

7
From "History of San Dimas" by J. E. Calkins (G-73)

The first water came, of course, from Mud Springs, or as it was best known, the Cienega. This was a famous marsh, where cattails and tules and willows and frogs and snakes and all manner of water-loving life grew in luxuriance. In order to provide its first buyers with the water that was sold to them, the Land company sunk 17 wells around the margin of the Cienega. These flowed, and gave quite a decent little stream. But as land sales went on, the flow of these wells was all allotted, and more water was needed. Tunnels were driven in from C. P. Teague's land, to tap these small flowing wells.. But the stimulation given to land purchases by the development of this flow led the company to sell twice as much land as it could water, and opened up the San Dimas water war, which, in view of the fact that no blood flowed, only water, was a very good war indeed.