

St. Croix Avis

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NEW PAPER PRINTED ON SAW-GRASS.

The Leesburg Commercial, of Leesburg, Lake county, Fla., has made its appearance on paper made from sawgrass, demonstrating that the weed which abounds in shallow waters in Florida is of practical value in paper making. A large mill in operation at Leesburg is utilizing sawgrass to manufacture many kinds of paper. The weed is said to make a high grade paper splendid for newsprint and of a much better finish than that made from wood pulp. Besides being stronger than the other, it is much cheaper to manufacture.

Sawgrass grows about four or five feet high and after one crop is cut another soon takes its place. It is expected to prove a timely substitute for wood pulp as wood becomes scarcer and the price of newsprint from that source rises in price.—*The Pathfinder Sept. 15th.*

RECOVERS \$35,000,000 FROM SUNKEN SHIP.

After four years of work, divers have recovered the \$30,000,000 worth of gold bullion and \$5,000,000 worth of silver specie which went down with the *Laurentic* when that steamship was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off Donegal, Ireland, in the World war. Their labors were carried on 90 feet below the surface. Each diver received 1/32nd part of the treasure he brought up.

The salvage company used a kind of "galvanometer" to locate the gold. A clock like dial aboard the salvage ship was connected with a rod in the hands of the divers. When the rod was prodded against iron, copper and other base metal the hand on the dial moved to the left of a certain mark, which we will call the "zero mark," but when it touched gold

the hand swung to the right and the divers were signaled accordingly. It is said to have leered further when it came in contact with an 18 carat bar than when it touched one of nine carats.—*Ibid.*

New Harding Memorial Stamp, Series 1923

This stamp is on exhibition in the letter case at the local post office lobby with notice to the effect that same will be on sale on or about October 8th. As the issue of this stamp is limited only a small number will be available here while they last, and persons wishing them for souvenir or collection purposes should secure what they want as soon as they are placed on sale. The Harding Memorial Stamp is the same shape and size as the current 2 cent stamp and bears the portrait of Warren G. Harding within an oval and partly enclosed in a panel which is supported on either side by acanthus scrolls. Above the portrait within a curved panel appear the words 'United States Postage' in white roman capital letters. On a ribbon below the oval is the name 'Harding', and under this at the bottom of the stamp appears the words 'Cents.' In both lower corners within ovals with dark backgrounds is the white numeral '2'. In the upper left-hand corner appears the year of birth, '1885,' and in the upper right-hand corner the year of death, '1923'. The entire stamp is enclosed within a plain black border. The stamp is printed in black ink.

Quebec Steamship Co.

THE S. S. GUIANA

from Windward Islands is due at Frederiksted at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning and will proceed to New York via St. Thomas, accepting freight and passengers.

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Colombia Steamship Co.

THE S. S. "MARTINIQUE"

sailed from New York on Thursday evening, and is due here on or about the 27th inst., proceeding to Windward Islands.

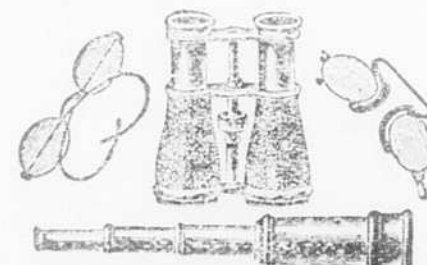
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LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 22, 1923.

Mr. Sophia Adams,
Mr. Thomas Andrew, c/o Elizabeth Christopher,
Mr. Joseph M. Brofett,
Mrs. Consuela Christian,
Mr. John England,
Alfredo Esannason, 15 Queen St.,
Mrs. Christian Farrily, Gallows Bay,
Miss Vera E. Felix,
Miss Toreco Francis,
Miss Leoneale Francis,
Mrs. Petronius Frederick,
Mr. Alfred Gasper, Water Gut,
Mrs. Ann W. Gibbs,
Miss Veronica Grant,
Mr. John Henery,
Mr. James W. Hendricks, 37 Hill St.,
Miss Arebella Hines,
Miss Elizabeth Houdge,
Mr. James A. Jackson,
Mrs. Ann Mary James, c/o Bastian Williams,
Mrs. Sarah John,
Miss Hilda Lawrence,
Miss Sophia Leacock,
Mr. Patrick Levy,
Mr. J. Lewis,
Mrs. Virginia Michael,
Mrs. Sarah Mikal,
Miss Ann Rebecca Miller,
Mr. Malcolm Mohone,
Mrs. Elizabeth Reubel,
Beatrice A. Rowell,
Mr. Earand Samuel,
Mrs. Sarah Solomon,
Julia Thomas,
Mrs. Rebecca Thomas,
Mrs. Maria Yard,
Mrs. Dona Felicita Williams, Free Gut,
Mrs. Christa Williams.

Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands, September 24, 1923.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.



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