

Illinois Pyramids Linked to Aztecs

Evidence of Mayan Influence Also Is Found.

Chicago.—Illinois has its own pyramids which, while they do not reveal the wealth of buried cities such as found in the Near East excavations, still show with scientific accuracy the cultural evolution of the prehistoric people who dwelt in these valleys long ago.

A report of the summer's work by an expedition of the department of anthropology of the University of Chicago to the mounds on the Ohio river was made by Prof. Fay-Cooper Cole, head of the department, and his research assistant, Thorne Duell, who was in charge of the group of fifteen. The site is eight miles from Paducah on the Illinois side of the river.

As this site is near the meeting place of five rivers and therefore a natural trading place for prehistoric as well as for historic groups, Doctor Cole expected to find evidence of a mingling of cultures there, and he has not been disappointed.

The intimate connection between Arkansas, Ohio and Illinois groups is shown, adding to the material for the survey which is being made of ancient cultures of the entire Mississippi valley region. This whole is a gradual story of the influence of mid-American cultures spreading northward, according to Professor Cole.

Outgrowth of Contacts.

It was not necessarily an invasion, or a migration of the Aztec and Mayan people, but the slow outgrowth of contacts by hunting, trade or wars.

"It is almost a certainty," said Doctor Cole, "that the ideas put into execution by these people of the Illinois mounds spread from middle America. Before the discovery of America, the Central and South American plateaus were centers of high culture."

The American age that is being uncovered in these mounds might be compared with the Neolithic in Europe. The last occupation was close to the Spanish invasion. The first occupation may have been a thousand years earlier.

Two Different Cultures.

There are two other pyramid-like mounds and a number of low hillocks. In one village site four houses were uncovered, one superimposed on the other.

"We find here two occupations and two different cultures," said

Doctor Cole. "The top group is the lower Mississippi group and the lower is the older Woodland group. There is an old turf line 10 feet under the surface which separates the two groups."

"The pyramids, or mounds, were the center of aboriginal life. The house mound shows how the earth was dumped there in bag loads to build it. These mounds were not for burial, as in the Woodland groups, but served as structures for buildings. Below the old turf line is the water-borne material of the Woodland culture."

"Some Woodland phases are two thousand years old."

The University of Chicago has been at work on this program for ten years.

Coins Show Tax Evasion Is an Ancient Custom

Evreux, France.—That tax evasion is not a modern invention has been demonstrated by the discovery near here of a Gallo-Roman treasure.

Savants state the gold rings, bracelets, pearls and Celtic coins were hidden away 1,800 years ago to avoid confiscation by fiscal authorities.

This particular taxpayer fooled the Roman government, but lost out in the end. For the French government has annexed the treasure.

Farm Value Falls Off 31% in Five Years

Sharp Decline Is Shown in Census Returns.

Washington.—A 31 per cent drop in the value of American farms since 1930, despite the fact that they have grown both in number and acreage, was disclosed by the agricultural census.

The sales of figures gathered in the count of farms already has shown that there were half a million more farms than in 1930 and 68,400,000 more acres in cultivation.

The statistics revealed, however,

This Little Canary Had a Lot of "It"

Antigo, Wis.—Mrs. Muttart saw it, too, so it's probably so. Going to the kitchen to make sure the canary had been given his water, Hugh Muttart found a mouse running around in the bottom of the cage.

He set traps for it, in the bird cage. Before he went to bed, he dropped around by way of the kitchen again, to see if the mouse was caught. He found it on the perch beside the canary, neither of them a bit concerned over the traps below.

Loyal Wives Aid Thief; He Faces Bigamy Charge

Camden, N. J.—Charles Brown, arrested on a charge of stealing \$75 from his employer, now is in jail as a bigamist because of the loyalty of his wives.

Shortly after Brown, twenty-six, a one-legged gasoline station attendant, was arrested, two women—both claiming to be his wife—appeared to plead for leniency as "Charlie isn't so bad."

Wife No. 1—Mary B. McCormick, twenty-one—said she married Brown in August, 1932, and was the mother of his child. She left him some time ago.

Wife No. 2—Laura Payton, nineteen—said she married Brown last June.

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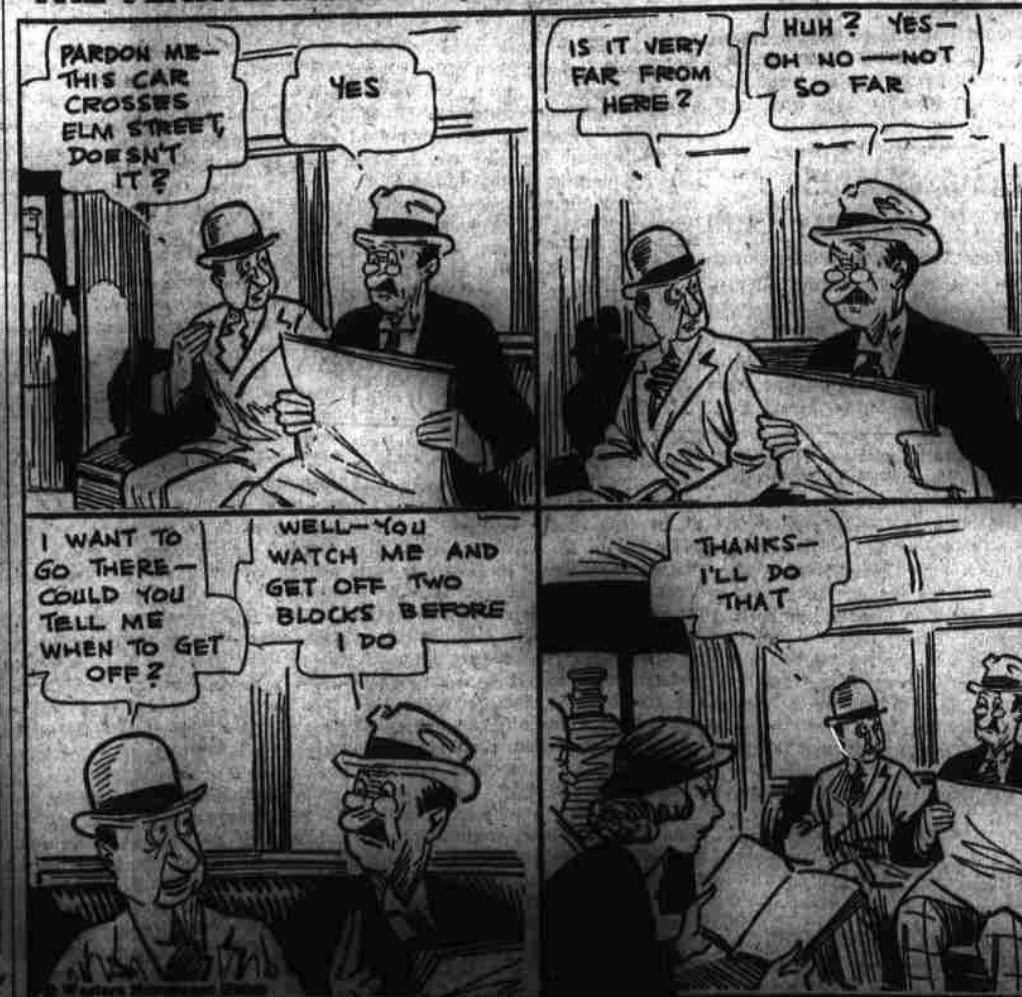
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All Stolen
Composer—My tunes are the children of my brain.
Pianist—Yes, by adoption.—Stray Stories Magazine.

Taking the Count
Disgruntled Second—Why don't you use your feet a bit more?
Boxer—The referee's too funny.

Room for Others
"Sometimes I don't speak for hours at a time."
"Thanks for those kind words."



Farmers Hear President at Fremont



Thirty-five thousand farmers gathered at Fremont, Neb., to hear President Roosevelt speak from the rear platform of his car as he was journeying to the west coast. He was given an enthusiastic welcome.