

BIOLOGY AND BERING SEA

Reporter's Talk with David Starr Jordan
Covers Quite a Wide Range.

MISSING LINKS AND SEALING TRACES

Protoplasmic Lead Up to Sociological
Considerations that Hold the Fore-
front in the Relations with Our
Pacific Coast Neighbors.

Biology has been made a life study by President David Starr Jordan of the Leland Stanford, Jr., University of California, and when his time is not engaged in international matters or in moulding the ideas of the "native son of the golden west" he is either writing, lecturing or conversing on that subject with his name is fast becoming an encyclopedic term with every scientist of two continents. Some modern evolutionists have said that in the case of Prof. Jordan "it is the light shining out of the west even unto the east."

Let it be understood that he is not a metaphysician—a thing has to be a cold, hard, demonstrable fact to gain his attention and all other matters he politely leaves to the domain of speculative philosophy, to be groped after by those who like that sort of thing. So when you ask him if he thinks the evolution of form has been due to the "missing link" he tells you he "doesn't think," that is something he cannot determine, that time may be better spent on things which can be determined. He may be considered ultra-materialistic.

He is the man who, beginning where Darwin and other great inductionists stopped, supplies the "missing link" in the scheme of evolution, though he modestly disclaims any originality in this; and if so much can be said for his penetration and analysis his comprehension, on the other hand, includes within its vast scope mankind from the cellular theory to the momentous questions of modern internationalism, for the same principle underlies and the same laws govern cells, individuals and nations, he says. To him a nation is an aggregation of cells, as a human body is an aggregation of cells. The ethics that govern individuals and the relations that exist between nations are, therefore, but biology on a large scale. This is why he could lecture at the liberal congress as easily against imperialism as he can outline the various methods of cellular reproduction to the fresh, young Californian tyro who is to become the intellectual colossus of the future, or conjure up the "missing link" in the stupendous scheme of animated development and differentiation to an audience of staid church folk.

Prof. Jordan talks differently from other men. He just gives it to you in an off-handed way as though it were all matter-of-fact and there were nothing startling about it. This is the attitude of a positive man who feels well sustained by logic and, principally, facts.

What a Missing Link is Like.

"The 'missing link' between the two forms," said he at the Delmonico after he had arrived to participate in the congress, "are not any forms that now exist, but are simply the forms that lie behind them. Evolution can be compared to the growth of a tree: if you wanted to find the points of divergence where the limbs shoot out from the trunk, the branches from the limbs and the twigs from the branches, you would not look for them along a level, but along a horizontal line drawn across the figure of a tree would give you a lot of parts of limbs and branches cut off from the rest of the tree and the converging points would be lost. To find the points of convergence you would rather trace down the trunk, or you would trace upward from the trunk to where they all diverge. So with the process of development. All the converging points have been lost in the lapse of time, through the death of the common progenitors of any two modern species that exist on the globe. One of the species being more progressive than the others will go on reproducing itself on a higher and higher scale, whilst another less progressive will reproduce on a lower scale, and still another on a still lower scale until, may be, three distinct types radically differing from each other like the man, the monkey and the dog. The effort of the evolutionist is to determine by the logical process of induction and deduction, based upon certain materials found in fossilized remains or in existing forms, and by following certain points of similarity, where the different genera and species converged and how they diverged, conceiving of all animated and all organized life as having been of one general growth.

"Now for example: If you are looking for the missing link between the horse and the cow it wouldn't be a horned horse or a horse that chews a cud, but it would be some simple herbivorous, five-toed animal that would show none of the peculiarities of a horse or cow, but would have qualities that could be made out of the horse and the cow. Such an animal exists in the fossil shape in the bad lands of Dakota, and it may be compared in its make-up to the embryo of both a horse and cow, taken at an early stage before the peculiarities appear. Of course you have heard of this. It is a cryptopod, the five-toed mammal. Then we find the oreodon in the tertiary formation of the Rocky mountains, a mammal which would seem to have been allied in many respects to the hog, the camel and the deer. We find fossil forms in India and the island of Java which lie behind man on the one hand and the chimpanzee tribe on the other. We could imagine them as being possible ancestors for both because they are just as near us as the chimpanzee. They are not directly between man and the ape, but lie behind both the human and the simian forms, so that they could easily have given rise to either. Science calls them the pithacanthropus, or man-ape. As to their form they are only known by their teeth, roughly considered as put together, they constitute a simple structure as of a human ape, supposed to have been upright. Whether they were quadrumanous or not we cannot tell."

"And did they have tails?" was asked.

"No, they had no tails. For that matter

the higher apes have no tails—they simply have the seven little bones the same as man has. We suffer no particular inconvenience from our seven little tail bones jammed up together save when riding horses; but a long period of time. Many of the higher monkeys have no more tail than this position. But this is all there is to this question."

"Do you attribute the physical development to an evolution of ideas?"

"I don't know anything about that. That question belongs to metaphysics and with that I have nothing to do."

"Then you rather attribute it to environment and the survival of the fittest?"

"Yes, that is the secret of the matter—the interaction between the animal and his surroundings and the persistent destruction of such as were not adapted to life in the particular environment are the principal elements in growth. Simply stated, the survival of the fittest was the main element of development."

"Do you recognize any parallel between the simple record of the successive stages of creation given in the first chapter of Genesis and the evolutionary philosophy of successive stages of cosmic and animal development?"

"Genesis is ancient poetry, not scientific observations. When you interpret poetry literally you make nonsense of it. Such things are not literally true—they are broadly and poetically true."

"Do you accept the nebular hypothesis as the explanation of cosmic origin?"

"Well, the nebular hypothesis is accepted by astronomers and I take their word for it. It is outside my own study. There seem very strong reasons for accepting it. I can see how a thing may not be absolutely proven and yet no reason exist for doubting it."

"Your specialty in scientific research has been biology and that covers a pretty wide field."

"Yes; it embraces sociology as well as physiology. For our purposes the laws of life begin at cell life and we follow them up to the political and social phases of life. The cellular theory is the basis of all animated life. So far as life itself is concerned we have to treat the cell as a unit, although the cell itself, as a single cell, is in itself a complex as a nation is; but so far as the processes of life are concerned we have to treat the cell as a unit, because every cell counts one."

Explaining the Cellular Theory.

Prof. Jordan is having a new book published by Appleton, covering the whole scope of the cellular theory, which will be out in November. Its title will be "Foot Notes to Evolution." Explaining the cellular theory, he continued:

"We begin at the single cell and learn its qualities. Then we come to consider the animals, in which the cells, instead of separating themselves from the parent cell, cling together and form colonies. Then we have the natural division of labor, some cells performing certain functions and being relieved from certain other work. The animal or plant or man is a colony of cells, in which the cells are gathered in groups, some of the groups having certain functions to perform and being relieved from others, wholly or partly. The same laws in general that govern cells govern nations. I wouldn't say that the same laws govern life itself, for the principle of life transcends our knowledge of chemistry and physics and has to be treated as partly separate from physical and chemical forces. A live cell differs from a dead cell, although its chemistry remains the same for all we know."

"Then the mystery of the 'promethian spark' is as great a mystery as ever? May there not be an oxygenic or aerial cause for animation, live cells being inflated and therefore buoyant and dead cells being inert as in a state of collapse? May it be that life is due to the combustion resulting from the action of oxygen or some other element on matter?"

"We do not know the principle of life itself. It is true that live cells are comparatively buoyant and dead cells inert. As to combustion caused by the action of oxygen or some other element on matter, we may have fire and still not have life. But physically and chemically considered there seems no difference between life and dead cells; physiologically there is a great difference."

Some International Questions.

As science was getting into unfathomable depths the conversation turned upon international affairs. Prof. Jordan has been a member of the commission to settle the question of the Bering sea seal patrol. In this connection he explained:

"We have a treaty with Russia and Japan that whatever England does they will do, and Russia's interests are identical with ours. I signed that treaty myself along with the representatives of the other powers. Japan is trying hard to live up to what is expected of a civilized nation. I have great respect for her efforts in this direction."

In the sealing matter it all depends upon the value of the seal. One firm in the north of Italy has a brick house full of holes caused by cannon balls and the proprietor is too poor to mend them. In the province of Novara I saw where they had gathered up human bones and piled them in a monument twenty feet high of them. Go through some of these farms and you will appreciate why Italy is so poor."

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the government has never got any money out of the territory for what it has put into it. It is the same with all colonies. But this is a minor reason for my position against imperialism; a second and equally vital an important economic one. Today we have an army of 10,000 volunteers in the Philippines at \$5,000 a year, which means \$5,000,000, yet the trade of the Philippine islands, exports and imports, amounts to only \$10,000,000 annually. All we have is one corner of the island of Luzon, which is about one-half the size of Nebraska, and 100,000 men cooped up in Manila, which is about the population of Omaha squeezed into one-fourth the space of Omaha, to hold the island."

Moral as Well as Political.

"There is a very good reason that is moral as well as being intensely political from the point of view of the American ideal. The great majority of the Filipinos have never yet heard of Spain, much less of the United States. This is especially true of the Malay pirates of the southern islands, the black troops of the explored interior as capable of self-government or of any other government as so many monkeys. It would not be an easy and humane task to bring these folk to the extermination which some of the annexationists placidly claim is the final doom of negroes, Kanakas, Malays and all infidel races who get in anybody's way. According to John Morley this is England's experience in bringing peace to suffering humanity in the tropics:

"First, you push on into territories where you have no business to be and where you are promised not to go; second, your instruction provokes resistance and in these wild countries resentment means resistance; third, you instantly cry that the people are rebellious and that their act is rebellion (this in spite of your own assurance that you have no intention of setting up a permanent sovereignty over them); fourth, you send a force to subdue the rebellion and fifth, having spread bloodshed, confusion and anarchy, you declare, with hands uplifted to the heavens, that moral reasons force you to stay, for if you were to leave this territory would be left in a condition which no civilized power could contemplate with equanimity or with composure. These are the five stages in the Forward Rake's progress."

"It was of England in Chitral that Morley said this, not of America in Luzon."

FUR THIEF IN JAIL AT LAST

Man Who Stole Shukert's Skins Brought Back from Seattle to Face the Music.

After a chase from ocean to ocean and a stubborn thirty days' fight when cornered at Seattle, Wash., to prevent his extradition and return to Omaha, the local police have at last landed in jail here A. J. Smith, the employee of G. E. Shukert, the furrier, who on June 23 last decamped with \$2,500 worth of dressed rare skins. Smith arrived in Omaha yesterday afternoon at 4:30 in the custody of Henry Thompson, a Shukert employee, who had been deputized to go to Seattle to identify Smith and bring him back. The prisoner, a plump fellow, is almost blind and has to be led about like a child, and his sight is growing worse daily. In a week or so he will be totally blind.

When placed in a cell after his arrival yesterday Smith freely admitted that he stole the skins. He said he committed the act to raise money to have his eyes treated by an eminent eye specialist in New York. Blindness, he said, had been growing on him for some time before he left Omaha. His affliction he attributed to working among the dry furs and skins in Shukert's establishment.

He said that the stolen skins were shipped by him to New York City on June 1. On their arrival he placed them on exhibition in a storeroom on Fifty-ninth street, between Second and Third avenues. He sold some there and had an operation performed on his eyes. Learning that the police were on his trail he says he stored the skins and fled to Philadelphia, where he remained for some time. He was captured two months after under the name of J. Martin. He refuses to tell where in New York he stored the furs he did not have an opportunity to sell. He evades all questions regarding them by saying he forgot the street and number of the store where he hid them.

Smith's fight against extradition at Seattle cost him all he had, \$400 and a gold watch. The case was dragged out over thirty days by various means. It was finally decided against him. When the prisoner was turned over to Thompson, the Omaha special agent, the latter immediately sent him to Seattle, where he was to be held until he could be brought back to Omaha.

A complaint charging him with grand larceny and larceny as a bailee will be sworn out against Smith by Mr. Shukert.

LOCAL POLITICAL RALLIES

Republican County Committee Arranges for a Number of Meetings During Coming Week.

Republicans of Douglas county will hear from numerous orators from now on until the polls open on election day. The county committee has billed a number of meetings, and the campaign will be opened next week. South Omaha will start with a roll on Monday night at Blum's hall, where the candidates on the state ticket will be present. Prof. J. F. Saylor, candidate for state superintendent, will make the principal address, dealing entirely with questions affecting laboring interests. The other candidates will make addresses, more or less in the nature of a review of their record in office. During the coming week three big meetings will be held at Creighton hall. The first will be under the auspices of the Swedish American Republican club and will be addressed by Congressman Mercer, Judge Slaughter and E. J. Cornish. The second will be on Thursday night under the direction of the Colored Republican club, at which the county candidates will speak. The third will be on Saturday night, conducted by the Union Veterans' Republican club, with county candidates as the speakers. At each of these meetings a band will be present to furnish music and a glee club will sing.

During the coming week other meetings have been billed by the county committee, to be addressed by local speakers and county candidates, as follows:

Monday Evening—Eighteenth ward, Twenty-fourth and Cumis streets in Saunders hall. Tuesday Evening—Ninth ward, Twenty-ninth and Farnam streets, and at Waterloo. Wednesday Evening—Fourth ward, Sixteenth and Farnam streets, at Farnam hall. Saturday Evening—At Farnam hall, at Sixth ward, at Thirty-second and Ames; at Valer hall, at Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets, at Patterson block, under the auspices of the Laboring Men's Republican club.

The executive committee of the county committee met last night and allowed Judge Slaughter, but no action was taken on calling a meeting of the county committee. Chairman Burbank says the committee may be called tomorrow during the coming week.

V. B. Walker, legislative candidate on the republican ticket, denies that he contemplates withdrawing from the ticket in favor of Rev. James C. Owens. He says there is not enough money in the campaign to induce him to withdraw.

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Today is a continuation of German day of the last week, for this afternoon the grand historical parade and pageant which was to have occurred last Tuesday in connection with the celebration of German day, but was postponed on account of the bad weather, will take place. It will start promptly at 1 o'clock from Turner hall and after traversing the principle streets of the city will proceed to the exposition grounds.

The delay has worked to the advantage of this event in the German celebration. The executive committee which originally arranged it was unable to make all necessary preparations on account of other duties. Since that time, however, the members have completed all preparations and after a meeting last night announced that everything was ready for what they promised to be one of the finest street processions seen in Omaha during the exposition year.

The principal feature of the line will be a series of some fifteen floats, which will picture the progress of the fatherland from the earliest known times to the present. A considerable amount of time and labor has been expended upon these productions and they are said to be very attractive and many of them are of great historical value. That float is the donation of the Bennington society.

Another interesting section of the line will be the first division, which consists of a group of well known characters of German history, such as the great emperors, Heracles, Charlemagne, Frederick of Hapsburg, Kurfurst, Frederick and William will be represented. Each will be accompanied by his official suite. These characters will be attired in the appropriate costumes of the periods in which they lived.

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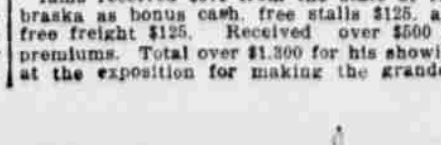
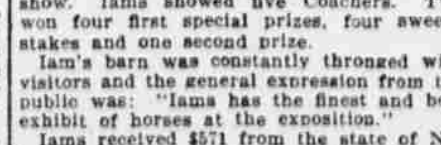
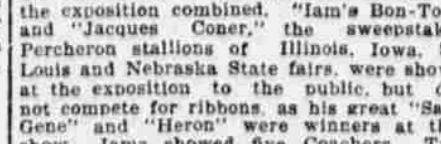
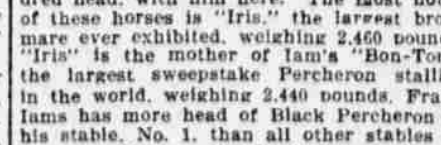
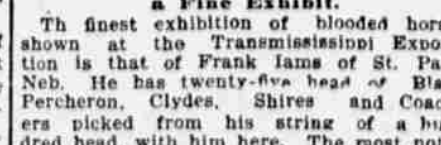
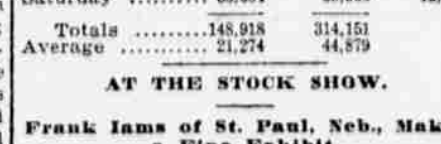
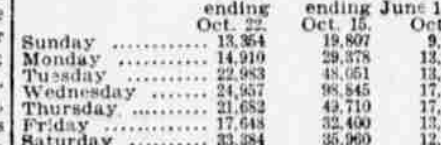
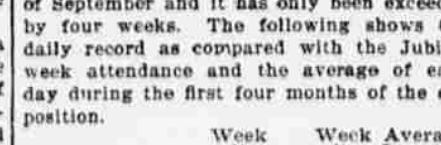
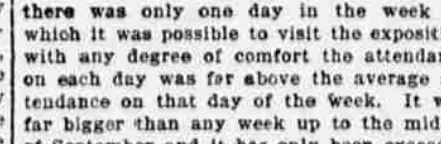
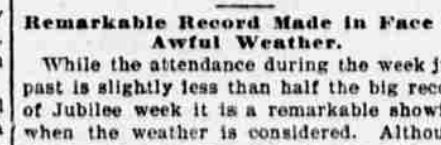
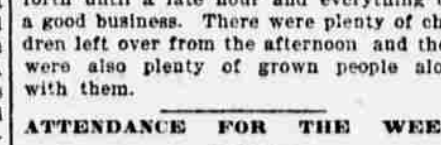
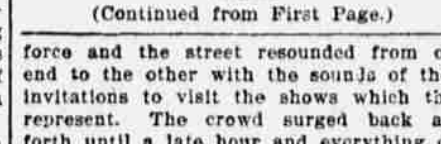
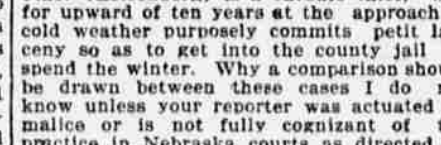
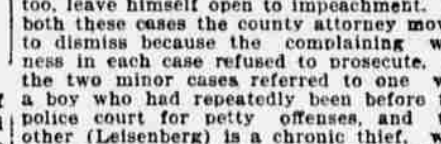
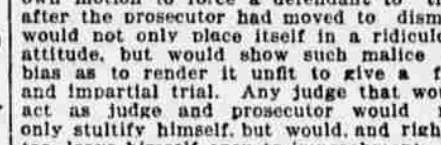
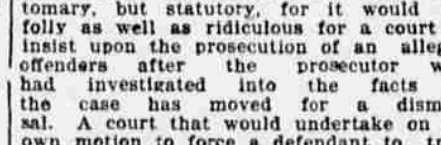
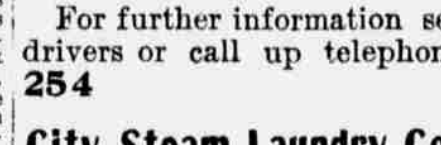
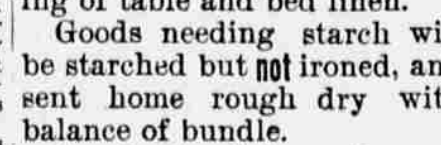
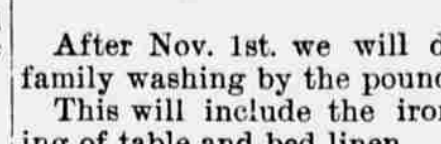
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