

'STONE AGE' COMES BACK

RIGA (AP).—There are people in Russia today living in a "stone age," all their own, according to reports of Professor Ivan Tann, a Russian ethnologist, which have been received here by Latvian authorities.

Professor Tann recently completed a tour of the wilds of Russia and it was in the Jaroslavl district that he found the peasants utilizing stone for implements of numerous kinds for every day usage, where ordinarily metal is used. Lack of iron and steel was attributed as the reason for this backward step, but Prof. Tann was of the opinion that this stone work of today was far superior to the stone implements turned out by man thousands of years ago. The hatchets and axes of stone made by the Jaroslavl natives were particularly well made and serviceable.

In the district of Orlov, Prof. Tann found several communities where the natives virtually live without clothing of any kind all summer, and in winter hibernate within their huts and dens, and exist on potatoes, dried fish and dried watermelon rinds.

Paul Painleve No Longer Denies His Forgetfulness

HAVER, CAM.—Paul Painleve, president of the French Chamber of Deputies, has a reputation for being absent minded which would seem to be justified by a recent incident at the local railroad station. M. Painleve came to Haver to attend the Franco-Belgian commemorative ceremonies. He was on the train, ready to return to Paris when he announced that his trunk was missing. He had his several valises, but no trunk. The train was held 15 minutes while all the station crew searched for the missing luggage. Then M. Painleve called the station master aside: "Don't wait any longer; I have just remembered that I did not bring a trunk."



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Two Extremes



Age will vie with youth in the International Air Races at Warrenton, Ore., the first week in October. Here are the oldest and youngest contestants—Ralph Dickinson of Chicago, who admits 64 years, and Ted Moellendick of Wichita, Kas., just 17.

CONTROL NOW UNDER PROBE

BUCHAREST (AP).—Considerable interest is being displayed in the present visit to Rumania of the Anglo-American delegation for the study of the condition of the minority churches of Transylvania. The delegation is composed of four members, and includes Dr. J. C. Cornish, of Boston, secretary of the American Unitarian association; Dr. Chas. Schaeffer, of Philadelphia, of the Reformed Church of the United States; Dr. Sylvester Boich, of Princeton, of the Association of Presbyterian Churches; and the Rev. Dr. A. S. Burn, of Leicester, England, of the British and Foreign Unitarian association.

The members of the delegation, after such preparatory study as was possible in Bucharest, have traveled more than 1,000 miles in Transylvania, and held conferences in different parts of the province, going freely and unaccompanied from place to place, and sparing no effort to arrive at the true condition of affairs in respect to the attitude of the Rumanian government towards the so-called minority churches.

In an address a few days ago, returning thanks to the officials of the Rumanian government for their readiness in answering questions and in supply such data as the delegates asked for in order to give them an insight into the government's attitude and policies towards the religious minorities, Dr. Burn said:

"We are of the opinion that conditions have improved during the past two years. We understand the enormous difficulties of this problem, a problem complex of religion and race. I cannot say that we are fully satisfied with the conditions, as we found them, of the minority churches, but it seems to us that the Rumanian government wants to satisfy all reasonable and just demands."

The commission has announced that it will prepare a joint and complete preliminary report of its investigations, in which will be set forth in detail all cases of alleged abuses that were brought to its attention. The government will then be given ample opportunity to refute or explain any charges that may be brought against it. Following this, the final report of the commission will be published in Great Britain and the United States.

The report should be extremely satisfactory from two angles. It will probably lead, or at least help in leading, to the removal of such abuses of power as may at present exist, and at the same time provide the outside world on the condition of the minority races and religions in the province of Transylvania.

JUDGING CONTEST HELD
SALZEM, Ore.—The Waldo Hills Shroffshire club, of which F. A. Buettner is leader, won first place in the Marion county livestock judging contest held recently. Second place went to Silverton. These two teams will represent Marion county at both the Oregon state fair and the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland.

Features of the work of the winning team were the scores made by Eldon Fox and Homer Bray. Fox scored highest with 250 points out of a possible 1100 points. Bray was second with 225 points. There were 11 classes of animals judged in the contest.

\$165,000 Land Deal Reported
EUGENE, Ore.—J. Perkins has just sold his ranch of 401 acres over Monroe in the Long Tom river bottom to F. E. Conway of Marshfield for \$165,000, according to a local realty dealer, who handled the negotiations. Mr. Perkins has been paid payment the Myrtle Arms apartments at Marshfield.

This country needs no more people, anyway, except perhaps a few more effective southpaws.

COLUMBUS NO DISCOVERER

SPOKANE, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—Pictorial rocks scattered across the American continent from Hudson Bay to Puget Sound, deciphered by Olaf Lauritzen Opsjon prove, he declares, elating that Norse explorers established colonies in the Pacific northwest nearly five centuries before Christopher Columbus discovered America.

Mr. Opsjon, a Norwegian geologist, has conducted investigations into the early Norse migrations for 20 years. Characters carved and painted on mountain cliffs of the northern United States, heretofore regarded as the work of Indians, he declares, are the records of early Norse explorers. Figures of men, birds and beasts he has identified as signs of the zodiac by which taken in conjunction with astronomical scales in the same configurations he declares he is able to fix, to the month and day, when they were recorded.

"Astronomical calculations and numerals in the chronograms or signs show that the first visits were made in the year 1010," Mr. Opsjon said. Appearance of rune letters peculiar to old Nordic writing first drew his attention to the signs. It was then he discovered that the birds, goats and other figures which had been thought to be merely carvatures, were really astronomical signs.

The earliest expedition to the Pacific northwest, according to Mr. Opsjon's interpretation of the monuments, was led by a man named Atle, called Lippin by the aborigines. Four other expeditions followed this one, the last led by one Knutson who came in 1382, still more than a century before Columbus' voyage.

"One party of explorers came through the mountain passes of Montana and down the Spokane valley," the scientist declared, "leaving in the Cascade mountains many stone records. The earliest party of which I have record settled on both sides of Puget Sound, later moving on to the Rogue River valley in Oregon and to what is now Bureka, California, when outnumbered by the Indians, they were forced to migrate."

"Many battles were fought between the aborigines and the explorers. There are visible records that with superior weapons the Norsemen were generally victorious. They carried bows, arrows, axes, swords and daggers."

In further substantiation of his theory of early Norse colonization of the Pacific northwest Mr. Opsjon declares many geographical names of the region, heretofore considered of Indian origin, are derivations of Norse words. "Spokane" he says, comes from "Spokane" Norse for "Spoken"; Idaho he translates from "e do ho," Norse for "Is that she?" Going further east he makes Sioux from "el oux," early Norse expression for "Say axe."

On the moot question of the original name of Mount Rainier, Mr. Opsjon sheds light by declaring the peak was first named "Takoma" from the Norsemen's expression, "We must give thanks," when they came to the crest of the Cascade mountains.

TRAIN HITS AUTO, 1 HURT

EUGENE, Ore.—A large automobile driven by H. P. Bennett, said to be a taxi driver from Portland, struck a freight train at the Blair boulevard crossing at the northern city limits here, and Irene Harris of Oakridge was badly injured. The automobile was completely wrecked.

Bennett said he did not see the train on the crossing until too late to stop. He said Miss Harris was asleep at the time with her head on his lap. Chief Deputy Sheriff Swaverd ordered the arrest of Bennett on a charge of reckless driving. Officers said they found a quantity of narcotics in his pocket. He will be charged with unlawful possession of narcotics said Swaverd. He was lodged in the county jail and Miss Harris was in a hospital where her injuries were pronounced serious but not necessarily fatal.

Paving Projects Completed

ALBANY, Ore.—All of Albany's minor paving projects are now finished by the contractor Guy Tyle of Eugene. The four blocks of pavement on Elm street now make the highway leading south from the city accessible through three different avenues where before only one paved street served the highway. This may bring a re-routing of traffic southbound on the highway as the Ninth street paving is being badly torn up by the heavy traffic. The other arteries leading to the highway are 35th and 38th streets and are both paved to Elm which connects directly with the pavement on the highway.

Winnebago Indians Bestow Tribal Honors on Benefactor

KILBOURN, Wis. (AP).—A ceremony unique in Indian history took place in the Wisconsin Delta here when Glen Parsons, manager of a local food company, was christened a member of the Winnebago Indian tribe and then made a chief of all the Winnebagoes. Parsons' title among the Indians is Chief Thunder Bird, the Indian word for which is Zozamunaga.

The honor was given Parsons chiefly because of his interest in the Indian tribes and activities of them. Chief Thunder Bird Parsons was christened by Chief Little Bird, 101 years old, and said to be a direct descendant of Chief Thunder Bird, who was a warrior of the tribe 500 years ago.

Dinner Time for Franks Slayers



Florence Bette, waitress in Joe Stein's lunch room, just a step across the alley from the Criminal Court Building in Chicago, is seen arriving at the county jail with chicken dinners for Nathan E. Leopold Jr. and Richard A. Loeb. "I hope they don't get the death sentence," she muses. "I never saw them, but feeding them every day one gets kind of attached, you know."

California Man Finds Trances of Ancient Race

VISALIA, Cal. (By the Associated Press).—Archaeologists of the University of California are to be invited by W. H. Hart, a pioneer resident of Woodlake, Tulare county, to go with him back into the Shoshone valley country in the high Sierras to inspect a recent discovery which the mountaineer believes indicates that some unknown race preceded even the Indians in that country. Pending the visit of scientists, Hart is guarding his secret and has told few people of the location of his find.

In the heavily wooded and rocky section within walking distance of General Grant National Park, Hart says he uncovered a considerable deposit of flint entirely unknown to Tulare county mountaineers. Flint cut into shapes and sizes somewhat resembling broken weapons of warfare and possible bits of some ancient pottery like those different from that known to have been made by the Indians, caused the finder to look further and he now believes his discoveries were merely surface indications of what may be found beneath the layer of six feet of soil which covers the small area. He made no attempt to dig, confining his search to what might be seen upon the surface.

Five small stone resembling diamonds were picked up. Two of these Hart had tested by a San Francisco jewel expert who, he says, pronounced them real diamonds. They are the only ones ever found far back in the Sierra Nevada mountains, and he believes they must have been brought into that section by some age-old civilization which frequented the region. Hart has lived for 25 years in these mountains, has made a study of the Indians who used to live there, their habits and customs. He is convinced they cannot be responsible for the articles he discovered.

PRUNE DRIER DESTROYED

DALLAS, Ore.—Between \$7000 and \$8000 damage was done when a prune drier belonging to Thomas Stout, located on the south edge of town, was destroyed by fire, caused by an overheated furnace. The structure itself was valued at about \$5000, with \$2000 insurance. In addition Mr. Stout had some 1000 pounds of prunes in the building, while Mrs. C. E. Mayberry had that much or more fruit being dried. Exact estimates of the loss in fruit were lacking.



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LEGION CENSURES MAYOR

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"We believe this action upon the part of Mayor Riss is not typical of the patriotic spirit of the people of Newberg or Yamhill county," said the resolutions, "but it is contrary thereto."

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DETROIT (AP).—People of America have lost two inches in stature since the Civil war, according to Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, dietitian and superintendent of the Battle Creek sanitarium. "Stunted growth is resulting from our modern 'eat and run' habits," Dr. Kellogg said. "The American public give little or no thought to the proper consumption of food. Our modern business activities are so hurried and intense as to allow no consideration for the most important element of healthful living, the proper selection and careful mastication of food consumed."

"The stature of the American people has dropped two inches in the last 60 years, due to the modern American custom of bolting our food like pythons. "Food is fuel to the body, and poor fuel means a deficient output of energy just as too much fuel chokes the fire of health and retards normal development. "A height in stature of over six feet prevailed in the early sixties; today the average normal height in stature of the American people is much below six feet, a condition attributable to our modern quick lunch counters and hurried mode of living."

LOW RATES UNDER FIRE
SALEM, Ore.—Unless the com-

panies operating sight-seeing tours on the Columbia highway reach some agreement that will eliminate inferior service through the cutting of rates, the public service commission will set a public hearing and fix a uniform charge governing all of these concerns, said a letter prepared here today by the public service commission and addressed to the King's Auto Tours with headquarters at 351 Stark street, Portland.

It was intimated that the action taken by the commission followed complaint received from one of the old-established sightseeing tour corporations now operating on the Columbia highway.

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