

Siskiyou Indians Talk By Whistling; Bunk Says Ranger

Story of Strange Tribe in Northern California Branded as Myth

YREKA, Dec. 22.—That the reported discovery of a tribe of Indians in Siskiyou county whose only mode of communication among themselves was by staccato whistle calls is a myth and the fabric of the productive imagination of a practical joker is the bland assertion of Assistant Forest Supervisor Perry Hill and other members of the office force at the Klamath national forest office, where J. R. Saxon, to whom the story is credited, was until recently employed as a forest ranger.

A San Francisco newspaper recently printed under glowing headlines an account to the effect that a strange story of a clan of Indians who have no other means of communication among themselves than whistling today is written into the archives of the department of anthropology, University of California, and "heretofore unreported," the Indians, an obscure offshoot of the Karok tribe of Klamath Falls Indians, have developed their whistling language to the point that they can communicate with birds and beasts.

The newspaper goes on to state that "this is the story told to Professor A. L. Kroeber, curator of the university anthropology museum, by J. R. Saxon, United States forestry service, stationed last summer at Yreka. Saxon discovered the Indians while attempting to solve the mystery of the forestry service's 'whistling telephones.'"

Unseen Hosts Bring Food. "For several weeks last summer, Saxon relates, forestry men had heard strange whistlings over the service wires that stretch from station to station through the mountains. Sent to investigate, Saxon was caught in a mountain storm. At nightfall he discovered a small cabin of Indian construction. Saxon left the cabin to stable his horse in a nearby leanto. Half an hour later when he returned to the cabin, he found steaming food laid on the floor and a bed of bear and deer skins prepared for him. He found no one in sight.

"For two days, Saxon said, the mystery continued. When he left the cabin unseen servants spread hot meals for him. On the third day several Indian men appeared at the cabin, he said, and by sign language informed him that it was their cabin. "To my amazement," he said, "I learned they did not understand English, or the Indian tongue. Instead they conversed among themselves in staccato whistlings." The men were shy and the women, who appeared later, were like birds, so easily were they frightened by a sudden move or by Saxon's voice.

"At the sound of my voice," he said, "they fled into the canyons." Where the Birds Eat. "The dogs understood the whistled commands of the 'whistling men,' Saxon asserts and he says that when the Indian women whistled, birds fluttered from the trees to the clearing to eat the food scattered by the women.

"After several days, attempts to learn the key to the whistling failed. Finally the Indians led Saxon to the nearest service telephone station, and by sign language, told him they had seen forest rangers use the phones. They had mimicked and then learned to talk with another family of Indian whistlers living in the next canyon. It was this clan whistling the rangers had heard.

"The Karoks, according to professor Kroeber, are active, unusually intelligent and industrious Indians, now numbering about 2000." Saxon, according to forest service officials, frequently made jaunts into the more remote precincts of the Klamath forest and would invariably return with a weird and fanciful story of some freak nature he had discovered in the big outdoors, where but few are wont to travel alone.

Saxon's Fish Story. It is recalled that about a year ago Saxon became involved with the California state fish and game commission as the result of a story he sent to a daily newspaper about drunken Indians spearing sturgeon at Ishi Pishi falls. Only for the fact that sturgeon are protected the story would have probably been read and forgotten by officials of the state fish and game commission, but, as it was, the Klamath forest office in Yreka received an inquiry as to why forest rangers were not assisting in enforcing fish and game laws as instructed by the United States forest service.

Saxon's story originated in the mind of a miner at Sawyers bar, who related a story about an Indian by

the name of "Strong Coffee" drinking too much moonshine and falling into the Klamath river. Forest Ranger Ed Hickey heard the story, added a few ideas of his own, and passed it along to Saxon.

When the story appeared in print it was to the effect that Strong Coffee, and other Indians, after an all-night's carousal during which they had become gloriously imbued with jackass brandy, decided to spear sturgeon at Ishi Pishi falls, near the Siskiyou and Humboldt county line. Strong Coffee had a small spear fastened to the end of a lariat, which he had tied around his waist. A mammoth sturgeon dove over the falls and Strong Coffee anchored his spear in the fish's back. The sturgeon dove back over the falls, dragging the screaming, drunken Indian with him. Hearing his cries, some miners ran down to the stream a half mile below the place where Strong Coffee had speared the fish, rescued him and caught the fish.

ARREST THREE ON GAMBLING CHARGE

H. E. Crane, Sam Head and Guy Hancock Taken into Custody on Complaint by Fred Liskey

H. E. Crane, Sam Head and Guy Hancock were arrested Thursday by Chief of Police Humphrey and charged with conducting gambling games. Hancock and Crane were given a hearing yesterday at which they pleaded not guilty. Head was said to be sick and was unable to appear in court.

The warrant was issued by District Attorney Brower following a complaint by Fred Liskey. The men were charged with conducting gambling games—principally a dice game on a table adapted for such purpose, at a house on Seventh and Walnut, commonly known as "Blondy" Crane's place.

The trial of Crane and Hancock, and Head if he pleads not guilty, will take place in the justice court shortly after the first of the year.

Perfume atomizers, Currins for Drugs.

IF BACK HURTS BEGIN ON SALTS

Flush Your Kidneys Occasionally by Drinking Quarts of Good Water

No man or woman can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Too much rich food creates acids which clog the kidney pores so that they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood. Then you get sick. Rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders often come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage, or attended by a sensation of scalding, begin to drink soft water in quantities; also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from many reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine.

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Free Lunch at Noon

COURT DENIES CARNINI MOTION

Claim That Evidence Was Useless Overruled in Circuit Court

A motion by the counsel of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Carnini, charged with bootlegging, to dismiss the indictment against them because the evidence in the case is useless, was overruled by Judge Leavitt Thursday morning, on the ground that the case was brought to the circuit court by an indictment of a grand jury and not from the justice court.

The contention of the defense counsel was that the evidence in the case, a quantity of mash, wort, and wash, is of no use because no investigation of the alcoholic content had been made and that fermentation might have occurred between the time the confiscation was made and the time of the trial. A recent law passed by the Oregon state legislature was quoted as a basis for dismissal.

While Judge Leavitt overruled the motion he intimated that it might hold good after the trial had started and the evidence had been introduced by the state.

The motion may directly affect the county's future policy in handling evidence of liquor cases. Instead of letting the alleged liquor or mash lie unmolested until the time of the trial a scientific analysis to determine the percentage of alcohol may be made immediately following confiscation.

WHEAT PRICES.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—Hard white wheat, 98c; western red, 94c.

NEW LAMP BURNS 94% AIR

Beats Electric or Gas

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Lesson in Diplomacy is Meted Out to Frank Nrsna; Others Pay Police Court Fines

That breaking a window in the city hall is not as diplomatic a procedure as it might be, was the lesson Frank Nrsna, a Mexican, learned yesterday. Nrsna was fined \$25 for drunken and disorderly conduct and was ordered by the judge to pay for a new window pane or serve 12 days in the city jail.

On a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, James Johnston paid a like amount into the city treasury by way of the well-known route of the police court. George Carroll was fined a like amount for the same offense.

Just drunk was the charge of J. L. Ashe pleaded guilty to and the fine that Judge Gaghagen imposed was just \$20.

Nichols, a Klamath farmer, was tagged for improper parking but the case was dismissed this morning by Judge Gaghagen because of the circumstances.

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the
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Better put him on your list!

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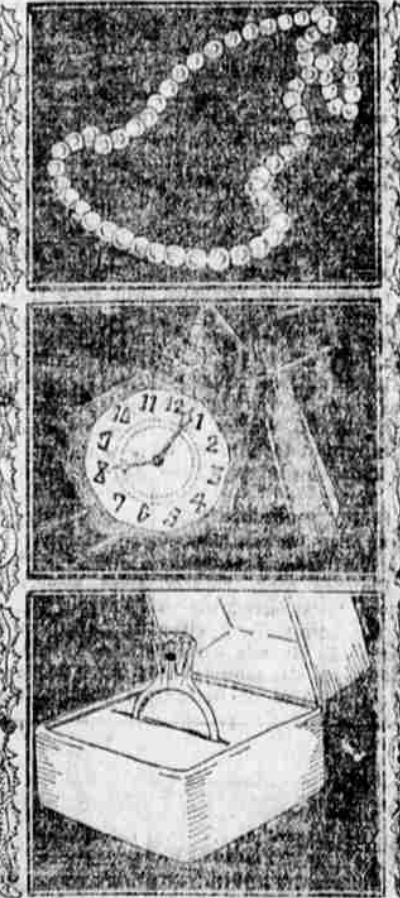


KLAMATH FALLS, WE THANK YOU

Just a short time ago, every way we looked it was jewelry, silverware, toilet sets, necklaces, cut glass, hand painted china, etc. Our show cases were jammed—our shelves packed with merchandise that on Christmas morning will gladden the hearts of the recipients. We offered the greatest values ever known. Klamath Falls people appreciated these values and responded to the great opportunity to buy reasonable merchandise and by this means we have gained hundreds of new friends and we are truly thankful.

Like most good things—this great sale must soon end—with it ends your last chance to purchase for Christmas gifts articles from the high grade stock at the greatest price reduction ever known in Klamath Falls history. Don't delay—plan right now while you are reading this advertisement to come down at once and make your selection for this last minute gift, at a mere fraction of its real value.

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