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Pass The Wilderness Bill

A bipartisan group of 17 senators—12 Democrats and 5 Republicans—is sponsoring the reintroduced bill to create a "national preservation system for the permanent good of the whole people." Its purpose is, as Senator Humphrey puts it, "to preserve the remnants of unspoiled wilderness lands still remaining in our national forest, parks, and wildlife refuges."

For the first time the Government would recognize the heritage of pure wilderness and protect it against grazing, timbering, and even roads and picnic grounds, and no bureau chief or cabinet officer could alter this policy by Executive order. Specific areas of the national lands would be set aside, and new land would be bought for wilderness preservation if necessary.

The way the sponsorship of this bill spreads from coast to coast and joins both parties is a testimonial to it. Besides Senator Humphrey, of Minnesota, the Democratic backers are Senators Douglas, of Illinois; Clark, of Pennsylvania; Lausche, of Ohio; Proxmire, of Wisconsin; Williams, of New Jersey; Mansfield and Murray, of Montana; Morse and Neuberger, of Oregon; and Byrd and Randolph, of West Virginia. The Republicans are Mrs. Smith, of Maine, and Wiley, of Wisconsin; Martin, of Iowa; Langer, of North Dakota; and Mundt, of South Dakota.

Proper users of the wilderness lands, cattle grazers, for example, would be amply protected. The wilderness bill has been revised for that purpose. But at the same time, these bits and corners of the national heritage would be marked for retention in their natural state, free from the despoliation that so often goes with occupation by humankind.

A great deal of misinformation is being spread in opposition to the wilderness bill by selfish interests which hope to prevent its passage. Surely a bill with so much merit that it brings together Mrs. Smith and Senator Mundt on the Republican side, Senator Lausche and Senator Douglas among the Democrats, will not be obscured by misrepresentation, no matter how expertly contrived. (St. Louis Post Dispatch)

Another Opportunity He Shouldn't Miss

Sheldon Sackett, publisher of the Coos Bay World (nee Times) has announced he will start a daily paper in San Jose, Calif., where the existing dailies have been shut down by a strike for over three months.

A story from St. Louis, notes that both papers in that city were shut down by a strike.

Sackett owns the press used by the former Brooklyn Eagle, killed by a strike a few years back.

He ought to take it to St. Louis, Louie, and start still another World. We'll buy a subscription to that one, too, along with the Worlds of Portland, Seattle, Santa Rosa, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose and Portsmouth, Virginia.

Not So Far From A Missile

An editorial writer for the Oregon Journal, in commenting upon the test flight of the X-15, notes that the contraction cannot be called a missile because it glides, and doesn't plunge.

Well, the X-15 was cut loose at an altitude of 38,000 feet, and four minutes later it was on the ground. It landed—

on a skid, not wheels, — at 270 miles per hour.

Dropping at a rate of 9,500 feet per minute and landing at 270 miles per hour may not sound like much to the bold pilots of the Journal's editorial page.

But to the old, not bold, pilots in our chairs it sounds a lot like a missile.

This Is The Best Product Yet

Oregon newspapers have been sprouting Centennial editions this spring at a rate only slightly behind the sprout of weed seeds in our garden.

The best job done to date was the one just completed by the Salem Capital Journal, under the direction of Bill Mainwaring.

What makes it even more impressive is that this is Mainwaring's first full-time newspaper project. He's had summer jobs before, but the Centennial assignment was his first after school and military service.

Mainwaring's done an excellent job of proving that a special edition can be

something besides a money-raising scheme during a weak season of the year.

Barbs

Robbers got a 100-pound cheese from an Ohio cheese factory, or it just up and walked off.

It takes more than just getting out on a bright day to really find your place in the sun.

Women love to wear extremely high pointed heels, but men would hate to be in their shoes.

The usual number of gals on the beaches will get son-struck this season.

DREW PEARSON

GOP-Dixiecrat Coalition Operates As One Party

WASHINGTON.—Thirty-three top Republicans in the House of Representatives are hoping to keep it secret, but they have worked out such a hard-and-fast deal with southern Democrats that you would think they belonged to the same party.

They have organized whips and assistant whips to work together on at least six major economic and social measures, whether Eisenhower favors them or not. Several Dixiecrat-Republican coalitions have operated in the past, but never with such iron-clad discipline as the one now organized. The 33 Republicans have even agreed to meet regularly with 33 Dixiecrats on major measures before the House. At these meetings tentative strategy will be worked out, a "nose count" made of the prospective votes, and whips instructed to whip each side into line.

Significantly, the leader of the coalition is none other than Ike's own GOP leader in the House, "TWO CADILLAC" Charlie Halleck, whom Ike helped elect over "Old Faithful" Joe Martin, is working the other way. Other bills the coalition has secretly decided to block include: 1. Federal aid to education. 2. The Kennedy-Ervin anti-racketeering and labor reform bill. 3. The Flood-Douglas factory loan bill to aid areas suffering from acute unemployment. 4. The community facilities bill for aid in supplying sewage and sanitation. 5. The new housing bill.

On the other hand, the coalition has just added \$50,000 to the Eisenhower budget for the control of water lilies and vegetation which clog up southern rivers. The \$500,000 had been deleted by the House appropriations committee for economy reasons, but Charlie Halleck, despite his public lectures about spending, privately decided to add this to the budget.

He sent word secretly to Rep. Otto Passman of Louisiana that he was making this \$500,000 concession for southern river control as a gesture to the new alliance. Mickey Cohen Reforms Mickey Cohen, ex-ruler of the Los Angeles underworld, came to see me the other day. Mickey served time for his many sins and now appears to be trying to lead a straight life. This isn't easy for any ex-convict, especially one as notorious as Mickey. Everything you do is likely to be suspect.

Mickey came to me not on behalf of himself, however, but to plead for a girl who got 15 years from a Texas court for the possession of one marijuana cigarette. She is Juniata Slusher, a night-club dancer under the name of "Gandy Barr," who had her apartment raided in Dallas Oct. 27, 1957, under circumstances which one Texas judge denounced.

One cigarette was found on her. She claims this was given her by a friend for safekeeping. Whether true or not, the sentence Candy Barr was handed by the Texas court—15 years—was one of the most severe in history. Two Negroes caught in possession of narcotics at about the same time in Dallas were given only six months each, though one had two previous offenses and the other three. Even dope-pushers, the most heinous of all those in the dope racket because their profession is "pushing" dope on those trying to reform, aren't usually given as much as 15 years—though they should be.

In the Texas court of criminal appeals, Judge Lloyd W. Davidson wrote a blistering dissent claiming that Candy's conviction resulted from an illegal search warrant. He said: "So the time has come in this state when peace officers can kick in the door of one's home and search and ransack it at will and without any lawful authority to do so and in total disregard of the law... if that is equal justice under law, I want no part of it... if a conviction obtained under such circumstances is the process of the law, then there is no due process of law."

When Mickey Cohen was lord of the Los Angeles underworld I did my best to expose his operations. Now that he's leading a straight life I'd like to help him. Among other things, he has been speaking at boys' reformatories, urging them not to make the mistakes he did. Investigation of Candy Barr's case, convinces me Mickey is right in trying to help her. Fifteen years is an unprecedented punishment for a first offender in a marijuana case. And I hope Gov. Price Daniel of Texas, who did a great service to the nation by investigating the narcotics racket when he was in the Senate, will review Candy Barr's case.

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Scientific Theory In Research In Cancer Has Many Bad Results

By DELOS SMITH
 UPI Staff Writer
 NEW YORK (UPI)—The scientific theory which has guided much of the total world effort to solve the cancer riddle for more than 50 years, "has resulted in no good thing, but in much that is bad."

This is no ordinary criticism because it is the criticism of Dr. Peyton Rous who, though he is largely unknown to the general public, is a grade-A international celebrity in cancer science. Some of the "bad," he said, is that devotion to the theory has caused many scientists to conclude cancer is "inherent" in life itself and therefore can't be solved until the very secrets of life are solved. "Here is fatalism to blast many a hope and effort," he continued. "Fortunately, the public, now empowering large-scale attempts to cure cancer, are a hard-headed generation. They have learned the lesson of the antibiotics, substances transcending all medical preconceptions."

Research Urge Dulled But "most serious" of the "bad" is the effect of the theory on scientific research workers. "It acts as a tranquilizer on those who believe in it," said Dr. Rous, "and this at a time when every worker should feel goaded now and again by his ignorance of what cancer is."

The theory is the "somatic mutation hypothesis," and it should be understood that in science theory is most useful. You take the known facts and from the way you relate them to one another, you try to get an idea of the nature of the unknown facts. When you get that idea, you have something to prove or disprove.

The most conspicuous fact about cancer is that cancerous cells arise somehow out of the normal cells which are called somatic or body cells to distinguish them from the germ cells which have the power to initiate new and independent life. Germ cells "mutate" or change and when it happens, their descendants can be freed of laws which governed the parents.

From this last fact, you can get the idea that somatic cells also mutate. When you add the fact that cancerous cells are out-laws when compared to the normal cells from which they originated, you have the "somatic mutation hypothesis." But the followers of this theory, Dr. Rous said, have yet to prove that the somatic cells of human beings mutate.

They have proved that the somatic cells of plants and of the lower forms of animal life do mutate and this, of course, has given more reason for faith in the theory. They have also proved that "hundreds" of chemical substances and outside conditions can start the cancerous process in human bodies, but they have yet to show that any of these set off "mutations" in normal somatic cells.

Rous' Theory Dr. Rous, who will be 80 years old next October, is an adherent of the theory that viruses set off the cancer process he proved beyond any quibble that a certain type of cancer of chickens is caused by a particular virus. That cancer is now called the "Rous virus sarcoma." It is the basis of his celebrity in science, although he has made many more contributions.

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he lesson the "hard-headed" public learned from the antibiotics, is apt. The antibiotics cure diseases caused by bacteria which once were considered incurable, as cancer still is. From this fact a theory can be developed that it would be possible to deal with human cancer viruses (if they exist) just as effectively.

Dr. Rous, a native of Baltimore, has been affiliated with the Rockefeller Institute since 1909. He attacked the "somatic mutation theory" in the technical journal, "Nature."

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QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

PHILADELPHIA — Thruston B. Morton, chairman of the Republican National Committee, before the Industrial Union Council: "I seriously doubt that it is in the best interest of labor to place so many of its eggs in the Democrats' political basket."

LONDON—Lord Boothby, advising the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors to forget about measuring the moon: "You can see the damn moon every night and it does not look very promising to me."

PARIS — American evangelist Billy Graham, commenting on a reported religious revival in Russia where he has just visited: "I was not surprised to hear that, since I could read on the faces of the people a great spiritual hunger and some sort of insecurity that only God can solve."

CHICAGO—Philip Nesius, stepfather of David Pickles Nesius, 14, who beat his mother with a tomahawk and strangled her: "I've forgiven him. What's done is done."

Wagon Train Bests Schedule

SOUTH PASS CITY, Wyo. (UPI)—Seven covered wagons traveling the Oregon Trail near South Pass Tuesday after covering a rough 50 miles in the Sweetwater primitive area in two days, instead of the scheduled three.

The "On To Oregon" train's next scheduled stop was 10 miles south of Pacific Spring Wednesday where the 26 members of the train were to meet chiefs of the Arapahoe and Shoshoni Indian tribes for a peace pipe smoking ceremony.

The 2,000-mile journey was undertaken by the Oregon residents as a feature of the Oregon Centennial celebration. They hope to reach Independence, Ore., in August.

Thursday, the wagon is scheduled to be at Farson, and at Kemmerer June 21.

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