

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo

DEPRECIATION—THAT WAS ELMO'S SAD TUNE TO THE TAX BOYS ABOUT HIS APARTMENT HOUSE

BUT WHEN HE'S TRYING TO UNLOAD IT ON A PROSPECTIVE BUYER

...IT'S PRACTICALLY FALLING DOWN NOW... IT WAS JUST SLAPPED UP—YOU KNOW—REAL CHEAP MATERIALS—JUST A MAKESHIFT BUILDING—TERRIBLE NEIGHBORHOOD...

...GRADE-A CONSTRUCTION! FORTY YEARS FROM NOW IT'LL STILL BE IN A-1 CONDITION—BUILT TO LAST—TRIPLE-STRENGTH-STEEL REINFORCED—ETC.—ETC...

INTERNAL REVENUE

THANK AND A TIP OF THE HATLO TO THE TAX BOYS IN LOS ANGELES CALIF.

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

In this column the other day, the fascinating and rather tragic story, of the boring of a two-mile tunnel through a point of land on the Feather River back in the 1880's in order to drain an 11-mile stretch of the river's bed so the gold in it could be taken out easily and speedily, was told. Let's tell today the story of another proposal to drain another river.

The time was about 1851. The river was the Klamath.

The proposal was to divert the Klamath down through the Lava Beds and on southward into the Pit.

The basic idea was that by diverting the Klamath into the Pit and thence into the Sacramento the summer flow of the Sacramento would be augmented enough to make it possible to bring the gold supply boats as far up as Redding, thus eliminating the 30-odd mile packtrain haul in the summer season of low water from Red Bluff, then the head of summer navigation, to the gold diggings of Shasta and Siskiyou counties.

THE bow had two strings. The other string was that by diverting the Klamath IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SCOOP THE GOLD OUT OF THE RIVER'S RIFLES WITH LITTLE DIFFICULTY.

IN ORDER to bring all this about, it was proposed to create a NEW STATE which would be carved out of Far Northern California and Far Southern Oregon. It was to be called the State of Shasta.

In Friday's piece it was pointed out that the Feather River miners, once the idea came to them, hesitated only momentarily before tackling the stupendous job of boring a two-mile tunnel through a mountain ridge—a job that took nearly five years and cost in the neighborhood of a million dollars—in order to drain an 11-mile strip of rhyolite so as to get at the gold in its bed.

THE Klamath diversion dream was approached in the same spirit.

It was argued that the job would be comparatively easy, as the terrain was adaptable to the project, sloping in the right direction and except for the lava beds not too difficult in the way of excavation.

So—The miners said—LET'S GO!

The project go into the first California legislature and the bill would probably have been enacted into law but for the fact that this first California legislature got so busy with other pressing things that it never got around to creating the State of Shasta.

So far as known, that was the origin of the idea of creating a new state to be carved out of Far Northern California and Far Southern Oregon.

THOSE gold mining necessities of our area were MEN, weren't they? Paul Bunyan had nothing on them.

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Sealed proposals are invited and will be received at the office of the City Manager, City of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, until 2:00 p.m. July 20, 1960, for the construction of a spring system in the Grants Pass City Park.

The plans and specifications are on file and may be examined at the office of the City Manager at the City Hall, Grants Pass, Oregon.

Plans and specifications may be obtained upon receipt of Ten (10) Dollars, which will be returned in case a bonafide bid is made and the plans and specifications are returned in good condition.

Bids must be sealed and directed to the City Manager, City of Grants Pass, Oregon, and marked "Sealed Proposal for Springing System".

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Here's the Story Of an Ant Rescue

She was snuggled closely in a tight soft capsule. Her six legs were folded close, her antennae pressed back against her head. Getting out of the envelope was a task that called for all her infantile strength.

Once the elastic sheath was off, she stretched out her legs, raised her antennae, and looked around. Other baby ants were emerging from other grayish-white crypts.

All were weak and wobbly. By some strange chemical process, silent, sure, and rapid, strength flowed through the slender bodies. The limbs stiffened; the insects moved under their own power. Adult ants hurried past the youngsters, paying them no attention. It was every ant for itself.

Up the inclined passageway the adult ants clambered to disappear somewhere up there in the upper world where the sun was shining. The newly hatched ants followed their elders, on legs that were still wobbly, out into the grass-jungles, each learning the technique of food gathering.

Most of the young ones made it by following the example set by the adults. However, there seems to be one in every crowd for one ant, very young, very immature, decided to "go it alone." The grass-blades towered over its head like the trees of a forest. The tangled jungle of grass stems impeded its progress. It struggled on, finally lost its way. Confused, it started to run and stagger in circles like a man lost in the forest. Evidently it never crossed its own scent-path or the one laid down by other ants from its home-colony. Nothing was familiar. The world, to the youngster, was very large and terrifying. She just didn't know the way home. The enthusiasm of youth and inexperience gave her a false courage, and instinct still slept.

The young ant gave every indication of becoming frantic. Trying to climb a grass stem it fell, became entangled in a length of spider web. It struggled until complete exhaustion rendered it powerless to move. It was on its back, its legs moving feebly, completely spent, tangled in a silk cord. It was there the adult ant from the home colony found the prostrate form. Then hurried away through the jungle of grass stems for home.

But strangely enough, and in complete defiance of human explanation or understanding, the adult ant, along with three helpers, came back to the rescue. With expert skill they picked the young

Witnesses Deny 'Deal' To Help Convict McDonald

Oregon City — (UPI) — Three state witnesses denied Monday they made any "deal" to help convict Levi S. McDonald in connection with the dynamiting of newspaper trucks in exchange for light sentences or possible reward money.

The testimony came at the trial here of McDonald, striking member of the Stereotypers' Union, who is charged in connection with the dynamiting of six newspaper trucks Jan. 31.

Defense Attorney Richard Carney received answers of "No" when he asked: Edward Eugene Snyder, former Multnomah county official offered to help him get a share of the reward money offered for arrest and conviction of the dynamiters if he would implicate McDonald.

Charles Henry Snyder, if he confessed to carrying out the dynamiting plot only after he made a deal with the Multnomah county district attorney.

William Snyder if he had not implicated McDonald in the dynamiting in return for promises by the district attorney's office.

All three testified at the earlier Portland trial of McDonald in connection with dynamiting of four Oregon Journal and Oregonian, McDonald has appealed the Portland conviction.

Of all the thousands of ants in the colony, a single individual was missed or accidentally found. Either way, the rescue was carried out. Back from the wild jungle of the grass stems, the novice was carted home.

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