

Is That So?

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Did you know that . . . there are at least 30 kinds of pheasants. All beautiful. A little brown lizard from the Palau Islands in the Pacific wiggles out of his skin when you grab hold of him—and there you are, literally, holding the empty bag! Whether this little "skinless" gecko manages to survive and grow a new covering is not yet known. Skin grafted on a person from a donor lasts less than 30 days.



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Old Faithful in Yellowstone National park is faithful only up to a point!

During the past year it was found that the old gal blew her top at intervals ranging from 37 to 93 minutes—the average being a little under 65 minutes. About half the eruptions occur within five minutes of this average; nearly one-fifth take place more than 10 minutes before or after the average.

Some true sea snakes have a poison just as deadly as that of the cobra.

Would you like to have better roses next summer? Then next winter save all your wood ashes and keep them in a dry place to apply to the rose bushes in spring.

If you live in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington or Wyoming, I've got a bit of nasty news for you. The grasshopper population is going to be up considerably. Where last year 6,000,000 rangeland acres were affected, this year it is estimated 20,000,000 acres will be affected in these 16 states.

With the exception of iron metals, aluminum is the most plentiful in the world.

Judging from bubbles trapped in icebergs floating in the Atlantic it has been estimated that some of them were formed about 1,000,000 years ago! Some scientists believe that the gas trapped in the glaciers indicates the earth's atmosphere conditions at that time.

The sperm whale, largest of the toothed variety, is credited with producing ambergris—that valuable ingredient used in expensive perfume manufacture. It is believed that the ambergris results from the whale's habit of eating giant squid; and these in turn have a beak which is so indigestible that it irritates the whale internally and causes the secretion of ambergris.

Mice No. 1 Pest

The walking perch, a common fish in the aquarium, has been known to travel 300 feet over dry land in 30 minutes.

Mice replaced rats last year as the No. 1 animal pest.

The Arctic ocean is much less salty than other seas because of the many rivers draining into it and the comparatively slight amount of evaporation.

Some spider silk threads are about one millionth of an inch in thickness.

Golden hamsters, the American pet which originated in Iraq, have been restored to life an hour after their breathing and heart-beat stopped due to freezing. In an experiment conducted by Dr. Aubrey Smith of London the golden hamsters were sealed in glass jars. As they kept breathing the same air, they became drowsy and fell asleep. Then they were gently cooled and packed in crushed ice. An

Remote Man on Trial For Income Tax Evasion

Portland — (U.P.) — John F. Cawrse, 45-year-old Remote, Ore., sawmill owner, went on trial in Federal Court yesterday on charges of income tax evasion.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon was hearing the case without a jury.

The government charged Cawrse with evading some \$48,000 in taxes in 1948 and 1950. Defense Attorney Earl Bernard said Cawrse's knowledge of bookkeeping was slim and that the defendant had no intention of evading taxes.

Gov. Smith Urges Strict Economy

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith said in a letter sent yesterday to department heads that this biennium probably will have a surplus but the state cannot assume revenue would continue to increase in the next two years starting July, 1957. He urged strict economy in budget preparation.

The people of Oregon "clearly desire and deserve relief from the present burden of taxes," the governor said. He called for a reduction in operating costs for the next two years. The governor's office will not approve any new programs unless a need for them can be clearly established. Such new programs must be geared to the ability of the state to pay.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 3:30 previous day.

Truman Chauffeurless For Time in London

London — (U.P.) — Harry S. Truman, the former President, strode out to a limousine provided by the U.S. embassy yesterday, waved goodbye to an official party, got in and went nowhere.

Nobody was in the driver's seat. Mr. Truman sat patient and smiling while American Embassy officials hunted for the chauffeur.

A doorman's theory that the driver might have slipped into a restaurant for a cup of tea sent them sprinting into various sidestreets.

Then, seemingly out of nowhere, the chauffeur appeared and whisked the former President away to lunch at Mansion House with the Lord Mayor of London.

The embassy took the view that the chauffeur would remain nameless if not blameless. He was not identified.

DRUG FIGURES

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The state department of mental hygiene reported that the number of drug addicts and sexual psy-

chopaths who must be committed to California mental hospitals rose ominously during the year ended March 31. At least 520 narcotics users were admitted to hospitals, compared with 402 admissions in the previous 12 months. In the same period admissions of sexual psychopaths increased from 400 to 512.

Urban Area Problems Studied at Roseburg

Roseburg — (U.P.) — A survey was started here this week by the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service for an interim committee studying urban area problems and local government. This interim committee was set up by the Legislature at its last session.

The survey is of seven areas in the state, of which Roseburg is one.

Problems covered by the survey will include sanitation, police and fire protection and roads. The survey group, headed by Herman Kerhle, will report back to the interim committee and it in turn will recommend legislation at the next session.

The U. S. Forest Service says in every five forestry plantings in North Dakota has been damaged by livestock grazing. The plantings were made by the federal government from 1935 to 1942.

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