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MAN, HEAD SPLIT, BELIEVED DYING

Uncensored Observations

THE KLAMATH KID
(A cereal story)
Chapter One

The Klamath Kid scratched his tousled HEAD as he looked at the bright sun this fine spring morning and shouted:

"By HECTOR, it ain't goin' to rain no MOE, so I guess I'll go down and have a swim."

So saying, he went to a deep POOLE on the other side of the tall NOEL, which was clean out of sight where nobody could OGLE at him and there disported like a MERRY-MAN.

He took his BATHYANI hat it up the PIKE, stubbing his FOOT on a STONE. After he had crawled through a couple of GATES on the NORTH side of town and crossed two more RHODES in RECKARD time he stopped to rest beside a SLOUGH.

"Bless my SOULE," he exclaimed, "I'd like to have a bottle of GORDON. A guy ain't WRIGHT who will go in swimming on a WINTERS day."

Then he went UPP to his room in the BARNSTABLE where he had three FULQUARTZ hid under a JORD.

(To be continued tomorrow—if we're still alive.)

THE LOOED FELLER

UNCENSORED OBSERVATIONS asks a daily question, and then goes out like a gentleman and gets the answers. The fact that the interviews are imaginary isn't anything in our young lives.

Today's Question
"Who, in your opinion, is the greatest man in the world?"

Today's Answers
Burt Hawkins—Lloyd Low.
Lloyd Low—Burt Hawkins.
W. P. Myers—Modesty forbids an answer.
Merle West—The councilman from the third ward.
Archie Wishard—R. E. Bradbury, without a doubt.
Dot Kuykendall—E. J. Murray.

After a nice long slumber 'neath the icy sod, Klamath paved streets greeted the eyes of his hibernatory to crawl the sun yesterday afternoon and also to make their apology to Klamath citizens for having been absent for so long. The brown quilts that enveloped the paved streets were dissolved into a muddy stream by the water wagon and bid their last adieu as they chased each other into the gutter and cavorted and capricious on their happy way down Klamath river to the sea. "Its rather cold, don't you think?" remarked Main street to Klamath avenue. "You're darn right it is," replied Klamath avenue hunching its back and shivering. "Why didn't that old street commissioner let us sleep a little while longer. I was having a perfectly delightful dream about streets in heaven, where it rained mud all the time and where there were no water wagons to clean us off."

"Can this be the city hall I see before me, with the handle before my hand?" quoth Morris Johnson as his Ford sedan bed a sleeping babe in a feathered bed, gently bobbed into a mud hole in front of the municipal building.

Later.

"Ho there!" halloed the driver of the wrecking car, firmly mired in a rut. "Are you the guy that wanted a tow?"

"Yea, yea, yea," answered Johnson. "Do you think you will arrive some time before the paving crew arrives?"

Thereupon ensued a game of push-a-long and finally with a disgruntled snort the towing car bid the rut farewell and with another snort hopped Johnson's car out of the rut. (Edit. note:—It is held by those who know and know and know that the year 1926 will see the city hall graced with paved streets.)

Here's one they're telling on Bill Ganong up around the court house. The story goes that his wife was visiting in another part of the state when the date of their wedding anniversary arrived.

Fearful that William might forget the important date, Mrs. Ganong sent him the following wire:

"Do you know what day this is?" That was all. And Bill, immersed in some weighty legal question, telegraphed this reply:

"Thursday."

MORAL MOVE HERE BLOCKED

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Only one license was refused by the council, this being the Ray hotel. And it took excerpts of court records detailing immoral conditions of a most revolting character before the council would follow the recommendations of the police chief with reference to this alleged breeding place of vice and crime.

It was revealed during the stormy session that Chief Loucks a week earlier had met with the police committee and recommended that licenses of other hotels and establishments be refused. These included the Claremont hotel, the Arcade pool room, the Glenn hotel, the Hot Springs hotel and the Country club.

But the police committee, consisting of Councilmen West, Cofer and Stuckey, refused to accede to the demands of the police chief and these places were granted licenses last night.

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Council members declared that the chief of police should produce evidence of wrong doing in these various hotels and pool rooms before asking the council to revoke licenses, but Chief Loucks retorted that it is common knowledge that laws are being flagrantly violated in many hotels and card rooms of the city.

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Taylor's Sentence 15 Years With Thousand-Dollar Fine

John Taylor, confessed member of the band of bandits that held up and murdered Oscar Erickson on the morning of January 4, was sentenced to serve fifteen years in the penitentiary and fined \$1000 by Judge A. L. Leavitt at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Disregarding the recommendation of leniency of the district attorney's office, Judge Leavitt sentenced Taylor the limit allowed for the charge of manslaughter and added thereto a fine of \$1000.

Plow Forecasts Spring Opening On County Farms

Sun may shine, robins may come and crocuses may bloom but the bona fide forecast of spring is nothing more or less than the unimaginative plow.

When the farmer begins his spring ploughing, it is a definite assurance that the cold cloudy wintery days are behind us and that spring is before us.

Out Langel Valley way the farmers are preparing for spring ploughing, Francis J. Bowne, chairman of the county school board, said this morning. Mr. Bowne is a rancher of Moranza.

Some ranchers are luckier than others, Mr. Bowne said, in that their land is on higher ground and of more sandy soil. The water has drained off of such land leaving the ground in good condition for ploughing.

Down through the Klamath basin, between Klamath Falls and Malin, many ranchers are already ploughing, according to reports. In many places though, the ground is too soaked with moisture for successful ploughing.

Predictions are that spring ploughing will be under way on all farms within a week or ten days.

HASTEN PLANS FOR BURIAL OF FLOYD COLLINS

Body to Lie in State—Work of Bringing Remains From Cave Continues

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 17.—The body of Floyd Collins was left in his natural tomb and his funeral services will be held this afternoon at the mouth of the shaft which was dug to rescue him, but in vain. His aged father, Lee Collins consented to the arrangement after Dr. William Haxlett of Chicago had himself examined Collins and pronounced dead.

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 17.—Revealed, but not recovered, the body of Floyd Collins today still was lying in the natural tomb which has been his for more than 17 days.

Without warning, the roof caved in yesterday afternoon and it was announced officially that Collins had been found "apparently dead."

Saddened by the realization that their long struggle with the inscrutable forces of nature had failed, insofar as rescuing Collins alive, the sappers continued to toil far into the night, timbering and excavating in the eight feet beyond where their lateral struck the original avenue.

Will Amputate

Collins' feet probably will remain forever in the spot where they were pinioned by a falling boulder 18 days ago. The perilous task of finding the body being accomplished, H. T. Carmichael, in charge of the rescue work, was unwilling to further risk the lives of the miners in removing the boulder. (Continued on Page Three)

John Coleman Is Victim of Attack By Ranch Worker

Gus Yorden, Employee of Wounded Man, Declared to Have Wielded Hay Knife Following Argument About Work

Whether or not Yorden made a confession to the deputy district attorney could not be learned as that official refused to make any comment. He took the position that it was none of the public's business at this time and excused himself by saying he thought it would be too hard to procure a jury should the full facts of the case become known.

His skull split open for a bone blow by a knife, John Coleman, well-known Klamath rancher, lies at the Klamath General hospital seriously injured following an altercation this morning with an employee on the Coleman ranch, declared by authorities to be Gus Yorden.

Yorden was arrested at the Coleman farm early this afternoon by deputies from the sheriff's office and Deputy District Attorney W. P. Myers. A charge of assault with intent to kill will probably be lodged against him and in case Coleman dies, a charge of murder will be preferred, according to District Attorney Ganong.

Klamath May Lose Out in the Dalles-Reno and Los Angeles Road

Klamath Falls is in danger of losing the highway designated as The Dalles-Reno-Los Angeles highway, according to a report submitted to the chamber of commerce directors today by Bert Hall, chairman of the highway committee.

Working quietly and under cover, Alturas has about succeeded in prevailing upon the highway association to build the road north from Alturas to Prineville, leaving out this section. The whole matter will be placed before the association and California officials in an effort to block the Alturas attempt, it was decided.

COUNTY MEN WILL OUTLINE PROGRAM

C. A. Henderson, county agent and Frank Sexton, county club leader will speak before members of the forum tomorrow at the chamber of commerce luncheon when they will outline their program for the year. Henderson and Sexton will speak on such vital questions as the sugar beet industry; planting alkali grass; the possibility of threshing clover seed and the organized production of potatoes.

MUST HANG

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 17.—L. W. Pearce, aged Coos county mountaineer, must hang for the murder of James Culver on December 27, 1922.

Bonfield Assault Case Is Under Advisement

William Bonfield, former restaurant owner and now operating a taxi service, was brought before Justice of the Peace R. E. Hunsaker this morning on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. After a hearing the magistrate took the case under advisement and will render a decision within the next few days.

Women to Dominate Unless Men Again Grow Whiskers

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Young men seeking favor with girls are advised to grow bushy whiskers, like cavemen used to wear, Arthur Ponsonby, member of parliament, writes in the Empire Review, contending that the modern male is inclined to become effeminate.

"The whiskerless young men of today are dominated by the girls, and willingly submit," writes Mr. Ponsonby. "How the young men are dominated is most notable in cafes and restaurants," he writes.

"In the old days one would see a man enter, followed by a girl, shy and demure.

"Today you will see the girl stride in with an air of mastery and assurance, her brimless hat crushed over her eyes, a long cigarette holder suspended from her lips, and behind her trots the little man. She orders the meal, and if there is any swearing to be done at the waiter, she will do it.

"None of the bewhiskered gentlemen of the old school would permit anything like that, would they?"

GETZ ENDORSED FOR APPRAISER

H. E. Getz, ex-commander of the Klamath post, American Legion, probably will be chosen as a member of the Klamath county board of appraisers under the soldiers' bonus act, according to word received here today from Salem. Getz has the support of Speaker Denton G. Burdick and other influential members of the legislature, and it is expected that his appointment will be forthcoming at the next meeting of the veterans' commission.