mind it."

Every country has its draw-backs. However, it is not my purpose to either unduly boost or knock the country. I believe it has a wonderful future. The first crops raised were principally alfalfa and barley, there being nearly 200,000 acres last year, and these predominate. Livestock naturally kept pace with hay and grain and are still an important industry. Six million pounds of butter and dairy products were produced last year.

The warm, continual sunshine gives the Imperial valley a fast growing climate that makes the crops mature ahead of any other section. Attention was early turned to cantaloupes, and fortunes were made early in the game, but has not been so profitable late years. One operator on a large scale has cleaned up a million dollars in cantaloupes and lives in one of the show places of El Centro. He still grows from 1,000 to 2,000 acres of cantaloupes. Cotton was one of the big crops and made lots of money during the war, but was a disaster last year. However, there will be a good deal of cotton planted this spring. Over 40,000 acres were in cotton last year. Table grapes have proven a very profitable crop. Notwithstanding the many thousands of acres of grapes in all parts of the state the Imperial crop matures about a month ahead of other sections, being ready to ship in June. This early maturing of crops gives them an advantage in all lines, as the early market brings the best returns.

Lettuce is a big crop, about 12,000 carloads being shipped last year. The cold winter this year has both helped and harmed lettuce growers. In other parts of the state the rains and frost about ruined the crop, and while some damage was done in Imperial valley, yet they were able to market most of their crop at a very profitable figure, some of it bringing \$1,000 a car. A good stand of lettuce will produce over a car per acre. The crop is planted in October, November and December, being ready for market three months later. The December planting has been held back by the cold winter, but is now doing well and will be ready to ship early in April. The last of the November planting is being shipped now.

The possibilities of grape fruit is attracting a good deal of attention. Imperial valley grows a grape fruit that has no competitor, except Florida, and is sweeter than even the Florida fruit. While visiting a grape fruit grove we picked the fruit from the trees and ate it like an orange, and it was just as sweet as the Valencia. Served on the table, it needs little or no sugar. The demand is so great where it is known that it sells for double that of the grape fruit raised in other sections of the state. Less than 500 acres have been set out, only partly in bearing, and but 23 cars were shipped last year. There is but one packing house in the valley and that is located at the city of Imperial, where most of the bearing groves are located. There will be a heavy planting this year, limited largely by the available nursery stock. The winter freeze injured citrus fruit nurseries in all parts of the state, and there is now a scarcity of trees of all kinds. But a few lemons and oranges have been planted in Imperial valley, but they do well. Navel oranges ripen in time for the Christmas trade and are sweet and of fine flavor. So far the valley has been free of the citrus fruit pests. It is claimed the hot summer weather kills many of the pests that infect the citrus trees.

Dates are being experimented with and some varieties are apparently a success, but the date section is north of the Salton sea known as the Coachella valley, although a part of the great basin below sea level in the Colorado river basin, generally known as the Imperial valley.

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**MORTON DAMAGE CASE UP APRIL 3**

The case of J. W. Morton, who with his children has sued the State Highway Commission for an aggregate \$14,000, claimed to be due to damage to real estate and a water system of their Riverside Ranch by construction of the Ruthton Hill grade of the Columbia River Highway, has been set for April 3 by Circuit Judge Wilson. The A. D. Kern Construction Co., and their bondsmen at the time of the highway construction, the National Surety Co., have also been named as defendants in the suit. Mr. Morton alleges that the construction company ruined a large block of land, spoiling it for fruit raising and truck gardening for a season and necessitating the clearing of enormous boulders from it. The suit was transferred here from Multnomah county on petition of the State Highway Commission.

The Highway Commission, subsequent to Mr. Morton's action, filed suit to condemn eight acres of gorgeous property of the Morton farm. According to papers in this suit, the commission offered Mr. Morton \$50 for the land, which it is said, is needed for the dumping of debris. The defense has asked for a verdict on the pleadings in the case, maintaining that the Highway Commission was a party to the original condemnation to secure the right of way for the Highway, and that it is barred from bringing a second suit of this character. Attorneys for the state, however, claim that the original action was participated in solely by the Hood River county. The condemnation suit, in case Judge Wilson overrules the motion of the defense and provided the State Highway Commission will stipulate that no part of the expenses are to be borne by the county in the action, will be tried here immediately following conclusion of the damage case. In case the Highway Commission fails to relieve Hood River county of possible costs the case will be taken to Wasco county, local jurors being ineligible.

**About 50 Cars of Apples Remain**  
Estimates place the remaining apples in the valley at an approximate 50 carloads. The Apple Growers Association still has 40 cars of extra fancy and fancy Newtowns, of which 30 cars remain unsold.

The total shipments of apples up to Saturday, as reported by the O.-W. R. & N. Co. reached 2,777 cars.

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**The Pneumonia Month**

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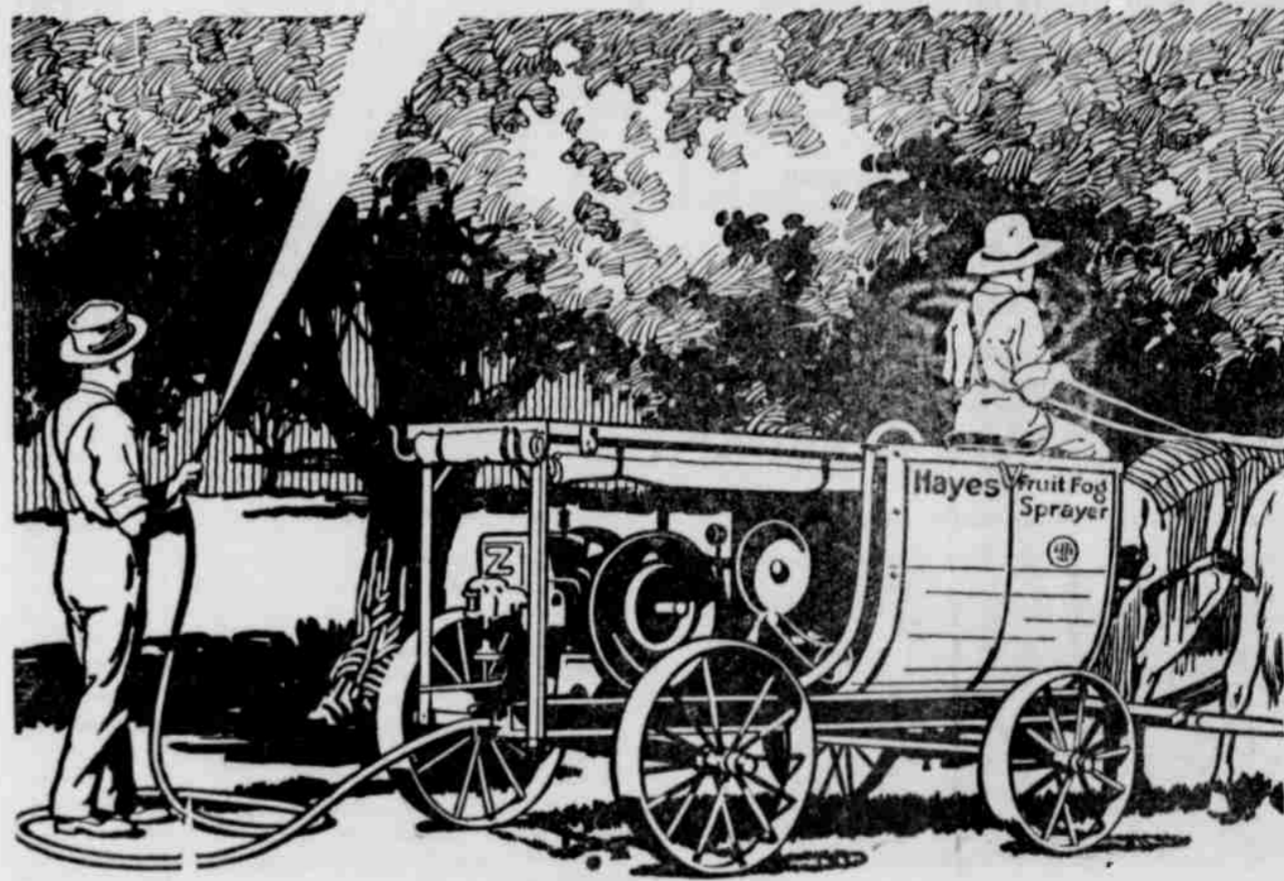
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