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What The Wild Geese Are Saying

THE geese flew north and the geese flew south—but what did the wild geese say?

The pioneers may not know the goose language but they know his habits and thereby hangs a disturbance in the minds of men who prognosticate. Some of the old-timers think the moving of geese both ways means a chaotic winter; others say a wet winter.

One has ventured the remark that the geese, always knowing their "stuff," headed north in good faith but when they flew over Portland the political tumult was so great and the discord of humanity was so severe, that the geese seeking harmony and organized living conditions, immediately flew back to Klamath Basin.

Another wisacre said he had never failed yet on the goose question but this year he was going to put it up to State Game Commissioner Poole of Klamath, whose judgment on wild life he would take so long as the commissioner remained in office.

And, in the meantime the geese continue to fly back and forth at will, always flying high enough so that the greedy hunter's gun cannot touch them.

The Automatic Pick Pocket

BEND'S Elks lodge has been refused permission to establish a slot machine in its club even though the profits go to the lodge. In making that decision Attorney General Van Winkle read the law "as it is writ," and he could have gone further and ordered everyone having slot machines operating in the state to get rid of them at once.

The slot machine is a mechanically operated automatic pick pocket and there is no other way to figure it. It is made with the huge percentage in favor of the machine. No one can beat a slot machine, but the human desire to spin it causes thousands of dollars to go into the slot machines every year.

If a gunman stood you up and robbed you, appeal would be made for protection, but some people willingly step up to a slot machine and permit it to do the robbing. The gunman is a credit to the slot machine.

Five Weeks More

SOMEHOW the boys all started their campaigns a little early this year. Five weeks remain before the people vote on issues and candidates. Five weeks is a good, long campaign but candidates have been beating the brush for several weeks already. A short campaign these days is preferable. Times have changed since the old political spellbinder's visit to the community was welcomed and looked forward to. In those days he was presumed to utter words of wisdom that would guide the public thought. Today a campaign is a hectic affair in which attacks and counter attacks follow each other. For that reason the campaigns of the present should be short. Candidates wear themselves out. They run out of talk and have to repeat, all of which detracts from the interest in the show.

Enthusiasm

WE are in the throes of a World's Series baseball exhibition—and what enthusiasm.

Not only in the larger cities do people go wild over baseball, but in every remote corner of the country baseball news is always hot and well received.

It is a tribute to the national game to know that age does not destroy its fine features. From childhood to old age the baseball fan is happy during the season. He gets that kick out of the series that is a tonic to him.

Klamath Falls and vicinity are getting the play by play through the newspapers—the same service that every city regardless of size receives.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

Richness of Life

Basil Binyon in Great Thoughts, London, England: It is not that there are not great things, but that we do not know how to possess them. Life is full of the most exquisite music, but our ears are heavy; there are gorgeous pageants but our eyes are blind.

There is a great commandment in an ancient and holy book, which most of us have a perfect genius in disregarding. "Thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee." Few of us know the fullness of that gladness. Rapturous delights invade us, but we give no answer. Brimming cups of joy are pressed to our lips, but we do not drink. We grope in narrow and sullen gorges, when we should tread the summits, rejoicing in the sunlight of the wide vision.

Is not that a strange fatality? We lose today's sunshine in the

and are forever lifting it to higher heights of beauty and brightness, let it be to cast away our despair and pessimisms, to array ourselves on the side of those who look for beauty and find it; and who lose the sense of themselves in the superlative joy which is born of sacrifice, and which reaches its fruition in giving itself away in rare service for the good of others.

Game for the Rich

Oliver McKee in the Outlook and Independent: Campaign expenses have soared skyward at the same time that the American people, through the direct primary, are supposed to be exercising a more effective control over their elected representatives. The direct primary has thus failed to accomplish one of its major purposes. It costs now so much to run for public office that only a few can make the race. Democracy has narrowed, not broadened, its base.

In 1926 in Japan each candidate received the right to send one free letter to each voter in his district. To send out one letter to each one of the 3,000,000 voters in Illinois would cost approximately \$112,000, including the cost of stationery and printing, as well as the postage. This serves to illustrate in a practical way the magnitude of the job which confronts a candidate for the senate from one of the larger states.

It is the system, rather than the candidate, that is at fault. The primary has really placed two elections where one existed before. To run a senatorial campaign may require an effort comparable to that put forward by a big commercial company in a national sales campaign. A candidate may cost as much to advertise as a safety razor.

In Illinois the successful candidate printed among other things 10,000 German letterheads, 3,000 Jugoslav letters and many Greek sample ballots. The foreign vote is worth having, but to get it is expensive. Other items on the printing list included 1,000,000 windshield stickers, 100,000 eight page labor pamphlets, 1,000 balloons and 254,400 campaign cards.

The printing bill alone amounted to \$25,000, a senatorial salary for two and a half years. Postage, mailing and addressing, entertainments, the rental of ballrooms and meeting halls, dinners, etc., all swelled the total. Owners of one of the largest fortunes in America and with the backing of one of the most wealthy families, McCormick could afford to pay for this organization.

Westward, Ho.

Philadelphia Bulletin: Census bureau report that the center of population of the United States, according to the 1930 census, will be found to be near the village of Hymera in Sullivan county, of Indiana, is a reminder that the West is growing up.

Twenty years ago the center was located at Bloomington, Ind. Ten years later it moved beyond Whitehall, almost directly west, slightly tending to the north, a distance of less than ten miles.

Now it has moved westward, still maintaining its slight northward trend to Hymera, some thirty miles distant.

Southern California's big gain apparently contributed to the western pull, but it was not enough to counteract the consistent growth north of the median line.

An interesting census calculation of significance collateral to this northern pull is the statement of the Pennsylvania railroad that \$1,000,000 of the national population are resident in the belt served by that system, which is for the major part in the north of the three Indiana centers, and that thirty-three of the ninety-three cities of the 100,000 class with a count of nearly 25,000,000, are in its territory. All cities on the Pennsylvania system, in their aggregate of population by the 1920 census, were shown to have made a growth of nearly 20 per cent.

Eloquence in Art

Los Angeles Times: A prominent architect declares that men, women and horses are still the most eloquent form of expression in art—just as they were 3,000 years ago. Take a look at the front page of the current magazine and it seems that the lady still has a little the best of it. The horse is still popular in paintings and in statuary. We have never yet seen a marble memorial of a great general riding in a Ford.

Explosion Kills 14

WALSALL, Staffs, England, Oct. 2. (AP)—Fourteen persons were killed last night in an explosion in the Grove colliery at Brown Hills, near here. The explosion occurred deep in the pit, and government mine inspectors who descended with colliery officials found the workings full of carbon monoxide gas. About 1000 men were employed in the mines.

Weak Nerves

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EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

As a result of a fight on Main street last night between William Hall, a member of the Klamath Falls police force, and R. Vance Hutchins, a reporter for the Northwestern, Sam Evans, sole owner editor, managing editor and business manager of the morning paper, this morning asked for warrants for the arrest of Hall, Chief of Police Smith, Mayor Nicholas, and two other members of the local police force.

Mr. Evans stated at the time of asking for warrants that he was in communication with Governor West, and would soon place Klamath Falls under martial law. In the meantime, the militia of Oregon in this city, Capt. C. J. Ferguson, is planning to go on a hunting trip.

Willie Jones, the 13-year-old boy alleged to have been kidnapped by his father Tuesday morning, is again attending the Worden schools.

Hunting deer by automobile is becoming quite successful among the sportsmen of Klamath Falls. George Blohm and Earl Sharp returned last evening from Silvers camp near Rogue river, where they had been on a hunting trip in the former's Ford car. They brought in four deer, two of which were 6-point bucks of extra large size. The one killed by Sharp weighed 200 pounds.

Another large tract of timber on the Klamath Reservation will be sold to the highest bidder November 20th. Notice of the sale is being advertised.

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

"Everywhere I travel I meet with tremendous dissatisfaction with marriage, and every country seems equally clumsy in handling the situation."—Fannie Hurst.

"Prohibition has been the greatest economic and moral benefit that the nation could have had to run parallel with its tremendous post-war business and numerical expansion."—Senator Morris Sheppard.

"The idea did not originate with me. The bill was drawn by and came from the Department of Justice."—Senator Wesley L. Jones, "author" of the five-and-ten liquor law.

"Good taste is better than bad taste, but bad taste is better than no taste."—Arnold Bennett.

Freshmen Reception Set for Friday Eve

Invitations have been sent to the parents of the students in the Klamath Union high school to attend the freshman reception, an annual event, which will be held at 8 o'clock Friday evening in the high school building.

The social committee, of which Delphine Graham is chairman, and Mrs. Alice Doll, faculty advisor, have outlined a program which includes a one-act play, musical skits, first appearance of the new K. U. H. S. band in uniform, and other entertainment. Luncheon will be served in the cafeteria at the close of the program.

At each year's reception a larger crowd attends and a record attendance is planned for this year.

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Daily CAPITOL News Letter

School Books. State Commission. Law Disregarded. Purpose of Law.

By JAMES F. ROWE
United Press Staff Correspondent
SALEM, Ore., Oct. 2. (UP)—Although Oregon has a textbook commission of four to recommend books for use in elementary and high schools, many local school officials prefer to make their own selections of some texts, it was learned here today.

THE OREGON school law requires the "use in public schools of such books as shall be adopted by the state textbook commission," leaving principals of districts of the first class the sole right to choose additional texts to those "already authorized" by the state.

Law Disregarded
THOSE WHO sponsored the law did so with a view to saving unnecessary expenditure of funds for texts should a family move from one district to another. A standardized course of study also would save children from handicaps in case a change of residence was made, it was held.

PROOF THAT principals are not regarding the authorized state school list in the choice of books for study was found in comparative book lists of the Salem elementary and high schools and those of the state textbook commission. In nearly every grade some deviation in the books

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