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JAMES ADDISON PERALTA REAVIS.

There are few instances in history of a more persistent purpose to surmount apparently insurmountable difficulties in the pursuit of a set determination than the gentleman whose name heads this article has shown in his effort to successfully assert his claim to a monster grant of land in Arizona. Miss Myra Gaines devoted her life to the establishment of her father's claim to an estate which covered a great part of New Orleans, and at length, when old age had overtaken her—after she had carried her suit from Court to Court and run over the whole wide gamut of the "law's delays"—she gained the cause for which she had so long and so faithfully struggled.

Reavis is yet in the prime of life; but he has already devoted ten years to the object of collecting and putting into the best shape for legal battle the muniments of title through which he hopes ultimately to recover a tract of land in the very richest part of Arizona of the enormous dimensions of 15,000 square miles! The story of this grant, as made up by the documents submitted, the history they convey and the efforts of the claimant to present a perfect claim of title, is romantic and interesting.

We have before us two brochures. One is the adverse report just made of the Surveyor-General of Arizona, Royal A. Johnson, upon the alleged Peralta grant, in which he comes to the conclusion that all the papers that have been presented to sustain the grant are forgeries. A careful reading of the brochure, however, impresses one with the idea that Mr. Johnson's conclusion is too sweeping. But we do not intend to take issue with him, nor to pronounce any opinion whatever upon the merits of the claim. We merely wish to give our readers a hasty sketch of the history of this remarkable grant as outlined by the other brochure before us, which is the copy of a petition filed before the Court of Claims of the United States, in which Reavis, his wife and Clinton P. Farrell, trustee, commence suit against the United States to recover eleven million dollars from the Government for having set off reservations and granted patents, homesteads, etc., to land within the said alleged grant.

In setting forth the chain of title, this petition cites as the origin of the grant a royal decree from Ferdinand VI., King of Spain, to Señor Don Miguel Silva de Peralta de la Cordoba for three hundred square leagues of land to be located in Arizona. The Holy Inquisition of the City of Mexico, in 1757, made a favorable report upon the tract now claimed by Reavis, and in 1758 the order of location was made by the Viceroy of New Spain. In the same year Father Francisco Pauer, of the Mission of San Xavier, was empowered to locate and give judicial possession of the grant to Peralta in conformity with the royal decree. In 1776 Carlos III. granted a petition made by Peralta in 1768, praying for a confirmation of the concession made by his predecessor, Ferdinand VI. On the death of the original grantee, his son, Miguel de Peralta, went into possession of the grant. He married a lady from Cadiz, and of this union there was born a daughter, who, in course of time, also married, and in her turn left a daughter, who was born in 1862.

This child, the lineal heir of the original grantee, in 1882, became the wife of James Addison Reavis on condition that he should add "Peralta" to his name. This would make the chain of the title perfect, if the documents are all authentic. But a curious phase of this whole affair is yet to be told. When Mr. Reavis first started in quest of this grant he was living in Los Angeles. He purchased from Dr. Willing, and afterwards from his widow, his right to the Peralta grant, Dr. Willing having, it seems, during Miguel Peralta's lifetime, secured from that gentleman a conveyance of the claim. Mr. Reavis rested upon this conveyance and presented his case on that basis for some years. But it would seem that in his researches he found that there was a missing link to the chain, and that it could only be made perfect by finding the great grand daughter of the original grantee. Mr. Reavis discovered, as he proceeded deeper into the archives of the City of Mexico and Guadalupe, that the original grantee had made a will in which the Peralta grant was devised with certain conditions. He perhaps also found that he had but a frail tenure in the purchased rights of Dr. Willing and his wife, and that he would reach solid ground if he could supplement and fortify these muniments with the rights possessed by the sole surviving heir of the original grantee. With this object in view he went to Spain, and in the person of Doña Sophia Loretta Micela Masó y Peralta de la Cordoba he found the lady of his research. It was doubtless a case of love at first sight, for he at once wooed and won her.

This ends the Peralta-Reavis story. But the case having got into the United States Court of Claims it will doubtless be subjected to a critical legal investigation, for if the documents are genuine and the proofs conclusive, the Government will be called upon to deliver over a very large slice of the surplus to sat-

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The Redondo hotel, which will rival the Del Monte and the Coronado, will be thrown open to the public about the middle of next month. Located on the sloping lawn a hundred feet or more above the beach, this beautiful structure commands from almost every window a magnificent marine view as well as landscape. To the south are the high cliffs of Point Vincent, and beyond them, resting on the bosom of the broad Pacific like a cloud, looms up the island of Catalina.

Westerly across the present projects that are being carried out at Point Duma, which marks the westerly boundary of Santa Monica bay. Inland, as the eye sweeps from Point Duma, rise the serrated hills of the Santa Monica range, and still further north come the sharply-cut outlines of the Sierra Madre range. Still easterly "Old Baldy" and "Cucamonga Peak" tower up with their summits veiled with snow, while from the east "Mount San Geronimo" backed up by "Grayback" marked the easterly boundary of the great San Bernardino valley.

A Unique Hotel. The hotel is of unique design, with many quaint corners and angles, that make it extremely picturesque. The ground plan reminds you of the capitals F and Y put together, with an O surrounding the F, thus:

The O is the dining room, and although smaller than the celebrated banquet hall of the Coronado, that seats its thousand guests, it is a much handsomer apartment. In the top part of the F is located the kitchen, provided with every modern convenience, with steamers and refrigerators and cool rooms for the pastry cook, great ranges for cooking meats, waffle ovens, boilers, pastry ovens and conveniences innumerable. The middle of the F is the ball room, with stage and balcony, and a most intricate pattern of inlaid wood floor. Where the middle cross bar of the F intersects the main upright, are located the lobby and various offices, which are finished in hard wood.

The mantle in the dining room is a poem in carved oak and the same may be said of the ladies' reception room. The northerly and west walls of the dining room are one continuous window of the most wonderfully clear French plate glass, overlooking the sparkling waves and the Sierra Madre mountains beyond. Light and cheerful corridors extend north and south along the main stems of the F and Y and on the extreme end of the branches of the Y. The dormitories are on either side and all have a lovely outlook—all are "front" rooms—not a dark or "back" room in the building. The roof is broken into pinnacles, towers and cupolas, and "bay" and "bow" and "oriole" windows project at many points, giving constant and pleasing surprises to the eye. Some of the rooms are perfectly lovely. A single-story frame building, which will have an above breaking off on one corner, while from another corner will open a circular or octagon shaped room with plate glass sides, overlooking the sea and forming a charming spot for a tete-a-tete, or a smoke, or a book, or a reverie, or where a good wife would delight even in sewing on a husband's shirt buttons.

In the court, between the cross bar and the top of the F, is located a large bright and airy apartment, which is in it are two enormous upright Hazelton boilers—the kind that are shaped like beer bottles, you know. They have a capacity of 100 horse power each, and are to run the various machinery of this great establishment—the steam pump, the elevators, the dynamos, of which there are two, are for running the one thousand incandescent lights all through the house and the twelve immense arc lights that are to illuminate the grounds. Water, hot and cold, is carried to every part of the hotel by a network of pipes. There are cheerful fireplaces in all the rooms. They will seldom be needed, however, as the temperature is about the same the year round—never hot, never cold.

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Railroad Facilities. The Santa Fe railroad has a branch running from Los Angeles to Redondo, which makes three or four trips each way daily, and the Redondo Beach Company also has its own line of railroad to Los Angeles, which will be thrown open to the public at the hotel opening about April 15th. They have a new style of "motor" locomotive that burns petroleum for fuel, thus avoiding smoke and flying eye-destroying cinders. Their trains of cars are the handsomest ever seen in California. They will make hourly trips between the hotel and Los Angeles, a trip of thirty or forty minutes.

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the car houses and repair shops, and still further south are the hot houses, containing tens of thousands of roses and plants with which to decorate the grounds. Instead of following the usual custom of numbering the rooms, it is proposed to individualize many of the principal rooms by giving them names, and now the poetic and cultivated taste of the charming Mrs. Captain Ainsworth will be brought into requisition. "Venice," "Naples," "Como" and many Spanish and Indian names will decorate the doors of these charming retreats. The drives about are lovely. In a few miles at Point Vineal one finds cliffs, water-worn caves and rocky headlands, with wealth of sea-weed and mosses, and sheltered nooks with sandy beach and lovely shells and deep pools with myriads of fish of all hues and sizes.

The beach offers a fine road where the spray of the ocean is thrown against the nostrils of the spirited steeds. From the wharf—but a few hundred yards from the hotel—hundreds of people are fishing for smelt, rock fish, tom cod, mackerel, herring, yellow tails, Spanish mackerel and the enormous jew fish, some weighing 300 to 500 pounds. The bathing is delightful, the water warm and invigorating and with sufficient swell and surf to make it interesting, without being too rough.

Water From Drive Wells. The Redondo Beach Company has developed a magnificent water system from which poor mud-blobbered Oakland might well take a lesson. They have thirty-two driven wells, two and one-half inch pipe, perforated at the lower end. These drive pipes are connected with a six-inch iron main, to which is attached powerful steam pumps. These pumps have a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons a day, and so far, have been unable to make any apparent decrease in the supply in the subterranean reservoir. The water is pumped to a cemented reservoir 125 feet square and 20 feet deep, with a capacity of 3,500,000 gallons. This reservoir is located at an elevation of nearly 200 feet above the hotel main floor, thus affording good pressure to the hotel and the dwelling and business houses of the town.

A quarter of a mile or so inland is the Mornog-temple-like amphitheater recently built by the Chautauqua Society. Its walls are of concrete, octagonal in shape, and surmounted by a tin-clad dome that forms a glistening point of attraction for miles around. The Chautauqua Society proposes to hold its annual assemblies here, and it will undoubtedly add much to the attractiveness of the place. The building was dedicated on the 22d of last month with imposing ceremonies.

The public schoolhouse is a large three-story frame building, with an excellent corps of teachers. It might go on for a column or two more describing the attractions of Redondo, but I'm afraid I have already written, so will come to a full stop before you weary of the

ROAMING OAKLANDER. Los Angeles, March 18th.

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TO HOUSEKEEPERS—SUGAR, 16 LBS. OF brown or 13 lbs. white; 4 lbs. rice, sago or tapioca, 25c.; 13 lbs. white beans, 25c.; starch 4 packages, 25c.; Arbuckle coffee, 25c.; graham, 25c.; pickles, 1 qt., 10 lbs. corned, 15c.; good black or Japan tea, 35c.; can gasoline, 50c.; meat oil, 10c.; salt flour, 80c.; 10 cans salmon, 15c.; 3 cans corn or tomatoes, 25c.; 11 cans fruit, 15c.; 10 lbs. raisins or prunes, 25c.; nutmegs, 5c.; lb. jams and jellies, 10c.; a glass, 40 bars soap, 11c.; bacon, 11c.; hams, 13c.; pork, 10c. ECONOMIC STORES, 509-511 S. Spring st. Telephone 974. m15-1f

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AT HAZARD'S PAVILION WEDNESDAY night, April 2d, a fast race by skaters of three heats, best two out of three, for \$100. A purse to the winner. Skating continued thirty minutes later to compensate skaters for first heat. First heat, 8:30; second, 9:00; third, 9:30. Admission free to the gallery; ticket heat 9:30. Admission free to the gallery. m15-1f

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FOR RENT—HOUSE EIGHT ROOMS, CLOSING IN; all modern improvements. W. S. DEAN, 215 1/2 W. First st., room 1. m130-3f

FOR RENT—CLOSE IN, HOUSE 3, 5, 6 OR 9 ROOMS. 10 1/2 Boyd st. m129-3f

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