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Mt. Washington: A Profile

Names of Cascade peaks were poorly chosen, with a few exceptions, believes Bob Frazier of the Eugene Register-Guard.

Some names, of course, are descriptive, and these Bob editorially defends. Three Fingered Jack, Cowhorn and Broken Top are excellent names unlikely to be duplicated too often in other parts of the country.

The Sisters, Bachelor, Husband, Wife, Little Brother bear well chosen names for they are members of Oregon's "family of mountains", Bob points out.

But consider some of the other names, invites the Eugene editor. Shouldn't Diamond and Thielsen be turned around? Named for an early-day Coburg resident, Diamond peak does not overlook Diamond lake. Thielsen, named for another pioneer, is mirrored in that lake.

And, asked Bob, wouldn't it have been better if Hood were called Multnomah, and Adams or St. Helens were called McLoughlin? Leave Jefferson as it is, suggested Bob.

The name of Washington for that volcanic, glaciated spire south of the Santiam pass also rankles Bob. Nationally, he notes, that name sticks to New Hampshire's wind-swept peak.

Here The Bulletin disagrees with Bob, as we have occasionally in the past.

Mt. Washington of the Oregon Cascades, was named after the president because of the profile it presents as viewed from the sunrise side of the Cascades.

Of course, Mt. Washington was known by another name in early days, especially by stockmen of the interior country. That was a name that eventually disappeared among people who speak politely about their Cascade peaks, just as tourists refer to the Rocky mountain pinnacles above Lake Moran as the Tetons.

In early days some persons, possibly a Deschutes range rider, noticed that the jagged volcanic Cascade mount politely known as "Squaw Peak" presented a striking profile of George Washington.

True, the profile was a sort of alpine caricature of Washington. But there was his sharp nose, at times partly hidden by wisps of clouds. And there was the Washington forehead, sloping too much, possibly, but conforming with the topography.

And, fitting into the picture, was the Washington chin, recessive but recognizable.

The result: A skyline profile of America's first president.

For this reason, Washington is the most characteristic of all names applied to the old volcanoes of the Oregon skyline.

Top These, Hosmer

Paul Hosmer, the man The Oregonian calls the "Sage of the High Country", is noted for a series of short observations which run at the end of the "Pine Echoes" magazine he turns out each month.

Hosmer gets a lot of publicity around the country because of these observations, which have come to be known as "Hosmerisms" in some quarters.

This publicity has disturbed our old friend Ackroyd Shinbunny, the High Desert resident who drops into the office once a month to steal our copy of "Pine Echoes."

Shinbunny feels he's just as clever as Hosmer. He thinks he's at a disadvantage in competing with the Bend man, because he doesn't work for a company which publishes a magazine. Matter of fact, Shinbunny doesn't work at all. He's reduced to an exact science the best way of living without working.

Shinbunny scrawled out a few Shinbunnysms the other day on a few old lunchbags he got from crossing a highway used by litterbugging tourists. He dropped them on the desk with an open challenge to Hosmer to top them. Here they are:

Tact is the ability to give a person a shot in the arm without letting him feel the needle.

Mistakes, after all, do serve a purpose. . . our friends find such pleasure in pointing them out to us.

A borrower is a man who tries to live within your means.

When it comes to stopping a man's circulation the best tourniquet of all is a wedding ring.

About the only time overweight will make a man feel better is when he sees it on a girl he nearly married.

Visitors always make us happy; some when they come and some when they go.

You never know how absurd your own opinion is until you hear somebody else quoting it.

The trouble with being bald is not so much in combing your hair as in knowing where to draw the line when you wash your face.

How much better a woman feels after a good cry depends on what she got out of it.

An optimist is a man who idles the motor in front of his house while he waits for his wife.

A good speaker is one who rises to the occasion and promptly sits down.

Nothing can stop a woman in the middle of a sentence like the arrival of another woman with two men.

Nothing improves a person's driving like a police car right in back of him.

"How Do You Plead--'Guilty or Guilty?'"



Sagebrushings

by Ila S. Grant

If you want something to celebrate today, you can give three cheers for Cyrus W. Field. His first successful Atlantic cable was laid just ninety years ago, on July 27, 1866.

Cyrus Field was a mighty clever fellow, and I think he made a lot of money. Good for him.

News from England, by Atlantic cable or otherwise, indicates that Marilyn Monroe is creating quite a stir over there. I'm not surprised. The gal who really stirred up a hornet's nest is the English dress designer who came right out and said that Marilyn is a dowdy dresser, and untidy. She said that Marilyn got off the plane in a dress that looked slept-in, and her hair was an absolute mess. Not only that, she has a spare tire, right around the middle. Said the dress designer. (Even in this weather, I wouldn't let a remark out without a quote.)

I certainly wouldn't want to take sides in a fight like this. No woman would want to be dowdy and sloppy and fat — like Marilyn Monroe. No, sir Not much.

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only six other cats at home at the time, and I hated to seem unfeeling.

Last week Sonny presented us with four kittens. We changed his name to Sunny. In a few more weeks, I'll need four more red ribbons and some good masculine names — like Pat, George, Michael and Harry. We can always change them to Patricia, Georgette, Michelle and Harrietta.

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Rescue Director Says 'Miracle' So Many Saved

NEW YORK (UP)—The man who directed rescue operations at the Andrea Doria for almost six hours said today it was a "miracle" so many were saved.

Capt. John S. Shea, commander of the USNS Pvt. William H. Thomas, said that in his 39 years at sea he had never seen a rescue operation proceed so smoothly.

"It is certainly unusual to get so many survivors off a sinking ship safely," he said. "If this happened four months from now it would be a different story. In cold weather there would be lives lost. You could bet on it."

Shea said visibility was dead zero when his ship received an SOS message from the Doria. By the time we got to the ship (at 1:23 a.m. EDT) the visibility had cleared to three miles.

"A thing like that would happen once in a lifetime," he said. "If the fog hadn't lifted when it did it would have been bad...very bad."

The rescue ship Thomas sent two motor launch lifeboats to the Doria twice each and took off 158 survivors. Some they fished out of the water. Many they took from the stern of the sinking ship, the last part of the stricken vessel to go down.

Shea said it wasn't necessary to direct the lifeboats of the other rescue ships. He said they all displayed perfect seamanship.

The captain's report of the fog lifting at the exact critical time was borne out by the survivors on his ship.

"The fog was so thick you couldn't see the people on the deck," one survivor said. "After the crash we all began to pray. We prayed so hard. And then, as if in answer to our prayers, the fog lifted. The moon came out, the water was calm, and we felt hope again."

A TWO-EDGED SWORD
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