California Flood Viewed From Plane

Fast melting snow in the high Sierras swelled 12 northern California and Nevada rivers to more than capacity, flooding vast portions in the Sacramento valley, doing damage to farms, orchards, homes and highways amounting to millions of dollars. This view, an airplane picture of North Sacramento, was taken while the flood waters were raging at their worst.

SUPERSTITIONS

By H. Irving King

ALMOST any farmer's boy knows that if he is out looking for the cows, and he comes to an ant-hill, and cries out three times, "Doodle! doodle! doodle!" the ants will scamper away and the direction in which they run will show the direction in which the cows have strayed. The cry of "doodle" is uttered to scare the ants and set them running; for the doodle-bug is the ants' enemy. So much so that one name for him is the "ant-lion." The doodle-bug digs holes and lays ambushes to catch the ant; the ant is his favorite food. The ant is supposed to know this and, therefore, to be filled with terror at the name of its enemy—a terror which sets it running.

That the ant should understand human speech and recognize the name of its dreaded enemy is perfectly in accord with the ideas of our primitive ancestors who appear to have conceived man and the other members of the animal kingdom as being able, under certain conditions, of talking together in quite a chatty manner. But while the ability of man to understand and speak the language of birds and beasts was regarded as a special gift, conferred by some magical process as a rule, the power of beast and bird to understand the speech of man appears to have been taken for granted, something as of course.

When primitive man cried "Shoo!" to a hen the hen ran away. Of course she understood! But to understand what the hen said when she cackled was a more difficult matter requiring the aid of magic. So, of course, the ants understand when you cry "Doodle!" That ants run in the direction of the cows is an idea which has its origin in that deification of the bovine species which was so common among the Aryan races. The scared ants are seeking the protection of the gods. All unknown to himself the farmer boy who cried "Doodle!" to find the strayed cows stepping back through long ages to man's primal estate.

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GIRLIGAGS

"I see where a scientist says the earth weighs more in the winter time," says Observing Olivia, "and probably that explains why it seems to be so popular with coal dealers."

Which Place Is Best

By Douglas Malloch

I'VE seen this land
From coast to coast,
For I've been ev'rywhere
Almost;
And some folks ask
Me which is best;
The North or South
Or East or West?

The North has grain,
The South has flow'rs,
And East and West
Their sunlit hours;
But this I find,
The more I roam,
That ev'ry place
Is someone's home.

The South has flow'rs,
The North has snow,
But someone loves
The Eskimo.
The West has hills,
The East has farms,
But maids have lips
And men have arms.

So, North or South
Or East or West,
It's plain to see
Which place is best.
It's where men love
And where maids care,
And you will find
That's ev'rywhere!

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THE BEDTIME STORY

THE flowers from the garden had been sent in a box to the city. Some one in the city who was very fond of this particular garden had received the box.

And after one box had come, many others followed along, for the first box was sent when the first flowers came out in the spring, and they followed one right after the other after that.

And oh, how the flowers from the garden did enjoy their reception when they arrived.

They were greeted so delightfully.

"You dear pale lavender tulips," the lady said as she received the flowers from the garden, "how beautiful you are. You are just the color of orchids.

"And here are the lovely pink and red and yellow tulips—and here is an orange-colored one!

"Here are the dear white lilacs and their pretty soft green leaves and dear me, dear me, how even the very twigs smell so sweetly of the garden."

And then the lady saw some ferns in the bottom of the box and as she saw that the ferns were so new that they had scarcely uncurled themselves, she almost cried.

"Why ferns," she said, "I grew you when I was a little girl. And your sweet fern fragrance is so like that dark cool corner of the garden where I put you that it almost makes me cry. Happiness often makes one want to cry, ferns," she said.

And the ferns thought it was lovely of her to weep a tear or two or three, as she did, and, too, she was homesick then, just a little, for that garden spot where it was so cool and where she had planted the ferns.

The ferns loved her tears because they thought there was nothing nicer

"The Lovely Pink and Red and Yellow Tulips."

than tears of affection. The rain was happy and the rain wept and when the rain wept the ferns were so happy for they loved tears of happiness!

Tears of happiness from the Rain King made them grow and kept them fresh and green.

Of course the plants in the house said they weren't thought so much of now as during the winter time when there were no flowers at all.

But still they couldn't complain, for on all the windy days they were still put out of the window and could drink the lovely refreshing rain water.

And Creeping Charlie grew more and more all the time, for he was so anxious to have a look at everything that he spread himself this way and that way.

The garden flowers were very much pleased, for when they first arrived they were afraid it was going to be too hot for them in the city home where there seemed to be so much heat.

But the garden flowers noticed the windows were quickly opened after they arrived and that the heat was turned off, which was surely an honor to the garden flowers.

It let them know how much they were thought of by the lady who received them.

"Oh garden flowers," she said to them, "how well I remember the garden parade of flowers, beginning in the spring and lasting all through the summer into the fall.

"And how we used to cover up the flowers in the fall with newspapers, and so the newspapers would not blow away, we fastened them down at the corners with pebbles from the garden gravel path.

"Yes, the pebbles even used to work for the garden.

"We all loved the garden, and we always will love the garden.

"And even if I cannot see the garden now all the time, I can see it once in awhile, and the flowers will be sent to me when I can't go to them.

"You travel so beautifully, dear flowers, too, you keep so fresh, and yet your journey is a long one."

And the flowers whispered in their sweet flower way:

"We would not fade for anything, for the one who sends us loves us, and the one who receives us loves us, and we want her to see us as we are!"

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Timely Hints

By Viola Brothers Shore

FOR THE GOOSE—

IF YOU don't understand, it's better not to talk much. And if you do, it ain't necessary.

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Part of your sickness is talkin' about it.

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Women always keep a soft spot for the man that wanted to marry them; men for the woman that didn't.

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FOR THE GANDER—

No matter how early a bird gets up, he can't hurry the comin' of the milkman.

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The profit you make in fertilizer is sweeter than the loss you take in attar of roses.

—

A spendthrift'll die poor. But not as poor as a miser.

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A man might sling a long shadow and still be a little fellow.

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Sun Power

A square mile of sunshine will furnish at least 3,000,000 horsepower, according to a professor of engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who is working on equipment for catching and storing this power.

:: Intelligence, Inexperience ::

By JOHN BLAKE

A GOVERNMENT attorney in a large American city is noted for the success he has had in prosecuting lawbreakers.

His staff is composed almost entirely of young men, some of whom are only a few months out of law school or college.

Occasionally these young men make mistakes which a lawyer of greater experience would not make. One of them did, in fact, do just this at the trial of a famous lawbreaker.

After the trial was over I asked the government attorney why he did not employ older men.

He said: "The government gives me only a few thousand dollars for each of my subordinates. Consequently I can pay them only very small salaries.

"For such a small amount I can get older men who have not been successful attorneys and who are willing to work for little pay.

"Or I can get youngsters who are just breaking into the game. Twenty years from now these same youngsters will be commanding the top salaries in the legal profession.

"Shall I get the other, experienced, mediocre lawyer or the younger, greener man?

"I have always preferred the youngster."

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It has often been said that nothing takes the place of experience. Like most maxims it is subject to several qualifications.

A green man will undoubtedly make mistakes which, with more experience, he would avoid. But when it comes to a contest between experience and mediocrity on the one side and greenness and intelligence on the other I'll back the latter.

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The very fact that a man has shown little promise before arriving at forty or fifty makes it probable that he will never do anything outstanding. Whereas, a young, promising fellow, green as he may be, has always possibilities.

No man, of course, likes to make his business a training school for smart youngsters. But no smart employer likes to fill his office with mediocre assistants, either.

It usually costs real money to employ brains plus experience.

Intelligent youngsters make mistakes. But they can usually more than hold their own with middle-aged mediocrity.

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Everyday Good Things to Eat

By NELLIE MAXWELL

Real Christians do not carry their religion, their religion carries them. It is not a weight; it is wings.—H. E. Fosdick.

THE following are a few every day good things which may be prepared with little expense:

Yorkshire Pudding.

Take one cupful of sweet milk, one cupful of flour, two eggs, one-half teaspoonful of salt. Mix the salt and flour, add the milk gradually to form a paste; then add eggs beaten, separating yolks and whites. Cover the pan of batter—or if baked in gem pans—with the fat from the roasting pan. Serve with roast beef. Bake in a hot oven.

Jelly Dessert.

Take one glass of jelly, the white of an egg and one-half cupful of heavy cream. Put the jelly and the unbeaten white of egg in a bowl, beat until stiff. Serve in sherbet glasses topped with sweetened and flavored whipped cream.

Cheese Custard Supper Dish.

Spread as many slices of bread as there are members of the family, cover in a deep dish with a custard, using two eggs to a pint of milk, with a pinch of salt. Pour over the buttered bread after sprinkling it generously with finely-cut or grated cheese. Bake until puffy and the custard firm. Serve at once as it is much like an omelet—it falls after a few minutes in the air.

Corn Bread.

Take one cupful each of sour cream, brown sugar, flour and corn meal, one teaspoonful of soda, two well beaten eggs and a little salt. Bake in a hot oven.

Potato Salad.

The secret of a good potato salad is in the seasoning. Potatoes should be cut into small cubes and marinated with a thin dressing or with a French dressing for several hours before serving. It is hard for seasoning to enter into a cooked potato. With the addition of finely-cubed cucumber, a small onion finely minced added to potatoes that have been cooked in their jackets, cooled and skinned and diced, with a good salad dressing there is no reason for a poor salad.

A little finely-cut celery always improves a potato salad as does the adding of a hard cooked egg or two.

Lemon jelly with pineapple, a little celery and salad dressing, makes a salad which is especially refreshing.

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Doing "Big Time" Begging

Lane Maloney, Jr., aged five, and Marvin Halperin, four, as they made believe they were blind on one of the main streets of Milwaukee, Wis. The youngsters collected a dozen pennies before their mothers found out what they were doing.

Earliest Railroad Tunnel

The first railroad tunnel was the Woodhead tunnel, in England, which was begun in the spring of 1839. The first train passed through December 2, 1845. This was over what was known as the Manchester, Sheffield & Lincolnshire railway, now the Great Central division of the London & Northeastern railway.

Modern Bell Towers

Modern examples of ancient bell towers are the campanile of the capital at Rome; Victoria tower, by Barry, at the houses of parliament, Westminster; the Great tower of the Basalique du Sacre Coeur, Montmartre, Paris, and the memorial tower in the Brown university campus at Providence, R. I.

Much Timber in Sequoia

Enough timber is contained in one of California's trees to build 22 homes of average size. This was announced by the state department of resources in conferring distinction upon a giant Sequoia near Crannel, Humboldt county. The tree is 308 feet high and 20 feet in diameter.

Yiddish 70 per Cent German

Yiddish is the most widely spoken dialect of the Jews. Its content is 70 per cent German, 20 per cent Hebrew and 10 per cent Slavic. Since the beginning of the Nineteenth century it has been used as a literary medium by Jewish writers.—Mentor Magazine.

Magnetic Fields

The bureau of standards says that magnetic lines of force are not electric currents. Imaginary lines are used to aid in depicting the direction and intensity of the magnetic field, which is a condition in space and not a flow of anything.

Boys' Names Changing

Names for boys are changing in fashion, according to lists of pages at fashionable weddings in London. Davids, Peters and Michaels have given place to Jeremy, Timothy and Martin, while Julian, Simon and Brian are also popular.

Self-Rule First Lesson

All government—in the home, the school, the state—is only an aid to self-government. Nothing else really controls. No one is truly law abiding until he has learned to rule himself and to obey the voice from within.—Emerson.

Smoke Cuts Off Light

The smoke pall that hangs over the average American city cuts off as much as 42 per cent of daylight on sunny mornings, and as high as 18 per cent at noon, according to a survey made by the United States public health service.

Golf and Energy

A scientific investigation of energy shows that a man works as hard playing three rounds of golf as in plowing an acre of land, says the Montreal Gazette. And some players turn over as much sod as the plowman.—Toronto Globe.

Otherwise Alike

It seems to be the general idea that the only difference between the big cities and Hades is that in the latter place they don't play such up-to-date music and it has fewer tall buildings.—American Magazine.

But Call It Smoke Screen

Titanium tetrachloride is the chemical used for smoke screens. It is a liquid which turns to a heavy smoke when it comes in contact with the air.

Almond Cultivation

The origin of the almond species was in the Mediterranean basin, and the first important cultivation in the United States has been since 1890.

No Compromise With Sin

Not only commission makes a sin. A man is guilty of all those sins he hateth not. If I cannot avoid all, yet I will hate all.—Bishop Hall.

Point Farthest North

Cape Prince of Wales is the most northerly point of North America, lying opposite East cape on the coast of Siberia.

Ocean "Rollers"

The extreme height of ocean waves has been estimated at 30 feet and their length at from 600 to 700 feet.

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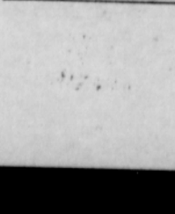

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