

# Indian Railroad Workers Inclined To Change Names

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Omaha, Neb. (UP)—What's in a name? asked William Shakespeare—and the more than 200 Indians working for the Union Pacific railroad have the same thought.

The "vanishing Americans," employed by the railroad as track laborers in the western states, do plenty of vanishing and then reappear—usually with different names.

The Indians' names often describe them, such as Guy Laughing, Joking Policeman, Old Wagon, Crippled Boy, Buster White Horse, George Kneebone, Charley Many Goats, Whisky Boy, Fur Hat Boy, Wool Boy Son-in-law and Poor Man's Kid.

## New Names Come Payday

Comes payday—and off goes an Indian on an extended "holiday." When he returns to work, Old Wagon may have New Wagon, Many Goats may have sold his goats, and Guy Laughing may be frowning. Then, the railroad can expect Fur Hat Boy to give his name as Straw Hat Boy and Whisky Boy to apply as Rum and Coke.

The change of titles is a headache to the retirement board which has charge of social security and unemployment benefits for the railroad workers. Social security numbers have little meaning to the Indians. If they don't remember their number they sometimes substitute one that is fairly close. When they are asked if they have worked for the railroad previously, they may nod in the affirmative if they think it will help them—and on the other hand, they may say no.

The accounting department tries to check through personnel records but many of the Indians don't know who their parents were or where they went to school, unless it was in "Arizona." Signatures aren't of much help since one X looks pretty much like another X—and that is the usual method of signing.

## What's a Capital?

The retirement boards list surnames first in their records. But confusion continues when Charles Many Goats, for example, returns to work after a short vacation as Chief Manygoats. The first time he was hired his name was listed as "Goats"—and the second time,

it was placed under the "M." as "Manygoats."

Money piles up in the social security fund as persons such as Gold Tooth No. 1 unknowingly is re-employed by the railroads as Gold Tooth No. 2—and so on down the line with Many Mules Grandson, Unca Sam, Little Mother of the Red House, Coming This Way, Sally Little Mustache, Theresa Born With a Tooth, Tommy Struck With a Gun, or Sheep Man's Girl.

It's a relief to the accountants when they find names as simple as Jumbo, Puggie or Chee—for a rose by any other name wouldn't smell as sweet.

## Powells Purchase Rose Restaurant

Lapine, March 22 (Special)—After spending 24 years in the restaurant business here, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rose have sold their establishment to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Powell, they announced today. The transaction did not involve the property, which is being retained by Mr. and Mrs. Rose, is was said.

The veteran Lapine restaurateurs have no immediate plans, but to take a rest, they said, and in the meantime are residing at the home of their daughter. The Powells plan to take possession on April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose came to Lapine from Portland in 1916, and located on a nearby homestead. They resided on the homestead until the spring of 1921, when they moved into Lapine and opened the Rose cafe in one of the Foss buildings. Several months later they moved their cafe into a Williams building on the highway. In 1923 they created their own structure and have operated a restaurant in it for the past 22 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose have two children, a son and family living in Washington, and a daughter, Mrs. Jack Galvin, residing in Tigard.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell have resided in Lapine for sometime, and prior to taking over the Rose cafe, Powell was in business in Bend.

A new type of electric dry cell uses mercuric oxide as an important component; a can or container, that serves as the positive pole, has in it mercuric oxide and layers of zinc and specially prepared paper arranged in a spiral-like form.

Titanium and zirconium, best known for their alloys with steel, are also used to alloy with copper, producing a substance comparable with tin bronzes.

## Tower, Starts Tonight



Martha O'Driscoll and Noah Berry, Jr. in a scene from Universal's new musical comedy, "Under Western Skies."

## Man Wielding Razor Has Last Word, Fred Othman Discovers

By Frederick C. Othman  
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Washington, March 22 (UP)—Chester (Red Points) Bowles wants to regulate the cost of a shave and haircut. He is, as you shall see, a brave man.

He told the senate banking and currency committee that the price of barbering has increased 29 per cent. He rubbed his well-scraped chin and said he thought his OPA ought to shave these tonsorial profits.

"But the barbers have one of the most powerful lobbies of all," exclaimed Senator Glen H. Taylor of Idaho. "They're hanging on the coat tails of the doctors. They say if you regulate the price of a haircut you've got to regulate the price of an appendicitis operation."

"Uh," began Bowles. "And you don't think," said Senator Eugene D. Millikin of Colorado, "that so long as barbers shave men with razors, anybody is going to vote against 'em, do you?"

"Uh," Bowles began again. "And isn't it a fact," asked Senator Burke B. Hickenlooper of Iowa, "that some barbers are better barbers than others and can charge more?"

The senators sat back then and waited for an answer from the husky Bowles, who was wearing a shirt that was no good example of what he was about to say.

"Oh," he began once more. "Yes, gentlemen I suppose barbers are like laundries. Some give

you fine service and finish your shirts exactly the way you want 'em and . . ."

"Mr. Bowles," interrupted Sen. Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire, "what laundry is that?"

"Uh," Bowles began.

"And I'd also like to suggest," said Senator Milliken, "that barbers and beauty shops are great news disseminating agencies. You've got to consider that."

Bowles changed the subject. "I can't say that I blame him. He took up the price of movie tickets. He said they ought to be cut and that he was the boy to do it. I think you are absolutely right," agreed Senator Tobey. "I have been going to the movies and I can say that the cost of pictures must have gone down. There are more mediocre actors now and fewer good pictures. They couldn't cost as much as they used to."

Bowles didn't want to say yes and he didn't want to say no. So he didn't say anything.

"But you must cover baseball games if you cover movies," said Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio. Bowles said he supposed he must.

"And Broadway shows," Taft snapped.

"Oh, now senator," Bowles cried, "you're putting us in the position of having to decide how good a Broadway show is, before we pay the price. We wouldn't want to do that."

"Perhaps some member of this body could help you," suggested Senator Tobey.

"That is," amended Senator

Taft, "if Mayor LaGuardia would let you."

"Uh," said Bowles. I didn't hear what else he had to say. I got out of there. I give you one guess, why.

## Maurer Member Of Repair Unit

Bremerton, Wash., March 22—W. C. Maurer, motor machinist's mate, first class, USNR, of Bend, Ore., is now stationed with the ship repair unit which is in training at the Puget Sound navy yard in Bremerton, Wash. His wife, Jeannette and three children, Marilyn, 6, Sally, 4, and Patricia, 2, reside at 360 Riverside avenue, Bend.

Born in Boise, Idaho, Maurer was graduated from Bend high school and later attended Southern Oregon college at Ashland, Oregon, and Western Electric trade school in Portland. Prior to enlisting for service with the navy's ship repair unit in Klamath Falls in January, 1944, he was employed as a mechanic by the Standard Oil company in Portland.

Maurer received his basic training at Farragut, Idaho, and was then transferred to the Puget Sound navy yard in Bremerton for advanced training in November, 1944.

## Purple Heart Won By Sisters Man

Sisters, March 22 (Special)—The purple heart, awarded to Pvt. Duell Dairs, was received last week by his wife, Mrs. Duell Dairs of Sisters.

In January Mrs. Dairs received a letter from her husband revealing that he was hospitalized. Later correspondence indicates that he has recovered and is once more in active duty.

## Mill Firm Named In Damage Action

Portland, Ore., March 22 (UP)—A \$50,000 damage suit was on file today in federal court against The

Shevlin-Hixon Company of Bend.

Mrs. Anna Stump of Bend charged in her complaint that her husband died last October as the result of injuries received while employed at a mill operated by the company. The suit alleged

that a pile of lumber on a carrier slipped because of improper safety devices and in trying to keep the load from falling off, he received a hernia. He died two weeks later from the effects of the injury, she alleged.



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