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**MASONIC HALL FOR COACHELLA**

Leading members of the Masonic fraternity are at work in an effort to raise \$13,000 for the erection of a Masonic Temple at Coachella and have already secured pledges to the amount of \$4200. The plan is to form a corporation under the title of Masonic Temple Building association and erect a two-story cement block building containing banquet hall and kitchen as well as main auditorium, at the corner of Cantaloupe and South First streets. The committee has only been at work soliciting funds for the building.

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## MASONIC CHARTER FOR COACHELLA

Masons of the Valley Will Erect \$12,000 Temple and Institute Lodge. Shipping Lettuce in Carload Lots

[Daily Press Special News Service]

**COACHELLA**, Jan. 2.—Charter for Masonic order. The 30 or more Masons of the valley have elected officers and finance committees for the new \$12,000 Masonic Temple to be erected in Coachella. This will be the first of its kind in the valley.

Mrs. Lewts La Rondelle recently of London, and who came to the valley to make her home, passed away on Thursday, December 26, after a brief illness. The bereaved family and friends have the sympathy of the community.

Much gratification and encouragement was received by the recent Red Cross drive workers who deserve a great many thanks for their untiring efforts to the cause.

Bean threshing is the order of the day. Many ranchers hold good yields and will realize some pin money.

Lettuce is going out in carload lots. The quality is up to standard and prices good.

Our desert weather is unsurpassed by any year of years.

Many of the date growers are still picking and packing.

R. H. Postlethwait has begun a modern cement home on his ranch just west of the high school.

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**COACHELLA MASONIC  
TEMPLE IS READY**

District Inspector H. D. French Makes an Inspection Saturday and Sunday—Ready to Ask for Dispensation—Banning Masons to Have Lodge

A handsome Masonic temple has been completed at Coachella and in a few weeks time officers will be installed and a blue lodge formally instituted, according to H. D. French, district inspector, who spent Saturday and Sunday there.

The new temple was erected by the Coachella Masons Temple Building corporation. It is a concrete structure and one of the most handsomely appointed for a town of the size in the state. Mr. French called on the officers and made a general inspection of the building. He said today that everything was in readiness to ask for a dispensation. Consent was recently granted by the San Jacinto jurisdiction for the establishment of the Coachella lodge.

Officers of the new lodge are M. C. Cawton, worshipful master; C. B. Jones, senior warden, and G. L. Rorer, junior warden.

Masons in Banning also have under consideration the organization of a lodge. A census taken recently reveals that two-thirds of the business men and many other citizens are Masons holding membership in California or eastern states.

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**Set Contract**

The contract for the building of the new Masonic Temple in Coachella was awarded last Tuesday evening to Wm. Fleming, a Los Angeles architect and contractor. Work will start at once on this much needed building. The first floor will be given over to store rooms while the second story will contain a thoroughly up-to-date lodge hall, with banquet room, ante-rooms, dressing room, etc.

# VARIED AGRICULTURE ABOUNDS AROUND THE CITY OF COACHELLA

Date Industry Is Leader; Cotton Shows Development; Million Dollars Worth of Products This Year; New Buildings Being Erected and Active Business Houses Are Being Established.

One of the remarkable things about the county of Riverside is its diversified agriculture. The farm bureau organization and farm advisors have had this fact impressed upon them at all times. There is no district that brings it home more concretely than around Coachella, where the date is the best new fruit crop represented but where there is also a tremendous activity in general agriculture. There are also immense onion crops, early grapes and cotton. Of cotton alone there will be about 500 acres and this will produce about 700 bales worth 33 cents per pound and \$25 a

resources including immense onion crops and early grapes in addition to

**City of Coachella**  
In the city of Coachella, a new Masonic temple has been built of two stories, of which the upper one will be used by the Masons and the lower leased by D. E. Minister of Indio, who will open a dry goods, gents furnishings and grocery store. The building is 50x70 feet and is fireproof, built of reinforced concrete at a cost of \$11,500. Minister is fitting the store in first-class shape, his fixtures costing \$6,000 and Will E. Geach, late of Los Angeles, will be the manager. Minister will continue his store in Indio, where he is also having a new building built.

Other improvements are two new store rooms and a moving picture room adjoining the Masonic temple. Both of these rooms are already rented, one of them to be occupied by M. R. Pearson, who is enlarging his business and needs larger quarters. He deals exclusively in the highest grade groceries and is doing a very extensive business.

Mr. Rouff is putting up a new building to be occupied by Fred Smythe who is opening up a gents furnishings and shoe store.

W. H. Young, who has been in the valley for the past 16 years and is running a billiard parlor is building a three room store 72 by 50 feet floor space. He has all the rooms rented. It will cost over \$6000. A new bank

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