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LOS ANGELES HAS "ISLANDS" WITHIN ITS CITY LIMITS

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of 28 miles to the Mission Fathers. In 1869 the city annexed 1.20 square miles. Since then more than 300 square miles have been added and Los Angeles has been changed from an inland city to a seaport through the annexation of a narrow strip of land connecting the city with the Pacific Ocean at San Pedro.

The largest single annexation of territory was on June 14 last year, when 169.89 square miles were added. This territory, with an area more than six times the size of the original city, was annexed to provide for the disposition of the surplus water from a \$25,000,000 aqueduct, completed about a year ago.

"REMOVE SILT, OR IT WILL MOVE IMPERIAL"

The Calexico Chronicle says: "I wish you would make the following statement for me," said Director C. W. Brockman, of the Imperial Irrigation district, yesterday, in commenting upon the action of the mutual representatives in selecting Chester Allison as consulting engineer, at their meeting in Imperial.

"When Mr. Allison went on the job as engineer before, the Alamo canal would carry from the river 120,000 cubic feet; and when he went off the job it would not carry 3,500 cubic feet without spilling over the bank.

"The Imperial Irrigation District has done more dredging in the last sixty days than Mr. Allison did in the last six years.

"If Holabird had held his job six months longer we would not have domestic water in here today.

"When I went on the district board I made the statement that I expected to see clear water running down the canals. If we do not get clear water we will not get any.

"We must either remove the silt, or the silt will remove us."

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IMPERIAL FIGHTS SHY OF LAGUNA THROUGH IGNORANCE

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that the impelling reason for insisting upon Imperial valley coming to Laguna dam for its water is that abominable dam at Hunion heading, for as long a stilt structure is placed in the river year after year, just so long will Yuma valley farmers be pained on the "anxious seat."

It is now given out in Washington that NEVER AGAIN will a dam be permitted to be constructed across the Colorado at that point, and that being the case, we don't care a tinker's darn whether Imperial valley connects with Yuma project or not. The truth of the matter is that we would just a little bit prefer that they paddle their own canoe in their own waters.

FIGHT OF IMPERIAL PAPERS MAY BRING LIGHT TO FARMERS

(By B. F. Fly)

The El Centro Progress and the Imperial Press are having a lot of fun with each other regarding present conditions in Imperial valley, and particularly with regard to the present "water shortage," the Press claiming that the shortage is the result of mismanagement of district affairs—this mismanagement being attributed to incompetence on the part of Chief Engineer Rockwood, aided and abetted by a majority of the board of directors.

The Progress, recognized as the mouthpiece of the directors and chief engineer, charges that The Press is the mouthpiece of those who favor connecting Imperial valley with the Yuma project, thereby forever solving the questions of a "water shortage," and at the same time largely settle the vexatious "silt problem."

In the course of a lengthy tirade against those who favor connecting these two great irrigation systems, The Progress of Tuesday's issue takes occasion to mix me up with the discussion by asserting that "the recallers (meaning those who have begun recall proceedings against President Hamilton and another Director) have been employing Benjamin F. Fly to speak. Fly writes all the articles for the Yuma papers and brought about the injunction more than any other one man."

I make this reply to my editorial friend of The Progress merely in order to see if he wants to be set exactly right, and if so, he will at least be fair enough to retract his unwarranted statement. Here 'tis:

I was invited to go to Holtville last Saturday to address a mass-meeting on the water question. Our local

water users' association also received an invitation to send one of its members to address the same meeting, and very appropriately sent Hon. Mulford Winsor.

The expenses of the trip did not cost a single cent to anybody in the Imperial valley. The speeches Mr. Winsor and I made before a highly appreciative and intelligent audience, did not cost the people of Imperial valley a single cent. No fee was offered; no fee was demanded, and no fee, bonus, gift, loan or anything would have been accepted had it, any, or all of them been offered. It was purely a matter of neighborly friendship that we made the trip at our expense, just that and absolutely nothing else.

Neither of us had ever heard of "recall" petitions being started, until it was announced from the platform after the speaking had concluded. No reference was made to it in my remarks, though I confess that in the present light I think a good work has been well begun, and hope to see it carried to a successful conclusion.

When an elective body of directors must cover their official acts with a cloak of secrecy it is just about time that the cloak be torn into threads that the light of day may shine on every official act the directors have imposed on their constituents.

An honest official has absolutely nothing to fear at the hands of publicity. It is only those whose acts will not stand investigation that desire their official acts to be kept in the dark.

If I were a citizen of Imperial valley, I would DEMAND that all the records be printed. If there is any "crooked work" going on the people have a perfect right to know the name of the "crook."

Keep after them, brother editor of The Press, and make 'em take the people into their confidence. That's your only salvation. If you don't show 'em up now, you may never again have the chance. Drag them out into the lime-light. Birds that can sing, and won't sing, should be made to sing. When I am paid for making a speech I have no hesitation whatever in admitting that fact. But don't accuse me unjustly.

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