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A snowshoer treks toward Bob Thumb Saddle on Mount Washington. PHOTOS BY WILLIAM SULLIVAN/FOR THE REGISTER-GUARD

‘THE QUEST FOR BOB’

A HIKE TO A DESTINATION WITH NO NAME

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One of the most prominent peaks in the Cascade Range has no name, and due to a legal quirk it will forever remain officially nameless. So my wife and I call it “Bob.” • You’ve seen Bob if you’ve driven over Santiam or McKenzie Pass. It’s the 6,762-foot craggy thumb sticking up beside the east face of Mount Washington. If Mount Washington weren’t there, Bob would be a center-ring attraction instead of an overlooked side-show. • In an attempt to honor Bob properly, I once led a fairly disastrous backpacking trip around him. The problem was that the steep saddle between Bob and Mount Washington proved impassable in summer with backpacks. So we had to bushwhack around the larger mountain, too, which made for several long, thirsty days through lava. There is no running water in the Mount Washington Wilderness.

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A fisheye view of Mount Washington from a cirque bowl between Bob Thumb and the summit peak to the right.

Initiative would make hunting and fishing illegal



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At first blush, you might call it a SINA the times.

Circa the 1960s television and radio shows, magazines and newspapers occasionally would feature articles, inter-

views and videos featuring Clifford Prout, the president of The Society for Indecency to Naked Animals (SINA).

Proselytizing against critters in the buff, one of its slogans was “a nude horse is a rude horse.”

I can recall during the 1970s on a “Best of Carson” special showing highlights of the late-night “Johnny Carson Show,” Prout was featured along with a horse wearing pants.

SINA, as it turns out, was a sham, and

Prout was in fact Buck Henry, one of the leading lights of the time in the art of satire who himself was a willing foil for Alan Abel, the originator in the late 1950s of the bogus moral crusade.

I reminisce, and digress, only because there is a faint whiff of SINA in a current effort in Oregon to get Initiative Petition 13 (IP 13) for the November ballot.

It needs 112,020 signatures by July 8 to qualify.

The caption of the petition features this synopsis: “Criminalizes injuring/killing animals, including killing for food, hunting, fishing; criminalized most breeding practices.” The full text is online at 013text.pdf (oregonvotes.org)

According to the “Answering Your Questions” section at the pro-petition Yesonip13 web site, “Oregon is a top-ranking producer of ... fruits, nuts, and

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