

WHO OWNS ISLE?

Gem of the Pacific Is Without a Proprietor.

Englishman Originally Leased It From the British Government, and It Is Well Worth Having.

Palmerston Island (in south Pacific, between Society Islands and Samoa) was a welcome sight, as welcome as it was unique. It is doubtful if such another gem adorns the earth. Neither tall nor island, it is a perfect combination of both, a natural necklace of surf pounded coral strung with six, equidistant verdant islets, the whole inclosing a shallow lagoon slashed with unbelievable color.

Such was Palmerston as we approached it before a stiff southeast "trade," to be welcomed by a fleet of amazingly fast luggers and their astounded crews, Ralph Stock writes in the National Geographic Magazine. "Who were we? Where had we sprung from? Had we any matches?"

To our astonishment, the questions were fired at us in English and, what was more, English of a vaguely familiar pattern. It is a strange thing to hear one's own tongue fluently bandied among a brown-skinned people on an isolated speck of earth in mid-Pacific.

I have Palmerston Island securely pigeonholed in my mind as the spot of all others in which, when the time comes, to sit down and wait for the end.

The outside world, in the shape of a schooner from the Cook group, intrudes itself but once a year. The lagoon and its neighboring islets are a mine of interest to the naturalist or sportsman, and the people have a simple charm that is all their own.

Many years ago one John Masters leased Palmerston Island from the British government, and, not believing in half-measures, took unto himself three native wives. By each he had a large and healthy family, which he reared in strict accordance with his own standards of social usage. That they were sound standards is evidenced in the people of Palmerston today. They read, write and speak English; this last with an accent vaguely reminiscent of the southwest of England. They are courteous, hospitable and honest to a degree nothing short of startling, these days, and, although naturally lubed, they do not show it, either mentally or physically.

One thing alone troubles the John Masters of today. To whom do he and his island belong? The war has changed all things. The Cook group, of which Palmerston has been declared a far-flung unit, is administered by New Zealand. Is Masters to be taxed, governed and generally harried by a people who hardly existed when his father took over Palmerston? It looks like it.

Grandeur in Storm.

Indian thunderstorms are notoriously violent, though comparatively harmless. According to Mount Stuart Elphinstone, the setting in of the monsoon in India is accompanied by such an electric convulsion "as can scarcely be imagined by those who have not seen that phenomenon in a temperate climate."

"It generally begins with violent blasts of wind, which are succeeded by floods of rain. For some hours lightning is seen almost without intermission; sometimes it only illuminates the sky and shows the clouds near the horizon; at others it discovers the distant hills, and again leaves all in darkness, when in an instant it reappears in vivid and successive flashes and exhibits the nearest objects in all the brightness of day."

"During all this time the distant thunder never ceases to roll and is only silenced by some nearer peal, which bursts on the ear with such a sudden and tremendous crash as can scarcely fail to strike the most insensible heart with awe."—Scientific American.

Labor Obligatory in Bulgaria.

According to information from Sofia, Bulgaria has passed a law by which labor is obligatory, both for men and women. This later can be utilized in many ways, including the construction of roads, railways, canals, aqueducts, improvement of rivers and streams, installation of telephone and telegraph lines, preparation of various building materials, the planting and exploitation of forests, work in the various domains of the state, district or communes, cultivation of kitchen gardens, raising of silk worms and of bees and cattle, fisheries, work in mines and factories, conservation of food products, weaving, etc. The demobilization of the Bulgarian army by virtue of the recent treaty has rendered this law necessary.

They Followed Him.

A Georgia lawyer to a wealthy client he desired to impress: "I played 'Hamlet' once." "Indeed! Did you have much of a run?" "About six miles as I remember it."—The Lawyer and Banker.

Makes a Difference.

X.—Kleptomaniac seems to be essentially a feminine failing. Y.—That's so. When a man tries it, they call it stealing.

Lives Up to His Name.

"I'll say this for Sponger, he never borrows trouble." "No, not so long as he can borrow anything else."

Rulers' Postage Privileges.

The king of England pays no postage, which is perhaps just as well, since he yearly receives about a quarter of a million business letters. The heads of all kingdoms and republics enjoy similar privileges.



EDWARD N. HINES

"Good Roads", "Ed. Hines" and "Automobiles" are synonyms.

At the Michigan State Fair in Detroit Sept. 2-11 this will be emphasized when Edward N. Hines acts as State Fair board member in charge of the department devoted to automobiles and accessories.

It is not necessary to introduce Ed. Hines to anybody who knows Wayne county and its roads. He is a pioneer as far as autos are concerned. He is a member of the Wayne County Road Commission that built the first concrete roads which brought experts from the four corners of the United States to gaze in awe at what Wayne had accomplished. Furthermore Ed. Hines has been a booster for good roads throughout the state, day in and day out, since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.

His department at the state fair will have one of the finest automobile display buildings in the country, with a floor space of 31,680 square feet, erected especially for the display of automobiles.

STATE FAIR FACTS

Dates—September 2 to 11, 1921.
Place—State Fair Grounds, Detroit.
Big increase in premiums to be paid.
21 department exhibits.
Every state activity shown.
Fair is Michigan in miniature.
Best exhibition in America.

STATE FAIR DOG SHOW TO RANK WITH BEST IN U. S.

The Michigan State Fair Dog Club has been organized as a permanent institution and has been granted a license by the American Kennel Club to hold its first annual show on the state fair grounds, Detroit, Sept. 10 and 11 next. Ample space has been provided in one of the best ventilated buildings on the grounds. Entries close August 25.

Permanent benching facilities will be kept in sanitary condition for each year's show. The new club will maintain its own footing in the dog world. No trophies will be solicited from individuals or private sources. One of the finest arrays of cups, trophies and specials ever awarded will be given at the coming show in September, together with \$1,500 in cash prizes.

The club will conduct an all-breed show. It is not necessary that a dog be of pedigree stock to compete, nor does he have to be registered. Experience has shown that there are hundreds of dogs without pedigree or stud book number who can defeat well-known bench dogs. A feature event will be a public demonstration of police dogs doing police, army and Red Cross work.

National attention of dog fanciers has been attracted by the announcement of the awards offered and the expert list of officials who will handle the show. The judges include L. I. DeWinter, West Orange, N. J.; John W. Burton, Chicago; A. McClure Hally, New York; and Wm. McFadden, Detroit. Frank A. Howes will be superintendent, and inquiries for information should be made of him at the State Fair offices, 562 Bowles Bldg., Detroit.

EDITOR TO DIRECT CLUB WORK AT STATE FAIR

Educational features of the state fair at Detroit, September 2-11, are aimed especially for the advancement of the youth of the state. In agriculture, livestock, manufacturing, arts and crafts and all other departments the fair seeks to show the boy and girl of Michigan what is being accomplished at the present time.

Work of Boys' and Girls' Clubs throughout the state also will be shown at the fair and in connection with this demonstration there will be thousands of club members in attendance. For their benefit, both in connection with their club work and the general displays at the fair, Forrest A. Lord, editor of the Michigan Business Farmer, of Mt. Clemens, will devote his time during the fair to their interests.

Mr. Lord will be the state fair board member in charge of the club work, while R. A. Turner, of East Lansing, state club leader, will be superintendent of the club exhibits.

Those well-known and often quoted lines, "None but the brave deserve the fair," are to be found in an ode which was written by Dryden on the Feast of Alexander in honor of St. Cecilia's day, which occurs three days later.

Special Premiums Offered at Saginaw

No fair in the state, probably no other fair in our country, offers such a liberal list of special premiums, put up by leading banks and business men, breeders and live stock associations, as does the big Saginaw Fair. These liberal gifts evidence the keen interest in the Big Fair by the business men of the Saginaw section and each year the trophy list is swelled by a growing list of generous donors.

The list of special trophies for the 1921 Saginaw Fair fills a dozen pages of the Fair book and is as follows: Bank of Saginaw, total \$500.00 American State Bank, \$75.00; People's Saving Bank, \$100.00; Second National Bank, \$12.00; Commercial Bank, \$75; Chesaning State Bank, \$25.00; Hemlock State Bank, \$10.00; Merrill State Bank, \$25.00; Consolidated Coal Co., 2 tons coal; Saginaw Manufacturing Co., \$50.00 loving cup; Russell Bros. of Merrill, Aberdeen-Angus male calf, valued at \$250.00; Frankemuth Spotted Poland-China Association, registered Spotted Poland-China gilt of high pedigree; Horse Association of America, \$25.00; J. Will Grant, Jeweler, \$30.00 gold watch; Holstein-Friesian Association of America, full set of Holstein-Friesian premium ribbons. These are aside from the large total of township special premiums.

These premiums cover stock-judging contests, high-scoring, livestock, grain judging contests, special corn premiums, garden products, canned goods, poultry, live stock, grains, grasses and vegetables.

There are also offered 147 cash premiums for the work of Manual training students, covering the wide range of products in which manual training students of both sexes display their ingenuity, taste and skill.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers 02tf
Vern Rogers of Mt. Pleasant was an Alma visitor Saturday.

Ralph Christholm of Breckenridge was an Alma visitor Tuesday.

Get your auto license plates of Sharrar & Watson, Alma, Mich. 78tf
Postmaster V. P. Cash and family are spending the week at Crystal Lake. Allen Highfield visited with Grand Rapids friends for a few days last week.

Dr. E. G. Slyuter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-tf
The Misses Genevieve and Mary Bell of Champlain, Ill., are guests of their brother, J. P. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alger H. Wood of Detroit are guests at the home of their parents here for a short time.
Carl Pierson and family returned Sunday from a fifteen day automobile trip through northern Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerr and daughter of Akron, Ohio, are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Hulse.

Mrs. Frank May and children of Chicago are spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Burgland.

Mrs. Henry Myers and two children of Grand Rapids are visiting with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Wolfe, and family and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Benedict and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Smith left the first of the week for a several days outing at Budd Lake.

Mrs. Floyd Lake and children are spending a few weeks visiting with relatives and friends in Ann Arbor, Jackson and Chelsea.

Friends of Mr. Arthur I. Folks will be interested to know that he is rapidly recovering from an appendix operation at the Carney hospital.

Rev. Priest, former pastor of the Baptist church in this city, who is now at Sturgis, visited with old Alma friends for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Root who have been visiting for the past two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Wright, have returned to their home in Garrettsville, Ohio.

Miss Mary L. Wynnehas returned from the Central Normal at Mt. Pleasant where she spent the summer as a student in the department of sociology and public health.

William A. Bahlike, city attorney, and William E. Renolds, city manager, were in Lansing Thursday attending the hearing of the Gratiot County Gas company before the Michigan Utilities Commission.

We have six hundred acres of good, heavy grassed and watered pasture land, the very best farming when cleared, for sale cheap on easy terms. Owner has no use for it. Address W. L. Kinney, Marion, Mich.—advertisement—14-4wks

Mrs. Robert Laddy, of St. Louis, from whom two tumors aggregating twenty-two pounds in weight were removed recently, is making excellent progress toward recovery and will leave the Carney Private Hospital in a few days.

H. O. Abernethy, who is connected with the Alma College endowment campaign has returned from his vacation in North Carolina, and resumed his work with the campaign. A. B. Sheldon will return from his vacation next week and resume his work in connection with the endowment.

Miss Barbara Wynne, who has been studying interpretative dancing at the University of Wisconsin, is spending the remainder of the vacation at her home here. She has been appointed director of physical training in the gymnasium of the new Platoon school on Burns avenue in Detroit.

Money spent with us buys not only good coal but satisfaction and reliability as well. Brown-Ward Co., phone 27.—60tf



Word to Be Avoided. It is not a lucky word, this "impossible." No good comes of those that have it so often in their mouths.—Carlyle.

Do you know you can roll 50 good cigarettes for 10cts from one bag of



GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO

The character of Uncle Josh Whitcomb has been a big factor in endearing "The Old Homestead" to the hearts of American theater-goers for thirty-five years. At the Strand on Friday, September 2.

The Record can print it for you at a fair price.—advertisement 10-3w

THE STORE AHEAD

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The Greatest Thing We Ever Did

The dates of this event are September 1, 2 and 3. The days are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and such days of revelry in the most wonderful showing of furs we have ever had. This sale of furs brings the opportunity of selecting from large varieties, authentic styles and prices that could not be possible in the heart of the season.

Wraps

Luxuriant in their prodigality of fur, oh so smart in their lines are the new wraps. Colors are of engulging charms, linings are less vivid than formerly. The vogue in black is emphatic in Caracul, Seal and Persian Astrakhan; others in Moleskin, Chinchilla, Broadtail and Squirrel.

Coats

Trig stylish coats of Hudson Seal, Muskrat, Mink, Opposum and Squirrel are partial to the popular sport lengths. Seal combined with a natural or gray Caracul or Squirrel easily convinces a beauty loving world of its charm.

Coatees

What woman can ignore the appeal of the new fur coatees? They're such conveniently charming little garments to slip on over any frock or suit. The gray and black ones are especially stylish, though the Mink and Sable are important



Neck Pieces and Muffs

The separate piece of fur! What a leading role it has in the costume of every well dressed woman!

Large scarfs of blue or white Fox are prominent among the Fur offerings for 1921.

Lynx, Squirrel, Seal, Mole and Fitch are exceptionally attractive.

Muffs to match may be purchased.

Our Partial Payment Plan

The fact that you may not wear your fur until later in the fall need not deter you from buying now. A small payment down completes the sale and the fur will be stored in safe-keeping for your convenience.

All Garments Displayed on Living Models

Just a few of the many items at sale quotation

Kit or Brown Coney Coat, 36 in. long— \$19.50

Kit or Brown Coney Coat, 40 in. long— \$59.50

Sealine, with large collar and cuffs of skunk, beaver or squirrel— \$139.50

Hudson Seal Coat with skunk beaver or squirrel collar and cuffs— \$295.00

Hudson Seal Coat with large skunk collar, deep bell cuffs, skunk fur. Finest seal and skunk, no better garment can be had at any price— \$375.00

Taupe and Brown Fox Chokers \$25.00

Grey Squirrel Chokers \$12.50

Mink or Stone Martin \$25.00

Black or Taupe Coney, Special \$5.95