

POMONA NEWS.

Mary Sumner, the guest of Mrs. B. Cook, who has been ill since her arrival in Pomona, is now well, and able to enjoy some of the sunshine.

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LAKE COMO NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn of Vermont are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Dearborn.

Mrs. J. C. L. Basford who has been the guest of Mrs. Annie Robinson, has returned to her home at Welaka.

A social time was held at the hall Friday evening. There were recitations by Mrs. Frank Beard of Painesville, O., and C. C. Sullivan.

Mrs. Ames of Oswego, N. Y., sang several selections, which were greatly enjoyed; also the solos sang by Jack Sullivan of Woodcliff Lake, N. Y., were greatly enjoyed.

Services were held at the M. E. church Sunday morning. Mrs. H. C. Gates led a very interesting League meeting in the evening, which all enjoyed very much.

HARLEM NEWS.

M. Bohannon, L. Bohannon, J. E. Manning, S. S. Minton and L. E. Varnes visited Palatka during the present week.

L. R. Thomas of Prox, had the misfortune to lose a lot of his fence by fire, but a collection was taken for him at the Union meeting amounting to some thirteen dollars, which was highly appreciated.

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THE BRYAN LECTURE.

Col. William Jennings Bryan ex-Secretary of State, will deliver an address in the Howell Theater on Friday evening, Feb. 11th, for the benefit of the Palatka Woman's Club.

The bare announcement that this eminent American is to address the people will be sufficient to fill the theater to capacity. Mr. Bryan is the most distinguished and eloquent platform speaker in the country, and he always has something to say WORTH WHILE.

The evening closed with a "mock trial," which caused much laughter. C. C. Sullivan was the prisoner; John Woolsey, the policeman; George Davidson, lawyer for defense; J. Law Redman, prosecuting lawyer; H. H. Bratten, judge; and Mrs. Emma Seaman, the reporter.

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That Camphor Farm Deal.

A week or more ago one of the Jacksonville papers contained a story of the sale of the great camphor farm in CLAY COUNTY for the insignificant sum of \$6,500,000, about three times the total assessed valuation of the entire county.

Now comes Florida Truism, the official publication of the Tampa board of trade with the "reported sale to the Dupont Powder Company of the 11,000 acre camphor farm near Palatka at a cost of \$6,500,000," and which it considered to be "one of the largest deals in country real estate ever consummated in this State."

It is just such "fish stories" as this that have been "getting our goat" in Kansas and other sections of the wild and woolly. A six million real estate deal of country property would indeed be "one of the largest deals ever consummated in this State," or any other state, for that matter.

What are the facts? We don't know, and so far have been unable to find out. This much we do know: The only camphor farm in Florida is located at Satsuma Heights, Putnam county, about nine miles south of Palatka on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway.

It is owned by a company of New York capitalists, and the deal if made would naturally have "been consummated" in New York.

This farm has some 1,000 or more acres under cultivation, and for the past three years has been distilling and shipping crude camphor gum. It is a valuable piece of property, but when considered in connection with \$6,500,000—keep your eyes glued to the money; never mind the camphor farm.

PERSIAN PAINTINGS.

Oriental Art That Embodies the Essence of Romance. No dramatic, no passionate motive ever so grips and possesses a Persian artist as to absorb his whole imagination in his sensuous love of beauty.

His scene with just as much care and intention in every detail as he devotes to the central figures. In the great works of Chinese and Japanese painters, as in masters like Rembrandt, accessories are subdued or suppressed, the color is limited, and the figures which create the motive of the design are so emphasized, so dominant in the eye that they seem to transcend the limits of the framing space.

They seem alive with all the latent energies of actual men and women. No Persian painting imposes itself thus on the imagination. Everything remains within the frame, inlaid as in a lustrous mosaic. The Persian method has, it is true, its own compensation. Just as in the early pictures of Rossetti and Millais, everything is realized with a dreamlike vision, and this is always a real achievement for the painter.

The freshness and glory thus brought to the eye, as of a world washed clean, with every object magically distinct and burning with clear color, make a vivid impression of strangeness. Strangeness, remoteness from the routine of every day—that is the essence of romance, and no art in the world is more steeped in romance than the painting of Persia.—Laurence Binyon in Atlantic.

One day Jones was rambling along the boulevard when he was hailed by his friend Smith. While talking Jones noticed that Smith continually rubbed the palm of his hand.

"What in the world is the matter with your hand?" he finally demanded. "You have been rubbing and scratching it ever since we stopped here."

"The palm itches like blazes," answered Smith. "They say that it is a sure sign that you are about to get some money."

"Um!" thoughtfully returned Jones as a great light suddenly dawned upon him. "Here is where you get wise to the fact that there is nothing in signs. I haven't a dollar to spare."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

In "Tod Sloane," by himself, the once famous jockey says that a horse exceeds even a dog in intelligence and that if a thoroughbred were small enough to run about a house like a dog and have the same chances instead of being so much alone surprising results would follow. "Cussedness" in horses, he thinks, may be caused by too much inbreeding, bringing about an extraordinary temperament. The best jockey, says Sloane, is the boy with a nervous temperament. "He is quick and alert to take in a situation and becomes a human ferret, finding out things for himself."

The adjutant was lecturing to the subalterns of the battalion. "In the field," he said, "it is now the duty of an officer to make himself look as much like a man as possible."

Everybody laughed. "That is, I mean," he explained, "as much like a soldier as possible."—London Mirror.

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WHY IT PAYS TO READ THE ADS. Get a piece of paper and a pencil and make a list of the business men of this town. Now cross off the names of the ones who do not advertise. The names remaining on the list are the names of the men who are not only doing most of the business in this city, but they are the names of the men who have their shoulder back of every enterprise that goes to make up a better and more modern city.

SMITHSON'S FORTUNE.

The Gift Which Founded a Great Scientific Institution. The Smithsonian institution at Washington was created by act of congress in 1846 to carry out the conditions of the will of James Smithson, an English chemist and mineralogist, who bequeathed his fortune to the United States of America to found at Washington under the name of the Smithsonian institution an establishment for "the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men."

The will became operative at the death of its maker, which occurred at Genoa in 1829, and the income of the estate went to Smithson's nephew, Henry James Hungerford, until the death of the latter on June 5, 1835. The bequest of the property to the United States thereupon became operative, and in September, 1835, the state department received notification thereof.

On Dec. 17 President Jackson informed congress of the bequest, and on July 1, 1836, the gift was accepted and the president empowered to appoint an agent to collect the money. Richard Rush of Pennsylvania was entrusted with this duty, and in November he brought the necessarily formal suit in the English court of chancery, where the claim remained for two years.

Upon the final interpretation of the will Rush returned to America, bringing the fund with him in English gold, \$508,318. It was nearly eight years before congress decided on a plan of carrying out the will of the testator.

The total endowment of the institution is now nearly \$1,000,000, and with the support and co-operation of the government it has become one of the most important scientific institutions in the world.

Outlawry in Scotland.

The unusual sentence of outlawry recently pronounced by the Scottish courts is a relic of the days before extradition existed. For it was the usual punishment of those who wilfully avoided the execution of legal process and was inflicted upon the criminal who fled the country and could not be brought back. In the old days to be outlawed—in the case of women they called it waived—meant that one could be knocked on the head by any passer-by, and outlaws in fact were said to be caput lupinum—that is, they had a wolf's head and could be treated as a wild beast.—London Mail.

Witches and Fairies.

Belief in witchcraft, still an article of the popular creed in Essex and may be elsewhere in England, is not the only survival of the kind. In the south of Ireland are still to be found people who believe in fairies. The writer knew an Irishwoman, one of thousands of her class, who would not travel a country road after dark for fear of them, though what "they" would do deponent sayeth not.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Literary.

"Oh, I simply adore Meredith and Browning and Henry James," said the rushing young person. "So do I," said Little Binks. "They are perfectly delightful. It's like sending your mind to a gymnasium. Er—do you read them in the original?"—Buffalo News.

Very Probable.

Bibbs—What has become of the fool killer? Gbbs—I can't guess, Bibbs, unless he quit because he couldn't get extra pay for working overtime.—Judge.

On the Contrary.

"Street musicians lead a lazy life." "Not so. It is one long daily grind."—Baltimore American.

Helpful Hint.

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His Illustration.

"Papa, what is faith?" "Well, my boy, they say your baby brother sleeps, but I've never seen him do it. Yet if I believe he does—that's faith."—Life.

POLITICAL NOTICE.

To the Voters of Putnam County: I notice that I am to have opposition for assessor's office, and this is to ask you not to be hasty in PROMISING your vote, for after promising we do not like to violate this promise. I shall not ask for promises, but will be around and talk with you and will hope to get your help, with the assurance that it will be appreciated.

NOTICE.

I will be at the following places as named below for the purpose of taking tax returns: Denver, February 14th. Crescent City, Feb. 15th-16th. Huntington, Feb. 17th. Lake Corzo, Feb. 18th. Pomona, Feb. 19th. Sisco, Feb. 21st. Satsuma Heights, Feb. 22nd. Georgetown, Feb. 29th. Fruitland, March 1st. Welaka, March 7th. Nashua, March 8th.

NORMAL TERM AT KEUKA.

Will begin February 8th. You will please write to me before coming. Accommodations are limited and I do not want to overcrowd my class. Only those branches that are covered by first, second and third grade certificates will be taught. Pupils of the 8th grade can take the work. Good board reasonable.

WANTED—First-class fresh Jersey cow.

A. Meyer, West Tocol, Fla. 5-2t. p.

FOR SALE—Two horses, 5 and 10 years old, good size; one 2-horse wagon. Also 20-acre orange grove. Apply to J. F. Epperson, Satsuma Heights, Fla. 4-1t-p.

WANTED—When you want to buy, when you want to sell, when you want to rent or lease, when you want to exchange, when you want work or workmen, when you lose or find, or when ever you have any other want, just call 195, because a News Want Advertisement will solve the problem at the least expense. tf.

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FOR RENT—Large nicely furnished room over looking river; conveniences. Enquire 504 River street. tf.

INCUBATORS—Two second-hand incubators for sale, standard makes, practically new. Mann-Hodge Seed Co., Palatka, Florida.

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