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CYPRESS TREE IS 2500 YEARS OLD.

A giant cypress tree in Winn parish, Louisiana, is declared by C. F. Poole of the state conservation department to be the fifth oldest known living thing on earth and the third oldest on our continent. Scientists estimate its age at 2500 years. The patriarch of all living things, so far as is known, is the Santa Maria del Tule cypress in Mexico, 5,000 to 6,000 years old. Next is the dragon tree at Orotava, Island of Teneriffe, 4,500 years old. A California redwood tree, 4,000 years old, is the third oldest, this distinction being sharply contested by a baobab tree in Senegal, West Africa. —*The Pathfinder*, May 26th.

LIGHTNING SPOILS EIFFEL RADIO.

Lightning struck the wireless transmitting station at the top of Eiffel tower, 1,000 feet from the ground, and the whole apparatus came crashing to the earth. Steps were taken at once to restore the station on the highest building in the world. —*Ibid*.

VOICES OF EXTRAORDINARY RANGE

Fourteen-year-old Robert Murray, Tacoma, Wash., sings six octaves from C below middle C (within one note of the lowest of the great basso, Mardones) to A above the highest C on the piano. This is half an octave above the highest note on the piano, far beyond the world's greatest opera singers. His voice is pronounced first class in every respect, due

to unusually perfect vocal cords, throat and resonance chambers in his head. His singing is also remarkably pleasing and artistic. The voice of Michael Frita, an Austrian, 44 years old, has a range of five complete octaves. His lowest note is a base F corresponding to 42 vibrations per second—two octaves lower than the deepest violin note. He renders upper C with full tonal value. He can reach the upper F and occasionally upper A, corresponding to 1740 vibrations per second and one note above Patti's highest. His higher notes, however, pass into the head register and are of falsetto nature, resembling soprano. —*Ibid*.

A CARD.

Captain A. J. Blackwood and son Ralph Blackwood, through this medium, beg to express their gratitude for the expressions of sympathy, they have received, in this the great bereavement, from their many friends, and neighbors, both personally, and by telegrams and letters which they appreciate highly. Also for the kind and generous aid given them in their hour of need.

Annaly, St. Croix, V.I., June 5th 1923.

Notice to the Public.

THE attention of the public is invited to the fact that repairs are being made on King's Street between Market and West Streets. Traffic will please detour from time to time as indicated by barricades, which will be placed only when it is necessary.

JOHN C. GEBHARD,
Asst. Public Works Officer.

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PURSUANT to paragraph 3 of the Charter of Foundation for Upper Chamberlain VALDEMAR TULLY VON OXHOLM and Wife's Legacy for assisting needy persons, it is hereby brought to public notice that a balance of interest amounting to Fres. 1,300.07½ will be on hand for distribution on 1 July 1923.

Applications, containing the requisite information and duly certified, should be forwarded to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of June 1923.

Despatching Secretary's Office, Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. 28 May, 1923.

C. E. RAPPOLEE,
Despatching Secretary.

Publication.

PURSUANT to paragraph 2 of the Charter of Foundation for Merchant WILHELM SMIDT'S Legacy for assisting poor persons in St. Croix, it is hereby brought to public notice that a balance of interest amounting to Fres. 651.85 will be on hand for distribution on 1 July 1923.

Applications for participation in this distribution, duly certified, should be forwarded to the undersigned on or before 22nd day of June 1923.

Despatching Secretary's Office, Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. 28 May, 1923.

C. E. RAPPOLEE,
Despatching Secretary.

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