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## Blaisdell Company Changes Owners

### IMPERIAL FIGHTS SHY OF LAGUNA THROUGH IGNORANCE

(By B. F. Fly)

Attorney M. W. Conkling says the directors of the Imperial district have already ordered a survey of the proposed canal from Hanlon leading to Laguna Dam and that the actual survey will begin between now and the first of September.

After this survey shall have been completed, he says all the data will be submitted to a board of engineers to determine whether or not it will be advisable for Imperial valley to connect its system with Yuma project, and that, if so, it is his opinion that the work can be completed within the coming year.

He also says that at present it is

his belief that a vast majority of the land owners of Imperial valley are opposed to connecting the two systems in the absence of data as to the cost of the work.

Some time ago, I quoted President Hamilton in these columns as saying he was utterly opposed to connecting the Imperial district with Yuma project. Mr. Hamilton was laboring under the impression that we wanted him to pay for Yuma project and he was quoted as saying he would be doubly damned before he would do any such thing. Others who opposed the physical connection of the two systems, may take the Hamilton view of the situation, under the impression that we want them to pay for our project.

In the article referred to they were plainly told that Yuma project land owners had no such idea.

The truth of the whole matter is

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### LOS ANGELES HAS "ISLANDS" WITHIN ITS CITY LIMITS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 4.—Los Angeles, in reaching out and incorporating within itself enough territory to make the largest city in area in the United States, displacing Greater New York, also has created three land-locked "islands" within the city limits.

In forty-seven years, Los Angeles has grown from a city of 28 square miles to one of 337.92 square miles. New York's area is 314.75 square miles, according to published statistics, and 326.83 accord-

ing to the surveyor's bureau. The "islands," as they are called, have been created by the extension of the city's area completely around 3 bodies of land which are not included in the corporate limits of the city. Two of the "islands" are towns—San Fernando and Owensmouth—each having an area of several square miles. The other is a tract of about 30,000 acres which includes one incorporated town, Culver City. This town can still expand its area, but cannot get outside of Los Angeles, which completely surrounds the only territory available for annexation.

The original territory of Los Angeles embraced only the Spanish grant

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Though the unexpected often happens in the business world as elsewhere, Yuma, commercially, as a whole, received a considerable jolt when it was made known by Frank Blaisdell that the Yuma Electric and Water Co. and the Yuma Water and Light Co. had transferred the right, title and interest—which has been theirs for a third of a century—to the Los Angeles Title Insurance Trust company, the change of owners taking place today.

The new interests expect to make changes looking to a radical improvement in the service which only a liberal use of money can secure.

H. A. Day, of Lompoc, Calif., an engineering expert of many years, has been secured for resident manager—and he takes charge today.

No one knows the ups and downs of the old company better than Supt. Sam de Corse, who was born and raised in Yuma and has been in the employ of the Blaisdell company (of which Hiram Blaisdell is president) all his life—working up from the bottom to the position of superintendent. No man could have accomplished more with the equipment and means at his command, and his faithfulness to the interests of his company and the welfare of Yuma has never been questioned. But, lacking capital with which to advance, Superintendent De Corse worked against great odds and, since the flood of last January which seriously crippled the power plant, it has gradually developed that a change was almost a necessity to secure for Yuma the service which a rapidly growing city demands.

To Hiram and Frank Blaisdell, who have invested their every dollar in Yuma for more than a quarter of a century, Yuma owes much more than can ever be repaid. The Blaisdell's built the Yuma Heights fruit ranch and demonstrated to the world that Yuma leads the world in early fruit. The water for the ranch has been pumped to the high mesa at great

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### YUMA LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS OF IMPORTANCE

If the new weather man doesn't hurry up and bring about "normal" weather, the people will begin to think that he intends to dish out weather of the Philadelphia type all the time. It is all right to give us a taste of that kind of weather once in a while; but to keep it up begins to work on one's nerves. Come, Mr. Lodholz, and give us our good old Yuma summer-time weather. We like you, all right; but, we don't like the kind of weather you brought here from the East.

Chief Butler, of the 21st Infantry band, was quite naturally worried at the threatened rain at supper time last evening, but when the hovering clouds had passed over, and no rain, his crack military band made up for lost time and furnished the appreciative public with one of the best concerts ever listened to in Yuma.

"She will win easily," said a promi-

nent citizen last evening, referring to the accomplished County Superintendent of Schools, Miss C. Louise Boehringer, who is now making a whirlwind canvass of the state in anticipation of securing the nomination for state superintendent of public instruction at the hands of the Democrats on next September 12. Yuma county is proud of Miss Boehringer.

The Yuma Daily Examiner, in its new home, wants your job printing. Work called for and delivered. Phone 174-J.

The Yuma County Fair is making satisfactory progress. One of the best features will be the livestock exhibit which will be in charge of Hon. Jas. L. Edwards.

The county fair directors were in session this afternoon, going over the

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### NEWSPAPER BUSINESS BEING TAUGHT AT BERKELEY COLLEGE

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 4.—Berkeley high school has about completed the first week of an enlarged course in journalism designed to equip graduates with a working knowledge of a newspaper plant gained by actual experience as reporters, copy-desk men, printers, business office solicitors and executives in the school printing plant and the editorial and business offices of the school weekly.

As a finishing course, E. V. Weller, a newspaper man, placed in charge of

the course this year, has arranged to have his pupils serve for a day on a San Francisco newspaper, each pupil working under the direction of the regular man in the various departments, covering the stories of the day and aiding in the business, editorial and composing-room departments.

The course includes a series of lectures on all branches of newspaper work, illustrated with motion pictures of Pacific Coast newspaper plants. The daily work is planned to duplicate that demanded in any newspaper office with the pupils serving in turn in various capacities. Copy prepared by student reporters, working under

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