

SPEED JACKRABBIT'S MIDDLE NAME, SAYS A COMMUNICATION

A Kansan, indignant over a recent story in the New York Tribune which insinuated that a Kansas jackrabbit could run only 40 miles an hour, clipped a paragraph of the story and fired it back to the Tribune along with certain remarks of his own. The paragraph of the Tribune story follows:

"Out in Kansas a crazy jackrabbit started up beside a passenger train making 40 miles an hour. The passengers crowded the platforms and the windows and whooped it up for the jack. The jack went completely insane and raced the train for miles, never losing an inch or a jump. As the train and the jack flashed past the last milepost neck and neck the jack curled up in the air in the middle of a jump and lightly squatted on his haunches and rubbed one of his forefeet over his nose. The jackrabbit is speedy, all right, but he's plumb crazy!"

This is what the Kansan arose to say about the story:

"Shucks! That guy never did see that rabbit really run. He was just taking his morning or evening—which ever time of day the incident happened—constitutional. He was just out for a leisurely stroll, so to speak."

A Kansas jackrabbit never really begins to run until he lays back his ears and stretches himself out to about four times his usual length. Then how he does go, looking like a grey streak!"

Time Out For Luncheon

"That rabbit was just sorts loping along to keep ahead of a train going 40 miles an hour. He could have stopped at a neighboring alfalfa field, eaten a leisurely breakfast or dinner, and even lolled around a bit while he picked his teeth, and still caught up with and beaten that train."

"Kansas folk are not inclined to dispute the chap who wrote the piece about the jackrabbit being plumb crazy, but they do object to comparing the speed of Mr. Rabbit with any old passenger train going 40 miles an hour. That's poky—for a jackrabbit."

"Last year when Senator Capper was out campaigning over the state his big 12-cylinder car was hitting it up across the prairie at 50 miles an hour when a jack jumped up ahead of the car and took off down the road. John, the senator's driver, 'stepped on 'er,' but he never got within hailing distance of the rabbit, because when the car got to going above 70 miles an hour the senator leaned over and remarked:

"I wouldn't go any faster, John. We're making too much dust for the other cars following us and we might hit a calf or something."

The Rabbit Skins

"There are a lot of fellows with high-speed motor cars who have undertaken the little job of running down a jackrabbit. They have been successfully only when they got to crowding the rabbit too close and he dodged back and got caught under the wheels. Ordinarily the rabbit can make the dodge back and be a mile away and just loping along by the time the car is turned around. The rabbit is quite a dodger when it comes to getting away. He seems to skid his wheels and then put on a sort of sideslip. Motor car drivers have often actually run down coyotes and sometimes they are able to run down an antelope, but they seldom run down a jackrabbit. Motorcycle riders often try the same sport. It is quite exhilarating, but seldom produces results."

"Anyone traveling on the Kansas railroads will notice that there always is a nice smooth path right along the edge of the ties on the track. Any railroad man will tell you that the reason for that nice little smooth track is a speedway for the jackrabbits. Many engineers regularly race with the rabbits every morning or evening. The rabbits come up on the track and sit in the middle until the train is about 20 feet away. Then the rabbit gives one jump and lands, going fast, right in the path and the train and rabbit are off at an even start for a race. The rabbit may run out of wind and quit to take a rest, but he never lets that train get up even with him. Anyone with real sporting blood should ride the cowcatchers of the fast trains early in the morning or evening and see those races. Only the engineer and fireman and an occasional bus ever get to see the real sport."

The Careless Farmhand.

"A harvest hand was walking along the track one morning and stepped out to the side of the track to let a train

TITLED AMERICAN SUES FOR DIVORCE



Baroness Gertrude von Boeklin.

Baroness Gertrude von Boeklin, formerly Miss Berwind of Philadelphia, has filed suit in this country for absolute divorce from her titled German husband. The complaint declares that from 1903 to 1918 "constantly, on days too numerous to mention, the baron, by cruel and barbarous treatment, endangered her life and offered her such indignities that she was forced to leave his home."

go by. He saw a rabbit coming along and reached out, expecting to catch him. The man's arm was broken in seven or 11 places by the impact and he was knocked 30 feet out into the right of way. The engineer stopped and the train crew picked him up and took him to a hospital. The engineer cussed the poor harvest hand all the way in for interfering with his regular morning race.

"Jackrabbits may be plumb crazy but they are pretty blamed smart, too. They can be killed by shots from a high-powered rifle—that is, if the rabbit is sitting still. One of the favorite amusements of jackrabbits is to hike off ahead of the hunter and when he shoots the rabbit puts on a little more speed, so that when the bullet catches up with him the rabbit and bullet are going at about the same speed. Then the rabbit jumps into the air, catches the bullet in his teeth, turns a somersault or two and comes up smiling, just like a ballplayer who makes one of those shotput catches."

"Shoot at a jackrabbit with a shotgun loaded with buckshot, and if the hunter appears at least friendly the rabbit will catch eight or 10 of the bullets and bring them back to him, dropping them all in a little pile at the hunter's feet, and then hop off a few paces and wait for the hunter to load up again. Rabbits have been known to retrieve bullets 15 or 20 times and then go off to chase a railroad train or pop-top or a motor car."

"There are a good many airplane men around Kansas just now and they are thinking of doing some rabbit chasing with their machines. The airplane is about the only machine that could catch a rabbit, and if there was a real acrobat on the board the machine might swoop down and this man lean over the wings and pick up the rabbit. Of course he would have to be mighty quick with his hands, because the rabbit might skid his wheels a bit and dodge back under the machine and get away."

On receiving this letter the Tribune published the following acknowledgement:

"The Tribune is glad to make this correction in the interest of accuracy in vindication of the speed records of the Kansas jackrabbit. It admits that the writer of the item, its Kansas reader complains of was a New Yorker, whose knowledge of rabbit has been gleaned entirely from Mr. Burgess's 'Bedtime Stories.' The man who told the rabbit story really said the train was going 60 miles an hour, but our writer, fearful of exaggeration, clipped off 20 miles. He erred, of course, but his intentions were good."

COX CONTINUES TO ATTACK G. O. P. FUND

(By Associated Press)

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 4.—Governor Cox made his first speech at Kenosha, following that with a rear platform address at Racine. In this city five addresses were on the governor's schedule the last at 10 o'clock tonight, prior to his return to Chicago.

It was the first day of the Elks' annual state fair and the last day of the Wisconsin state fair. The governor's set speeches were at the state fair and at Plankington hall tonight. In his address here Governor Cox asked Republican Chairman Will Hayes concerning alleged quotas in the initial bulletins of the Republican treasurer, and concluded with this observation: "If you told the truth on the stand under oath, then Mr. Upham, (Republican national treasurer) in his official capacity, misrepresents you. This contradictory circumstance shows that you are either a perjuror or Mr. Upham a falsifier."

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A RELIC OF THE REVOLUTION: SHELL DUG UP AT WALTHAM

(From the Boston Post)

An old iron rusty shell weighing 200 pounds has been uncovered on Crescent street, Waltham, Mass., during excavation work on the estate of Levi Kendall, one of Waltham's oldest residents. The shell is believed to be a relic of Revolutionary days.

According to Frank Gallagher, in charge of the work on the Kendall property, the shell is the first one to have been found in Waltham since 1846.

Mr. Gallagher said that in that year a shell which had been dug up on the Weston road in Waltham exploded, killing two people. It is known as a matter of local history in Waltham, that in Revolutionary days a large munitions dump was located close to the place where the shell has just been found.

Old-time residents of Waltham say stories were told them of how the British learned that a large quantity of ammunition was stored in Waltham, and made a concentrated attack on the place, but were foiled by the quick wit of the Americans, who, realizing the objective of the enemy, dumped hundreds of the large shells into the Charles River.

TRY TO RELEASE MEN

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 4.—A detailed statement of the Mexican government's efforts to bring about the release of W. A. Gardiner, a United States citizen, and Bertie C. Johnson, a British subject, who were kidnapped two weeks ago by Pedro Zamora, the Jalisco bandit, has been forwarded to the United States embassy here by General P. Elias Calles, secretary of war. The secretary has returned from Gaudalajara, from which city he directed the pursuit of Zamora.

ACCEPTED RENT DEPOSITS, BUT HAD NOUGHT TO RENT

(By Associated Press)

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 4.—Police here today were on the lookout for a new kind of rent profiteer—the kind who accept deposits but has nothing to rent.

Scores of anxious would-be tenants complained to authorities that they had made deposits, ranging from \$10 to \$20 to a man who strutted around apartment buildings posing as the landlord.

MEXICAN STRIKERS RETURN

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 4.—Leaders of striking mill workers and tobacco factory employees met yesterday afternoon and decided to call off the strike which affected 3,000 or more workers in Mexico and the federal district, and ordered that men and women who walked out early in the week should return to work today.

CLOSE TO THRONE IN LUXEMBURG



Princess Charlotte and Prince Felix.

This couple is very close to the throne in the little grand duchy of Luxembourg. Prince Charlotte's sister is the reigning grand duchess. The princess was married during the war to Prince Felix de Bourbon de Parma brother of the then Empress of Austria. The marital affairs of Luxembourg's royal family were persistently influenced by the kaiser, before the latter's downfall, not always to the liking of everyone concerned. The above photo was taken last month.

Short News of City

Home Coming at Bethel—A general home coming of old Sunday school students of the Bethel A. M. E. church will be held Sunday, September 5. The following program has been announced from 3 p. m.: Music by school; invocation, the Rev. J. L. Craven; music by school; welcome address, Walter H. Dennis; reading; Sunday school orchestra; "The Songs at Home" conducted with the Songs "Abroad"; Burton Howard; "The Difference Between Greetings at Home and Abroad"; William Arnold; trio, composed of Mrs. Letta Fox, J. Richardson and Anna Brown; "My Home Sunday School"; Mrs. Wyndham Buckner, Chicago; "The Good Home Handshake"; Cecil Robinson; music by school; dedicatory address, Raymond Harris; music by the school orchestra; address by Thomas Foster; "The Bethel School of 50 Years Ago." Mr. Foster was one of the first superintendents of the Bethel church.

Sings at Grace—David Owen Jones, of Chicago, head of a Welsh concert company, will sing solo at the morning service at the Grace M. E. church Sunday morning.

Pediford—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Pediford, colored, 102 years old, who died at the home of Mrs. Sanders, 1322 North F street, Thursday, were conducted from the home, Saturday, at 2:30 p. m. Burial was in Earlham.

Auto Dealers' Meeting—The Wayne County Automobile Dealers' Association will meet Sept. 6 in the office of the Chenoweth Auto company, says an announcement Saturday.

Heubner to Speak—Robert A. Heubner, of New York, will speak at the corner of Sixth and Main streets at 7:30 p. m. Saturday on "The Missing Link of the Inter-Church World Movement." Mr. Heubner is giving talks on various subjects under the auspices of the American Bible Students' Association of New York. It is probable that he will also speak Monday night.

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week was given by Captain and Mrs. M. F. Tincher, in charge of the local post, Saturday. They follow: Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8 p. m., in the hall, 12 South Fifth street, and on the street; Saturday night on the street only; Sunday school at 2 p. m., each Sabbath meeting in the hall at 8 p. m.

Invited to Conference—Representatives of the local Red Cross have been invited to attend a conference at the Hotel Sinton, Cincinnati, Thursday, Sept. 9. There will be an evening meeting, with another meeting the following day. Home service secretaries of Indiana are asked to attend conferences of the Ohio Home Service secretary, and conclude with this observation: "If you told the truth on the stand under oath, then Mr. Upham, (Republican national treasurer) in his official capacity, misrepresents you. This contradictory circumstance shows that you are either a perjuror or Mr. Upham a falsifier."

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