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A Large Un-named Mountain

Just north of Kearsarge in the Sierra Nevada is a large unnamed mountain peak, 13,040 feet, and by some calculations is even 13,100 feet high. The Sierra Club section of the Sierra Club hopes to name this mountain "Mt. Mary Austin."

Those who have The Eastern California Museum News Letter has asked those interested in this project to write to the Board of Geographical Names, Dept., of the Interior, Washington, D.C., requesting that the peak east of the point 13,045 on the northeast ridge of Black Mountain on the Mt. Pinchot Quadrangle of the Topographical Survey Map be named "Mt. Mary Austin." Those of you have read "Rain" will surely know how much she loved and appreciated the Sierra Nevada.

In 1950 the Book Club of California announced the publication of The Mother of Felipe and other Early Stories, being the first appearance in book form of a group of extremely interesting California tales by Mary Austin.

Written at the beginning of her distinguished career and contributed to pioneer western magazines, including the Overland Monthly and Out West, these stories of life on the lonely ranches and camps of California desert country follow closely in theme and treatments Mrs. Austin's most widely known book "The Land of Little Rain."

"The Land of Little Rain" is on the list of the Zamorano 80, chosen by the Zamorano Club of Los Angeles, formed in 1928 for the study and enjoyment of the arts of the book. The club's name was in honor of Augustine Zamorano, California's first printer who lived and worked in Monterey.

The preservation of history in the San Jose area is being ably carried on by the San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission. They recently, according to the Trailblazer, publication of the Pioneers of Santa Clara County, recommended to the city council that they approve a \$100,000 expenditure to pay for the first phase of development for a historic museum complex in Kelley Park to provide immediate storage space for the Lew Bohnett collection, recently purchased by the city; that they purchase the Luis Peralta Adobe at 184 W. West St.

John Street and preserve it as an historic shrine. Built in 1804 it is the oldest adobe in San Jose. They also recommended to the Division of Highways that they save the Roberto Adobe on Lincoln avenue, built in 1839, and scheduled for demolition. The Division of Highways has agreed to a slight realignment and construction of a retaining wall that will save this old landmark for posterity."

These items appeared in the Monterey Cypress in 1911: "My personal appeals have just succeeded in getting Senate Navigation Committee signature to recommend that \$200,000 appropriated for Monterey Baydo pass. House committee members will be down this week.' The above dispatch received from H. A. Greene in Sacramento makes it almost certain that Monterey will get \$200,000 appropriation for harbor improvement."

On July 13, 1911, "The launch Gracie M. came up from Point Lobos yesterday after a load of apples for people of that vicinity."

On Sept. 24, 1911, 55 years ago, there appeared this item: "The best Mutt and Jeff picture ever shown will be on at the Star Theater. It is Mutt and Jeff in the banking business. The other pictures of Mutt and Jeff have been funny, but they were funerals compared to this one."