OLD SOURDOUGH **RECALLS BITTER** INDIAN FEELINGS

By J. C. REYNOLDS Sourdough Sage and Wit of the Big Applegate Country

LANDED in Colorado in 1876, the year it was admitted as a state. The now great city of Denver at that time was a small place, its entire police force consisting of three men. In the surrounding country Sheriff Dave Cook and his Rocky Mountain detectives kept matters well in hand.

The Utes then were a powerful Indian tribe, numbering 8,000 warriors beside the squaws and youngsters and were causing Uncle Sam a lot of grief in his efforts to civilize and control them. They were spread over the whole state and were the meanest dispositioned, most insolent and most treacherous Indians I have ever come in contact with.

They hated the whites and in a way should not be blamed for that At that time large numbers of the tribesmen were suffering from a mysterious disease which their medicine men were unable to cure. have seen scores of them with their noses rotted off, others with roofs of their mouths eaten away and still others dying from slow, malignant, festering sores.

Finally they were made to comprehend this contaminating disease was simply syphilis which their squaws had contracted in their heretofore unrestrained relations with white men.

The tribe then made a rule which was strictly enforced for a number of years afterward, that any squaw having anything to do with a white man should have her ears, nose and tongue cut off and be driven into the wilderness with whips to whatever fate awaited

This was one of the things that set the Ute Indians against the whites, though they had many other grievances against the newcomers. Game was plentiful everywhere but oftentimes the Indians became too lazy to hunt for it and would set fire to the woods to drive the game out to some convenient place where they could get what they wanted without the hard labor of hunting. Many thousand acres of fine timber thus was sacrificed, which wanton destruction was certain to anger the

All over the state in the magnificent yellow pine belts could be seen millions of fine trees girdled by a foot-wide blaze and slowly dying. The Indians, wherever they camped, chipped off the outside bark with their tomahawks and hunting knives to get at the inside skin of the trees, which they made into soup. I have been told this soup is very nourishing but never tasted it, as I have a strong dislike for the flavor of turpen-

Ouray, head chief of the Utes, and his wife Chipeta always were friendly to the whites but a lot of the sub-chiefs were not and bit-terly resented Ouray's efforts to live in peace with their new neighbors. One of the hardest of these to handle was Colorow, who was cordially hated by whites and reds alike. He always was up to some wickedness and with his chosen band of cutthroats roamed the whole state raising the very devil wherever he showed up. For quite a while the government made a pet of him but it was no use. Then it was decided to take him and some other unruly sub-chiefs on a visit to Washington to show them the greatness of the country the immense resources of their white neighbors and the thousands of soldiers and war material available, which might impress them with the futility of fighting against such overwhelming odds.

Arrived in Washington, a banquet was provided to which many notables were invited. Colorow and his Indians in their blankets, paint and feathers were silently but voraciously gorging themselves when one of the fine-haired society ladies sitting next to Colorow, with the intent to make con-



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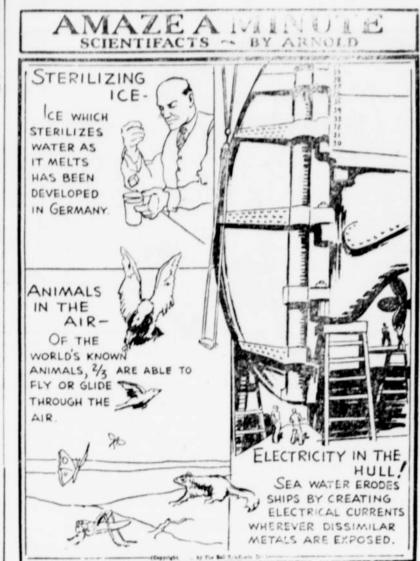
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how many squaws have you?"

do you do with so many?" concise and to the point that the with stately yellow pines. lady fainted and others had immediate recourse to their smelling salts. And since that day no so- about 400 yards below the post dared to ask a visiting Indian too racing their ponies up and down, many questions. But this story yelling at the top of their voices around camp fires of the west air at intervals. Unhitching the among men who are familiar with mules, we watered and fed them the Indian habit of calling every- and started a fire to cook our thing by its name.

of us were on our way to the teered to go up to the post and newly discovered gold mines of buy what we needed. Outside of the San Juan country. Leaving the post I ran into a dense crowd thur G. Porter of Applegate, Ore-

versation, said, "Oh, Mr. Colorow, our camp on the Piedra river in a freight wagon drawn by four rode into the valley that after-"Ugh! me got um six," replied mules, we drove the 18 miles to the chief who could talk a little the southern Ute agency on the dickens, there were enough other pigeon English when he wanted Loa Pinos (Pine river). The trad-"Oh my," said the lady, "what stood in the center of this beautio you do with so many?" ful valley of several hundred all. But believe me, things looked acres, sprinkled here and there pretty bilious around in that val-

As we drove down to the river provoked much laughter and shooting their guns into the dinner. As we were getting short One day early in summer four of coffee and tobacco, I volun-

the door which appeared to be to be at home.

till the agent opened the door a couple of inches and inquired what tor A. Tengwald, U. S. Commisthe h-ll I wanted. "I want to get sioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the in and buy some coffee and to- 8th day of July, 1937. bacco," I told him.

"Good heavens, man," he replied. "I can't let you in. Don't W. M. Johnson, of Applegate, Ore. you see all these Indians around John Pernoll, of Applegate, Ore

I said "Yes, but what of it?" "Plenty," he answered. One of them killed one of Colorow's Indians this morning and he and his band are due to show up any minute and when they do there

will be h-ll to pay." He went on to explain that there would be a big battle among themselves and they probably would clean up on every white man around that they could get their hands on.

I said, "Don't you need some help? There are four of us and all well armed."

"The only help you can give me," he said, "is to get away from here and out of this valley before h-ll starts popping. may be they won't bother the post here, but I won't be responsible for the safety of any strang-

I went back and told the boys. Well," they said, "we've simply got to let the mules eat and rest after that long trip and we'll just take a chance and eat some ourselves, because we have a long hard pull ahead of us."

So we did that and after an hour hitched up and went on and got out of it all right. Afterward we heard that when old Colorow noon and started in to raise the Indians to overawe him and make ing post, an immense log building. him listen to reason, so the big massacre didn't come off after ley while we were there.

. H. L. Gregory, Mrs. Arthur Sellers and daughters, Ailene and ciety lady in Washington has ever we could see hundreds of Indians Lucille, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark True Sunday.

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> Claimant names as witnesses A. S. Edwards, of Applegate, Ore. GEORGE FINLEY, Register.

> In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon in and for **Jackson County**

NELLIE RUTH COTTON, Plaint-WILLIAM LEE COTTON, Defendant SUIT IN EQUITY FOR DIVORCE

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relief prayed for in her complaint. By order of the Honorable H. D. Norton, judge of the said court, made and dated the 30th day of April, 1937, this summons is served upon you by publication for four successive weeks in the Southern Oregon Miner, a newspaper of general circulation, print-

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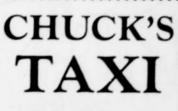


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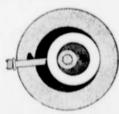
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