

# BELIEVE VESUVIUS WILL ERUPT SOON

More Than Two Hundred Quakes Registered in Vicinity of Volcano Within Two Days, Might Be of Some Magnitude.

Naples, Italy.—Mount Vesuvius, fiery ancient volcano, after slumbering two years, resumed intense activity Friday. Deep rumblings and earth shocks caused panic among the people of the countryside and nearby villages.

More than 200 quakes had been registered since early Friday morning, the director of the Vesuvius observatory announced. The most severe was felt in nearby towns of Torre Del Greco, Resia and Portici.

Vesuvius spouted ashes and numerous explosions deep within the mountain caused peasants to fear an eruption of the dreaded boiling lava, which has snuffed out countless lives and flooded over villages and towns for centuries.

"The new activity of Vesuvius has manifested itself in explosions, rumblings and spouting of incandescent ashes," Professor Malladra reported. "The glowing, rosy sky around the top, over the crater is due to the boiling lava inside."

"The phenomenon is easily visible at night from Naples. The present activity must be ascribed to obstructions in the eruptive conduit caused by small landslides in the interior of the volcano, which reduced the actual opening for the outflow to small proportions."

The observatory director said an eruption of some magnitude might be expected any time, adding:

"It is presumable that Vesuvius is threatening a new eruptive phase, which may happen in the spring, as often has been the case. It is hoped the eruption will not be of catastrophic character, like the one in 1829, when lava poured into the homes of people in Terzigno."

Malladra said some of the quakes were of "fourth and fifth degree of severity," registered by the observatory at the base of the volcano.

## Polk County People Pay Tribute to Sidney Lanier on His Birthday

Tryon, N. C.—Friday was the birthday of Sidney Lanier, musician, Confederate soldier and poet, and in the Polk County high school where he died people paused to pay him tribute while hundreds of school children held programs in memory of the "Sweet Singer of the South."

There are still many residents of Polk County who knew the poet when he died September 7th, 1881, at the hamlet of Lynn. It was in the Polk hills that Lanier, perhaps the South's most beloved poet-musician, wrote his last song.

Mrs. Lanier is generally credited with having brought her husband's works to the attention of the public, and much of her work also was done in this section.

Lanier served as signal officer on blockade runners around Wilmington during his service in the Civil War, and then he came to the Polk hills to write his last work.

He was born in Macon, Ga., in 1842, and from childhood was passionately fond of the flute, the mastery of which helped support him. He enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861, and served first in Virginia; then his health began to fail and he was transferred to a blockade-runner, was captured and spent five months in a federal prison. He was exchanged in 1865 and started home on foot, arriving exhausted.

He later began practice of law, then went to Texas for his health, but was forced to return.

The poet wrote numerous books and continued playing his flute, but in the spring of 1881 he was carried to Lynn to try camp life and improve his health, but he died.

Lanier is considered by many the greatest southern poet since Poe. Many regarded his genius more musical than poetical, others thought the opposite. Still others regard Lanier as modern America's most original and talented poet.

Davidson County farmers report a seed crop of 5,000 pounds of lespedeza sericea.

**JOE GISH**

**CLM SHAVER IS SO BROKEN UP OVER LOSING HIS GIRL THAT HE LOOKS LIKE A JIG-SAW PUZZLE.**

## Are You One of the New Income Tax Payers?



Income Taxpayer	NET INCOME					
	\$1100	\$1800	\$2600	\$3600	\$5100	\$6100
Single	\$4	\$32	\$60	\$104	\$168	\$249
Married, no children	no tax	no tax	\$4	\$44	\$104	\$145
Married, 1 child	no tax	no tax	no tax	\$28	\$88	\$129
Married, 2 children	no tax	no tax	no tax	\$12	\$72	\$113
Married, 3 children	no tax	no tax	no tax	no tax	\$52	\$97

Above are charted income tax figures which should be of special interest to all, inasmuch as new rates apply and various incomes are effected in different ways. The above table implements the outline as given in our Washington Column at the left. Only personal exemptions have been deducted in the above chart. You may have other deductions to further reduce your tax.

## Girls of "Gay 90's" Sent Hot Valentines

Chicago.—The parties responsible for propaganda that Victorian maidens were reticent in expressing tender emotions were much mistaken—if the valentines they sent indicate anything.

In fact some of these missives are so torrid as to make a 1933 miss exclaim:

"Golly, a woman didn't mind telling a man in those days how much she thought of him."

Which may be a bit different from what many of us have heard—and anyone wishing to verify this can step into the Chicago Art Institute and examine the early American and English valentines collected years ago by Mrs. Emma B. Hodge, now deceased.

Here's how a 19th century maiden let a man know she was "that way" about him.

She sent him an 8-by-10-inch card, embossed with a steel engraving of a girl speeding Cupid forth from her window with a note—and says the inscription:

"Hurry, from my lattice fly, Tell the fond youth, For him I sigh."

As the man of her choice was slow in surprising her by "popping the question," she prodded him with a valentine that must either have sent him to the jeweler's or aboard the first stagecoach out of town.

Says the tender message: "Armed with sincerity and truth I send thee lines to you, dear youth."

"In love's own rite, I'd fair incline To join my faithful heart with thine."

The Victorian maid didn't seem a bit modest about letting a man know "you're the one, the only one."

She sent him a valentine showing a girl holding Cupid by the shoulder. She is bidding the little trouble maker shoot an arrow into a young man sitting unsuspectingly on a park bench.

If he neglected her, she didn't just call up somebody else. She put into his mail for February 14 a picture of a woman hiding her crying face in her arms while a mournful hound looks on. It reads:

"In this recess my passion here let sway To disappointment my heart is prey."

In their valentines of the same period men likewise went in for ardent poetry.

If they were serious about shouldering some girl's grocery bill for life, there was to be found in the background of the picture the temple of love and a church steeple.

If they weren't so sure—they selected one without the steeple.

St. Valentine is credited with starting it all in 207 A. D., when he whiled away long hours of his imprisonment by sending love messages to the daughter of his keeper.

And from an old Roman notion that birds mate on February 14th sprang the custom of young men and women selecting each other at "valentines" on that date.

In early England names of unmarried men and women were drawn by lot on the eve of St. Valentine's day. They were each other's valentine for that year.

The Board of Agriculture of Catawba County is co-operating with the farm demonstration agent by designating the kinds of extension work which will be more useful to farmers of the county.

Bricklayer (first day on job)—Guess I can't work here—there's no place to park my auto.

Boss—No, you won't do. We can only use bricklayers who have their own chauffeurs.

How Science Hopes to Produce Power from the Sun's Rays and the Ocean Depths, Explained by Professor Thomsen, Distinguished French Scientist, in The American Weekly, the Magazine Distributed with Next Sunday's Baltimore American.

## Nine Led Out of Fire Run Back and Perish

Cleveland, Ohio.—Nine frenzied women patients raced into a blazing cottage on the Ridgecliff Sanitarium grounds Friday and perished—after they had once been led to safety.

Nurses and attendants fought a pitched battle with fourteen others who lived in the cottage and succeeded in keeping them outside until help came.

The weird encounter occurred in the bitter cold before dawn at the private institution in Wickliffe, a Cleveland suburb.

Twelve hours later State Fire Marshal Val Hattner announced he suspected incendiarianism, possibly by a pyromaniac among the patients. Hospital authorities, however, asked the arrest of a man who they said had threatened vengeance on the management in a dispute over money some time ago.

Attendant Millard Smith discovered the fire in the cottage basement just after 1 a. m. He said he used a garden hose to extinguish the fire in the furnace, but more flames appeared to be coming from another part of the basement.

With three women nurses he started to lead the 40 women patients from the two upper floors, but as fast as the scantily attired inmates were exposed to the cold most of them insisted on returning to the warmth inside.

By this time attendants from the main sanitarium building had gone into action with a step ladder, dragging the struggling woman through windows and doorways. It was necessary to use force in most cases.

Attendant Sam Brady dragged 4 frightened women from an upstairs bedroom, while firemen were pouring streams of water into the cottage.

"The smoke was about to get me," said Brady, "when I looked under a bed and found an elderly woman crouched against the wall. I dragged her to the window and handed her out. It was all I could do to follow down the ladder."

Within five hours all of the patients had been accounted for, with one exception. Her body was found in the ruins of the cottage late in the day.

## CALIFORNIA RATS FOUND TO RAISE SEED CROPS

Washington.—Giant kangaroo rats that own farms and raise seed-bearing plants have been found to inhabit a narrow range on the southwestern side of the San Joaquin Valley in California, according to a report made to the American Society of Mammalogists by Dr. Joseph Grinnell of the University of California.

The land ownership, Dr. Grinnell found, is confined to individual rats, each separating his "farm" from the farms of his neighbors by a thin barren strip of land.

Each farm is from two to four yards across and no rat trespasses on his neighbor's property.

That such a large animal should be satisfied with such a limited habitat, Grinnell found, is probably due to a peculiar combination of circumstances that assures it a good food supply and safety. The kinds of seed-bearing plants it likes grows there in abundance. There is little rainfall to flood the shallow, but numerous burrows with which the farm is undermanned. The rat is a weak digger and the soil is of a nature that permits of easy excavation, yet of such consistency that it does not drift with the wind or absorb the water easily. The kangaroo rats could not find such a fitting combination elsewhere.

The rats have been able to adjust themselves to two very serious enemies, the coyote and the horned owl, for it is a powerful runner and has an exceptionally keen sense of sight and hearing.

E. M. Currin of Harnett County produced \$1,200 bushels of wheat last season to supply his tenants with flour and also has enough home cured meat and home-cooked sorghum to carry them through the year.

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