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Dear Kan,

The Shanghai peaches are now ripening, altho they are a little smaller than last year as it has been quite dry. Apricots are being picked now, and in spite of the thinning these too are small, except those from our trees which get plenty of water. It makes it tough for Wak and Yuri as Pa boasts to his associates how large they are and then offers to bring some to them, to wit The sisters have to pick out the big ones. We have two or three trees of Moorpark which were like peaches.

I was away on my convention trip, but Em had the one stomach eruptions caused by heaving apricots a few days after I left for Portland.

Jim Crombie now has a new Buick Century and Jack McDonnell and I sure gave it a test. Jim nicknamed Jack Flash and myself Speed whenever we stepped too heavy on the pedal. The trouble was it had gone only about 500 miles when we started on trip, best part the speedometer would go up to 45 miles per hour and then stick. whatever it went above we could say like "Little Henry" sore kara uye was uso.

We left Friday morning the 7th and drove up the Redwood Highway. stopped long enough to get gas and phone Kausers in Eureka and then drove on up into almost the Oregon Line and then stopped at an auto camp "Camp Marigold". Next day drove further up the Oregon Coast and then when we struck some straight roads and made good time decided to make Portland that night which we did.

Convention was a great success, almost three times as many registered as they had expected. Business sessions were as usual, but they had some wonderful speakers, including a Forester from Crater Lake. He showed some pictures of the Lake and fishes. (more on this point later)

The loop trip around Columbia River, Bonnierville Dam, Fish ladders, Fish Hatchery, A Swell Salmon Bake, and then dinner that evening at Timber Line Lodge, "The Million Dollar privy" it is called, but nevertheless a massive building of hewn timbers and stone, beautifully put together. They have a trolley line for skiers which was being constructed by W. P. A. so that they would not have to hike so far up hill before enjoying the thrills of a first spill.



We left Portland late the Friday afternoon and drove thru eastern Oregon, by way of Bend and into Crater Lake. We arrived there at midnight.

Jim had promised to get up early on the Saturday morning at Camp marigold and catch some trout for our breakfasts. Well we had to wake him up in order to get started. consequently we kidded him all thru the Convention about the fine fish we had for breakfast. When we hiked to the ~~bottom-of-~~ water level it was with the intention of having Jim do some fishing as I undetand no licence is required there altho it is in Oregon. Jim and Mac took a boat and trolled for several hours, I decided to cross over to the Cinder cone and climb it to see what was inside. At lest I saw what was there, but no fish did they catch altho they declared that they saw several nice big ones

We left crater Lake about three p. m. and arrived home at 2 a.m. when I got into bed. Came home to rest up.

Found out that Kaich and the kids had been staying over for a few days Tok had already gone back a couple days after I left. Kaich is going to Japan for a few months, this coming month.

Togo is now back from Japan. Mrs. Shima and Kingi and his wife are living together, so far they seem to be O. K.

The Nurserymen after the convention in Portland came down to the Bay area and our group had to entertain them for four days, One of which was a trip to Big Basin and a Barbecue at California Nursery. This was quite nice. Good eats and entertainment. NO CHarge.

Watanabe is off on his vacation this week, Mas is going to take his the coming week, I hope Watso gets back Monday as otherwise we will be shorthanded. We have gotten most of the weeds out, but it sure springs back again. We have moved the Jap irises to near the tank, above the Gerbera patch, and will abandon the old patch along with the scabiousas, and try to eliminate the weeds there.

The young camellias in the green houses are starting to make another growth now. many of the grandiflora roseas are as large as those we bought from Sasaki last year.

Goto and Co. left on the 10th for Japan and consequently I did not have a chance to see them off. I asked Gillespie to send over some pictures for them, but they arrived too late, I will have to send them as soon as I find out there addresses.

I am glad to know that you have named your car Pegasus, as the Herb Caen column the other day stated that jollopies are no longer known by that name, but as "Oakie" mobiles.

Well it look~~s~~ as if you were the original hard luck chap, but here~~s~~ hoping that with your Wright interv~~iew~~ Lady luck starts smiling for you. Buy some socks and a few hankies with the enclosed. Let me know as soon as you get settled and what you will need.

The pictures of the Fair came Tuesday. On the whole they were quite good and interesting. a few were a little dark.

*closing at the bottom of this page. as it is getting late, and I am sleepy. as ever, your brother Mich*

*Wednesday, Wash, Pa, you, and Sam went to Livingston. It hasn't failed yet to grow fruits. when they go away, both from Livingston and other. so well. we get over it, would they seedling some cats, but afraid that they would spoil before you get them. If you want some this, let me know and will try to start seeds. If you want some this, let me know and will try to start seeds. If you want some this, let me know and will try to start seeds.*