

# IDEAL MONUMENT FOR THE NATION.

Redwood Canyon Deeded to the United States.

## FINE STAND OF GIANT TIMBER

Natural Forest of Redwoods Will Be Named Muir Woods. After the Noted Naturalist—Superb Pleasure Ground For Tourists—The Big Trees Not Cut

One of the most public spirited gifts ever made to the United States government has come from William. Kent of Chicago, who has just deeded to the United States 295 acres of primeval redwood forest on the southern slope of Mount Tamalpais, about six miles from the city of San Francisco, says a Washington dispatch. The land was deeded to the government with the approval of Forester Gifford Pinchot, chief of the United States forest service. The papers have now gone to the secretary of the interior, and a proclamation declaring the canyon a national monument will be signed at an early date.

This means that more of California's redwood giants will be saved for the scientific study and pleasure of the whole country—in fact, the whole world—for the great sequoias are only found in the Golden State. This grove given to the government by Mr. Kent is one of the only tracts of redwood forests to be found in their natural state in California today. The land is said to have cost Mr. Kent \$47,000 some years ago, but its stand of redwood timber alone is now valued at more than \$150,000 on the market.

The canyons of Tamalpais, which drain into San Francisco bay, were cut about 200,000 years ago, and the redwood forest from them went into the construction of the old San Francisco. The giants on the tract to be known as "Muir woods" escaped the ax, however, chiefly because the outlet is on the ocean side instead of the bay side and also because the various owners of the land have for sentimental reasons jealously guarded the timber from harm or destruction. Modern methods of logging would make short work of the timber and would, besides, put a handsome profit in the hands of the owners.

It is the intention to name the national monument Muir woods, after John Muir, the noted naturalist. The giants of Redwood canyon will now be given permanent protection by virtue of the act of June 8, 1903, which provides that objects of scientific interest may be declared national monuments if such action is deemed necessary for their preservation and protection. This 295 acre tract will be a pleasure ground as well as a place for scientific study for the people generally of the whole of California, for within a radius of fifty-two miles on the canyon two-thirds of the population of the entire state are centered.

The chief reason for the permanent protection of the land by the government is that there is no other redwood grove in the whole world more accessible to so many people. The canyon is in absolutely primeval condition, not so much as scratched by the hands of man. It lies within an hour's ride of San Francisco, at the very doors of hundreds of thousands of people.

So long as the land remains in private ownership there is always danger that the trees will be attacked, and Mr. Kent feared this, but as a national monument they will be safe for all time. There are, of course, many fine stands of redwood in California, but there are no typical groves owned by the United States, nor are there any which might be acquired by the government except at great expense.

Originally this land was part of the old Spanish grant, Rancho Pausanite. The largest redwoods are eighteen feet in diameter at the butt and will approach 300 feet in height, rising with perfectly straight and clean stems. As none of the big trees have been cut, their age is, of course, somewhat problematical, but it is safe to say that the veterans have stood from a thousand to fifteen hundred years.

The total stand of redwood, roughly estimated, is about 20,000,000 feet, with some 5,000,000 feet of fir and a very considerable amount of tamarack oak. The redwood alone, at a fair valuation, has a market value of \$150,000 as it stands. Except for a narrow strip of brush along the east border and a fringe along the southwest line, the whole canyon is covered with a dense forest growth. The stand is heaviest along the creek and on the lower slopes, becoming poorer above. Redwood is the dominating tree, towering high above everything else and forming fully three-fourths of the whole forest. Douglas fir is next in importance, and scattered over the entire tract are all the various hard woods common to the region, chief among which are the numerous oaks, madrone, alder, maple and mountain laurel, all of which form a kind of dwarf underwood to the lofty redwood and fir. The redwood occurs both in big and small groups and by single trees, while the other species are sprinkled throughout.

The destruction of redwood by lumbering has been so rapid in the last decade that it is now only a question of years when the original growth will have wholly disappeared. Its extraordinary scientific and educational value, along with the fact that it is a pleasure ground for all of the people who live in or visit this part of California, makes the wood an ideal national monument.

## OHIOAN'S PLAN TO FREE THAW

Offers to Take the Prisoner's Place For \$3,000,000.

Of the thousands of letters received by the various interested persons during the second trial of Harry Thaw, charged with the murder of the late Stanford White, the most amazing came to the wife of the prisoner the other day, says the New York Times. The writer was a man in Ohio, who sent a 600 page communication by registered mail.

His proposition is to change places with the prisoner for \$3,000,000, to be placed in the hands of an intermediary, he to run the risk of the death chair or Mattawan. The letter was accompanied by photographs showing a likeness between the writer and the prisoner. The letter is handsomely written and goes into minute details of the proposed escape. The double, it is proposed, is to visit Thaw wearing a wig and a disguise that can be easily changed from one to the other. The writer says that he is not making the proposition to kill time, as he is a married man and has a family, but has been a failure in life. The communication was turned over to her husband's counsel by Mrs. Thaw.

One of the proposals made is that from a Staten Island hypnotist, who offers for a sum of money to put a quietus on District Attorney Jerome and ruin his summing up by telepathy. Another is from a ventriloquist who for a fee will sit in the courtroom and when the foreman opens his mouth to pronounce the verdict of the jury will throw his voice in his direction and pronounce Thaw not guilty. He guarantees that this will at least result in a mistrial.

Cranks anxious to marry Evelyn Nestlé Thaw if her husband goes to the electric chair or to the madhouse have put in 122 applications so far.

## TEST OF GAS-ELECTRIC CAR.

Power House, Transmission Lines and Substation on Wheels.

Seventy-five miles of hard running over all kinds of railroads the other day showed that the new type of gas-electric car made by a big electric company is a decided success, and it promises to revolutionize railroading on short lines, says a Schenectady (N. Y.) special dispatch to the New York World. The test of the car was an official one. A speed of sixty miles an hour was made. Perfect control of the speed was possible at all times.

In a space of 8 by 9 feet this car combines the power house, transmission lines, substations and all the benefits of electric traction without the costly and cumbersome effects of the trolley. One man can operate and control the whole.

Two electric motors of sixty horsepower each drive the car, and these are furnished current by a 120 horsepower direct current generator, which in turn is driven by an eight cylinder gas engine, which consumes gasoline. Not even the exhausted gases are wasted, for these are driven through pipes to heat the car.

## FUTURE OF AEROPLANES.

Farman Expects Five Hour Aerial Line Between Paris and London.

Henry Farman, the French aeronaut who recently won the Deutsch-Arch-Geeon prize, in an interview at Paris on the future of aerial navigation said that the best results in aeroplane travel would be had from a combination of the principles of the Blériot machine and the cubic cellular aeroplane used by Santos-Dumont and himself. For the present he regards aeroplanes as purely sporting machines, but expects their development to be rapid and foresees the time when an aeroplane omnibus will cover the distance between Paris and London in five hours. M. Farman feels certain that within twelve months aeroplanes will be able to travel seventy-five to a hundred miles at an insignificant cost compared with the expense of running an automobile for the same distance.

## A Theoretical Experiment.

An interesting experiment has been initiated at Bournemouth, in England, says the London Globe. A grand hall has been built on to the Theater Royal in which people can wait before the theater doors open for the performance and to which the audience are requested to retire between the acts to permit of the theater being thoroughly ventilated. Tea will be served in this hall, and the orchestra will play there during the intervals.

## The Sea Fight of the Future.

[Surrender General Rixay insists that certain ships of the navy shall be commanded by doctors.—Daily Newspaper.] He stood beside the conning tower. The surgeon in command, And sternly gripped, with show of power, The scalpel in his hand. Even a distant smoky blur The lookout's eyesight lighted, And when that flash shined, "Sir, The enemy are sighted!"

## The Doctor, glancing over the sea,

"The enemy are sighted!" "Don't let them get the near," cried he, "I'll have 'em vaccinated!" His chief of staff, with flashing lance And order of carbide, At once exclaimed, "We'll take a chance In either fight or flight!"

## "They're coming down, our hated foes,

"Is there for consultation, What remedy would you propose?" He asked, then took his station. The doctor clinched and shook his fist, "We'll use our vaccine quills, And when that's done," he grimly hissed, "We'll give 'em iron pills!"

## In half an hour the hostile fleet,

Which needed change of air, Had left a swift and safe retreat "That made the doctor swear, "I'd like to charge the foe—his debt. But such a call—what is it? 'Is not an office call, and yet 'This surely 'not a visit!" —Eerie Hooker Eaton in Harper's Weekly.

## BISON BACK ON PRAIRIE.

Former Inmates of New York Zoo Doing Well in Oklahoma.

Uncle Sam's herd of fifteen buffaloes, which were taken from the New York zoological gardens to the Wichita national forest, Oklahoma, in the early fall, are doing well in their new home, according to advices which have been received at Washington from the supervisor's headquarters at Cache. Since leaving New York the herd has celebrated the birth of two fine buffalo calves, one of which has been named Hornaday, after the name of the director of the New York gardens which gave them to the government, and the other Oklahoma, after the new state which was also just born after the herd's arrival.

Keeper Frank Rush, an old western cow puncher and experienced buffalo man, who has handled the herd since it was taken from New York, says that alfalfa hay has put his charges in fine shape and that the big prairie beasts are again thriving in their native land. The buffaloes have an 8,000-acre fenced park in the Wichita forest, in which they can charge and snort. During the winter the animals will be fed alfalfa hay and protected from the weather and disease in a number of large shelter sheds which have been built in the inclosure. In the spring they will be let out to roam over the Wichita range, and gradually they will be encouraged to rustle for themselves, an instinct they have partially lost through years of domestication in city parks. Government experts figure that in time they will regain the prowess of their forefathers, who were kings of the plains before civilization made its march westward.

## GIGANTIC TIMEPIECE.

World's Biggest Clock to Be in New York Skyscraper.

When the tower of the Metropolitan Life building in Madison square is completed, New York will have what undoubtedly will be the largest clock in the world, says the New York Herald. That distinction has belonged for many years to "Big Ben" in Westminster abbey, London, the dial of which is twenty-two and one-half feet in diameter, while that of the Metropolitan building clock will be twenty-five.

It will be a clock suitable in every way to be a part of the tallest permanent structure in the world, as the new tower will be. The tower will be forty-eight stories, 653 feet above the street, and the clock will occupy part of the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh floors. The middle of the dial will be 243 feet above the street.

Notwithstanding the fact that the dial will be a little more than halfway between the street and the top of the tower, it will be far above all surrounding buildings. It will be fifty feet higher than the Flatiron building.

The immense size of the clock will make it easy to tell the time from a great distance. The letters on the dial will be four feet high, and the hands will be twelve feet long.

No clock has been ordered for the building yet, and it is not known just how it will be run. Some of the largest clocks are run by electricity, while some of the newer ones use compressed air.

## Invention to Eliminate Types.

An invention to discard the whole process of typesetting in the use of printing has been perfected by Gustavo Germani, a young Italian, who has been working upon his models for several years in Pittsburg. Application has been made for patents covering his ideas. The invention is calculated to revolutionize the art of printing, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. Type forms will be formed in relief on the metallic plates used on printing presses and consist of writing on the surface of the plate with "etching ground" and then subjecting it to the "cutting" action of acid whereby that portion of the plate which has not received the "etching ground" is eaten away, causing the type to stand out in relief. The reading of proof is made easy by placing the plate under a mirror inclined at an angle of forty-five degrees. Imperfections in the type are quickly discerned and can be corrected without trouble.

## Stork's Joke on Ship's Doctor.

His fellow officers on the Majestic of the White Star line had a joke to tell on Dr. French, the ship's surgeon, when that vessel reached New York the other day, and he seemed to enjoy it as much as any one, says the New York Herald. While the ship was in midocean a few days ago Dr. French hurried below in response to a summons from the purser announcing that the stork had paid a visit to the liner. He was just in time to welcome quadruplets that had arrived in the ship's saloon. The mother was Jennie, the youngest of the ship's cuts. Three generations of Jennie's family, herself, her mother and her grandmother, have been on the Majestic for several years. Jennie affects the dining saloon. She and her kittens were moved to the forecastle, but the next morning stewards found the family in the dining room, and there they remained.

## Finger Nail Pen.

Miss Lizzie Martin, an eighteen-year-old Red Lion girl, has devised a finger nail pen, with which she does all her letter writing, says a York (Pa.) dispatch. The sight of an old quill pen gave Miss Martin the idea of allowing the nail of the index finger of her right hand to grow to a proper length. The nail was then trimmed to the shape of a pen and split. The girl declares that, aside from its novelty, the new pen is a decided improvement over the ordinary sort.

The jury in the trial in Jersey City, of Theodore S. Whitmore, of Brooklyn, charged with the murder of his wife, Lena, has reported a disagreement.

George H. Frohock, a sailor from the battleship Alabama, has been killed by a freight train a short distance west of Crockett, Cal. Frohock came from San Antonio, Tex.

Mr. Duke, son of the president of the American Tobacco company, and Mrs. Farley Dickenson were slightly hurt by their automobile skidding and then overturning in France.

The crown prince of Germany, Frederick William, is in Heligoland on board the flagship Deutschland, participating for the first time in the regular maneuvers of the German fleet in the north seas.

San B. Harris, of Atlanta, one of the most prominent and popular members of the local fire insurance men, has been elected chairman of the Southeastern Tariff association.

The North Carolina state agricultural department's 1,500 correspondents report up to May the following percentages of last year's acreage in crops: Cotton 97, corn 100, tobacco 102, peanuts 101.

The North Carolina supreme court, in a decision rendered, holds it ultra vires and without authority for a corporation to insure the lives of the officers with company funds.

The house has passed a bill providing for the survey and allotment of the lands within the Fort Peck Indian reservation, Montana, and the sale and disposal of the surplus lands after allotment.

## Born in Iowa.

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## Night Riders at Work.

Cincinnati, May 20.—Night riders destroyed the tobacco beds of four farmers near Hathaaway, Boone county, Kentucky, opposite Rising Sun, Ind. There were about thirty men in the body of riders.

## First Cotton Bloom.

Waynesboro, Ga., May 20.—The first cotton blossom of the season has been seen in the city. It was from Green's cut, and was grown on Mrs. J. Ward's farm. This is quite early for cotton blossoms.

## Well Known Writer Dead.

Denver, Colo., May 20.—S. A. Lane, a widely known newspaper man, magazine writer and critic, died here of tuberculosis. He was forty-six years of age, and leaves a widow and two children in New York city.

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