

Indication of Returning Prosperity



EMPLOYEES of the Des Moines assembly plant of a big automobile manufacturing company were called back to work the other day after months of idleness. The reopening of the plant was hailed by the Iowa city as a sure sign that prosperity was returning, and the parade put on by the workmen was heartily cheered.

OUR EVENING STORY

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

NO ONE has much of anything to do with Rattles the Kingfisher. He and Mrs. Rattles live their lives quite by themselves. Others of the little feathered people are very social, and you often find them together. Many of them are close neighbors in the Old Orchard, and when the time comes for the long journey to the far-away sunny Southland a great many of them journey together, and the same thing is true when they come back in the spring. But the Rattles family is not social. Mr. and Mrs. Rattles always are found by themselves, and if the truth must be told, they seem to prefer it that way.

Now I suspect that it is partly because they want to be alone and partly because the other birds will have nothing to do with them. And the reason that they will have nothing to do with Rattles is because they do not understand him. In the first place, he isn't at all like other birds save that he wears a feathered coat and flies. He perches in trees,



Mr. and Mrs. Rattles Always Are Found by Themselves.

but never walks or hops about on the ground. Yet he makes his home in the ground, a thing that no self-respecting bird does save one other, a cousin of Skimmer the Swallow.

Pert little Jenny Wren, the gossip of the Old Orchard, happened to hear his rattle as he flew over the Old Orchard one day, and it set her gossip little tongue to going as only it can go. There isn't any tongue that can wag faster than that of Jenny Wren.

"Just hear that noisy fellow," said she. "I don't wonder he and Mrs. Rattles want to live by themselves. If I had a voice like that I would want to do the same thing. Did you ever hear such a voice? Isn't it awful? He can't sing a single note, and I've heard say that when he makes love to Mrs. Rattles he doesn't have a single soft note. Blacky the Crow has a harsh enough voice, goodness knows, but he can soften it when he wants to. The same thing is true of Sammy Jay. He screams most of the time, but sometimes his voice is really beautiful. There must be something wrong with anyone whose voice is always as hard as that of Rattles. And then, too, his head is too big for his body. I never could bear people with big heads."

"But you will have to admit that Rattles has a handsome coat even if he hasn't a fine voice," spoke up Welcome Robin with a sly wink to Goldie the Oriole. You know Jenny Wren has a very sober coat, a plain little brown coat.

Jenny tossed her head and jerked her tail. "Fine clothes never make fine people," she snapped. "I would rather have a fine voice than a fine coat. Rattles has rather a good-looking coat, though I don't know as I would call it handsome. He needs something good. I'm told his home

smells something awful. But what could you expect of anyone who lives in a hole in the ground and eats nothing but fish?"

"I live in a hole in the ground, and I know a good many others who do the same thing, and let me tell you that our houses are as neat and clean and sweet as those of people who live in holes in trees," spoke up Johnny Chuck, who had been listening. "For my part I think Rattles the Kingfisher has more sense than some people I could mention, if it is true that he makes his home in a hole in the ground."

"That is all right for you folks who cannot fly," retorted Jenny Wren sharply, "but for a bird—Bah! It gives me the feeling that he is only half bird. And they say that he makes his nest of fish bones! Did you ever hear of anything like that? No self-respecting bird will have anything to do with another who lives in a hole in the ground and uses fish bones for a nest. Fish bones! Think of it!"

"I don't know that that is any worse than using Mr. Blacksnake's old clothes to line a nest with, and that is what Cresty the Flycatcher does," said Chatterer the Red Squirrel, who had been listening.

"Certainly it is!" snapped Jenny Wren. "And then think how the place smells!"

And so Jenny Wren chattered on and on, and the other birds said little. But it was clear to Johnny Chuck that they agreed with Jenny Wren. They didn't like Rattles the Kingfisher, and all because he didn't live as they did.

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WITH SOUR CREAM

AS OFTEN sour milk and cream accumulates, one must be alert to make the best use of such valuable food.

Johnny cake is one of the best of hot breads to use the sour milk or cream. If one has cream, the shortening may be lessened or left out entirely.

Sour milk and sour cream may take the place of the sweet milk in any recipe when using flour. A bit of soda, often not more than an eighth of a teaspoonful need be added and the usual baking powder used as in the recipe for sweet milk. It is better to stir the soda into the sour milk or cream, seeing that it is well dissolved, before adding to the flour and egg mixture.

When sour cream is to be substituted for fat, one must remember that it takes the place of some of the liquid as well as fat. A very little experience will enable one to judge of the richness of cream and the exchange when using it instead of butter.

Another point to be remembered is that sour milk needs a bit more thickening than sweet, as the lactic acid acts on the gluten of the flour, softening it.

Sugar Cookies.

Take one cupful of sugar, one egg, one cupful of thick sour cream, one-half teaspoonful of soda, flour to roll—about two cupfuls—two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of lemon extract and a grating of nutmeg. Mix and roll out only a portion at a time. Brush the cookies with milk and sprinkle with coarse sugar. Bake ten minutes in a hot oven. This amount makes three dozen thin cookies two and one-half inches in diameter.

Chocolate Drop Cookies.

Take one cupful of brown sugar, one egg, one cupful of thick sour cream, one-half teaspoonful each of soda and salt, three-fourths of a cupful of nutmeats, one and one-half cup

BEFORE YOU WRITE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THINK twice before you write a letter.

The things to say, the words to find.

Will it make someone happier, better, More pure of heart, more clean of mind.

Or make the eyes a little wetter With thoughts unkind?

Think twice before you write a lover, Think twice before you write a friend.

Shall what you write seem sweet as clover,

More firmly bind and closer bend, Or shall it say that all is over And at an end?

Think twice, life's sea may more divide us Or may unite us; good or ill;

Our letters ships to those denied us That make them near, or farther still.

Yes, they may come and sit beside us, If we but will.

Think twice before a letter leaves you, And, if your pen was dipped in gall, Though friends are false, though love deceives you,

Though visions fade and castles fall— Then you would better, though it grieves you,

Not write at all.

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fuls of whole wheat flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder, three square of chocolate and three-fourths of a cupful of raisins. Mix and drop by teaspoonfuls on baking sheet. Bake at lower temperature than sugar cookies. This recipe makes three dozen.

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BONERS



Gareth rode along a high cliff and fell into the jaws of a yawning abyss.

BONERS are actual humorous tidbits found in examination papers, essays, etc., by teachers.

An epistle is a wife of an apostle.

Genius is an infinite capacity for picking brains.

Shakespeare wrote the Merry Widow.

The dome of St. Paul's is supported by eight peers, all of which are unfortunately cracked.

Christianity was introduced into Britain by the Romans in 55 B. C.

The trade of Spain is small, owing to the insolence of the people.

Robert Louis Stevenson got married and went on his honeymoon. It was then he wrote "Travels with a Donkey."

An example of hard water is ice. (© 1932, Bell Syndicate.)—WNU Service.

Dot and Ruche



The dot and the ruche make a clever combination in this frock of red and white.

General Talking to the Clouds



MAJ. GEN. DENNIS E. NOLAND, commanding the Second corps area, with members of his staff "talking" to planes in the air during the annual tactical inspection of the Mitchell flying field on Long Island. The proceedings constituted a demonstration of the use of radio in warfare and were a part of the mock battle that was staged for visitors.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat — Big Bend bluestem, hard wheat, 57c; soft white and western white, 47c; hard winter, northern spring and western red, 45½c.

Hay—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland; Alfalfa, Yakima, \$13.00.

Butterfat—14@16c.

Eggs—Ranch, 17@19c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$4.25@5.25.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$4.75@6.00.

Lambs—Good to choice, \$4.00@4.25.

Seattle

Wheat — Soft white and western white, 45c; hard winter, western red and northern spring, 45c; bluestem, 55c.

Butterfat—15c.

Eggs—Ranch, 19@20c.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$5@6.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.50@5.75.

Sheep—Spring lambs, \$4.00@4.75.

Spokane

Cattle—Steers, good, \$6@6.50.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$5.50.

Lambs—Medium to good, \$4@4.50.

Because he used highway signs for targets, William J. Baie must spend ten days in the Deschutes county jail in Bend.

More than \$1000 a month is being taken out of the hills in Grant county in the form of gold, a recent check-up revealed.

Damage to Klamath county's lettuce crop has halted temporarily by several days of comparatively low temperatures.

The first half of July closed with greater precipitation on Coos Bay than has occurred during the past 10 years, .69 of an inch having been recorded.

A shipment of 400 pheasant chicks arrived in Astoria recently from the state game farm for holding pens constructed by the Clatsop County Duck Hunters' association.

Dr. Joseph Meyer of Albany, who at the age of 93 has probably been the oldest city health officer in existence, has resigned. Dr. Meyer has been city health officer since 1918.

Studying municipal plants, costs of investments, and rates maintained, a committee from St. Helens has been investigating the electric plants at Forest Grove and McMinnville.

At the Harney branch experiment station there is an abundance of water to irrigate the station area during the dry seasons. The large pump produces 600 gallons of water per minute.

A forgotten orange in the front yard of the Bell telephone office at Lafayette resulted in successful propagation of a husky orange tree which has steadily grown to a foot in height in a year.

An extra gang of about 40 workmen has arrived at Turner to replace with new rails the track north of the town on a long curve. This is the first extra gang that has been in Turner for several years.

William B. Brman Jr. shot a porcupine in his yard at 2 A. M. one morning last week after barking dogs attracted his attention. No porcupine had been seen at liberty in the Forest Grove vicinity for nearly ten years.

Albany's warrant debt stood at \$10,386.22 on June 30, the end of the second quarter, lowest in years. The city's bond indebtedness at that time was \$215,961.60 and the city's assets \$67,614.40. The total net indebtedness was \$158,347.11.

Changes in the railway mail service schedule, which today is delaying air-mail letters from The Dalles to eastern points, are being urged by directors of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with a similar movement at Hood River.

Schools in Lane county will operate under the county high school fund law, or Wheeler law, during the school year 1932-33, it has been officially decided by the county district boundary board; this notwithstanding that the law is being questioned in court.

Officers of the Albany Door company have announced purchase of the equipment of the Reedsport Sash & Door company to be used in the course of the rebuilding of the local plant, which was destroyed by fire recently. The machinery from the Coos Bay town will be moved to Albany at once.