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Flares From the Flight

(By the Associated Press) A journey that was begun with a speed of eighty miles an hour and was finished at two, so slowly that sharks could swim leisurely and keep pace, was told to the "American people" by Commander John Rodgers in the statement he made public as the story of the San Francisco-Honolulu non-stop flight.

When the navy officials and the public were lamenting them as presumably dead and visualized them as the prey of the hungry, finny creatures that infest Hawaiian waters, the navy crew of the PN-3 No. 1, still was alive and suffering, not for food or water, but for tobacco.

In the picture that Rodgers painted of the physical hardships and inevitable mental fears of the 400-mile drift in a derelict hull were shaded in with light humor. Hunger and thirst, falling rains and choppy seas were only the background on which he traced an image of five heavily bearded men sailing southern seas by dint of a "jury rig," counting on the wind and good fortune to land them on Kauai island at the very worst.

Honolulu-bound the five of them alternated "drifts" on the three cigars that remained after the cigarettes had been consumed in the early hours of the great adventure.

They were 200 miles from their scheduled destination, figured along the route of flight and nearly 400 miles from the nearest land in the direction of the drift. Their radio was useless for broadcasting for want of generative power, but they could receive.

Long days and nights ensued. From time to time they caught radio messages that passed between the ships which were searching them out in their distress, eager and expectant at first, then doubtful and finally black with despair.

The news of the terrible disaster to the Shenandoah broke in on the more routine details of the searching operations.

As his father had done before him while exploring the frozen north for the navy years ago, Rodgers carried a still at the urgent behest of his mother. It took six days of experimenting with wood stripped from the plane as fuel before fresh water could be produced from the sea.

On the seventh day five hours work yielded about two canteens of water. The next day a small bobbed over them and with canvas cut from the lower wing they caught about two gallons of the precious fluid.

On this day too, Rodgers conceived the idea of erecting a sail, utilizing the canvas from the wings. If they were not to be found, the commander determined they would complete the trip under their own power.

Ships and planes passed them by, signal flares were apparently unseen. The awkward vessel bobbed along at two miles an hour. It went by Oahu at a distance of forty miles, "the island being clearly visible."

The ninth day out they had reached a point about 15 miles of Nawiliwili and were trying to signal that point when the submarine R-4 found them.

Commander Rodgers dictated his story as he lay aboard the U. S. S. Macdonough, en route to Honolulu—at last.

From time to time the physicians interrupted to say he must not tax his strength by talking so much, but Rodgers and his companions didn't want to be treated as invalids and he continued his statement until it was completed.

The conclusion was an expression of vigorous approval of the management of the west coast-Hawaiian flight project. It praised the support that had been accorded by the navy, the bureau of aeronautics and Flight Commander Stanford E. Moses and Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, who "personally issued orders to the bureau of navigation to spare no expense or effort to give me everything that was needed for the attempt."

STILL TIME TO GET THE FACTS.

A WEEK ago The Mail Tribune suggested that the people of Medford secure the facts concerning the water system for themselves.

We repeat that suggestion now. The time is short,—only about three weeks. But that is ample time for anyone, undecided on this question to secure the information that is needed.

One of the first points to be determined is the quality of the present water supply. Is the water pure and palatable, does it come from a desirable source?

A trip to Fish lake will throw considerable light on this question. Water that is not clear, however, and not palatable, may be fit to drink.

Who decides this question? The state board of health. Every month the state board examines the water supplies of various state municipalities. What is their opinion regarding Medford's present water supply? Their report can be found at the office of Dr. E. B. Piekel, local health officer. It is written in language that anyone can read and understand. Five minutes there will settle that question.

How about the present pipe system? Is it in good shape? Will it last many years without repair? Or is it in bad shape and does it necessitate an expensive upkeep?

This is a question best decided by experts. A recent examination of the pipe line was made by Messrs Henny and Dillard, and their report, on file at the city hall, will be convincing to most people. But the best way for the individual to get first hand knowledge would be to look at the pipe line on a trip to Fish lake, for himself. It tells an eloquent story.

How about Big Butte Springs. Is the water clear and cool and palatable? Or is it marsh water, as has been claimed. Is the supply large or small? How does it compare with Fish Lake?

These are important facts. They are all set forth in the official survey noted above, but the best way to remove all doubt would be to visit these springs, and thus secure evidence that no one can dispute.

There is no reason why this water campaign should descend to a neighborhood row or a mud slinging contest. The issue has nothing to do with politics or personalities. The issue has solely to do with figures and facts. Now is the time to secure them.

QUILL POINTS

You can tell a center of culture by the popping of the pistols.

Merely telling the truth is easy enough; the hard part is to see it.

Alas! One of the essentials in a free country is a willingness to take orders.

Ancestry is a good thing to brag about if you haven't anything of more recent occurrence.

Using the smell as evidence in a liquor case may be all right, but who can remember how real liquor smelled?

History of man: Spanked by parents; scolded by reformers; made decent by old age.

After all, the only reward for longevity is the privilege of writing patent medicine testimonials.

Eventually the American people may agree on everything except a definition of wickedness.

If Nature didn't adjust things, think how many flies would now be working on one horse.

Some wives get few things, and some have learned to say: "You are so big-hearted and so good to me."

If you like nastiness, you're lowbrow; if you like naughtiness, you're highbrow; if you like virtue, you're just middle class.

Humans are queer, and it isn't probable that baseball itself could survive on a collection plate basis.

Correct this sentence: "She'll go eighty an hour," said the old gentleman, "but I'll never drive'er over forty."



USEFUL LESSONS.

MY NEPHEWS number seventeen, and now and then I take them where some experience that's keen may jar them up and shake them. For nephews tire of moral talk, of text and admonition, and sometimes it requires a shock to better their condition. The poorhouse stands upon a slope, and there today we wandered; the sad-eyed inmates, shorn of hope, we watched a while and pondered. We saw the paupers in their stalls, where we were slowly guided, we watched them eat their codfish balls, by county boards provided. "That is the saddest place on earth," I said, as we departed; "its people don't indulge in mirth, they're sad and weary-hearted. It's sadder than the village jail, for there the men in fetters have dared the laws that should prevail, and bilked or slugged their betters. But now we hear old harmless gents against their fortune holler; they didn't salt down fifteen cents when they had earned a dollar. I doubt not that, when in their prime, they drew down goodly wages, and never thought to save a dime, as urged by bards and sages. No doubt they scorned the thrifty laws with idle jeers and ravings, when they, on pay day, took some seeds and placed them with their savings. Now we behold the paupers drift, attired in dingy cotton, in shadows that will never lift, all pride and hope forgotten." And now my nephews, twenty-four think waste is not so funny; and, pausing by the poorhouse door, they vow they'll save their money.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY. BRIGHTEN UP



Little Billy got a big can of 1-2-3-4-5 for he said we must brighten things up.

"Here is a big 5-8-12 can of green paint and a nice big 14-15-16-17-18 to lay the paint 11-12 with!" said Billy.

Some of 9-10 will help Billy paint and the rest of us can go out 3-7 the shed and see that it is 1-6-9-13-14 and straight.

Answer To Last Puzzle

2-3-4 (how), 4-7-10-13-15-18-19 (windows), 11-12-13 (end), 5-6 (me), 16-17-18 (now), 5-8 (my), 2-6 (he), 14-15 (to), 1-3 (no), 9-10 (in), 9-12-14-17 (into).

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Personal Health Service By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 17 1/2 of this newspaper.

The End of Neutroids.

In the last few years a great many inquiries have come to the unsympathetic, undignified, sarcastic cuss who conducts this headquarters of hygiene (not to call it house of health lest some one confuse it with a speak institution) about the Graham method of curing obesity with neutroids. Such inquiries when accompanied with stamped self-addressed envelope, have been answered by mail. But now the postal authorities have decided that the mails can no longer be used by the Graham concern to swindle the grand old pub, and so it is only fair that we should cease using the mails to answer these queries. It doesn't seem quite fair, does it, to use the mails to appraise folks of a snide that can't use the mails to get victims?

In the neutroids scheme the prospect was informed that Dr. Lincoln Graham was "an eminent physician—a stomach specialist who has obtained exceptional honors in his profession"—and the average sucker believed it; also that Graham had discovered "the real cause of fat"; also that "obesity is brought about by an overdevelopment of alcohol in the digestive tract"; and finally that Graham had discovered a method of preventing this overdevelopment of alcohol by the administration of his remedy called "neutroids."

The notion of the production of too much alcohol in the digestive tract is calculated to appeal to the intellect of Mr. Wisenheimer and Mrs. Slumpkins. How cleverly it explains that dizzy feeling one gets after a whole of a meal and a hard day's rest!

The proposition had the approval of an "expert" known to the shady magazine clientele generally as "Edward F. Bowers, M. D." Bowers has sprung some big stuff on the public in the way of magazine articles, booklets and such other propaganda as his clients desired to circulate—the man isn't a doctor of medicine and never has been.

Well, the postal authorities investigated the Graham outfit and collected evidence showing (1) that Graham was not an eminent physician; (2) that he had not discovered the cause of obesity; (3) that obesity was not due to the overdevelopment of alcohol in the digestive tract and (4) that "neutroids" would not cure obesity as claimed. Then the government called on the Graham outfit to show cause why a fraud order should not be issued and the wily Graham outfit meekly signed an affidavit swearing that they would absolutely discontinue and abandon business conducted through the United States mails. This will make it somewhat inconvenient for the goofs to avail themselves of the humbug "treatment" from now on, but no doubt they will find a way to get their "neutroids" without using the mails.

The Graham game is only one of several hundred of similar humbugs which have been shut out of the mails as frauds, and I have devoted this space to it merely to indicate to the intelligent reader—and it is gratifying to know that I have a goodly number of such readers—the extent of the humbug healing trade in this country today, and the consistent way in which such trade is fostered and promoted by our shoddy popular magazines.

Here is the moral of this tale: Why not teach elementary physiology in grammar school?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Soup Cream. A while ago a correspondent asked whether your cream, of which she

was very fond, is as nourishing and as wholesome to eat as butter. Being hard pressed for copy and for space that day, you answered simply "Yes." May I suggest that butter is much richer than cream. The sour cream still has the buttermilk in it, which is removed in churning, leaving the whole fat, and the fat is surely more nutritious than the cream.—Mr. A. A. Answer—Thank you for the correction. Sour (or sweet) cream yields about 1000 calories to the pound; butter yields 3500 calories to the pound. Time and space, or the lack of 'em yield about two errors to the issue of this department; and some of them are my mistakes.

Esc. a Coffee Mill. I am a very busy man. I don't know what the people would do without my services even for a single day. I am so busy I can scarcely take time to eat a proper breakfast. What I want to know is this: Can you recommend or furnish a set of teeth a man can put in his stomach so that he may swallow his breakfast in a hurry and chew it afterward? Especially in the morning when I have only six minutes to eat breakfast and catch the 3:21 train five blocks away, such a contrivance would save lots of time, which is precious to the world.—I. B. C. Answer—Why not run everything through a little coffee mill—electric drive, of course—and fill a kind of thermos nursing bottle with it equipped with a rubber nipple to match your color scheme for the day, and run along taking breakfast on the way? But no kidding, isn't the quick lunch crowd 99.44 per cent like that?

Diminish Acidity. What is the cause of excessive acid in the urine? What will overcome it?—S. L. C. Answer—The urine is normally feebly acid to litmus paper, but the reaction may fluctuate between a feebly alkaline and a distinctly acid, in health, under varying conditions. In a general way, excessive acidity of the urine is opposed by a fruit and vegetable diet, plus such foods of animal origin as, have a high calcium (lime) content, cheese, milk, eggs. The fresh greens or relishes, and oranges, lemons, grapefruit and tomatoes are particularly valuable in preventing excessive urinary acidity.

Flowers Featured At County Fair

Right now is the time to select the buds which you expect to cut for the special prize entries for roses in the floral department at the fair next Wednesday morning. Entry books for only two departments will be open Wednesday morning. The floral and cooked food booths, both of which will be open until ten o'clock, \$2.00 has been offered for the best bouquet of roses and \$2 for the second best. The Monarch Feed Store has offered one dozen choice bulbs for the best single rose and one dozen of another variety for the second best rose. Under class 84 which should have read "Amateur," potted and cut flowers of other varieties may be entered, and those in charge of this department have expressed the hope that entries this year be large and extensive.

An interesting collection of hand made rugs will be shown this year. A great deal of interest is being developed in this form of craft work. If you have a "home made labor saving device," enter it under class 110. Your device may be of very great help to home other housekeeper, or you may be able to pick up some valuable suggestion from some one's.

Good prizes are also offered for home made articles.

Cook with gas, Cook with gas, Cook with gas.

Abe Martin



"I remember when if you wanted to see pictures of almost naked women you had to buy 'em in a sealed envelope of a newsboy on a train an' promise not to look at 'em till you got home," said Laffo But, today, as he finds a newspaper down Next I pick up a good cantaloupe, of finest sensation is slipping noiselessly by third.

AVERAGE COST OF LIGHT ADJUSTMENT IN MEDFORD HIGH

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 12.—To date an aggregate of 37 motor vehicle headlight adjusting stations have been inspected and authorized throughout the state by the traffic division of the department of the secretary of state and fifty applications for inspection are on hand which will be inspected and passed upon by the close of the present week, according to Secretary Koser. It is estimated that there will be approximately between 450 and 500 adjustment stations authorized in the state who will applications are in and acted upon.

An aggregate of 31 devices have been approved by the secretary of state, acting upon the test reports from the United States bureau of standards.

A survey of the reports received from the adjusting stations as to cost of adjustments upon the average basis shows that such cost ranges from the minimum of 75 cents, the maximum adjustment charge provided by law, to several dollars, according to the amount and value of the equipment purchased by the owner. An examination of 1000 charge receipts issued by stations over the state and selected at random reveals that the general average of cost for equipment and adjustment of these 1000 cars was \$2.77 per car.

ASHLAND SECOND MEDFORD THIRD CAR REGISTRATION

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 12.—A statement by Secretary of State Koser shows that with a total of 15,388, the registration of foreign motor vehicles in Oregon for the month of August, just closed, was but 132 in excess of the registration for August of 1924, and lacked 4465 of equaling the registrations for the month of July, 1925. The registrations for August of 1923 amounted to 12,321.

Every state in the United States was represented among Oregon guests for the month of August and there were 248 visitors from Canada, 10 from Texas, four from Alaska, one from China and one from Australia. The total registration for the eight months' period, January 1 to August 31, inclusive, amounted to 82,933, as compared with 80,632 for the corresponding period of 1924 and a total of 75,671 for the entire year of 1924.

The registrations, by stations, for the eight months period, January 1 to August 31, inclusive, follow: Albany 955; Ashland 19,047; Astoria 222; Baker 1279; Bend 523; Corvallis 411; Eugene 1685; Gold Beach 243; Grants Pass 4942; Hood River 493; Klamath Falls 2879; La Grande 854; Lakewood 71; Marshfield 169; Medford 8402; Milton Free-water 749; Newport 10; North Bend 54; Nyssa 749; Ontario 2984; Portland City 291; Pendleton 1454; Portland 6841; Roseburg 1580; Salem 3027; Seaside 165; The Dalles 1527; Vale 10; Inspectors 20.

Bootleggers Got It. NEW YORK.—Federal Judge Atwell has fined 20 bootleggers one cent each for carrying suitcases with liquor in them. It was all the money they had.

Dangers of the Wire. BOSTON.—A telegraph company is being sued because a man's home was broken up when his wife opened a message from another woman which he says is a fraud.

Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle



Running Across. Word 1. What animal in the old fable called the grapes sour when he couldn't reach them? Word 3. Used in a ball game. Word 5. Till. Word 7. Finish. Word 8. What Noah's boat was called.

Running Down. Word 1. What one who likes baseball or any sport is called. Also an article used in warm weather. Word 2. A water animal. Word 3. An insect. Word 4. Opposite of new. Word 6. We use it in writing. YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED.



ROCK POINT PEBBLES

Mrs. O. E. Hall, accompanied by her son, Shirley, returned last week from an extended visit with her parents in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wells of Klamath Falls were guests at Rozalia ranch the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelso and son, Warren, spent Sunday in Medford. They were guests at the Chertain home.

Joe Morris has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Rose Haymond, this week.

W. I. Brown of Dickinson, North Dakota, spent the week-end at the Porter home.

Mrs. Rose H. Gay returned home from Ashland on Thursday of last week. She is reported much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson and children visited in Eagle Point Sunday.

Misses Thelma Hodges and Martha Porter and Messrs. W. I. Brown and E. C. Porter called at the Hosmer home on Footh Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clemens of Los Angeles, were overnight visitors at the Porter home on Friday of last week. Mr. Clemens is a nephew of Mr. Porter and with his wife was en route to Roseburg to visit his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt of Portland arrived Monday for an extended visit at the home of Mrs. Schmidt's sister, Mrs. Wm. Puhl.

Miss Lolla Pierson of Ashland was a week-end visitor at the Adams ranch.

Bank Reserves Increase. NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—(A. P.)—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows an excessive reserve of \$9,284,550. This is an increase in reserve of \$28,501,800, compared with last week when a deficit in reserve of \$18,517,270 was reported.

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