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INDIAN STATUETTE FOR MRS. WILSON

Figure of Pocahontas, Her Ancestress, a Bridal Gift.

A WEDDING gift which the new lady of the White House prizes very highly is a bronze statuette of Pocahontas. This was presented to Mrs. Wilson by the Pocahontas Memorial association. Some of the proudest and oldest families of the Dominion trace their descent to the Indian princess. The nearest strain of all is considered to be that of the Bollings, and Mrs. Wilson's maiden name was Edith Bolling. It is known that she takes pride in her relationship to the daughter of Powhatan. It seems a sort of poetic justice, too, that a strain of the aboriginal American blood should course in the veins of the first lady of the land.

The story so dear to the heart of youth, that Pocahontas saved Captain John Smith from being clubbed to death by the warriors of her father, the Indian chief Powhatan, has been denied by some historians and was for a time generally discredited. More recent light thrown upon the story, however, has tended to establish it. About the name of Pocahontas, at any rate, glows the light of romance. As a child she visited the colony at Jamestown, and after she grew up she played an important part in its history. She often interceded for the colonists and finally was looked upon as their diplomatist and emissary. Pocahontas became a Christian in April, 1613, and a year later she married the young Englishman, John Rolfe. She had beauty, and even the prim garb of the English of



STATUETTE OF POCAHONTAS.

that day did not hide her charm. Pictures which remain of her show her in ruff and tightly fitting gown.

When in 1616 she went to England with her husband Pocahontas was presented at the court of St. James by Lord and Lady Delaware. The bishop of London gave a reception in her honor. The British metropolis extolled her beauty, and for months this child of Virginia, in her native grace and her air of royalty, which seemed a part of her, was the idol of the social world.

Pocahontas died in 1617 in Gravesend, England, and there she lies buried. The story is that she had married John Rolfe in the belief that Captain John Smith was dead and that, meeting Smith in England, she was overcome so with the old love for him and so grieved over having been deceived that she went into a decline and died within a year. She left one son, Thomas Rolfe, who was educated in England. He did not go to Virginia until 1648, and there he married Jane Poythress. To them was born a daughter, Jane Rolfe, who became the wife of Colonel Robert Bolling, who, arriving in the colony in 1690, accumulated a fortune and became a leader.

The Bollings of Bolling Hall were an old family in England, for back in 1412 are found references to them and their estates. The Bollings of Virginia brought with them the customs of their Yorkshire home. They acquired lands, built stately houses and became men of power and influence in the community. Robert Bolling of Kippax, a few miles from Richmond, entertained lavishly, and he had the love of sports and taste for social life and the progressive nature which have distinguished so many members of the race. His wife, as did her grandmother, the Princess Pocahontas, died young, for she lived only a year after her marriage. She left one son, John Bolling, the progenitor of the line with the Indian strain. The descendants of John Bolling married members of many well known Virginia families, and this accounts for the fact that in the family trees of so many distinguished Virginians there are traces of Indian lineage.

It is noted that through all the Bolling family history appear Indian names. There are Powhatan Bollings and Pocahontas Bollings. Occasionally in the records one finds a fair member of the house called Matoaca, one of the titles of the Indian princess, and often Pocahontas' plain English designation, Mebeewa, the name given to her when baptized in the Church of England.

THE SOCIAL WORLD BY VIRGINIA SOUTHERN

"Yet look again for the clouds divide;
A gleam of blue on the water lies,
And far away on the mountain side,
A sunbeam falls from the opening
skies;

But the hurrying host that flew between
The cloud and the water no more is seen;
Flake after flake, at rest in the dark
and silent lake."

—The Snow-shower

The first fortnight of the new year with its various resolutions and faithful promises has duly been recorded and social and club life in Independence is recovering from the general break caused by the delightful holiday festivities, and gradually drifting back into the regular channel of activity. The first week of the new year brought real wintry days with snow and ice everywhere, and old and young alike devoted themselves to coasting, sleighing parties and skating, making the most of the rare opportunity afforded them.

COASTING PARTY

On Wednesday evening of last week a merry party of beaux and belles, enjoyed a jolly coasting party, returning to the J. R. Cooper home where Misses Ivie and LaVilla Cooper served a hot luncheon and closed their genuine festivities with cards.

CIVIC LEAGUE

Tuesday afternoon the first meeting of the Civic League for 1916 was held at the club rooms, with Mrs. J. S. Cooper presiding.

The past year has been filled with much civic beautifying as a result of the efforts of the club members, and the last days of 1915, especially, were fraught with many charitable deeds perfected through this club.

It is the intention of the organization to make each year better and with the present ambition at the steering wheel, the work of the local league in 1916 promises to be very fruitful.

WILLIAMS' HOSTS

A charming event that opened the 1916 social calendar was the New Year's club party when Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Williams were hosts to the "Wee Otts" club.

This club consists of eight congenial matrons who chat and eat, but on this occasion the latter diversion was dispensed with and the gentlemen invited for a jolly session of cards.

The attractive Williams home was enhanced with a decoration of holly, mistletoe and poinsettias which shed a warm, cheerful holiday glow over the scene.

The festivities were completed with a substantial luncheon.

STAR INSTALLS

The largest event in lodge circles taking place during the new year, was the public installation of the Eastern Star officers at their chapter rooms last Tuesday evening.

The installation ceremony was followed by a splendidly appointed banquet and a fraternal good time.

FOUR NEEDED HERE

The latest American church device for "raising the wind" is what a religious paper describes as "some collection box." The inventor hails from Oklahoma. If a member of the congregation drops in a quarter or a coin of larger value, there is silence. If a member of the congregation drops in a cent piece a bell rings, a five cent piece sounds a whistle, a cent fires a blank cartridge. If any one pretends to be asleep when the box passes, it awakens him with a watchman's rattle, and a kodak takes his portrait. —London Christian World.

HE WILL NOT

Senator Chamberlain has been able at various and sundry times in the past to make black look white to a lot of people in Oregon, but will he be able to put one over this time with his compulsory military drill bill?—Mewberg Graphic.

First Wire Suspension Bridge.

The first wire suspension bridge in the United States if not in the world was thrown across the Schuylkill river near the falls of Schuylkill, in Philadelphia, in 1810. Its history is as follows: In 1800 Robert Kennedy and Conrad Carpenter built a chain bridge at the falls of Schuylkill, which broke down in 1811. Josiah White and Elisha Hazard, afterward prominent as pioneers in the anthracite coal trade of Pennsylvania, had erected a rolling mill and a wire factory in the neighborhood, and after the bridge fell they formed a new company, and another chain bridge was constructed in April, 1811, but this new bridge in turn gave way in 1816. White & Hazard then swung a wire suspension bridge across the river from an upper window of their factory to some large trees on the west bank, steps leading from the trees to the ground. This primitive bridge structure was intended for foot passengers only, and but eight persons were allowed to go upon the footway at one time. The bridge is said to have cost \$125.—Exchange.

CHURCHES

METHODIST

W. C. STEWART, Pastor.

The First Methodist church service Sunday, Jan. 16, will be as follows: Sunday School at 10. Divine Worship 11 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30. Union revival meetings at the opera house at 7:30 in the evening.

BAPTIST

W. S. STEWART, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10. Preaching at 11. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30. Union Service at the Opera House at 7:30. All invited.

CHRISTIAN

F. Claude Stephens, Pastor

Services at Christian church for Lord's Day, Jan. 16, 1916: Bible School at 10 a. m., J. W. Richardson, superintendent. Divine Worship at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. The public is invited to co-operate with us in these services. Everybody welcome.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Mary M. Fryer, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administrator at his residence in the City of Independence, Polk County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated and first published December 31st, 1915.

Thomas J. Fryer,
Administrator of the estate of Mary M. Fryer, deceased.
B. F. Swope, Attorney.

PILL BOX ANNEX

in this locality, has made a success of life. He writes that he has a good position as trustee in the city jail.

Jack Highwater, who took Comfort and a county paper last year, says he hasn't time to read so many of them and will have to stop one or the other of them this year he don't know which.

CONSISTENCY

Preparing for war to avoid war is about as consistent logic as for a preacher to get up and advise his congregation to "prepare for hell to keep out of it." —Philomath Review.



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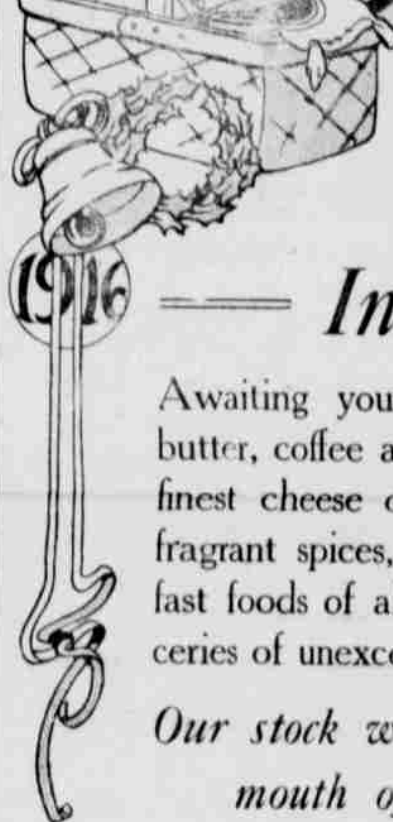
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