

# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes*

**It's January, there's not a lot to talk about...**

- A couple thousand sheep moved from Milford to Waupoos Island today. Not something you see everyday or everywhere.
- Jen Ackerman's Christmas decorations at *Live Laugh Eat* in Milford looked terrific this year, as did the inflatables on the lawn across the road.
- Something you should have known before tucking into Christmas dinner: Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.
- And for those departing for sunnier climes or exotic travel (1): Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.
- Amazon obviously took note: Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.
- Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.
- Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite number of times.
- "Well, it already is kinda subterranean": Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.
- "Why are you late for class?": The University of Alaska spans four time zones.
- And for those departing for sunnier climes or exotic travel (2): Everything weighs one percent less at the equator (including people after Christmas!).
- The letter 'J' does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.



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## Sarah's Research Notes Insight, Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries

*Mirt and Nelson stay in town for the poultry show, a popular event with significant effort going into exhibiting: "Birds are trained for the cages used at shows and washed and manicured in*



*preparation for an event." This photograph is of stock breeders "preparing birds in the Crystal Palace, 1929." Was it Crystal Palace Picton or London? We don't know; poultry shows were held in both. In the UK poultry shows were at the height of popularity during the late 19th and early 20th centuries and in the US, until standards were set for a breed, fights over judging were known to break out.*



*Royden is not at all well, for a week, with what Nelson guesses is "Lagriep". There was in fact a flu epidemic in 1928/29 which was serious. Mortality was*

*high and memories were fresh of the Spanish Influenza pandemic after the First World War. During the winter of 1928/29, newspapers were full of advice about not neglecting colds and also full of advertising for remedies, notable for their superiority to whiskey.*

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