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BIRTHPLACE OF MAN IS SOUGHT BY SCIENTISTS

Secret Believed Locked in
Either Gobi Desert or
Sands of Sahara.

RELICS ARE STUDIED

Implements 300,000 Years
Old Found, Also Skull
Dating Centuries
Before Christ.

BELOIT, Wis., June 10.—From the sands of the Sahara, Beloit college scientists seek to wrest the secret of the birthplace of mankind.

It is the conviction of Dr. Geo. L. Collie, professor of anthropology at Beloit and lifelong student of the origin of man, that in the great desert of Africa lies the answer to the age-long riddle: Where did man first appear upon the earth?

Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, New York explorer, who once studied under Dr. Collie, is equally con-

vinced that man sprang from the Gobi desert of Mongolia and teacher and pupil are engaged in a friendly contest to find the birthplace of humankind, one believing the goal is in Africa, the other hoping to find it in Asia.

Collie and Dr. Alonzo W. Pond, his young assistant, started their quest with five months of research in the Sahara in 1925, traveling 2,500 miles by motor and camel, studying the Tuaregs, veiled nomads of the central desert, and discovering stone implements of an age more than 300,000 years gone by.

Last fall they spent another month in the desert at Mechtat el Arbi, Algeria.

A skull of a child believed to have lived 60,000 years before the time of Christ, found at Mechtat, supports the hypothesis that man originated in the great desert. It is now in the hands of Dr. Fay-Cooper Cole, University of Chicago anthropologist, for classification.

Meanwhile the quest goes on, afield and in the laboratory. While Dr. Pond works at Beloit, trying to piece together the story of prehistoric man from 4,000 specimens lately brought back from Africa, Dr. Collie is scanning the caves of southern France.

He seeks evidence to prove his theory that men who lived 600 centuries ago came from Africa to Europe over land which linked the continents by a direct route. From this African age the Beloit museum has a necklace, one of the earliest pieces of jewelry in existence.

The scientific quest has been financed largely by Frank G. Logan, Chicago capitalist and patron of the arts and sciences. He established at Beloit the chair of anthropology which Dr. Collie fills, and made possible the explorations in the desert.

RABBITRY AT SUTHERLIN TO BE INCREASED

New Industry Promises a
Great Future From All
Standpoints.

DEMAND IS GROWING

Rabbit Meat Is Becoming
More and More Popular
—Furs Sold for
High Prices.

In the Sutherlin valley, where the mint industry in Douglas county had its start, is cradled a new industry which promises to become an enterprise of great magnitude. This new industry is to be found at the Douglas Park Stock Ranch, owned and operated by W. D. Valentine, who is specializing in rabbits and will soon have the largest rabbitry on the Pacific Coast.

A new building is to be started at once at the ranch and 18 more are contemplated in the near future, which will make the Sutherlin rabbitry one of the largest in the country.

The rabbit industry is an old one in European countries, but is comparatively new in the United States, but is growing with great rapidity. Europeans have for many years been using rabbit meat as a staple article of food but in America it is just coming into popularity. The demand is now so great that the supply does not begin to keep pace with the market sales. The American furriers are importing over fifty million dollars worth of rabbit furs each year from European countries and are turning the skins into imitations of seal, beaver, fox, lynx, muskrat, wolf and many other varieties of furs which go on the market at high prices. Over sixty varieties of furs are manufactured from rabbit skins, while the flesh is considered a delicacy superior to chicken.

Mr. Valentine came to Oregon from California a few months ago with the idea of raising fast horses, and he purchased the beautiful and fertile F. B. Waite place, overlooking the city of Sutherlin, for his purpose. He brought in some fine horses including the Percheron stallion, "Black Dupont," but after a short residence here he realized that the poultry industry offered a great opportunity and he has raised some excellent chickens. He then became attracted by the rabbit industry and now the horses and chickens are being crowded out to make room for bunnies of all shapes, sizes and colors.

Few people perhaps have had an opportunity to visit the rabbitry at the Douglas Park ranch. If such an opportunity ever comes it should not be neglected for there is to be seen a sight that is exceedingly interesting and instructive.

In a large building, with sectional walls, which permit thorough circulation of air, there are located hutches containing over 400 rabbits. Some are white, some black, some grey, others red, sable, brown, silver, maltese, and numerous other colors. These different colored furs are purchased at prices ranging from \$1 to \$7.50 each, varying according to market conditions and the kind of fur, and are taken by the expert dyers who treat them so that they may be used for the expensive fur garments and trimmings so desired by women. Some of the furs are also used for linings and for the manufacture of felt used chiefly for the making of hats.

The increasing scarcity of fur bearing animals is steadily making the rabbit industry more profitable, as the fur dressers have become so expert in changing colors and appearance of furs that in many instances the pelt of the rabbit, under a variety of trade names, is replacing the most costly of furs.

Meat in Demand
The growing demand for the meat of the rabbit offers a great future for the industry. The Sutherlin rabbitry is entirely unable to supply more than a small fraction of the orders that pour in. Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles, after markets where rabbit meat is in unlimited demand and it will be many years, it is believed, before there will be a surplus, as the popularity of the meat is increasing with great rapidity.

Eastern cities also afford great markets and shipments to these centers can be made in iced express cars, so that there is a ready market for all of the rabbit meat that can be secured for many years to come.

There is a high rate of profit handling rabbits, according to Mr.

Valentine, as the cost of raising them is low and the market prices for meat and fur is good. Rabbits for breeding purposes bring from \$5 to \$7.50. The meat sells for 35 cents per pound and the average rabbit at the age of six months, which is the age at which they are killed for the market, weighs 5½ pounds. The furs vary in price from \$1 to \$5 each, so that the amount received on each animal is quite large.

The rabbits are fed alfalfa, rolled oats, and rolled barley, with a small amount of carrots and green feed, all of which may be produced on a small acreage and with little cost.

The work of carrying for them is not heavy and requires only a small amount of time, so that the industry in its present stage is a most profitable one.

Mr. Valentine now has only the one unit, but is breaking ground for another immediately. The new unit will be almost double the size of the present structure. Twenty of these buildings are planned eventually giving a maximum of 4,000 does.

The climatic conditions in Douglas county are declared by Mr. Valentine to be ideal, while the location, being centrally located for Pacific coast markets, is excellent.

INTEREST GROWS IN OREGON FARMS

PORTLAND, Ore., June 10.—Interest in Oregon farms continues to gain according to W. G. Ide, manager of the Land Settlement Department of the Portland and State Chambers of Commerce.

Letters and inquiries coming to the department during the last five months total 11,507, all seeking information concerning the conditions of farming in this state. Out of 1046 signed questionnaires returned containing information regarding the homeseekers' intentions, financial standing and other matters, 1003 indicated their intention of coming to Oregon within the next few months. These signed statements specified that the newcomers would have capital for investment amounting to over \$2,300,000.

Letters from the Land Settlement Department, totaling 27,349 have been mailed since the first of January of this year and along with them have gone 16,345 packages of literature descriptive of the state and its resources and opportunities.

During the five months just closed, 266 families have been reported to have settled in various parts of Oregon. Many of these new residents are endeavoring to bring also their old neighbors and friends in the Midwest and in this way many additional families are constantly arriving of which the land settlement department does not immediately obtain a record. The actual investment of the 266 families know to have located directly through the efforts of the department, totaled approximately

TELEPHONE OFFICE AT PORTLAND TO WELCOME VISITORS

Visitors from Roseburg and from other points in Oregon outside of Portland will be made welcome at the Portland Telephone Building of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company during an "Open House" to be held at that building on June 8, 9, and 10 and during Rose Festival week according to J. R. Farrington, manager of the telephone company here. A million dollar improvement to the telephone building at Portland has just been completed. Visitors will be escorted by committees of telephone company employees throughout the building and many interesting phases of the telephone business, including the operation of the Broadway manual and Beacon dial operated central offices will be shown and explained, according to Mr. Farrington.

Work was commenced last fall by the contracting firm of Dougan and Christman to raise the southwest wing of the Portland Telephone Building from three stories, to eleven stories, the height of the main structure. The construction is of reinforced concrete, with pressed brick and terra cotta facing of an attractive design merging the wings with the main building. The completion of the wings cost \$300,000.

Additions to and rearrangements of equipment cost an additional \$650,000. Extensive alterations which were charged to repair rather than capital accounts have brought the total cost of improvements in the Telephone Building to over \$1,000,000 according to Mr. Farrington.

In detailing some of the improvements in the Telephone Building, Mr. Farrington stated that they were made with a view to meeting increased demands for telephone service in Portland and to secure maximum efficiency in the use of the Telephone Building. The Telephone Building now houses the Broadway manual and Beacon dial central offices serving a total of over 32,000 telephones, and dial system equipment is being installed at a cost of \$412,000 to care for the customer of about 6500 Atwater telephones to take place next fall. The building also houses the Portland Long Distance central office, which can connect

\$950,000, a substantial addition to Oregon's agriculture investments.

Since the first of the year, more than 1059 people have called at the Land Settlement office in Portland to confer concerning the choice of a location on Oregon farms. In addition many arriving from the East and Midwest go directly to the section of the state which they have selected through their correspondence with the aid of the literature, maps and other material forwarded them.

Whiskey Against Law in Tennessee but Doctor Gave It to Governor



Whiskey is outlawed for medical uses by the state of Tennessee, but it saved Gov. Austin Peay's life when the governor (top) was fighting pneumonia, according to Dr. Frank Fessy, noted Nashville physician. Dr. Fessy (below) favors amending the Tennessee law so that physicians may prescribe whiskey without violating the law. The situation is similar to that in Indiana, where the governor and the attorney general had to break the prohibition law to get medicinal liquor for members of their families.

Any Portland telephone with any telephone in Oregon and the United States, or with Canadian, Cuban, or English telephones, and houses offices of the Portland District and Oregon Division Traffic Departments and the Portland and Oregon Division Commercial Departments.

"Extraordinary preparations are being made to entertain guests of the company on June 8, 9 and 10, and we hope that a large number of Roseburg people will find time to inspect the improvements which will benefit their telephone service as well as Portland's, as they affect long distance service rendered our community," said Mr. Farrington.

Tom Harvey, Oakland resident, spent yesterday afternoon in this city visiting and transacting business.

MODERN PRUNE DRIER ON GEO. NEUNER RANCH

What will be one of the most modern prune driers in that section of the county, is being erected by George Neuner, U. S. district attorney, on his ranch near Riddle. The ranch is capably managed by George Knight.

The drier is one of the Oliver type which is comparatively new to Oregon growers. Its superiority is due to the fact that this type of drier uses a natural draft of air and a recirculating system, instead of fans, as in the older driers. Tests have proved it much more economical, using a minimum of fuel and labor, and turning out a superior product in larger quantities.

The new drier will be 40x70 feet, one story in height and with concrete floors, costing in the neighborhood of \$3000. It will have the newest labor-saving and sanitary devices such as graders and dippers, and will turn out about 200 bushels a day. The building is in charge of Walter Leake of Dixonville, who is an expert in this line of work.

Mr. Neuner has about 20 acres devoted to prunes. Besides his own prunes, he will do custom drying for other growers in that vicinity.

The Neuner ranch is one of the most modern places in the county. It is comprised of around 300 acres, given over to diversified lines. Besides the fruit, grain and alfalfa are grown and marketed, and cream from a herd of cows goes to the creamery.

Mr. Neuner has also installed one of the most elaborate irrigation systems in the county, water being taken from Cow Creek by means of an electric centrifugal pump. Hundreds of feet of mains distribute the water to the prune orchard and alfalfa fields.

The dairy barn is also being remodelled to better care for the stock. Mr. Neuner has by capable management evolved a most prosperous and attractive ranch, and

further improvements will be added as the need arises.

ASTORIA SEEKING STATE ELKS CONVENTION

That Astoria is waging a determined campaign to secure the 1928 state convention of Elk lodges was indicated in communications received by the local lodge today.

The Astoria Chapter of Commerce add various civic organizations there have co-operated in preparing an elaborate tentative program for the welcoming and entertainment of delegates, should the annual gathering be held there.

Astoria, the letters pointed out, is the center of all historical interest of the Old Oregon country and within its area are relics that recall vividly all the romance of the early pioneer days. The gigantic Astoria Column, recently completed, has taken its place among the great monuments of the world and the entire Oregon history is pictured in base-relief on its sides. The column, mounted on the crest of a hill, towers above the city and overlooks the entire lower Columbia district.

The city therefore, has claim to the convention not only from its historical angle, its letters point out, but also because its nearby beach resorts and golf courses offer unsurpassable recreation facilities for convention delegates.

The convention this year is being held at Baker, Oregon, on July 4, 5 and 6.

RUN DOWN FEELING HURTS SAYS BONES

Sam Bones, of San Francisco, retired Southern Pacific train conductor, at 82 has joined the ranks of the sages. Here are a few of his latest wise-cracks:

"To avoid that run down feeling—stop, look and listen at all railroad crossings."

"No matter what color railroads paint their safety signs, let them be red (read) so far as you're concerned. It's a lucky color."

"Hits and Bits of 1927—a speedy drama being played 'too much' along all railroad lines. Locomotives make the hits, coroners collect the bits."

"Grade crossings are like Hills Parker Butlers' kulna pigs in 'Pigs in Pigs.' They multiply faster than any railroad can take care of them."

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Corn "Golden Rod Brand," 2 cans	25c
Pork & Beans Van Camp's, 3 cans	25c
Certo Per Bottle	29c
Cheese Fresh Cream Cheese, per lb.	25c
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Oysters American Beauty, 4 oz. can, 2 for	25c
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ABOUT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR

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STOPPING FOR LUNCH