

### Journalist Seeks To Solve Mystery of Klamath Basin

In a feature story in Sunday's Oregonian, John W. Kelly, staff writer for that paper, devotes much time and thought to the mystery of the Klamath Basin. This story is the first of a series in which Mr. Kelly makes an analysis of the carvings of the ancient peoples, which are found on the "blackboard" on the peninsula in Tule Lake. This paper will publish Kelly's article in several installments.

Before Columbus discovered America there was a colony of Europeans in the Klamath basin of Oregon. Who they were or how they came or what became of them is a mystery which some

ferred in the carved writings of these white men, carvings which have withstood the ages, and which can be seen and studied by anyone interested in the subject. This series of writings is the most complete to be found in the United States. There are more carvings in one mass than all the other scattered specimens which from time to time have been discovered elsewhere on the North American continent.

**Entire Region Volcanic**  
South of Klamath Falls is Tule lake, and projecting into the lake is the peninsula. This peninsula is of volcanic origin—the entire region is volcanic, for the ancient landscape back from the lake is dotted with cones and part of the area includes the lava beds, made famous by the war of Captain Jack and his Modocs in 1872-3. The peninsula is formed of volcanic mud—tuff—which

has hardened to a soft stone. It is capped with a flow of lava. A geologist would go far to examine the peninsula, for one side of the crater has been stripped away, showing the cavity filled with tuff and lava. It is like the side view of a massive molar exposing the filling of a dentist.

At one time, from the base of the peninsula extended the broad expanse of Tule lake. At least on three occasions, if not four, the lake waters receded; the waters coming and going slowly, each receding lake leaving its traces on the cliff. At present the lake is dry and for miles around the base are the fossil shells of freshwater clams—glittering fragments of mother-of-pearl—mingled with coarse sand and innumerable artifacts of Indians. Mortars, tortilla boards, arrowheads are found in profusion and even other rare articles, such as stone dishes and a lamp have been uncovered by the winds.

**Carved Writings Abound**  
Along the face of the tuff cliff for 1200 feet are carved writings. An almost continuous stream of markings, comparable in length to six city blocks. So regularly repeated are many of the signs that no doubt exists that this is a system of writing. These are not the haphazard paintings of Indians, but on the contrary are deeply incised symbols. No Indian would carve a cliff for a quarter mile. In no respect do these carvings resemble the familiar Indian paintings so common in all parts of the country.

Carvings extend from the base of the cliff to 20 feet above the ground. Those near the base are about two inches in length and have been carved with a fine-pointed instrument. Those higher up are two feet in length—horizontal—and were graven with a larger cutting tool. Whether the lower and more delicately incised marks are examined, or the larger ones a score of feet up the cliff side, both reveal the same characters.

There are, apparently, two systems of writings, one being wavy and straight lines; the other is circular. On one isolated panel, which presumably has no association with the two systems mentioned, is a series of symbols resembling signs of the zodiac.

One system suggests the ogam writing of the Druids of ancient Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales. The second system is on the order of the runes of the Scandinavian countries. In fact, some of these latter signs have been identified as runic and Gothic and translated as such within the past few days.

Nor are the carved writings, confined to the cliffs of the peninsula. They have been found in Fern cave and other caverns in the vicinity, and have been discovered in the crater of a volcano, a crater that once bubbled hot water and mud, and which may, in the days of its activity, have been visited by the European remnant.

No skilled geologist is required to explain what occurred to Tule lake. After the first carvings were made at the base—the lake not then covering the foot of the peninsula—the water came and stood several feet deep. Lapping waves eroded much of the lower writings. In time the lake receded and again the carvers returned to their task and restored the signs. Again came the lake water; again the symbols were marred and when the water disappeared the carving was restored once more. The three sets of carvings are visible, one imposed over another, the last writing being plain, but somewhat confused with the lines of the first and second groups.

Scientists estimate that the filling and emptying of Tule lake required from 50 to 100 years, and if this occurred three times the time element between the original and final carvings ranged between 150 years and 300 years. Presumably each of the three sets of carvings on the lower level were made by a different generation of the same marooned colony of European adventurers. The third set of carvers never saw the individuals who dug out the first designs. This is of importance in indicating the length of time that the white colony existed in the Klamath basin and in the neighborhood of the peninsula. The period must have spanned several centuries at an age when Europe was developing its culture, civilization and government.

Repeated many times in the carvings is the sacred oak of the Druids, and at least twice appear carvings of the Druids' sacred lamp. The Druids were priests and teachers. As a class they were peaceful and had a distaste for war. They were a professional, educated class. The best account of Druids can be found in the writings of Julius Caesar, who encountered them when he invaded Britain about 53 A. D. These Druid signs of sacred oak and Sacred lamp occur with the runic and ogam carvings on the cliff.

**RUNNER HIT BY CAR**  
CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 12. (AP)—Louis Richardson, Glendale, Cal., sophomore at the Oregon State college was injured seriously last night when he was struck while on a cross country run by an automobile driven by Harry Kilne, Hillsboro. Richardson was knocked unconscious.

**JAIL CARR AGAIN**  
GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 12. (AP)—Free on a \$5000 bail fixed by a Justice of Peace, Harry Carr, alleged Portland safe blow-up, was back in the Josephine jail today on orders of Judge H. D. Norton who raised the bail to \$15,000.

### GAS CAUSES MAN'S DEATH

#### Blackmer of This City Overcome in Cabin While Writing

Sudden death overtook R. C. Blackmer of this city Monday as he was on a trip to Medford. While writing a letter in the cabin of an auto camp, he was overcome by the gas from a range, the flame of which had been extinguished by a coffee pot boiling over. Being blind, he apparently never became aware of the serious situation which threatened him but succumbed after noting in the letter that he was writing that he was getting drowsy.

Word of his death reached members of his family in Klamath Falls after he had been found by the man who had been employed to read to him.

The body will be brought to this city and will be at the Whitlock Funeral Home until the funeral service is held Thursday afternoon. The service will be in charge of Rev. D. V. Haight, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Having come with his family to southern Oregon only a few months ago, Mr. Blackmer was investigating conditions in the vicinity of Medford with a view to locating there. He had formerly been engaged in newspaper work in Minnesota and later in banking in Oklahoma.

Born at Jackson, Minn., November 11, 1872, Mr. Blackmer was 56 years old on the day that he died. After his marriage to Miss Ina Cornick on May 13, 1896, he was for 10 years the publisher of the Freeborn County Times at Albert Lea, Minn. The family then moved to Oklahoma, where he engaged in banking, and later to Los Angeles, where he was in the real estate business.

Besides his widow he leaves six children: Mrs. Helen B. Emerson, Frank A., Hardin C. and Dan S. of Klamath Falls and George H. and Mrs. Frances Angellio of Los Angeles.

Although handicapped by blindness as the result of an accident at an early age, Mr. Blackmer led an active life and always kept in close touch with business and political affairs by having papers, magazines and books read to him and by personal contacts with many well-known national leaders.

**SCIENCE REVERSE!**  
CHICAGO, Nov. 12. (AP)—A stickler on statistics comes forth with the news that the faster cyclists pedal in Chicago's six-day bike race the faster they get.

All the leaders in the race, now in its sixth day, have gained weight, figures prove, while the losers are getting thin.

### Congo Smiles As Judge Passes Year's Sentence

Leslie Congo, well known Klamath bootlegger, yesterday appeared before Judge W. M. Duncan in circuit court and was sentenced to a year in the state penitentiary, after he had entered a plea several weeks ago on a charge of possession and transportation of about 30 gallons of moonshine whiskey.

Congo, after entering a plea of guilty, posted a \$700 bond to appear yesterday and be sentenced. Asked if he had anything to say for himself before sentence was passed, Congo answered, "Judge, I'm guilty of violating the law. Whatever you say will be all right with me, and I'll take it with a smile. I'm like the

other prisoner who went up to be sentenced, though, 'a little bit will do me'."

"It is the judgment of the court that you be confined in the state penitentiary at Salem for one year," Judge Duncan said.

"Thank you, Judge," Congo said, and he really smiled.

Congo was arrested with the 30 gallons of whiskey near a wreck on the Merrill highway when he stopped to look on. Officers investigating the wreck found the whiskey in Congo's car which was parked nearby. It is Congo's third offense.

A record breaker in California drank 102 cups of black coffee.

### Bohol Island Hit By Typhoon Sunday

MANILA, Nov. 12. (AP)—The Philippine executive bureau today was advised that a typhoon hit Bohol island last Sunday, causing the drowning of five persons.

Many work animals were lost and highways, communication lines and buildings damaged but the definite extent of the loss was undetermined.

#### DROP UNNECESSARY VERSES

LONDON, Nov. 12. (AP)—Lady Weymouth has dispensed with the reading of verses at the baptism of her baby referring to all men being conceived and born in sin. Dr. T. W. Gilbert of the London school of divinity says the practice is becoming widespread.



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much as a quart of odor-causing waste daily. Be most careful in cool weather, he told me, for stuffy overheated rooms and warmer clothing make 'B.O.' more offensive than ever.

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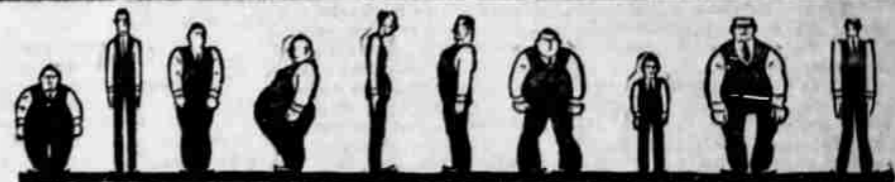
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