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BILLBOARD

By BILL JENKINS
I notice in the paper yesterday that Portland's mayor Fred Peterson is trying to get another elephant for the zoo up there. A companion for Rosy, the little elephant that they just acquired.

Fred's scheme is to have the school children write Prime Minister Nehru of India and ask him for one.

In return he suggests that Oregon send Nehru a typical Pacific Northwest bird or animal.

The only typical animal I can think of at the moment that would equal the gift on an elephant, pound for pound, would be a full grown grizzly. And I doubt if we'll find many volunteers to go out and bring one back alive.

In view of the fact that he has asked for suggestions, however, we might toss in a few from this end of the state.

How about a native Klamath Basin jackrabbit? Or, since we seem to be having a little trouble convincing the Indian people that Communism isn't the best thing in the world, why not work on the native animals there and send them an old fashioned prospectus? Maybe he could teach the native donkeys we see in National Geographic, loaded down with

huge bundles of wood and other gear, that there is a way to get around this. There isn't anything much smarter than a burro.

Or, since England seems to have given them a fine reception, how about a crate of pelicans?

Or perhaps it would be best for Portland to contact any one of a half a dozen good animal importing concerns and just buy an elephant for their zoo.

According to the AP Oregon has lost another prospective resident. Seems that a fellow named Jack Rodgers had sold out his Indiana cafe and was on his way to Oregon to start over. He stopped to wash a stalled car in the state of Oklahoma and was handed a booster lecture by the car owner, Dave Kerr, on the beauties of Oklahoma. In the end he up and bought himself a restaurant in Oklahoma City and stayed there.

Our loss, Oklahoma's gain. But, at that, I guess there are enough restaurants in Oregon already and we don't need to worry too much.

In fact, Oregon is getting too many people already. Pretty soon we'll all be migrating east to find a spot where we can get out in the hills without bumping into a town every four hundred yards.

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

In yesterday's column John Muir's views on the old hunter's tale of the ability of mountain sheep to plunge headlong down the faces of sheer precipices and land on their big horns was discussed, an exhibition, he states he never was so fortunate to observe. Muir, however, points out the impossibility of such a method of progression and finally remarks: "Moreover, the ewes follow wherever the rams may lead, although their horns are mere spikes." The old and battered horns often found and pointed to as evidence of the result of this method of landing on the head, Muir states are doubtless a result of fighting.

Muir, however, was much interested in the story because mountain sheep do travel over difficult terrain with the greatest of ease and remarks: "I was particularly interested in the question, after witnessing the performance of this San Joaquin band upon the glacially-eroded rocks at the foot of the falls; and as soon as I procured specimens and examined their feet, all the mystery disappeared. The secret, considered in connection with exceptionally strong muscles, is simply this: the wide posterior portion of the bottom of the foot, instead of wearing down and becoming flat and hard, like the feet of tame sheep and horses, bulges out in a soft, rubber-like pad or cushion, which not only grips and holds well on smooth rocks, but fits into small cavities, and down upon or against slight protuberances. Even the hardest portions of the edge of the hoof are comparatively soft and elastic; furthermore, the toes admit of an extraordinary amount of both lateral and vertical movement, allowing the foot to accommodate itself still more perfectly to the irregularities of rock surfaces, while at the same time increasing the gripping power.

"At the base of Sheep Rock, just north of Mount Shasta, one of the winter strongholds of the Shasta flocks, there lives a stock-raiser (1874) who has the advantage of observing the movements of wild sheep in winter; and in the course of a conversation with him on the subject of their diving habits, he pointed to the front of a lava headland about 150 feet high, which is only eight to ten degrees out of the perpendicular. There, said he, I followed a band of them fellows to the back of that rock yonder, and expected to capture them all, for I thought I had a dead thing on them. I got behind them on a narrow bench that runs along the face of the wall near the top and comes to an end where they couldn't get away without falling and being killed; but they jumped off, and landed all right, as if it were the regular thing with them.

"What!" said I, "jumped 150 feet perpendicular! Did you see them do it?"

"No," he replied, "I didn't see them going down, for I was behind them; but I saw them go over the brink, and then I went below and found their tracks where they struck on the loose rubbish at the bottom. They just sailed right off, and landed on their feet right side up. That is the kind of an animal they is — beats anything else that goes on four legs."

"On another occasion, a flock that was pursued by hunters retreated to another portion of this same cliff where it is still higher, and, on being followed, they were seen jumping down in perfect order, one behind the other, by two men who happened to be chopping where they had a fair view of them and could watch their progress from top to bottom of the precipice. Both ewes and rams made the frightful descent without evincing any extraordinary concern, hugging the rock closely, and controlling the velocity of their half falling, half leaping movements by striking at short intervals and holding back with their cushioned, rubber feet upon small ledges and roughened inclines until near the bottom, when they 'sailed off' into the free air and alighted on their feet in so nearly a vertical position that they appeared to be diving.

"It appears, therefore, that the methods of this wild mountaineering become clearly comprehensible as soon as we make ourselves acquainted with the rocks, and the kind of feet and muscles brought to bear upon them."

There is not a sportsman or naturalist who has sought the mountain sheep in its native habitat who does not return from the search without some story of amazement

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Republican Wins Illinois Primary; Voting Very Light

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

CHICAGO (AP)—Joseph T. Meek, who calls himself a "no-label, unhyphenated Republican," romped off with the Illinois GOP senatorial nomination early today in the nation's first primary of 1954.

The 50-year-old head of an organization of 60,000 Illinois merchants, Meek has said he would support most but not necessarily all of President Eisenhower's policies. But he says, too, he is neither "a Taft-Republican nor an Eisenhower-Republican."

Yesterday's balloting produced no surprises, no upsets, no real tests on national issues, and probably the lightest vote of any Illinois primary in at least 10 years.

All 25 Illinois House members were renominated, including four committee chairmen who overpowered varying degrees of competition.

In next November's Senate race, it will be Meek, a man who never has run for public office, before, against Paul H. Douglas, a first-term Democrat.

Douglas had no opponent in the Democratic primary.

Meek easily outdistanced Edward A. Hayes and left seven others in a nine-man field strung out back in the dust. Hayes is a former national commander of the American Legion.

Robert B. Chipperfield, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, finally beat back the challenge of Atty. Lawrence Stickell and took the Republican Congressional nomination in a district he has represented 16 years.

Harold H. Velde, chairman of the Un-American Affairs Committee, had an easier time of it with Robert Allison, a state representative for 20 years.

Chairman Leo Allen of the Rules Committee pushed past three opponents with no trouble, and Chairman Chauncey Reed of the Judiciary Committee took a pair of

contestants into camp. All four chairmen were expected to win. And their victories probably will result in Republican claims that they offer an endorsement of the administration program and the way it is being handled in Congress.

While the senatorial and congressional scraps commanded a measure of national interest, Illinois voters were more concerned with local races and issues. The vote in Chicago was the lowest in some 20 years.

Low vote and all, this was one primary that went off strictly according to the dope in the form sheets.

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From then on, it was Meek all the way, building up a steadily increasing lead. In the end, he even passed Hayes in Chicago and Cook County and headed for a victory margin of around 100,000 votes.

Even so, Hayes refused to admit defeat.

"I will not concede," he said, "until the final count."

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Meek 237,852, Hayes 150,310, Wyman 85,768, and Livingston 60,918.

For the state as a whole, it looked as if the final figure for the primary would be little more than 1,400,000—roughly the total in 1944. In the 1950 off-year primary, the turnout was 1,789,787. In the presidential primary two years ago it was 2,292,347. Illinois has around five million registered voters.

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in every effort to forward basic principles of the Republican party as in the party platform."

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Grand Jury Re-indicts Bodinet

Three persons were indicted by the grand jury Tuesday afternoon before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg. The time for arraignment of these three cases has been set by Judge Vandenberg for Thursday, April 15, at 10 a.m.

Topping those indicted was Raymond J. Bodinet, 31 year old Portland stonemason, accused of assault and robbery, being armed with a dangerous weapon. Bodinet is accused of complicity in the robbery of Myrtle's parlor house on January 8. Another Portland man was killed in the alleged holdup.

Bodinet was previously indicted by the grand jury on March 13, but his case was ordered resubmitted to the grand jury by Judge Vandenberg on March 20 after District Attorney Frank Alderson admitted the first indictment was faulty and that mistakes had been made in the wording of the document. Bodinet has been held in the county jail since his arrest in lieu of \$15,000 bond. Others indicted were:

Philip Duane Jackson, accused of burglary not in a dwelling. Jackson is accused of complicity in the theft of four cases of wine from the Chilquin City Liquor Store on March 21. In lieu of \$2,000 bond Jackson has been held in the Klamath County Jail.

Alfred Junior Carter, charged with slaying Cruz Unzueta on Christmas Eve, 1953, was re-indicted by the jury. He had also been previously indicted at the earlier session of the grand jury and his case was ordered resubmitted to the grand jury by Judge Vandenberg on March 23. The resubmission was ordered because the original indictment was declared faulty. Carter has been held in the County Jail since his arrest.

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QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds



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