

Aurora Sporealis



Wherein are recorded the recollections, the ruminations, and the raspitations of those who have drunk from the foaming fount of the Department of Plant Pathology of the University of Minnesota and who now spout forth in divers ways.

*Let the fount foam and never run dry
Let the spout squirt and never lose power.*

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Well, Old Timers, the Editor-in-Chief has delivered ultimatums and imprecations until Ye Ed. is cowed into compliance. And that is a doleful condition to get into. Add to the HUMILIATION due to repeated admonitions and reprimands the PHYSICAL, MENTAL, and spiritual torpidity resulting from travel fatigue and BLISTERING weather, and what is the sum? SOME JOB TO WRITE! But, Ye Ed. trembles for his job. So here goes, for better, or, probably, worse.

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Ye Ed. visits

THE BEAUTIFUL CAVERNS OF LURAY
Luray, Virginia

"In the Shenandoah Valley* Miles of subterranean splendor, brilliantly lighted by electricity--The Beautiful Caverns of Luray are described in Standard Books of Reference as the most beautiful in the world. They are by far the largest in Virginia. But other caves have merit and will reward a visit. * SEE America First. "No one has traveled wisely who has not seen the Beautiful Caverns of Luray".

Yea, verily, they are beautifully magnificent and magnificently beautiful, and are they Old Timers! Echo answers Echo and tells the pop-eyed visitor that Ma Nature took 7,000,000 years to form one stalactite. How long it took if a stalagmite came to meet a stalactite is a problem, and then WOULD A STALAGMITE STICK A STALACTITE? A trip to the caves for him or her who submits the 10 best solutions. The successful candidates pay for their own trip, just as successful Ph. D. candidates pay for demonstrations of their own erudition.

Thank Allah, that filled some space.
Now where do we go from here?

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CONCRETE EVIDENCE
South Dakota not yet consumed
by
Fire and Wind

"The Aurora Sporealis has been coming to me and I appreciate receiving it. However, I wonder if you would kindly ask that my address be changed to Madison, South Dakota, 803 North Josephine Ave. Remember me to the gang. Best wishes.

Very truly yours,

"GEORGE M. FRANSEN"

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HOW DRY WE ARE

Does any Old Timer remember when it was so hot in April and early May, in Minnesota, that plants were too lazy to grow? And does any one remember when the ground was so dry that water couldn't wet it? Well, we do! And a memory as long as an elephant's is not required. The time is the present; the place, Minnesota. The Doddering Tower no longer merely dodders; it squeaks, and grunts, and groans; it is parched for lack of water. The only moisture, inside or out, comes when some bright young man says somewhat that is all wet. This morning the clouds loomed large. So did the expectation of rain. Ye Ed giraffed his necklet from the window oot and counted seven droplets of rain. For 35 minutes he waited for the 8th, but got discouraged and quit. SO DID THE RAIN.

OLD TIMER FORBES
About to become a New Timer

I. L. Forbes, gentleman from Louisiana, where the principal crops are Cain and Cajans and Hooey Long, expects to arrive at the D. T. early in June and spend the summer in the cool and salubrious Minnesota climate working on his Ph. D. opus. He sends his regards to all the Towerites and the Ex Towerites.

DR. OLOF TEDIN
Breaks long silence

Following is an excerpt from a letter written by Dr. Tedin, one time dynamo in the D.T.

Sveriges Utsädesförening, Svalöf, April 17, 1934. "I am getting on fairly well, trying different things as usual. I am sure I have told about my leaving Weibulls in 1931 (Please note change of address, which is now: Svalöf, Sweden). At Svalöf I got hold of the seed treating department which deals especially with varietal purity of Svalöf seeds. I am still in charge of that job, but fortunately my assistants are so well trained, that I have only to look to the management, and make decisions in more difficile cases, and can spend time with other things. From January 1, 1933, I took over the potato breeding here at Svalöf, and I have got immersed in the work by now - which is indeed interesting from many points of view and may even lead to some pathological work being done. Just in these days I am making ready for planting - sowing of small grains is going for full at present here, we have an unusually early spring this year.

"Please give my very best greetings to all of the old bunch, and ask them, if they have forgotten Sweden, we haven't had a visitor now since Immer in 1931!

"Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

O. TEDIN

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FROM CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, ENGLAND

From Dr. Sydney Dickinson, who has now been at the University of Cambridge for a year, came such questions as the following:

1. How do we reconcile the American Administration's omniscience and omnipotence with the threats of strikes, gangster activities, and other black events?
2. What is to be the fate of the British budget, when the English pay 25% of their income in tax before the local taxers even get started?
3. What is the ideal existence?
4. Who wants the British fascists, and why?

Professor, you always did make us think,

Answers will be found in next Aurora - if some one will send them.

NATIONAL WU-HAN UNIVERSITY,
WUCHANG, HUPEH,
CHINA

GETS Dr. Chih Tu - temporarily at least

Dr. Chih Tu, gold medalist in his senior year at Minnesota, has leave of absence from Honan University for one semester to start cotton breeding work and pathological survey work at Wuchang. Where, oh where, is that atlas gone? Tu wishes to be remembered to all friends, wherever they may be.

VIELE GRÜSSE AN ALLE BEKANNTEN
von
Dr. K. Isenbeck, Halle-Saale

Dr. Isenbeck, in a recent letter, states that war is being waged against unemployment in Germany, that benedicts are more numerous than formerly, that it is expensive to be a bachelor, but that marriage - not mirage - seems to have the following result: "Man sagt, dass das Licht im Arbeitszimmer abends nicht mehr so lange brennt wie früher". Pardon the liberties taken with the quotation, Herr Dr. Isenbeck has many scientific ideas seething in his head. His letter is evidence

FROM A HALLE TO LEIPZIG
AND
LEIPZIG TO HALLE
DAILY COMMUTER

Dr. Kurt Hubert teils mit, to wit:

"I am working hard and have a rather trying time in traveling from Halle to Leipzig and back each day. But I enjoy my work at the seminary. In the meantime - from February 22 until March 22 - I was teaching in a so-called "Landwirtschaftsschule" = Agricultural School, in a very nice part of our country in the southern part of the mountain Harz. You can easily see from the picture the nice scenery of the little country town Wippra. During these four weeks I had a very good practical exercise in teaching. The conditions in Germany improve more and more..!"

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BOOK REVIEW

Frank J. Greaney, Ph. D. Studies in Cereal Diseases XI. The prevention of cereal rusts by the use of fungicidal dusts. Dom. Canada Dept. Agr, Bul, 171. 90 pp, 1934. Price ? .

One expects the best in a publication emanating from the Dominion Rust Lab. Although one does not always gets what he expects in this vale of dust and drought, the reader will find the best in DR. GREANEY'S thoroughgoing treatist on the value of sulphur dusting for the prevention of cereal rusts, including stem and leaf rusts of wheat, stem and crown rusts of oats, and some minor diseases of wheat. 107 references are listed: To borrow the words of Old Timer Freeman Weiss, "Noteworthy complete and skillfully organized, this bibliography will

