



Is That So?

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Exploring the eternal darkness of a deep, dark cave can produce all kinds of strange life, mostly small—because the food supply is always limited and never contains any green plants. This does not include short caves or entrances. Here many animals can be found who use

these animals operate in absolute blackness.

Strangest Adaptation

Perhaps the strangest adaptation of all occurs in the Waitomo caverns, about 200 miles north of Wellington, New Zealand, described by the Milnes in *The World Of Night* (Harper, N. Y.). Here, they write, are the world's only luminous animals living in caves. The maggots of a tiny fly, about the size of a mosquito, gleam with a continuous blue-green light carried on the tail segment. These creatures lower 2-foot long threads, beaded with a sticky substance, from their mouths. As flies and midges bump into these sticky threads, they are ensnared and the thread-spinning maggots "reel" them in, swallowing thread and victim.

In observing these strange creatures of the deep cave, the Milnes warn not to raise your voice. The threads appear to serve each maggot as a microphone and the vibrations transmitted to it are enough to induce a complete blackout.

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Game of Cards More Than 1,000 Years Old

Minneapolis—U.P.—You can bet that when a family or friends get together for chit-chat and fun, it's very likely they'll wind up playing some variation of a game that's more than a thousand years old—cards.

No one knows exactly how playing cards began, though it's thought they gradually took the place of arrows and other objects that were used in ancient times for games and fortune telling.

They probably were first used either in Egypt or Asia but how cards got to Europe is a mystery.

Some say the Crusaders brought them back and others think that gypsies or Tartars brought them into eastern Europe first. However they got there, cards have been at home in Europe since the 13th century. Those first cards might have dug a deep hole in the pocketbook for they were elaborately hand-painted and much too expensive for just anyone to use. It was wood engraving and the printing press that really made cards into a popular pastime—so popular that by the 16th century young people were often educated by having their lessons printed on the faces of playing cards.



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Tourist Travel Sets New Record Of \$141 Million

Salem—U.P.—Oregon income from tourist travel, its third largest industry, soared to a new record high of \$141 million in 1955, the travel division of the State Highway Department has reported.

Logging and lumbering is Oregon's number one industry, agriculture number two and tourist trade number three.

More Money Spent

Studies and computed figures indicate that out-of-state tourists spent 11 per cent more money in Oregon this year than in 1955, which at that time was a record high of \$127 million.

A recently-computed survey taken at 17 points of entry indicated some 1,096,000 out-of-state cars visited Oregon during the travel season. The total represented an increase of 65,000 cars, and an increase of 216,000 persons over 1955. Total number of visitors was an estimated 3,453,849 this year.

Average number of miles each car traveled in Oregon was computed as 599, a decrease of two miles for each car from last year. Computed income from tourists traveling by car was \$127 million, and estimated income from travelers visiting the state by rail, bus and air was \$14 million.

Visitors Staying Longer

Visitors were staying longer in Oregon this year than in 1955, and each spent more. Average expenditure for each car was computed at \$116.20, compared with \$110.55 for the last travel season.

The travel division survey showed that, as in past years, most visitors to Oregon came from California, followed in order by Washington, Canada, Idaho, Texas and Illinois.

Trade Laws Weather First 25 Years

Chicago, Ill.—U.P.—The controversial fair trade laws, first instituted in the depression year of 1931, have weathered their first quarter of a century, according to a state-by-state survey by Commerce Clearing House, national reporting authority on tax and business law.

Forty-five states have adopted fair trade legislation since California opened the road by allowing a manufacturer of a trademarked or brand-named product to fix the minimum price at which a retailer must resell the commodity.

During the 25-year fair trade history, the state laws have been challenged 30 times, with successful defense in 18, partial defeat in seven and total defeat in five.

One quart of milk weighs 2.15 pounds. It requires 9.77 quarts of milk to produce a pound of butter, and about 4.65 quarts to manufacture one pound of marketable cheese.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Long Beach, Calif.—Moshe Bar-Tal, U.S. representative of an Israeli labor organization, stating the Western powers can force Egypt's President Abdel Gamal Nasser to compromise on use of the Suez canal.

The Western powers can bring Nasser to his knees by refusing to take oil out of the Middle East. We can make a settlement on the basis of oil alone.

Lodi, Wis.—An 88-year-old woman asking permission to ride side-saddle at the Lodi fair:

"I am not ready for a rocking chair and don't expect to be for many years."

En Route With Nixon—Vice President Richard Nixon refusing to stop campaigning because of a cold:

"My health is immaterial."

New Orleans—Adlai Stevenson when asked to savor some of New Orleans' oysters Rockefeller:

"With all the modesty of a true Democrat, I've come to the conclusion that I'll be satisfied with oysters Joe Smith if you have some."

Clinton, Tenn.—John Kasper, White Citizens Council leader, on his arraignment for inciting riots:

"There is a continuing struggle for constitutional rights that are eroding at an alarming rate."

Neuberger Suggests McKay Run For Senate From Texas

Coos Bay—Special—"Federal aid to schools is nothing more than simple justice to a state like Oregon," Sen. Richard L. Neuberger told a Rotary club luncheon audience here Thursday.

"In a sense we pay financial tribute to the great manufacturing states like Michigan, New York or Pennsylvania nearly every time we buy a factory-made article," he said. "The one way to recover a small portion of this tribute to the enrichment of other areas is through using the taxing power of the Federal treasury to bring some measure of aid for our school systems, which is the major burden of local government in Oregon."

Pattern Similar
The Oregon Senator pointed out that Federal aid to schools was a similar pattern to the basic school-support fund in Oregon, by which wealthier counties have helped schools in counties of lesser finances. "Although Mrs. Neuberger and I were the targets of some criticism from our own constituents when we were Multnomah county state legislators," he added, "we always backed the state school-support program."

Neuberger gave special praise to Marjorie Winslow, Coos Bay superintendent of schools, for his national leadership in the cause of Federal aid to education. "Mrs. Winslow has greatly

aided those of us active in this major fight," the Senator said. "Explaining To Do"

Oregon Republicans had a lot of explaining to do, he said, for what he described as their "sorry role with respect to the issue of Federal aid to schools." He claimed that two Oregon Republicans, ex-secretary of the Interior McKay and former Sen. Guy Cordon, had played leading parts in giving the tidelands oil reserves to four states, rather than having them retained in Federal possession to assist in financing education in all 48 states.

"The four states which gained were Texas, Louisiana, Florida and California," said Neuberger. "Oregon was one of the states which lost. No wonder that Texas moguls paid tribute to Mr. McKay with a \$100-a-plate Republican dinner. He sacrificed the welfare of his own state in order to help Texas—perhaps he should run for Senator from Texas."

Grange Notes

Griffin Creek
Griffin Creek Grange meets Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. for the annual fall harvest dinner. It will be pot-luck. Those attending should bring table service.

The program will follow the dinner. There will be a short business meeting.

Sen. Morse Not to Debate Malheur County Residents

By UNITED PRESS

Sen. Wayne Morse has moved to clear up what he called a "misunderstanding which seems to have developed in Malheur county over my position on debating in this campaign."

Earlier it had been reported that Morse had agreed to meet three Malheur county supporters of Douglas McKay to debate Morse's record. Both are candidates for the United States Senate.

Morse said he did not intend "to be diverted from the issues by taking time out from my campaign to discuss with McKay's campaign henchmen, false attacks upon my record."

He renewed his challenge to debate McKay but said he would arrange for some of his supporters in Malheur county to meet the group that issued the challenge to him.

The invitation to debate in Malheur county was issued Saturday by Vernon Reed, Ontario businessman, and attorneys Harold Henigson, Nyss, and W. F. Schroeder, Vale. The topic proposed was "Resolved, that the record of Sen. Morse is such that he does not deserve to represent Oregon in the Senate of the United States."

Jacksonville Men File Mining Location Notice

Daniel E. Serry and Walter Curl, Jacksonville, have filed a location notice in the county clerk's office for a mine containing cinabar and other minerals in southwestern Jackson county. The mine, known as Swamp Gulch No. 1, is located in the Steamboat mining district in the vicinity of the town of Steamboat.

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