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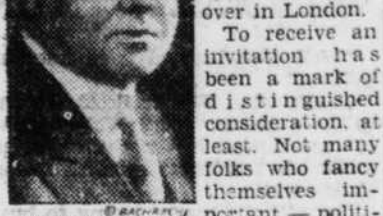
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WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON — Week ending with Hoover at "Town Hall" down in the presidential fishing camp on the Rapidan has come to be a sort of American equivalent for the presentations at court over in London.



To receive an invitation has been a mark of distinction and consideration at least. Not many folks who fancy themselves important — politically, economically or socially — would be apt to make previous engagement excuses. Still, for federal officialdom, the opening of the 1931 Rapidan season was anything but auspicious. Cabinet members and their chief assistants probably dreaded the day when the telephone rang or White House subpoenas otherwise arrived calling them down to the de luxe and exclusive little presidential resort in the Virginia hills.

A tough week-end was in prospect for such folk, dodging the edge of the presidential budgetary axe.

JOB PRESSURE HEAVY
It is a hard business, lopping off expenditures in any bureaucracy. In these unemployment days every departmental head is under heavy pressure from people he would rather find jobs for than eliminate.

The Bystander knows one high administrative authority who sneaks to and from his office the back way to avoid the harrowing task of saying "no" to job seekers. It takes a search warrant, almost, to reach him.

When the wave of presidential government cost pruning passes, as it must in time, the week-end guests for the Rapidan camp will return to its old social (or political) significance.

Such entertaining and dinner or luncheon invitations at the White House itself are about the only gestures of special favor an American President can bestow. He has no decorations or orders of merit to pass out. If the service rendered does not rate a federal job for somebody, a White House meal or a trip to the fishing camp must serve as reward.

HOOVER MISSES MEDALS
Mr. Hoover has recognized that inhibition on presidents. He has, apparently very privately, a sense of humor. Goodness knows it does not reveal itself in his official utterances.

Yet he is said to have told a friend once that it would be handy to have a drawer full of medals in his desk and when an enthusiastic Hooverite came in to tell how he carried the tenth ward for the ticket just pin one on him with thanks.

Another time Mr. Hoover is alleged to have said it was a great pity a President could not hang a few folks a year without having to state his reasons. Unfortunately there is no record of what senators or others had been under discussion just before that remark was made. It would be intriguing to know.

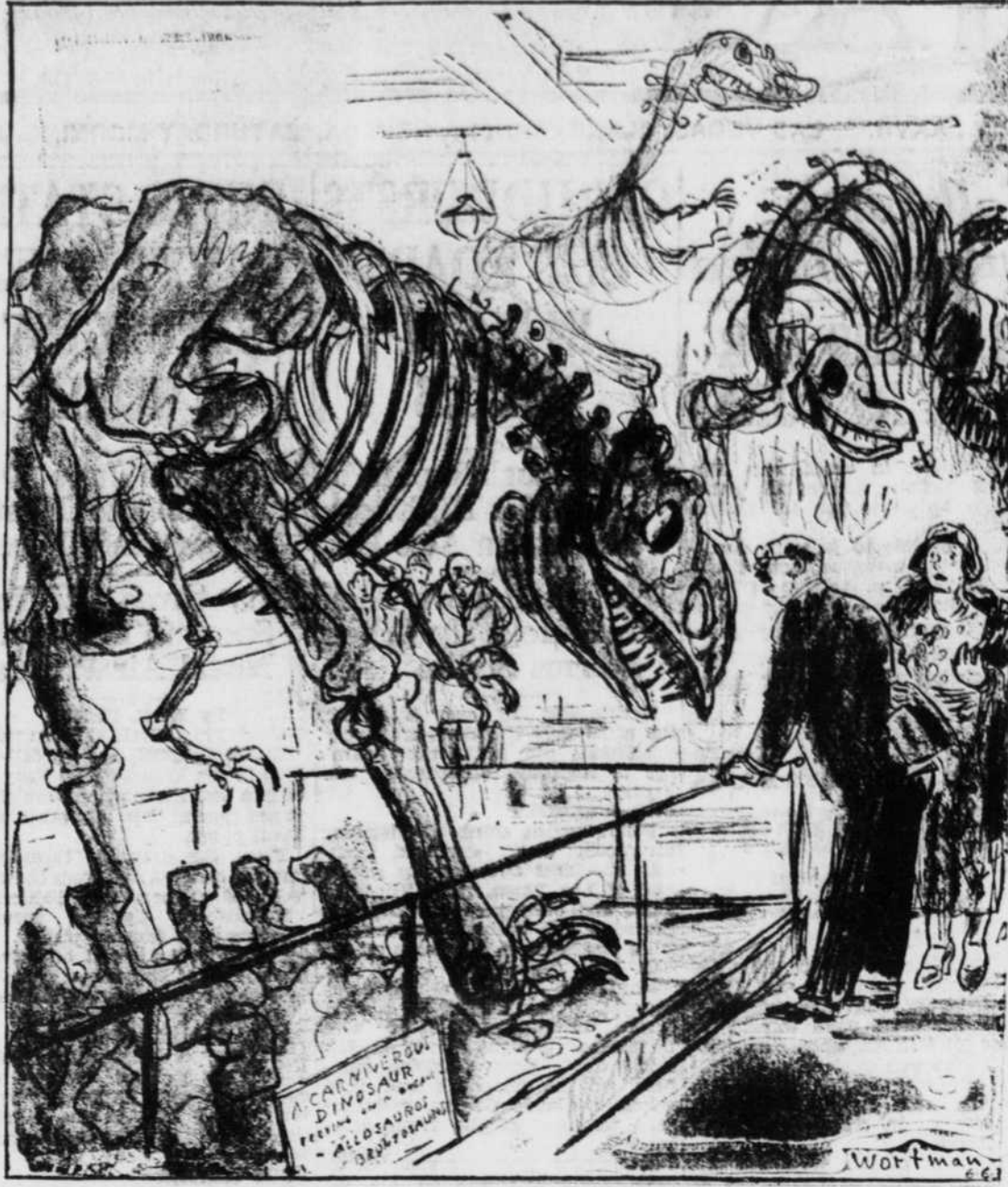
PROFESSOR WINS MEDAL
PHILADELPHIA, June 5 (U.P.)—The Mendel Medal of Villanova College was awarded to Dr. Karl Frederick Herzfeld, professor of physics at Johns Hopkins University. It is presented annually to the Catholic who has achieved distinction in science.



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EVERYDAY MOVIES



"That reminds me, William, I must get Fido some dog biscuits."

CITY ELECTS LOSER MAYOR

DENVER, June 5. (U.P.)—In Denver election, likely as not, you can lose if you win, and vice versa.

The city uses the preferential voting system, which has been ruled unconstitutional by three state supreme courts and constitutional by one.

The system permits a voter to cast a ballot for all the aspirants for an office, if he chooses. He designates his first, second and other choices. Or he can vote for only one, or for two, or for any number of the aspirants he cares to.

If a candidate obtains fifty per cent of the first choice votes he is elected. But if he doesn't the second and other choice votes are counted on an equality with the first-choice votes.

Thus in a recent municipal election the incumbent mayor received 44,000 first-choice votes, or 44 per cent of the first choice votes cast for all seven mayoralty candidates,

PEACH TREE 50 YEARS OLD
HONAKER, Va., June 5 (U.P.)—The average lifetime of a peach tree in Southwest Virginia is 10 years. But there is one standing in the center of a rock pile here, that is known to be more than 50 years old and is filled with young fruit.

PINE STATUE PRESENTED
CHAPEL HILL, N. C., June 5 (U.P.)—A life-size statue of Sir Walter Raleigh, carved from a solid pine log, has been presented the University of North Carolina by Col. Owen Hill Kenan, an alumnus of the university, class of 1894.

PLAYFUL COCKATOO COSTS THEATRE OWNERS \$350
The next high man with 27,000 first-choice votes lost out the incumbent who polled 44,000.

The mayor's second and other choices totaled only a few more than 3,000, but the next high man with 27,000 first-choice votes received 18,000 second and other choice votes and became mayor of Denver.

It's a game at which you can win if you lose or lose if you win.

SUITS FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

Theodore R. Uphill, vs. Vivian Margaret Uphill, divorce. Complaint alleges desertion. No community property. Ham & Taylor, attorneys for plaintiff.

Billie Sutton vs. Wayne F. Sutton, divorce. Complaint cites failure to provide for children and no community property. H. N. Gambill, attorney for plaintiff.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 4 (U.P.)—A cockatoo's "lunge" was worth \$350 to Mrs. Julia Chambers, Judge B. B. Parson decided.

Mrs. Chambers, in her suit against the Salina Jefferson Corporation, operators of a theatre here, alleged that the cockatoo lunged at her while she was watching it in the lobby of the theatre; that she fell backward; that she suffered a severe head injury and fracture of a wrist.

New Yorker AT LARGE

By MARK BARRON
NEW YORK—The lament of the historian who claimed he had been on Manhattan ten years and had never met a native New Yorker is no far fetched. It is perfectly possible, so much so that when one makes a new acquaintance here the first question usually asked is, "Where are you from?"

It appears to be part of the national credo that when one distinguishes himself at the cross roads he strikes out for New York. The majority of New York celebrities are from out of town.

Colonel Lindbergh is from Little Falls, Minn. Lenore Ulric from New Ulm and Sinclair Lewis from Sauk Center of the same state. Julius Barnes, of the Shipping board, calls Duluth his home.

Frazier Hunt early departed from the town with the incredible name of What Cheer, Ia.

Chillicothe. Mary Brian was born in Corsicana, Tex., and Joan Crawford in San Antonio. Lynn Riggs still commutes between New York and Claremore, Okla.

Savannah claims Miriam Hopkins, and Chicago, Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur. The famed Ward MacAllister, czar of the "400," also was a Savannah product.

Moscow sent Eugenie Leonovich to New York, and Warsaw sent Lydia Roberti. Carmen Barnes wrote her first novels in Chattanooga, and J. Harold Murray hails from South Berwick, Me. Gary Cooper owns a dude ranch near Helena, Mont., and so does Hope Williams.

CLASSES HOLD PICNIC HERE

Approximately one hundred Methodist Sunday school students attended the annual picnic, which was held in the Methodist church, Thursday afternoon. The affair was scheduled to be held at the old ranch, but due to the unsettled weather, they were forced to stay at the church.

In spite of the circumstances, the would-be-picnickers made the best of the situation, and games, lunch and a general good time was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Melton had charge of the affair while Mrs. J. M. Ulom was in charge of the lunch.

The sixteenth annual Mississippi state golf tournament will be played at Jackson, June 9 to 13.

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