

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

News of Astronomy Japan Underestimates Air, Water, Power Paradise for Killing

Astronomy marches on. Recent discoveries include 1,700 new variable stars, used as "yardsticks" to measure the depths of space, also a new twin star, a double sun, of which there are many in the heavens, as there are many double protons and nuclei inside of some atoms. The double sun has an eclipse lasting thirty days. Professor Shapley of Cleveland tells all about it.

Some of these "yardsticks" of space have a light fifteen times as great as that of our sun. Try to imagine that. Other suns are one million times as big as our sun, which is a million times as big as the earth.

Japan and England are friendly. Japan will not demand naval equality with England, only with the United States. Japan suggests a 5-4-4 ratio, five for England, four for the United States, four for Japan.

In 1776 our Japanese friends were locked up in their own islands, no American having gone to dig them out and introduce them to the West.

Had they been around this neighborhood in that year they would now compare, differently, the United States and Britain.

Also, if they knew Franklin D. Roosevelt, they would know that he will build, on behalf of the United States, whatever he thinks the United States needs, asking no permission from England or Japan.

President Roosevelt's words, praising workers in the Tennessee valley for their efficiency, made one of the most important speeches that he, or any President or ruler of a country, ever made.

He promises cheap power. Not all the plans to drive away depression could do one-tenth as much as really cheap power for all.

Nature gave man free air and free water; not much else is free. If science and wise government can add to free air and free water power unlimited, as nearly free as possible, that will mean another step toward the desired millennium.

Cheap power for farms, factories and homes, cheap power giving the light necessary for study, power that means conquest of nature and her hardships, will free men from slavery.

It is planned, Washington says, to convert millions of acres of unproductive land, worthless for farming, into a "hunter's paradise."

On the millions of acres wild animals will be encouraged to raise their families, that noble white men may have the pleasure of shooting them.

Civilization does progress, but slowly, when the richest and an allegedly highly intellectual race plans an earthly paradise for killing, imitating the red Indians' heavenly hunting ground.

What should we think of our alleged cousins, the gorillas, if they set aside a million acres of land in Africa for the purpose of breeding and killing human Africans?

Wise ones tell President Roosevelt: "You can't expect prosperity until you balance the budget."

What is the magic in balancing the budget? What is balancing the budget? Do individuals always balance their budgets in times of emergency?

If a capitalist is building a gigantic hotel, to cost millions, does he balance his budget that year or next, or does he borrow, build, pay back when returns come?

Must the government, trying to build prosperity, at a cost of billions, spend no more than it takes in?

Isn't it enough to avoid spending what you can't pay ultimately? What is the great magic in budget balancing?

France considers modification of her method of fixing the price of wheat. This country endeavors to increase wheat prices, and the farmers' income, by paying farmers not to plant so much. Make wheat scarcer, thus make it dearer. The French apparently, have some other plan, which included encouraging the farmer to plant, all he could, France being sometimes a wheat-importing country.

In London, Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, tells the house of commons that British troops will not be used to help the French maintain order in the Saar, soon to decide whether it wants to be German or French.

The British will want their dear continental friends to be as happy as possible, but in this decision about the Saar they say to France: "If you get into a fight with Germany you may have that fight all to yourself, with our best wishes for both sides thrown in." War is painful, expensive, and Uncle Sam has had a ten-billion-dollar lesson and is not lending.

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Natives of Samoa Island Can All Read and Write

American Samoa consists of the islands of Tutuila, Annuu, Ofu, Olosega, Tau, Swain's Island (which was made part of American Samoa on May 11, 1925), and the uninhabited coral atoll of Rose Island. These islands, notes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, became possessions of the United States by virtue of the tripartite treaty with Great Britain and Germany in November, 1899. The census of 1930 gave American Samoa a population of 10,055.

The islands are located about 4,200 miles southwest of San Francisco, and about 2,000 miles east of Australia. The natives can all read and write.

The history of American Samoa commenced in the year 1872, when the harbor on Pago Pago (Island of Tutuila) was ceded to the United States by the native king for a naval and coaling station. This is the most valuable harbor in the South Pacific and possibly in the entire Pacific ocean. All of the land on the island is privately owned.

Muskellunge

Wisconsin has been long and favorably known for its muskellunge fishing, having acquired a reputation for this sport far in the lead of any other state. And so when Wisconsin tells you that there is only one way to spell the name of this big game fish it ought to be accepted by the fishing public as being final. The state conservation commission, after considerable research, has decided that the old Chippewa or Ojibwa name for this fish, masklonje, can be spelled in English in only one way, "Muskellunge," and from now on muskalunge, masklonje, muskelonge, masklonje, mascalunge, masconge and maskanong are out. It is O. K. if you want to abbreviate to "Muskie" but otherwise stick to Muskellunge.

Patchwork Quilts

Patchwork is older than history, originating doubtless through primitive economic need of utilizing scraps of cloth. It was one of the first decorative arts practiced by such ancient civilizations as the Egyptian and Chinese. In Europe it was flourishing at the time of the Crusades when applique was employed in the making of battle banners and draperies. In America the handicraft arrived with the earliest settlers, being a direct heritage from England.

Says WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS.—Well all I know is just what I read in the papers. Been buckling down pretty



hard at the old Studio after prowling around all over for so long. I had to make a lot of faces at the old Camera. Movie business feels pretty good now. They had a couple of scares here lately. They are the darndest people to get up

a scare. Here you remember not long ago they were all so excited over the fact the Churches were going to make em clean up. Well you would have thought that they had been told there wasent going to be any more film made, that they had ran out of the stuff they made it out of. Well they lived through it, and are just doing fine, and its all forgotten about. But they sure did take it serious for awhile. Then right about the time they could go to bed without looking under it, along come the scare of Sinclair being elected. Well they was off again. The business was to be ruined, they was going to have to move to Florida, or Claremore, or some other place. Well in the first place the Yellow wasent going to be elected, and the next place he maby didnt intend to ruin the business, and in the third place he couldnt have done all these things if he had wanted to. You have to have a Legislature with you. Huey Long is the only one that can do things with no advice, help, or visible aid from anybody but Huey.

But now we are over all the scares, and everybody is working hard, and are happy. California says they are in for quite a little better times.

This Election changed a lot of folks' idea on things. They have kinder become reconciled to the fact that the folks are not so excited about this great debt that is being piled up as they thought they were. Course there is lots of em that think we are just so far in debt that there will never be any head above water again, but the most of em seem to think that its not so terrible. This thing of worrying about what our grand children are going to have to pay, well most folks say, "Well our children seem to think they are smarter than we are, so if they are the chances are that their children will be smarter than they are, so if they are that smart why maby they can think of some substitute for money that they can pay off their national debt with, and they will wonder why we didnt have a bigger one. Maby we wont print the money, but they will, so what difference does it make to us?"

Why I had the most surprising thing the other day I was reading that in Iowa during the Election they had voted an old age pension, and in order to pay it all the taxpayers had to go was to pay two dollars a year, everybody who is of age. Now can you imagine that? Every old person in the state gets a pension, if everybody else will pay only two dollars a piece.

Why there is dozens of great humanitarian things that could be done at a very little cost, if the tax was properly applied. Its the waste in Government that gets everybody's goat. I see now Borah is after em on a lot of that. Now I dont know how you all feel about Bill Borah, but I think he is just about one of our biggest men. He is a great fellow is Bill Borah, and he can put the finger right on many a festering place. And I think you will see an investigation and they will cut out a lot of that.

Course the way we do things, always have done things, and always will do things, there just has to be so much graft.

We wouldnt feel good if there wasent. We just have to get used to charging so much off to graft just like you have to get used to charging so much off for insurance, or taxes, or depreciation. Its a part of our national existence that we just have become accustomed to.

It will be very interesting to see just what the new Congress does do, or rather it will be very interesting to see what it is he has thought up for them to do, for I guess no bunch of men ever come to a Congressional Mess Hall with any less idea of what they was going to order to eat. They are all just coming and saying, "Well I had no idea I would be allowed to order myself. I just figured I come and sit down, and I eat what they bring me. Why I didnt know I would be asked to order."

But I expect thats the best way after all. You can look at half the guys stomachs in the world, and you can see they dont know how to order for themselves.

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All Eyes Same Size

Contrary to general opinion, says a specialist, there is no small eye or large eye. All eyes are approximately of the same size. The reason for the apparent difference depends upon the orifice or aperture through which the eyes are seen. It is the variable diameter of this opening that creates the erroneous impression of different sizes of eyes.

Rats Costly Pests

A few years ago the biological survey made an estimate that rats destroy annually \$200,000,000 worth of crops and stored products in the United States. This amount does not take into account the large amount expended in an effort to combat them. Rats affect a larger percentage of the population than any other pest in existence.

Lightest Birds That Fly

The birds with great powers of flight, such as the sea-gull, are the lightest birds to fly. The common gull weighs only a quarter of a pound. Its bones are hollow and filled with air. Even a great bird such as the golden eagle weighs only eight to ten pounds, yet it is able to lift and fly off with a hare as heavy as itself.

Paint for Battleship

A battleship requires for a complete painting of its exterior hull, 250 gallons of anti-corrosive paint and 175 gallons of light gray paint. The anti-corrosive and anti-fouling paints are used on the bottom and the gray paint on the ship's sides.

Cap Rock

The bureau of mines says that cap rock is an impervious stratum which overlies an oil or gas deposit. The cap rock prevents the gas and light fractions of oil from seeping through the surface and escaping.

True or False Views

Every one is continually, by every action and thought, building up within him a true or false view of his own nature and of the world, a view which puts him into a right or wrong attitude to himself and to his fellow men.

Made Cremona Famous

Andrea Amati founded violin making in Cremona. His two sons, Antonio and Geronimo his grandson, Nicolo, and his many pupils, chief of whom was Antonio Stradivari, made the village of Cremona famous.

Banks Fishing Gets Its

Name From Ocean Bottom

Banks fishing gets its name from the banks or hilly portions of the ocean bottom, found between the shore and the deep waters of the Atlantic. The main banks range from the Grand Banks, off Newfoundland to the George's Banks, off Nova Scotia. Deep sea vessels are very sturdily built. Most of them are driven by sails, supplemented by auxiliary power, but some of them are steam driven, having a relatively large displacement of 250 to 300 tons gross.

The fish taken in banks fisheries, says the Montreal Herald, are mainly cod, haddock, hake and pollock, and are caught for the dried fish trade. The long line method is chiefly used. Ten or more dories are usually carried by each boat and these are put to sea with two fishermen in each boat. The long line or trawl has attached to it, at intervals of about six feet, a succession of short lines, each carrying a hook. One of the dory fishermen baits the hooks and pays out the line as the other rows. Sometimes the line reaches a mile or more in length. It is buoyed and anchored at both ends and is allowed to stay in the water for half an hour or so, then hauled in. The dory goes back to the vessel, unloads the fish and repeats the process. These "bankers" sometimes remain in the fishing grounds as long as two months, until a full cargo has been obtained, before returning to the home port.

The Name "Dolphin"

The name "dolphin" is a misnomer, and properly belongs to the group of cetaceans known as porpoises, which are not fish. The "dolphin" is built for speed. The body is elongated and compressed and the head elevated. The dorsal fin has no spine, and extends practically the entire length of the body. It inhabits the high seas of warm climates and is an excellent food fish.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

Most Beautiful Cemetery

Santiago, Chile, claims only one superlative for itself; possession of the most beautiful cemetery in the world. It is truly a city of the dead. Beyond the entrance are stately chapels and streets laid out at right angles. Some of the avenues, says the Detroit News, are lined with statues and columns. All are shaded by flowering magnolias, rosewoods and orange trees.

An Early Passion Play

A Passion Play was performed in Lucerne as early as 1470 in the Weinmarkt square. Clergymen and town councilors played the chief roles.

Animal Life in Cold Waters

More plant and animal life per square mile is found in the cold waters of the temperate and frigid zones than in the ocean waters of the tropics.

Oldest Painting of Virgin

The oldest painting of the Virgin and Child in existence, done about 150 A. D., is on a wall in the famous Priscilla catacombs in Rome.

Murder and Business

According to statistics successful murder in America offers less chance of failure than the majority of businesses.

Water Easily Wasted

Water leaking from a faucet in a stream the size of a common pin wastes 160 gallons a day, it is estimated.

Fish Become Transparent

Fish near the surface of tropic seas are predominantly blue but become transparent at greater depths.

Ash From Burned Paper

A good grade of paper when burned, leaves 2 per cent of ash.