

# ASKING INFORMATION

## IN REGARD TO U. S. LAW REGARDING MIGRATORY BIRDS.

### GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Sportsmen of the state are flooding the offices of the game commission with requests for immediate information on the extent of the activity which the federal department of agriculture will indulge in as a result of the passage and approval of a bill giving that department control of a large part of wild game regulation.

That part which affects hunters of this state particularly sets out that all migratory birds, such as geese and ducks, shall be deemed within the custody of the federal department and their slaughter shall be regulated by the same power.

Suitable regulations for carrying out the intent of the law are yet to be prepared by the department. These are to be sent to all game commissions as soon as they are agreed upon, after which sportsmen will be given opportunity to approve or reject them. Hearings will be held in all of the states in all likelihood under the provisions of the bill. At these state departments and the hunters of each state are to be allowed to make a showing, at which they will attempt to have modifications made.

That part of the law affecting Nebraska and which will be modified under the regulations to be issued later says:

"All wild geese, wild swans, brant, wild ducks, snipe, plover, woodcock, rail, wild pigeons, and all other migratory game and insectivorous birds which in their northern and southern migrations pass through or do not remain permanently the entire year within the borders of any state or territory, shall hereafter be deemed to be within the custody and protection of the government of the United States, and shall not be destroyed or taken contrary to regulations hereinafter provided therefor."

#### Will Not Be Deprived of Trip.

Two hundred and seventy veterans of '61, who fought with either the blue or the gray at Gettysburg, spending their last years in Nebraska, are not to be deprived of their trip to the memorial which is to be held on that battlefield the week of July 4. If officials of the state can help it. A statement issued and signed by all of the elective state officials ask the people of Nebraska to remedy the legislature's oversight in not making sufficient appropriation by contributing to a fund Memorial day for the purpose of making up the deficiency. It is estimated that if all the veterans take the trip, and it now appears probable that they can, the cost of the railroad fare will reach \$12,150, or \$8,150 in excess of the legislative appropriation. The lacking sum will have to come from the people, and by the officials it is believed that the situation will be met with good grace from one end of the state to the others.

#### Table Rock Wants Reformatory.

Clyde Barnard, secretary of the state senate, will present a bid to the board of control for the proposed state reformatory. The legislature appropriated \$150,000 for the establishment of such an institution for first-term convicts and provided that the board of control should select the location. The law permits the board to select a site where brick may be manufactured. Whether the board desires a only or a factory in connection with it has not been determined. Mr. Barnard said the Table Rock Clay company would offer an equipped brick yard and fifteen acres of ground at Table Rock as a site for the reformatory.

It is not likely that the binding twine factory provided for the state penitentiary under certain conditions in a law of the late session will ever be established. The clause making it discretionary with the board of control as to the creation of the factory will end in the death of the plan according to informal expressions of the members of the board.

#### Nebraska at Chicago Olympic.

Three Nebraska stars, and perhaps some of the faster members of the year's squad, will be taken to Chicago late in June to enter the Olympic athletic meet to be held in the Windy City, June 28 to July 6. Head Coach Stehm is already preparing plans to take his athletes to the big meet, where they will sail under Nebraska colors.

The state convention of Nebraska postmasters will be held at Lincoln, June 10, 11 and 12.

#### More State Fair Land.

The Nebraska state board of agriculture will at once begin condemnation proceedings to secure the additional land to be purchased by the appropriation of \$8,000 made by the last legislature.

State Auditor Howard has appointed Charles H. Clancy of Omaha as insurance deputy to take the place of former State Treasurer L. G. Brian, who held the position until three weeks ago. The appointment will take effect at once.

## TELLS OF VOLCANIC RANGES

Capt. E. M. Jack, R. E., Suggests That Mountain in Africa is Possible Source of Legends.

London.—At a lecture before the Royal Geographical society Capt. E. M. Jack, R. E., suggests that a range of volcanic mountains in Africa, where the natives worship snakes, is the possible origin of the old legends of the sources of the Nile. These mountains are the Mufumbiro, situated where the British, German and Belgian spheres meet. This great volcanic range is one of the most striking physical features in Africa.

The old story of the Nile is well known. Its fountains were said to rise in the Mountains of the Moon and to flow into some great lakes and then to form one river. Since the discovery of the Ruwenzori the tendency had been to look on it as the origin



On the Ruwenzori.

of the legend. But Capt. Jack thinks that the Mufumbiro volcanoes have at least an equal claim. They are famed for miles around as "the place where there is fire." The lecturer gave some interesting details of the district and its inhabitants.

The religion of the people of the district took the form of Lubare or Nabingwe worship. Lubare was the common worship of Bugansa and was the belief in a spirit living in some selected object, such as a tree or stone, or very commonly in a python. In the latter case the snake was enticed with milk and food to remain near the villages and girls were ordered to attend to its wants. Nabingwe was a female spirit who lived underground, but often appeared among human beings, rapidly assuming various personalities, such as a child or an old woman, but always feminine. The spirit was usually malignant and caused death, illness, etc.

There was also a belief among these natives in the return of the spirit after death. Miniature huts, with food placed inside, were frequently seen outside the natives' huts, and these were said to be for the spirits of the departed.

The region is covered by a sheet of lava stretching like a sea as far as the mountains of Rukiga. It has decomposed to a large extent into a soil of great fertility which is closely cultivated by the natives. The lava is honeycombed with holes and caverns, which are put to various uses. One of them was found to be a burying place, bodies being brought on biers and left there. Another formed a water reservoir, to which cattle were brought from many miles distant in times of drought. Many were used as places of hiding and refuge for men and beasts when alarmed or during raids.

#### BOY ASLEEP IN MORGUE

Officers of Delaware State Hospital Put Him to Bed and Dog Goes Too.

Wilmington, Del.—A nurse at the State Hospital for the Insane at Farnhurst was surprised when on entering the mortuary chapel he found a colored boy about eight years old fast asleep guarded by a collie dog which would not permit the nurse to approach within several yards of the boy. When the boy was finally aroused he said that his name was Naud Harmon and that he had been driven from home by his father. The boy said that he had been sleeping with his dog wherever he could find shelter. Superintendent Hancker of the hospital put the boy to bed, as he was suffering from the effects of exposure, and the dog jumped in bed with the boy. The little fellow pleaded so hard for his pet that the boy and dog were permitted to remain in bed.

#### Her Ashes to the Winds.

Danbury, Conn.—Somewhat out of the ordinary is the manner in which the body of Mrs. Samuel T. Brown, an aged Spiritualist of this place, is to be disposed of. In accordance with the directions left by her, there is to be no funeral service and no emblems of mourning are to be displayed on the house or by relatives. The body is to be cremated and the ashes taken into a field owned by a friend and there "returned to mother earth."

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

## LESSON FOR JUNE 8

### JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BRETHREN

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 45:1-15. GOLDEN TEXT—"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Ps. 133:1.

No story of the Old Testament is fraught with greater dramatic interest than that which is presented today. Let us get the setting of the picture. An opulent oriental court; that man who next to Pharaoh exercised more power than any congress or assembly, and into whose hands had been placed the destinies of a kingdom by earthly power and the outworking of the plan of redemption by a divine power. Servants, power, resources, all at Joseph's command. Before him his brothers who long ago gave him up as being dead. Outside a great calamity resting upon the people, and none prepared to meet it except these of Egypt whose provision was the result of the work of this man of God. (I. Tim. 4:8). Before this man, as humble supplicants, we see those who "entreated him despitely." Judah's speech was a revelation to Joseph, it satisfied him, and what need, therefore, for further delay in revealing himself in his true character?

#### Saving Lives.

I. Revelation, vv. 1-3.—Excluding all from his presence, saving his brothers, Joseph gave full vent to his joy and rejoicing. "I am Joseph; doth my father yet live?" Their astonishment was so great as to leave them speechless, and again haunting memories condemn them to fear and foreboding for they were "troubled in his presence." We have here a beautiful picture of forgiveness and saving love. The exaltation of Jesus was to give repentance to Israel through the forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31. Even so did Joseph bring repentance to his brothers and forgiveness of their wrongs toward him 22 years before. Joseph's severe dealings with his brothers aroused them to a full recognition of their evil deeds and prepared them to receive his pardon and forgiveness.

But the cup is full, no longer can he restrain himself, and with a loud voice, so loud that it could be heard without, he cried "I am Joseph." Small wonder that at such a proclamation by him whom they had so grievously wounded, "they were troubled." So shall it be when the brethren of Jesus shall "look upon him whom they have pierced," Zech. 12:10.

II. Reconciliation, vv. 4-8.—The greatness of Joseph is here revealed in a clear, true light. He interprets to his brothers their own actions with all that God has involved in it, which must have been a great surprise to his brothers. Joseph does not wait for them to fall at his feet and sue for mercy, but seeks to allay their fears, "Come near to me I pray you." These who by their wicked works were rightfully alienated from him are invited to draw nigh, Col. 1:21 and Matt. 11:28.

#### Joseph's Grace.

Joseph was as one who was dead and out of that came life for those of his own family as well as those outside. Even so God has brought life to many out of the death of Jesus, working salvation for all out of the most colossal and infamous crime ever perpetrated—the crucifixion. Joseph was "sent" (v. 7), to save those very ones (John 1:11). It was a "great deliverance," see Heb. 2:3. Here, again, we see Joseph's intimate relations with God, "it was not you that sent me hither, but God." That is the right way to look at life, Rom. 8:28.

III. Proclamation, vv. 9-15.—The news of this meeting came to Pharaoh, vv. 2, 16, with the result that he commanded Jacob and all of his household to be brought into Egypt. Having received good things themselves, they are commanded to go with haste, and tell others, Matt. 28:7. The first call is always "come" (v. 4), and that is always followed by the command of "go" (v. 9). Joseph was not ashamed of his old father and his brothers in the days of his prosperity, and added that when they should dwell in Egypt they were to be "near unto me," see Phil. 1:23, John 14:3. When the brothers reached Jacob and told him that Joseph was alive and exalted in Egypt he could not believe them, and his heart fainted. Can we be surprised? Yet conviction was at hand in the shape of the wagons laden with the rich spoil of Egypt, vv. 21, 27, 28. Again God appears to Jacob, 46:2, 3, and adds the assurance of his own word.

Lessons of the Lesson.—The greatness of Joseph's character is revealed in the hour of the fulfillment of his dreams—tears, not vindictiveness, manifest the condition of his heart. Jacob recognizes God's great plan, and that its outcome is an evident blessing for others as well as for himself. There is no evidence of pride as Joseph interprets God's dealings. God has made abundant provision for us in Christ. This lesson is the reverse of the usual order in that the lesson illustrates the golden text rather than the text illuminating the lesson.

## MANY PERSONS COLOR BLIND

Tests Used by Railroads Show That Almost Everybody is Slightly Color Blind.

The various tests for color blindness have come into practical use in the examination of railroad engineers and the like, where the ability to distinguish colors is necessary, so that these tests are no longer peculiar to the laboratory. But it is not generally known outside the laboratory that everybody is partially color blind—that is, in certain parts of the field of vision. The most normal individual can see all the colors only when he looks directly at them. If looked at from an angle of about fifteen degrees red and green can no longer be seen, but in their places will appear shades of yellow or blue. This region of the eyes is known as the yellow-blue zone. If the color be moved still farther to the side the yellow and blue will disappear and only gray can be seen. This region is known as the zone of complete color blindness. An interesting theory in regard to these zones is that every normal eye represents three stages of evolution. The zone of complete color blindness is the lowest stage, and appears in such animals as the frog, whose vision is known as shadow vision. The blue-yellow zone is one step higher in the scale, although not clearly marked off in the animal kingdom. And the appearance of the red-green zone marks the highest stage of evolution. Cases of color blindness are, according to this theory, a lack of development beyond the early stage of individual life.—Strand Magazine.

## HAIR CAME OUT IN BUNCHES

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Oh, That Was It. "Where'd you get the black eye?" "He was bragging that he had the finest boy in town." "But a man should be excused for a little vanity—" "But he was making his brag to a man who had a boy of his own."

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