

OLD TIMERS

Modocs Repulse Second Attack

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(Continuing)

Major Green drew up a line of skirmish, which might have been a death trap to his men, taking all the chances of a murderous fire concealed in the crevices and behind large boulders of the lava rock by Capt. Jack's warriors.

The Indians were hid like weasels in this death trap in no-man's land, raking the soldiers with gunfire. Detachments were soon cut off from one another by impassable crevices and exposed to sudden flanking gun fire by the Modoc warriors. This brought extreme precaution to avoid disaster among the troops.

Indians Elusive

It was continuously felt among the troops that the Indians were slipping away from them in this fortress of lava and no assurance of their whereabouts could be seen by the troops. Their rifle fire proved fatal to the skirmish lines, where a good many men were killed. This barrage of fire was kept up for days and nights. So when Major Green gave the command to advance, some of the soldiers were none too eager to execute the orders in face of the severe losses, without any effect on the Indians. Major Green, proving to his men by stepping out from the ranks in front and walking up and down slowly to expose himself to the enemy fire, tried to set an example to his men that the hostile bullets were not worthy of notice. However, the United States forces soon found out that it was no use to cope with Capt. Jack's Indian warriors under the heavy odds against them. They were finally withdrawn to their military camps.

Second Attempt Fails

This second time to force the Modocs back to the Klamath reservation was of no use, and failed. At this stage of affairs the central office at Washington advised that it would be wise to resort again to a peace commission and to make Gen. Canby head of the Indian affairs. Gen. Canby told the department that the only way to assure a success was to crush the Indians with a superior force, which would break their morale to surrender and then treat them fairly. But all in vain was this proposition to the peace commission consisting of A. B. Meacham, Dr. Thomas and the Indian Agent L. S. Dyar. They arrived and conferred with General Canby. Agent Dyar foresaw with all his experience not to attempt to arouse the savages by force.

Advice Given

On March 5, a return telegram arrived from the secretary of the interior to the commission, saying: "I do not believe that the Modocs mean treachery." On April 2, the Indians showed suspicion, far beyond the possible influence of negotiation; besides there were the warnings of an experienced scout and interpreter by the name of Frank Riddle, and his wife-to-be, a full-blooded Modoc squaw, who had always been loyal to her husband and proved to be to the last. But as all these signs and warnings availed it was not enough to convince the commissioners.

Gen. Canby by this time had ordered all his troops to surround the enemy's camp of fastnesses. After a fruitless attempt to try and passify the Indians, the minutes and hours were in the stage of limitation with restlessness confusion of the tribe and

the warriors began to mingle together with a serious tension on their faces. War paint stained their bodies and faces and that cruel war look gleamed in their eyes.

Warriors Sent

The Indians sent in two of their famous warriors, Bogus Charley and Boston Charley, to propose for a meeting the next day at a certain place. All agreed that each side was to be freed of firearms.

The Indians were so sincere about this, that Gen. Canby was greatly deceived. It was all agreed to meet the next day at a certain spot that the Indians had picked out. Meacham, Dyar, Dr. Thomas and Gen. Canby were to be the representatives of the "White Father." These two famous War Savages Boston Charley and Bogus Charley were kept in the military camp overnight and were dealt with kindness and friendship. But all this time the commissioners were suspicious. Scout Riddle's wife, Tobe, told Canby, Meacham, Dyar, and Dr. Thomas not to go because her tribesmen had planned to deceive them in treachery.

Chiefs Come Around

But her honest story was in vain. The next morning everything was all set to go to the tent where the council was to meet. These were Gen. Canby, Dr. Thomas, Meacham, Dyar, Riddle and his Modoc wife, and the two warriors Boston Charley and Bogus Charley. They were all freed of carrying fire arms. But as a kind thought, Gen. Canby took along a box of cigars to treat the Indians in good faith and wish them to smoke the cigar of peace. As they drew nearer to the council tent, they met six chieftains all armed to the hilt. They were Captain Jack, Schonchin, Shacknasty Jim, Ellen's Man, Hooker Jim and Black Jim. Their guns could be seen protruding from the folds of their blankets. This time things looked scary to the whites.

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Youth Training ...

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Strong, healthy children are most likely to grow up to be good citizens, assets to the nation, contributing to, and not detracting from, its wealth. Proper physical training is the key-stone upon which the entire training structure depends. Healthy boys and girls make the best students and seldom go wrong morally.

Cost in Perspective

When seen in true perspective, the final total cost of a weak sickly youngster is far greater than the cost of proper training during childhood.

Physical training must not be made more, or less, important than mental or moral training. We must use every effort to know about and to correct faults in the individual during the grade school years, not waiting for the verdict of the army doctors. Then it is too late for correction.

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SUPT. ALF MEKVOLD WILL SEEK ELECTION

County School Superintendent Alf Mekvold became one of the latest Jackson county candidates to announce his intention to seek election.



COUNTY COMMISSIONER... candidate on the democratic ticket is Loyd W. Whitney, 35, city councilman of Jacksonville. He was born and reared in Jackson county, attending Jacksonville schools and majored in business administration at Burbank Junior college and Southern Oregon college.

OLD ARMY GAG

Talent Is Found; Switched Around

Preliminary casting for the "150th Annual Faculty Follies" at Southern Oregon college was completed Sunday afternoon after a trying 10-minute session, according to Miss Veva Wilson, publicity chairman.

Faculty members were allowed to choose parts most suited to their individual talents, Miss Wilson explained, and were then cast in opposite roles. "This system," she said, "will give freshness to the performance."

Cultural Tour Theme

With a theme of "San Francisco Cultural tour" uppermost in their minds, two script writers began tentative work this week "but were unable to accomplish anything." This development, if it resembles any of the quarterly trips made by the students, is "strictly on purpose."

The cast is described by Miss Wilson as the "largest" in the long history of the attraction and the number of acts will again be "the greatest number ever tried." She added that intermission will be spaced appropriately so that the audience may leave "at convenient intervals."

The follies is scheduled for April 3-5 and is under the direction of Leon C. Mulling, associate professor.

Obituaries

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away . . ." Job 1:21

CORNELIUS E. LANE

Cornelius Earl Lane, 56, a former Ashland resident, passed away last Thursday in Crescent City where he had made his home in the last few years.

Mr. Lane was born on March 31, 1895, at Pilot Rock, Ore., and had been employed in the plywood factory at Crescent City.

He was united in marriage on July 2, 1915 to Josie Margaret Kerr at Walla Walla, Wash.

Besides his wife, he is survived by children, Mrs. Carl Hanson, Lander, Wyo.; Mrs. Jack Burckhardt, Grants Pass; Mrs. Dennis Chavez, Kennewick, Wash.; Mrs. Charles Adamson, Lawrence and Eugene Lane of Crescent City; and Eldon Lane of the U.S. Navy; by his mother, Mrs. Blanche Lane and brother Rex of Ashland; sisters, Mrs. Frank Feagins of Tillamook, Ore.; Mrs. Alvin Steele, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Mrs. Bud Cooper, Hood River, Ore.; and by 17 grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday in the Litwiler Funeral home with the Rev. Roscoe Hohn officiating. Interment followed in Mt. View cemetery.

KIWANIS SEEK CHORUS TALENT

Chorus line talent is needed for the Kiwanis Kapers, according to Phil Butler, Hollywood producer of the coming valley show.

The producer noted at the Monday meeting of the Ashland group that there was an abundance of special number talent, but that positions were still open in the group routines.

Any person in the Ashland area desiring to fill a chorus spot is asked to call either George Sennatt or Abe Neslin.

It was pointed out at Monday's meeting that all money solicited for ads in the Kapers' program in Ashland will remain here for the club's welfare work. Three classes of ads will be solicited: the \$5 patron class includes only name and address; \$10 sponsor includes this plus a little more; and the \$12.50 "screw-Louie" has an added clever statement.

The Kapers is set for 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. each day beginning March 5 through the 8th in the Medford high school auditorium.

See the wide range of wedding announcements available at the News Review.

Church Notices

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Pioneer avenue, south. Sunday morning service at 11 a.m.

Subject: Christ Jesus. Golden Text: Isaiah 11:1. There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Nursery available during the Sunday morning service.

Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing, is held at 8 p.m.

Reading room open daily from 2 to 5 p.m. except Sundays and holidays.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and to use the reading room.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

N. Main at Laurel. Ross Knotts, minister. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Anthem by Choir. Sermon, "The Truth About Alleged Errors in the Bible."

Junior Church, 11 a.m., for the children. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and young people. Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. Solo, Barbara Willis. Sermon, "Daniel's Vision of the Latter Days."

Midweek Service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE

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\$3.50 After March 1

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Geo. Carter
County Clerk

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, a class for every age. Morning worship, 11 a.m., special music, service broadcast over KWIN.

Youth fellowship services, 6:30 p.m.; evening service, singing, testimonies and gospel message, 7:45 p.m.

Monday, prayer meeting at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., mid-week service and Bible study; 8:30 p.m., choir rehearsal.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Sky Pilots in their club house on Walker avenue.

Youth Fellowship groups, 6:00 p.m. Wesley Foundation, 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

1047 Iowa, Ashland. Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Radio Program, Sunday, 9:15 a.m., KWIN.

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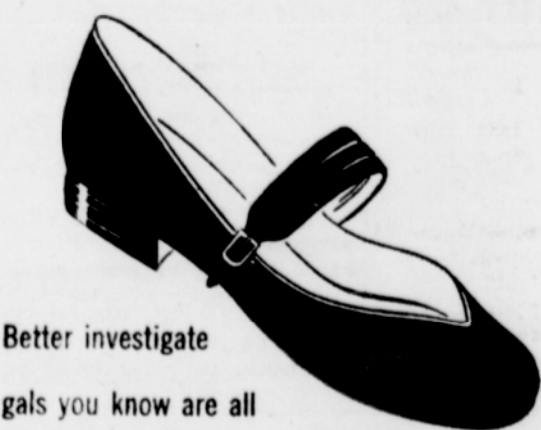
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