

OLD TIMERS

No. 2: Old Reelfoot Gets Name

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(Continuing)

The back of a grizzly has a gradual slope downward from the top of the shoulders to the top of the hips and tail. A black, brown and a cinnamon's back decline in a sloping downward manner from the top of the hips to the top of the shoulders. A bear in a running position shows a sideways angle in the direction he is running away from. The bear's hind feet have a tendency to reach far ahead of the front legs when gathering speed in a fast running position.

Huge Trap Devised

A rancher, a stockman and a trapper knew all about this mammoth bear (Old Reelfoot) and had tried all sorts of mechanical devices, even a trap set gun, and all to no avail. So one day Wright went to a blacksmith and had him make a huge bear trap, strong enough to hold most anything. The jaw spread measured nearly 36 inches; width of the blade on the jaws was 6 inches, three-eighths of an inch thick and weighing 48 pounds. This trap was tried once and for all and failed to hold the old grizzly. He managed to tear loose from the trap holding his forepaw, but was left so crippled that his foot turned outward.

After going through the ordeal of losing three toes by the heavy constructed jaws of the big trap, his daring triumphs were silenced for some time while the foot was healing. But it wasn't long until the country resounded with his whereabouts and the natives of northern Siskiyou county were on the search to battle with the old bruin

again. But where he practiced his trickery and cunningness it was a difficult problem for the native hunters.

Bounty Set

When he wanted a few beefsteaks he just went out and got them. He lived and knew how to wreck the cattle herds of the big stockmen. Then, as this beef-killing situation began to confuse the minds of the big cattle men and they couldn't make any headway in the stopping of the cattle massacres by this outlaw bear, the stockmen called a meeting and agreed to finance enough money to put a bounty on the old fellow's head, dead or alive. This bounty money started the bullets a-flying and soon made brave men out of the not-so-brave. But it was hardly known which side the odds were on. It was man's gunpowder against bear cunning. This \$2700 looked mighty good to some of California's old bear hunters, but the old boy dared them again and again.

Local Men Join

One stockman of our upper valley (Major Barron), and also one of the oldest pioneers of the valley, and Dave Horn of Hornbrook, were among a good many other stockmen of Jackson county, Siskiyou county, and Klamath county that felt the loss at that time when Old Reelfoot and others belonging to the same family of the grizzlies, made news and headlines in their early day careers.

It was most effective on their part raiding the cattle herds, killing and slaughtering beef, calves, horses and sheep. Extra efforts failed and they concurred with the other hunters in the belief that this grizzly could not be subdued and killed.

Wright Trap Fails

A man by the name of William A. Wright tried repeatedly to trap the bear but always failed in his attempts. Wright tried in every way to conceive and construct some method to conquer the cunning ways of this beast. Finally he figured a new way to put out a trapset gun and constructed the trap. "Everything was perfect," he repeatedly said to himself, "and if that bear gets that meat out of there without getting his head blown off, he's a dandy."

But after all he WAS a reelfoot "dandy" bear. He took the meat, shot the gun off, and left his brand of the kind of work he could do when there was good meat in sight.

Tell-Tale Imprint

Hunters would try in parties of four or more, tracking the old toehold Reelfoot for miles through timber, over ridges, down creek bottoms and up and down steep canyons, but he was always a few hundred yards or a mile or so ahead. His crippled foot left a perfect brand in the snow and soft ground behind him when he traveled. This made it very easy to tell his prints from other bears in any part of the counties. When the hunters would run onto fresh tracks of this certain footprint they knew it was up to them to be well on their guard and take no chances with such a bear as this.

(Continued Next Week)

Vining
Repertory

One of the fastest and craziest comedies of the American stage "Arsenic and Old Lace," has been selected as the opening attraction to be presented by the Vining repertory.

Joseph Kesselring's farce of wholesale slaughter and merriment was an outstanding theatrical success when it was originally produced by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse in January of 1941. It evoked unanimous critical acclaim and was described by Richard Watts, Jr., of the New York Herald Tribune as "the most riotously hilarious comedy of the season."

The comedy tells of the story of Abby and Martha Brewster, undoubtedly the two nicest little old ladies anybody could hope to meet. Their old brownstone house in Brooklyn is the center of a constant stream of good deeds by the two sisters. Toys for the poor children of the city, beef broth for Officer Brophy's ailing wife, quince jam for Doctor Harper, the minister who lives next door — these and many others are the kindly acts of the Brewster ladies. In every way it would seem that Abby and Martha are Whistler's Mother come to life.

In every way except ONE, that is, for, it seems that Abby and Martha have one rather bad habit — one secret vice in lives which are otherwise blameless. They murder men. Abby claims they've done in 12; Martha is of the opinion that they've only REALLY murdered 11 — one having died a natural death.

As a matter of fact, it was that one — the first one — who launched Martha and Abby into wholesale homicide. He had come one day in answer to a furnished-room advertisement, and he died while they were showing it to him. He was an old man and he looked so peaceful when he died, that the Brewster sisters decided it would be very nice if, in addition to their other good deeds, they could bring such peace and happiness to other homeless old men.

It is Mortimer, their nephew and New York drama critic, who unwittingly uncovers his aunt's secret profession, and it is this discovery which lights the fuse on a series of incidents and situations which have set audiences on the edge of their seats or in the aisles wherever the play has been shown.

In addition to the aforementioned, taking part in the mad antics are Brother Teddy (he thinks he's Theodore Roosevelt); Brother Jonathan, who insists that he isn't really Boris Karloff; and a curious individual named Dr. Einstein, who specializes in making criminals unrecognizable to the police.

Besides "Arsenic," the Vining group of players will present "Claudia," "The Importance of Being Earnest," and "Death of a Salesman," from April 14 to May 10.

The box office at the Lithia theatre in Ashland is open from 9 to 5:30 p.m. for season tickets, individual reservations and club bookings.

AAUW Conference
Scheduled Saturday

More than 200 high school girls of southern Oregon and northern California have been extended personal invitations to attend the Ashland Conference for Young Women to be held here this Saturday.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Elmo N. Stevenson, president of the Ashland branch, American Association of University Women, who said that the girls will attend the session accompanied by their mothers and high school advisors to discuss personal habits and the

ings and a luncheon as well as group discussions. Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, Northwest regional vice president of AAUW, will serve as general chairman.

Ashland girls to whom invitations were extended included Jane Frantz, Barbara Sweeney, Millicent Tower, Carol Sullivan, Marilee Mason, Phyllis Nichols, Barbara Falwell, Jessie Mackie, Vida Childers, Barbara Bugbee, Barbara Owens, Colette Perrine, Norma Stephens, Pat Austin, and Joan Day-Anderson. Mrs. Mary Christlieb, dean of girls at Ashland high school, has also been invited.

MISS MARTHA SHULL
Conference Keynote Speaker

place of the young woman in the modern world. AAUW leaders from branches at Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls and Lakeview will attend.

Keynote speaker at the conference will be Miss Martha Shull, Portland, who is one of the outstanding youth leaders in the state. She is past president of the Oregon Education association, a member of the National Education association executive board and a member of the Portland AAUW branch. Mrs. Justin Smith, Medford, will help Miss Shull summarize topics discussed by the 200 girls at the group sessions.

Idea Exchange

Mrs. Stevenson explained that the conference has been planned to give the young women an opportunity to exchange ideas on personal habits, their place in the home, opportunities in the business world and moral and spiritual values. Individual group discussions will emphasize the several topics and AAUW consultants from the six branches will coordinate the review.

The conference will be held on the Southern Oregon college campus, Mrs. Stevenson continued, and the program will also include several assembly meet-

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

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Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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

"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of Jehovah in the land of the living. Wait for Jehovah: Be strong and let thy heart take courage; yea, wait thou for Jehovah." Psalms 27:13-14.

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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. Special slide pictures on the Lord's Supper. Sermon, "With

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

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