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The Promised Land

Some of the investors in Palmito del Verde, the tropical island paradise off the coast of Sinaloa, are as indignant with The Capital Journal as the investors in the Byron-Todd timber claims were a couple of years ago over a similar expose, when wrathful letters were written and resolutions of censure passed condemning the paper for exposing a fraud.

The Capital Journal's only object in printing the facts about this purported Garden of Eden is to warn the innocent. It cannot, of course, interfere with the constitutional right of being buncoed. If the Palmito del Verde investors are satisfied surely the rest of us ought to be, for it is their money. If it is paradise regained for them, well and good.

The Capital Journal's statements are made in good faith and are substantiated by those who have made a thorough investigation. Moreover they are confirmed from official sources despite the glittering generalities of promoters. The salient points are:

Thirty dollars an acre is asked for the land, except to cappers who pay five, when land on the mainland equally good and more accessible, can be purchased at a fraction of the price.

No valid title can be obtained unless the purchaser becomes a citizen of Mexico, under the Mexican constitution. In lieu of title, the purchaser is given a guarantee of title issued by a trust company, which may or may not be able or willing to deliver.

The island presents an opportunity for the hardest kind of pioneering—uncleared land in an isolated region, under a foreign government, people speaking a foreign language, with no improvements, no roads, no markets and a few adobe huts for buildings. The climate, fine in winter, is almost unbearable in summer.

The prospectus on which the land is sold, speaks for itself. It describes a paradise, "the most delightful place" with a perfect climate the year around, "no frosts, no windstorms," the rain "falling entirely at night" with the "most extensive and beautiful tropic beach": an island that grows "all tropical and most sub-tropical fruits, grains and other products" as well as the vegetables of the temperate zone. It is "one of the six greatest game fishing grounds in the world" with "93 species of the finny tribe", and all kinds of game is abundant, quails, pigeons, turtles, and "twenty foot crocodiles, 300 pound green turtles, nine inch oysters lining the tree roots, toothsome wild hogs," mountain lions and jaguars—and all for \$30 an acre.

Why do they always pick on Salem? Because it is such easy picking.

Abating a Nuisance

Spooning couples in curtained autos are becoming a nuisance according to suburban residents, who find the autos parked along country roads at all times of night with lights dimmed or extinguished. Most of the occupants are boys and girls though once in a while there are those old enough to know better.

According to welfare workers, the auto is one of the greatest contributing causes to juvenile delinquency. Of course the remedy lies with parents who let their girls run wild at night and furnish their boys with gas and autos for joy-riding. What, however, can the authorities do to check if not stop the growing delinquency?

It has been suggested that the suburbanites turn in to the county probation officer the license number of the offending auto and that this officer notify the auto owner. A second offense by the same auto would be followed by publication of the license number and name of owner. It is hardly probable that a second offense would be permitted by the car owner. A third offense would be followed by publication of the names of the young people.

There is no question but that publicity of this sort would abate much of the nuisance. What do you think of it? Write your ideas to The Capital Journal, if you have any, of the method that should be followed to abate a nuisance and lessen a menace to morals.

Lawton, Okla., March 22.—Many buffalo from the big herd on the Wichita national forest and game preserve will be sent to various city parks this spring. Several have already been shipped by Frank Russ, superintendent of the park, from Cache, Okla.

The demand for clear spruce lumber in the Orient and Europe and on the Atlantic seaboard is said to be increasing and as a result considerable quantities are being assembled at the Astoria port terminals.

Starlight T

By the Noted Actor IDAH M'GLONE GIBSON

Kitty's Acting

I was completely out of breath when we reached the stage, and I told myself that both John and I were needlessly fearful, for everything seemed quiet as usual. Kitty did not notice our arrival as she was in the midst of a close-up, and the lights, the sun arcs and the spotlights were trained upon her.

John, too, felt relieved, for he turned to me with one of those pearly smiles which seemed like a prayer and a benediction.

We stood and watched Kitty, and to me it was a revelation. Her whole face and posture depicted hate, fright, fear.

Instinctively I knew that this close-up had something to do with Julian Thorn-dyke, and I also knew that Kitty Dalton could never have shown such superb emotional stress had she not lived through it in the past.

In a moment the scene was over. Tony Melville shouted "Cut." The electrician called, "Save the lights," and they blinked out, leaving us in almost total darkness till our eyes became accustomed to the greenish mercury glare.

It was then we saw Tony Melville, still dancing up and down on the floor of the stage and shouting to Kitty:

"You are some actress! That shot will make you, my dear. Won't it? Splendid! Such a wealth of feeling! It will put your name in electric lights in your next picture, Kitty. I always said you had it in you if you would only get down to business."

Kitty looked dazed, and then, getting the import of Tony's applause, she smiled half sadly.

"I'm glad you liked it, Tony. I didn't know I was acting, but I want to suit you, because you are the only one who believed in me. I believed that I could make something."

Just then Tony saw John Storm and me, and he generously included us in his assertion that we also believed in her.

Again a look of fear passed over her face. With a hasty glance around the stage, as if looking for something, she answered in a high, unnatural voice:

"But they're just friends. Tony they're just friends!"

"Anything on your mind, John? The churco set is all right. Go in the projection room and sell them to run those rushes for you. Particularly not Julian Thorn-dyke. His acting as a malignant devil is perfect."

I had gone over to Kitty and stood with my arm about her. I felt her form stiffen and then melt as though it was almost spineless. It is not assumption, Virgie. It is no assumption."

"Come on with me to the projection room, Virgie," called John as he strode off.

For about 10 minutes we sat in the inky darkness and watched the disconnected scenes without titles or sequence.

The only thing that I got from it all—and from the labored breathing of John Storm beside me, I knew that he was affected in the same way—with the friendliness of Julian Thorn-dyke and the fear of him which Kitty portrayed.

"Marvellous acting," said John Storm, as though to reassure himself, and then he murmured doubtfully, "if he be acting."

I made no comment, for the emotions depicted on that screen were terrible. My whole desire was to get away from them and out into God's clear sunlight.

The lights flashed up and my lungs began to feel normal even in the fetid atmosphere of the projection room.

Again that restless anxiety to be with Kitty seemed to be John Storm's consuming desire.

"Let's hurry back, Virgie," he suggested nervously, and then, as though ashamed of his emotion, he exclaimed: "I would like to see the next set-up."

When we came on the stage we found Kitty almost cowering in one corner, while Julian Thorn-dyke stood beside her. Although we could not hear what he was saying, the expression on both faces made it unnecessary. We

knew that he was threatening her. I looked about for Tony Melville as John Storm marched toward them.

At that moment Julian Thorn-dyke moved around the table, somewhat nearer to Kitty, and grasped her arm. Even from where I stood I heard her say in a whisper tense with pain: "Don't! Don't! Julian, you hurt me!"

"I will do worse than that if you don't send them all about their business. You're mine! You will do as I want you to!" "You hurt me! You hurt me!" Kitty wailed.

So engrossed were they that neither saw John Storm until his avenging hand whirled Thorn-dyke around suddenly. Tomorrow—A Scene of Horror.

Four Battleships Will Be Scrapped Without Ceremony

Philadelphia, March 22.—Without ostentation, the obsequies of four historic battleships will be held this week. The Maine, Missouri, Wisconsin and the Columbia recently purchased as junk by a Philadelphia firm will be towed from the Philadelphia navy yard to a last resting place in the Delaware river. There they will be scrapped, their armor and big guns melted and recast into the needs of peace.

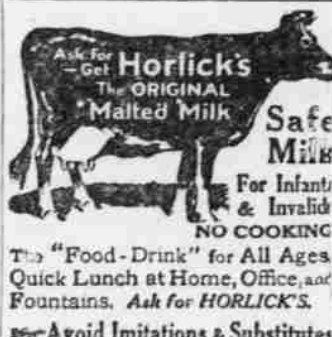
Kiwanis Challenge Rotary to Luncheon Attendance Contest

Rotarians will be challenged to a membership contest by the Kiwanis club, it was decided at the luncheon of the latter Tuesday noon.

The loser will give a banquet to the winner.

The attendance committee composed of Harry Levy, chairman, George Alder, Ralph Cooney and J. H. Nicholson will be in charge of the contest and will issue the challenge to the Rotarians.

Ben Rieckl, president of the student body of Willamette university, was introduced at the Kiwanis luncheon, delivering a short talk on what the university hoped to do for the business men of the city.



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New Incorporations
The Oregon Malama Lumber company of Portland, capitalized at \$500,000 filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department here Monday.

Articles were also filed Monday by the Eugene Pipe company of Eugene, capitalized at \$50,000. The incorporators are C. H. Bullen, W. C. Hall and Howard A. Hall.

Supplementary articles filed by the Northwest Auto company of Portland show an increase in capital from \$200,000 to \$320,000. The Beaver Island Fruit Acres of Portland show an increase in capitalization from \$20,000 to \$50,000 and Chas. Feller, Inc., show a decrease from \$15,000 to \$10,000.

Bulgaria First To Ask Benefits of Termeulen Plan

Washington, March 22.—Bulgaria, first of the enemy countries to claim the privilege, has appealed to the financial commission of the league of nations for an extension to its business men of the credits to be available under the Termeulen plan.

The news received here from league quarters indicates that the application is being given careful consideration by the financial commission which regards it as of the first order of importance as initiating the Termeulen plan practically, where it has up to this moment been discussed only theoretically.

Poland Censors Movies; Blame Films for Crime

Warsaw, March 22.—National censorship of motion picture has been established in Poland. It is hoped in this way to check the crime wave which has kept the police busy for some time.

Motion picture houses of the lower class were flooded with the cheapest kind of old fashioned American "wild west" films and the police say the youths of the land have been emulating the "bad men" of the screen.

Baby Named for Island.
New York, March 22.—A child born on Ellis Island to Mr. and Mrs. Filippo Quattrocchi has been christened Maria Giacoma Ellis Quattrocchi, taking the name of Ellis after her birthplace. The parents of the infant are detained at the immigration holdover, pending an appeal from deportation.

Eva Pierce of Ashland, proprietress of a rooming house in that city, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and to serve 15 days in the county jail when she pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing intoxicating liquor.

Texas Man Beaten by Unmasked Men

Dallas, Texas, March 22.—City and county officials have commenced a thorough investigation into the whipping Monday of F. H. Etheridge, manager of a local concern, by unmasked men. Etheridge was taken from his home by force after his 17-year-old daughter had been knocked down and severely beaten, with orders not to report the occurrence to the police. Mayor Sawlis Etheridge has offered a \$500 reward for the arrest of the assailants. Etheridge was threatened with death if he told the police of the whipping, he said.

Wild Deer Protected

Columbus, Ohio, March 22.—A. C. Baxter, chief of the division of fish and game, is calling attention to the fact that a number of deer are at large in Ohio. He also gives out the warning that it is unlawful to kill deer in this state, except under privately owned and kept in an enclosure; that the penalty for hunting or killing a wild deer in Ohio is from \$25 to \$200, and all violators will be severely prosecuted.

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