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ANIMALS OF THE FORESTS

If some of the old cougar-hunters of this district happen to glance at the current adventures of "Boots," they probably get a big chuckle out of her taming of the big jaguar cat. Old time Oregon hunters will tell you that you never tame cougars or jaguars or any kind of mountain cat.

The wild animals of our forests, however, are not wild in the sense that so many strangers imagine them to be. They are not ferocious unless attacked. While it is seldom possible to "tame" them they are quite often very friendly if given a chance.

Over in the Deschutes forest near Bend, a look-out has just had to erect a hasty shelter to protect his food supplies from some greedy bears. The bears have taken a tremendous fancy to his stock of jams and sweets. The ranger would like to accommodate the Bruins, but when you have to pack your supplies in many miles over a rough trail you can't get enthusiastic for the role of Goldilocks.

Then there was the ranger in our own Cascade forest up around McKenzie Bridge who had his mackinaw and gloves and various other articles absorbed by some goat-like deer or elk. These animals, ordinarily very shy, become even too friendly if given a chance. Perhaps the Oregon rangers should adopt the tactics related of old "Buffalo Jones" up in Yellowstone park. Given the task of punishing a too nosy grizzly without hurting it, Jones was stumped. He finally solved the problem by roping the grizzly and giving him a "whaling" just like any other spoiled kid should get.

To know wild animals and understand them is one of the greatest privileges and opportunities of outdoor life. One of the most interesting men in Oregon is Stanley Jewett, government biologist in this district, who has given a lifetime to studying and photographing Oregon wild life. Oregon, he says, has a treasure of incalculable value in its primitive life. He believes the time will come when thousands of people will take up a new kind of "hunting," the kind that is done with camera and field glasses and sketch book.

Don't try to be too intimate with wild animals, he says. At the same time, give them a chance. They are not merely an adornment but part of the "natural balance" of Oregon life.—S. K.

JOE DUNNE VISITS

GENIAL JOE DUNNE, warlike state senator from the Columbia river district, visits in Eugene. Joe has been sniping at the state board of higher education these last few weeks. Joe wants "an Oregon man for chancellor." Joe threatens to put through legislation which will abolish the state board if his wishes are not met.

Joe, however, makes it plain that he is not in favor of the Zorn-Macpherson bill to wreck Oregon higher education by moving the University and normal schools around the state. Joe wants an agricultural college that is an agricultural college and a liberal arts school that sticks to liberal arts.

Joe says he voted for the original one-board bill but now wishes to do penance.

Well, that's Joe all over—a fine mixture of impulses and common sense.

If the plan for which Joe voted four years ago is so bad that it must be changed, why should the job be for any chancellor, Oregonian or otherwise? As a matter of fact if Joe made a little further investigation he might discover that the thing which has done most to mar the effectiveness of the plan which he thought so good four years ago has been the persistent grabbing of those identified with the political feuds of the past.

The one chance to make the present plan "click" is the "new deal" which the board has promised.

Be that as it may, there is one thing in Joe's Eugene pronouncement that everybody can tie to. The scheme to move the University and the normals is expensive folly. Whether we have one board or two boards or a chancellor or a battery of presidents, the schools into which the people of Oregon have poured 60 years of blood and treasure MUST NOT BE WRECKED.

On details we may differ with the senator, but on the main issue the harmony is perfect.

BUILDING A SUPER-RACE

A SUPER-MAN to rule a super-state. Such was the ideal pictured by Plato in his "Republic" some 400 years before the birth of Christ. Such is the ideal sought by the third International Congress of Eugenics which is now meeting in New York city. Learned biologists and physiologists and psychologists and sociologists from all parts of the world are there, exchanging ideas on the development of a super-man and a super-state.

There can be no doubt that an intelligent civilization will have a place for eugenics. It will take steps to prevent the breeding of the physically and mentally unfit. Though enforcement is faltering and uneven, we already have "eugenic laws" in this and many other states. It is generally recognized that the reproduction of the human race should be safe-guarded at least as much as the breeding of cows and pigs.

There are, however, certain subtleties in human mating which elude the scientist. The biological processes of the human are differentiated from those of other animals by the addition of certain strong emotions.

The young lady who has long dreamed of a tall dark hero suddenly steps out and bestows herself upon a sandy-haired, freckled nosed, wall-eyed "runt," and her friends shake their heads and say "there's no accounting for tastes." The marriage may be perfectly sound from the physiological and psychological standpoint but it defies the scientific ideal for the selection of mates.

There are cases much more extreme. Quite often some robust, vigorous specimen of manhood, attracted by some mystical qualities of soul, will pass by the long line of buxom beauties and choose some frail and delicate person for wife. The thing called love has been known to overlook the most

serious physical defects and blemishes, and quite often such marriages, made with prayerful deliberation, are among the happiest.

The mating of the human species is complicated by imagination and the madness that is born of moonlight.

The human race can save itself many troubles by preventing the reproduction of the obviously unfit but it will be a long time before the emotional and intellectual factors which affect the mating of humans can be reduced to science.

"More than 10 percent of modern marriages are voluntarily barren, and those among the most intelligent and competent class," complained Charles B. Davenport, of the Carnegie Institute at the congress. "Is leadership to be swamped in the much more rapid reproduction of inferior types?"

It has not been swamped in all the dark centuries that have rolled by since Plato dreamed his "Republic." Romance, no doubt, is highly unscientific, but take it away and you may be destroying one of the genuine "goods" of life.—G. T.

SPLIT IN "THE FAMILY"

GOVERNOR MEIER is enduring what political reporters call a "split in his official family." The state treasurer, Mr. Holman, does not like the state purchasing agent, Mr. Elmsig. Mr. Elmsig apparently returns the dislike, cordially.

Mr. Elmsig, it would appear, lost his temper in Mr. Holman's office and said various ill-tempered things to Mr. Holman's secretary. Mr. Holman accuses Mr. Elmsig of accepting special service gratis from a doctor at the state hospital.

It is regrettable that the more important business of state should be submerged in the bitterness of personal strife. If Mr. Elmsig is really guilty of practices which are a serious detriment to the state, the charges should be made frankly and promptly and he should be removed. If the affair is due merely to "incompatibility," both men should be willing to forget their grievances and carry on for the sake of the state.

Friction is not peculiar to political organizations. It happens just as often in business organizations wherever people are thrown together who have either temper or temperament.

The state is not edified by quarrels of this sort. The governor has a tough job under the best of conditions. Unless there is something radically wrong, he is entitled to harmonious support.

Europe is perfectly willing to admit that the United States is the chief creditor nation of the world. As a matter of fact, there seems to be a move on foot over there to award us that honor permanently.

George Bernard Shaw says he has been very much overworked. So far as we are concerned, he has our permission to take a long and extended rest beginning now.

Warnings have been issued that counterfeit \$20 bills are being circulated. The average man is so excited over getting a \$20 bill these days that he is in no condition to judge whether it's real.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

LABOR PROPOSALS

THE state federation of labor in session in Astoria makes some funny recommendations in its annual report. While all over the country economists and statesmen admit that a part of our trouble is unnecessarily heavy taxes, labor comes out at Astoria and recommends against lowering taxes. It says they "are not too high," but should be made more equitable. We would like to have the laborers' definition of "equitable." We doubt very much if it would place any further burden of taxes on the so-called laboring class which now escapes with a very small proportion of its share if taxes were on an equitable basis.

The president's report also recommends voting against the proposition that will be on the ballot this fall to limit the voting of taxes to taxpayers. It seems to us that that is a most sensible measure and that if it had been in vogue the past 20 years in Oregon it would have saved the taxpayers many millions of dollars. It is plain to see why labor does not want this measure to pass. If it does, millions of dollars of bonds will not be voted for unnecessary improvements. These improvements usually involve construction work of some kind and that means more jobs. It is purely a selfish proposition without regard to the right and wrong of the matter.

The president recommended voting against the consolidation bill, "because it was not known who the backers were." That's as silly a reason as could be devised even if it were true, which it is not. The bill should be decided on its merits as a measure to improve educational facilities in this state at less expense.

The report recommended voting against the oleo margarine bill and the closing the Rogue and in favor of repeal of the dry laws. In these three recommendations we think the report was correct.

The plan to have the government take over industries and operate them for the benefit of labor without regard to the benefit of the owners, is a revolutionary proposal and shows the value of the constitutional provision which prevents the taking of private property without due just compensation. Were it not for the constitution, politicians would have half the property in the country confiscated and have us Russianized over night.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
(NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON.—If all the people who have muttered this year that they were going to vote Norman Thomas actually would do so there would be a bad case of shakes and shivers in Wall Street next winter.

The high-water mark of the Socialist candidate's popularity probably came around the time of the national conventions of the two major political factions, when everyone realized that here was another contest between the same old republican and democratic parties, which looked more alike than ever.

Being forced to choose between Hoover and Roosevelt was another thing that seemed to irk a lot of people after it became apparent that Roosevelt wouldn't be blocked at Chicago. It is probable that both the major candidates were at about their lowest ebb in public esteem, insofar as concerns 1932. And it was then that you heard so many voters saying, grimly and as if they expected to shock their listeners rather badly: "I'm going to vote for Norman Thomas."

Of course a lot of them won't do anything of the sort. Many democrats who used to profess to despise Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt are getting over it. Hoover's position seems to have improved. Most voters are not of the type to vote for a man when they know he can't win.

But Thomas is going to poll a large vote. Some conservative observers think he will get at least 2,000,000, which would be twice as many as any Socialist candidate in this country ever had before and about seven times as many as Thomas polled in 1928. It was Eugene V. Debs, serving a term in the federal penitentiary for a war-time speech, who got a million votes in 1920.

There are those who think the Socialist vote this year might be multiplied two or three times if it were not for the widely held theory that a ballot for Thomas is just "a vote thrown away."

SIDE GLANCES



"Would you mind tossing me a couple of eggs until tomorrow?"

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE WITH HEART PAIN, DOCTORS ADVISE

By DR. MORRIS FISHER
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ONE of the most serious types of heart disease which seems to be somewhat more frequent now than it used to, perhaps because of the greater stress and speed of modern life, is that known as coronary thrombosis or cardiac infarction.

In this condition the blood vessels which feed the heart suddenly become blocked and as a result a portion of the tissue of the heart fails to receive the nutrition it needs.

The blocking of the vessel of the heart may be caused by a clot or collection of germs brought from elsewhere in the body, or possibly by a sudden change in the wall of the vessel. In such circumstance a person may be killed outright due to the sudden shock to the mechanism of the heart from the shutting off of the blood supply.

If, however, the person recovers from the initial shock, changes may gradually occur in that part of the wall of the heart which has been deprived of the blood supply. These changes are a softening and degeneration of the tissue with perhaps later the formation of a scar or, under other circumstances, a sufficient degeneration to permit escape of the blood into the wall of the heart or the sac of the heart, usually resulting in death.

It is remarkable under these circumstances that as many people as do actually survive such an attack. Dr. Coombs found that 50 per cent of the patients diagnosed as suffering from this disorder survived their attack and that those who did survive lived on for periods which averaged about three years.

Cases have also been reported, however, in which they survived four or five years and, in rare instances, even longer.

The most significant sign of the onset of this condition is severe, sudden, oppressive, gripping, pain radiating into the left arm and even into the neck and lower jaw and associated with an intense feeling of anxiety or even terror.

Physicians have recognized the great seriousness of this symptom and have outlined a procedure for the care of such cases in which there is one supreme consideration.

That consideration is immediate placing of the patient at rest and securing of complete rest by the use of proper sedative or narcotic drugs. If such a patient has been kept absolutely quiet for a sufficient long time to indicate the readaptation of the heart to the conditions of living, other measures may be used.

There are other cases in which pain may occur in the heart, such as hardening of the arteries and degenerative changes of the arteries of the heart, infection of the blood vessels and the various types of rheumatic disease.

In every instance, pain must be considered as indication for the most careful and complete examination by a physician who is familiar with the action of the heart and with disorders of that action and their manifestations. Pain is the warning signal and should never be neglected, although it may be used.

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chance, you took your loss in the same spirit, and if your loss did not completely suppress your desire for a prize, you explored the punch board and took the sporting chance of winning by punching out another tiny roll of paper, without any more assurance of winning on the second chance than you had on the first, except that the law of percentages was in your favor on the second chance, in that you had eliminated a blank on your first chance. Now, let us apply candy punch board logic to our political punch board. The last time we played our political punch board, we drew for the following prizes: A job for every man, a chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage. Some lottery—three prizes on one ticket. However, after unfolding the tiny roll of paper we had punched from the political punch board, we found to our amazement that it was a blank, and it is most alarming to know that our political punch board manipulators have placed this same blank on the same board in a different hole, with a gaudy political bandwagon whose business it is to instruct us voters at the coming drawing, to punch the tiny roll of paper from the hole with the gold ring around it, knowing we have seen so little real gold that we will accept the gilded for the genuine. Now it is asked: "Do men vote for gaudy political bandwagons, or for their own firesides, salary checks and wage scales?" Democracy must abandon slogans and red fire and develop economic sense or it will go the way of all flesh. If a slogan we must have, let it be: "Think, analyze, be courageous, work, vote."

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KEENEY FIRES BACK

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—William Wesche, of Swisshome, began his insulting rap at me in your Mail Bag Sunday by stating that he didn't know where to start in to express his opinion.

From general observation it would appear that it doesn't matter where a man of the Wesche persuasion starts in to "express his opinion"—one might mount a soap box or another might prefer to lean up against the shady side of the corner grocery on a warm day or on the sunny side if a cold day, while another might prefer to seat himself on a nail keg with a handy spittoon or the broad side of a box stove at the village grocery or still another might seek an audience through the local press as the wise Wesche has done, but in truth it doesn't matter where the "expression" begins it always ends in the same strain—"a public official is a crook and a grafter and the conduct of the government is all wrong."

This sage, of Swisshome, has "opinioned" your humble servant as one who "should not even have the right and honor to hold a public office" and he may be right at that, but whether so or otherwise, I am going to rebut with my opinion and that is

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