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NAKED MAN TO ENTER FORESTS

Artist-Nature Enthusiast Joseph Knowles to Remain 30 Days

BARE HANDS ONLY WEAPON OF DEFENSE

Start Will Be Made 50 Miles From Railroad—Bear Skin and Other Hides Are Promised on His Return From Woods

A dispatch from Grants Pass under date of July 16 says: In the primitive wilds, Joseph Knowles, a Boston artist, nature man and friend of birds and beasts, will take his way next Monday. Leaving civilization behind, without provisions, supplies or a single weapon, leaving even his clothes at the edge of the forest, Knowles will battle for his existence just as the cave men battled centuries ago before the dawn of history.

Preliminary scouting trips into the wilderness have occupied his time during the few days since he arrived here, in company with Prof. T. Waterman and a newspaper man. He has chosen the Three Creeks Camp district, where he will put his knowledge of woodcraft and portmanship to the test. There he will wring existence from the wilds with his bare hands and such weapons as he can fashion from sticks and stones.

Start Near Boundary

The Three Creeks Camp country at the boundary of Oregon and California. It is said to be as complete a wilderness as is to be found in the whole Pacific Coast. Old-timers in Southern Oregon who have taken great interest in Knowles' experiment, say they would not care to attempt a similar feat. Given a gun, clothes, matches, salt and tobacco, and they would agree to stay in the woods all summer, but without these necessities they are dubious. They are even now wagering that Knowles will not last his month out.

The nature man has picked out as starting place. It is Indian creek. Next Monday he will hand in his clothes, watch, matches and everything he possesses to someone, and, with Prof. Waterman, will disappear into the woods, not to return until a month has passed. At that time he undertakes to be clothed in the fashion, to have gained his living from nature without help, and expects to put on weight and gain health in the ordeal. Prof. Waterman will remain at a headquarters camp in the forest to give aid if it is needed and to keep close watch that the test which Knowles has set himself shall be conducted fairly.

Cedar Tree His Mainstay

Knowles declares he will succeed. His preliminary jaunts into the woods have shown him what he may expect in the way of food from trees and vines, as well as indications of game. He lovingly stroked a cedar tree which he found, for he declares it depends upon it more than any other tree in the woods.

Knowles found he knew all but two or three of the trees he has found on his preliminary excursions. Berries and wild thistles, of which he eats the meaty heart, were plentiful. He also found water cress by the water courses and nuts and edible roots. There is plenty of game in the district and he expects to trap and kill such as he needs for food. Fire he will make by rubbing sticks together. He said today:

"I have found the most beautiful country in the world on my preliminary rambles; there is no doubt it abounds in game. I am told that it does, although I did not see any on my trip.

Country Unlike Maine

"This country is different from Maine, where I was last year, for there, on a similar trip to that I have just made, I would have seen 50 deer. Here I saw the tracks of but one. But I know there is game there somewhere and I shall find it. My experiment will be more difficult here than in Maine. There the streams have grapes and other vegetation at their edges where the deer come to feed. Here the edges of the creeks are rocky and full of

FARMERS SEEKING TO AVOID RABBIT PEST

MANY FIELDS BEING ENCLOSED WITH WOVEN WIRE

Thought This Will Be One Means of Preventing Loss of Crop From Rabbits

In some localities in the Redmond and Powell Butte Districts rabbits have become such a pest that the farmers have determined to take the only means they know of to save their crops from being destroyed. Many rabbit drives were held during the winter and early spring, and thousands of rabbits killed, but the little animals seem to be just as numerous as ever, and the only solution to the problem is to fence the fields with rabbit fencing.

Realizing this many of the farmers in the above sections have purchased large quantities of the fencing and are enclosing their fields. While the initial expense of this undertaking is costly, the benefits to be derived will amply repay the farmers in the end.

gravel. The deer stay on the higher ground and therefore are not so easy to find.

"My whole plan of catching a deer will be changed. It is barely possible that I shall have a hand to hand conflict with some of the wild animals. If I do, it will be worth telling about. I once broke a deer's neck by twisting its head and I believe I can do it again. I shall try, anyhow.

Gray Wolf Doesn't Frighten

"I have heard of a gray timber wolf with cubs that was seen lately in the mountains where I am going, and I would like nothing so well as to get that wolf. If I could, I would have a coat made that would rival anything I know of. They say that she stays on the top of the mountains where the deer are, and I am going straight there the moment I am free from civilization.

"I know I can exist in this country even if I do not see any game. But that is not the idea of this experiment. I am doing this to show that the man of today is the equal of his ancestor; that he is able to cope with and kill wild animals without the use of modern methods. That is what I am here for; not to show that I can exist solely on roots and berries and other foolish things. I've my mind set on that wolf now, and I want it. I tell you if I get my eyes on her I will bring out her pelt as sure as shooting.

"I find that I am as strong as ever, even after a winter during which I practically did nothing. I want to harden my feet some and that is the reason I am waiting until Monday to set out. I am anxious to get in, and my feeling last night as I lay and looked up at the stars was one of entire contentment, the like of which I have not experienced for months. It is the only life, the life in the open.

"The drive from Grants Pass to camp near the Josephine county caves, from which we start, is one of the most beautiful I ever took in all my life. The ride was a long succession of surprises and, if I do nothing more in the woods than study the woods and plants with which I am not familiar, I shall be well repaid for my trip into this country I have chosen for my experiment.

Bear Killing Is Easy

"Woodsmen with whom I have talked know I am telling the truth when I say I can trap a bear and kill him with a club. Why, a bear can be as easily killed as a woodchuck. All you have to do is to hit him on the nose with a club you can swing with one hand. People ask me what I would do if I met a bear in the woods. Why, I wouldn't do anything. That old bear couldn't get out of the way fast enough. I would rather sleep out there in the woods with the bears than in the finest hotel anywhere."

Three Creeks Camp is 50 miles from the railroad. Six miles from this point Knowles will begin his struggle with nature. Most of the country he will travel lies in the Klamath National forest.

Allie Deming, a noted guide and trapper of Flagstaff, Maine, in an article in the Boston American, says that Knowles is a big fraud; that he had lived comfortably in a cabin in the Maine woods last year during his naked nature stunt; that he did not sleep a single night in the open and that he was clothed at all times except when he exposed his body to the sun for the acquisition of his tan.

MT. JEFFERSON IS "SMOKING"

Heavy Black Smoke Noticed Coming Out at Top Sunday

TWO YEARS AGO SAME ACTION WAS NOTICED

No Danger Is Apprehended But People in This Vicinity Are Watching the Big Hill for Indications of Eruption

Mt. Jefferson, which is located about 40 miles northwest of here in the Cascade Range, is "smoking" again. This was noticed Sunday evening about 7:30 by W. C. Poland who lives three and a half miles southwest of the city. He brought the news to Redmond Monday and since that time the people here have been waiting for the haze to clear from the atmosphere so they could get a fair view of the mountain to see if the smoke was still coming forth.

Mr. Poland said the smoke he saw coming from the top of the mountain was very heavy and black and continued to pour forth until it was too dark to see the mountain any more.

O. K. Olson of this city, stated that two years ago last December, while on a ranch near the city, he saw heavy black smoke rolling out of the top of Jefferson, and that the smoke continued to pour forth for some time.

J. O. Cobb, another resident of the city, stated that several years ago, in company with some Portland people, were at the base of Jefferson picking huckleberries, and at that time dense smoke was seen coming from the mountain top.

While there is no alarm felt as to an eruption from the mountain, still the people here are watching old Jefferson to see what might happen.

Mt. Jefferson is 11,200 feet high, and is situated in the northwestern corner of Crook county, southeastern corner of Marion and the north-eastern corner of Linn counties.

Mrs. Christ Is Severely Injured By Scared Horse

Horse Jumps Fence, Knocks Her Down and Breaks Her Left Collar Bone—Injured Otherwise

Mrs. Claude Christ, wife of the well known horseman and stock buyer of this city, met with a serious accident Sunday forenoon, and if there are any lucky accidents she experienced the same.

Mr. Christ was washing a horse in the yard and his wife stood on the opposite side of the fence. During the progress of the work Mrs. Christ asked her husband to let her hold the rope that was fastened to the horse. He passed the rope to her and began playing the hose on the horse, when it became frightened, jumped the fence and knocked Mrs. Christ down, trampling on her and breaking her left collar bone and otherwise bruising her severely.

Mr. Christ went to his wife's assistance as soon as possible, and he said it was the greatest wonder in the world the horse did not injure her more, as he was jumping and kicking over and all around her.

NAMES OMITTED

In last week's Spokesman in giving the names of men in business in Redmond and vicinity the following were unintentionally omitted:

Claude Christ, horse and stock dealer.

M. C. Conlon, horse and cattle breeder.

G. A. Bradley, fine stock breeder. Henry Gross, tailor.

New Jersey is said to have the have the greatest proportion of railroad mileage of any state in the country, or one mile of railroad to every three square miles of territory which makes an unusual risk of forest fires set by railroads.

CIGAR FACTORY MAN WANTS TO COME HERE

THINKS REDMOND THE RIGHT POINT FOR A PLANT

Secretary Schee of Commercial Club Now in Communication With Prospective Newcomer

R. L. Schee, secretary of the Redmond Commercial Club, is in communication with a cigar manufacturer in Wyoming who is desirous of coming to this city to locate and put in a cigar factory. Mr. Schee, it is understood, has written him that there is a good opening here for his business.

The man in question stated he had heard a great deal of good about Redmond and was desirous of coming here. He said he would bring two or three men with him to assist in the manufacture of cigars.

Mr. Schee pointed out that Redmond would be the best point in the county for a cigar factory as it is in the center of a good territory, and a good distributing point to towns on the railroad and the interior.

Aside from being a cigar manufacturer the Wyoming man is a band and orchestra leader, and would be an addition to musical circles here.

Best Acre of Corn Will Win 2-Horse Cultivator

Expected that Offer Will Attract Considerable Attention Among the Corn Growers in County

The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. this year is giving a 2-horse cultivator at the Crook Co. Fair for the best acre of corn, exhibit to consist of not less than 50 ears and 12 stalks of corn, and accompanied by a statement certified to by two disinterested parties, the exhibit to be judged, based upon the following score:

Pounds of grain to acre	30 points
Pounds of fodder to acre	30 points
Quality of grain	20 points
Cost of production in hours of man and horse, and fertilizer, where used	10 points
Best story of how crop was produced and handled	10 points
Total	100 points

The railroad company has distributed considerable seed corn in Crook county this spring, consequently this offer should attract much attention.

Much Butter Shipped From Creamery Here

Redmond Product Meets With Ready Sale at Home and at Outside Markets—Is High Grade Article

The Redmond Creamery is now shipping out weekly about 2,000 pounds of high grade butter to Portland and other towns along the railroad. The butter made by the creamery is always in good demand, as it is of the highest grade. This brings in a nice sum of money every month to the creamery, and the farmers, who are patrons of the plant, are thereby benefited.

The creamery is modern throughout. They have their own refrigerating plant and all the latest machinery and appliances for the quick and economical manufacture of butter. New patrons are being added to the creamery each week, and they are all well satisfied ones, too.

SHIP IN POTATOES

A Redmond business man who is in close touch with crop conditions in this section of the county, made the prediction Monday that, owing to the short acreage of potatoes, Redmond would be shipping in that product before Christmas.

HOT WEATHER

Last Saturday was an extremely hot day in this section. The thermometer at the observer station a mile north of town, marked 93 in the shade at 1:30, and 95 at 3:30. Sunday was fully as warm a day. Sunday night the weather turned off cooler and Monday was a very comfortable day.



IN STRICT CONFIDENCE

As we have pointed out before, your business relations with the Redmond Bank of Commerce are strictly confidential and are not discussed outside the bank in any way. In directing any of your friends to this bank at any time, you are at liberty to assure them on this important point.

REDMOND BANK OF COMMERCE

INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS

TWO TAKE PRISONER AND THEN HANG HIM

HIRED MAN TRIES TO ASSAULT DAUGHTER OF EMPLOYER

Penalty Follows Quickly on Heels of Crime and Offender Is Captured and Lynched

A man who was working for Bert Hardman, a rancher at Audrey, in Baker county, attempted to criminally assault the 8-year old daughter of Hardman one day last week. He dragged her to some bushes but the child's screams frightened her assailant away. The child told her father and he captured the man and was taking him to Baker to jail when two masked men took the prisoner away from his captor and hanged him in a lonely canyon in the upper Burnt River country. The man confessed to the attempted assault. The child was uninjured.

So silently and methodically did the grim avengers work that not the least clue to their identity was left behind.

Hardman and his prisoner were riding on horseback toward Whitney to entrain for Baker, when confronted by the masked men, similarly mounted. They secured possession of the prisoner despite Hardman's pleadings that the law be allowed to take its course, and galloped away. Reaching the lonely canyon they placed a rope about the man's neck, threw one end over the branch of a tall tree, tied his feet together so that he could not struggle, strung him up and then rode away.

It was believed the men who dispensed summary justice did so under the impression that the man had succeeded in his purpose. A rumor to this effect had spread through the countryside, where Hardman is a prominent and popular rancher.

Many Tourists Pass Through This City

Every Day Auto Parties Stop Here While En-route to Some of the Nearby Summer Resorts

Redmond is a stopping off point for tourists from the western and northern parts of the state while on their way across the mountains. Nearly every day one or more cars of tourists arrive in the city and remain here from an hour or two upward.

The hotels are well equipped to handle this class of traffic and the Central Oregon Garage, one of the best equipped in the state, can attend to all auto repairs, etc.

With the completion of improvements on the McKenzie road over the mountains Redmond will see a great many more tourists coming through, as this city is located right on the line of road necessary to go over to cross the mountains.

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WATER RIGHTS, AGED 50 YEARS, SETTLED

30,500 ACRES ARE INVOLVED IN THE SETTLEMENT

The Crook County Circuit Court Confirms State Board's Adjudication

State Engineer Lewis announced last Thursday that he had received advices that the Circuit Court of Crook county had confirmed the State Water Board's adjudication of 250 water rights on Crooked River, the largest and most important adjudication ever completed by the board.

The adjudication involves 30,500 acres of land, which, with the water rights, is valued at \$1,000,000, and it ends expensive litigation, which has heretofore been carried on with relation to the water rights on this stream. Some of these water rights were initiated a half century ago.

All Kinds of Trees Grow Nicely Here

This Soil Well Adapted for Fruit As Well As Shade Trees With Little Irrigation During Summer

The soil in this section of the county is particularly adapted for the successful growing of fruit, ornamental and shade trees, and each year sees more of these kind of trees set out here.

One of the fastest growing trees in this section is the Carolina Poplar. Postmaster Moore has some of these trees on some lots in the northwestern part of the city that have shown a wonderful growth, even though they have practically had no irrigation. Box Elder trees do well here also, and grow fast.

While this is not a fruit tree growing section—growing fruit for commercial purposes—all kinds of fruit trees with the exception of peach trees, do remarkably well, and farmers and others who have planted trees have obtained satisfactory results.

GRASSHOPPERS IN FORCE

West End of Umatilla County Invalued and Damage Is Heavy

A Pendleton dispatch of recent date says: Not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant have grasshoppers been as numerous or as destructive as at present in the west end of Umatilla county. Reports are that they will greatly reduce the yield of the third cutting of alfalfa. In some cases they have attacked orchards and by eating off the leaves of the trees have stopped the growth for this year. Shade and ornamental trees are also suffering.

The Hudson Gold Dredging Co. will construct another dredge for the Sumpter gold placer mines.