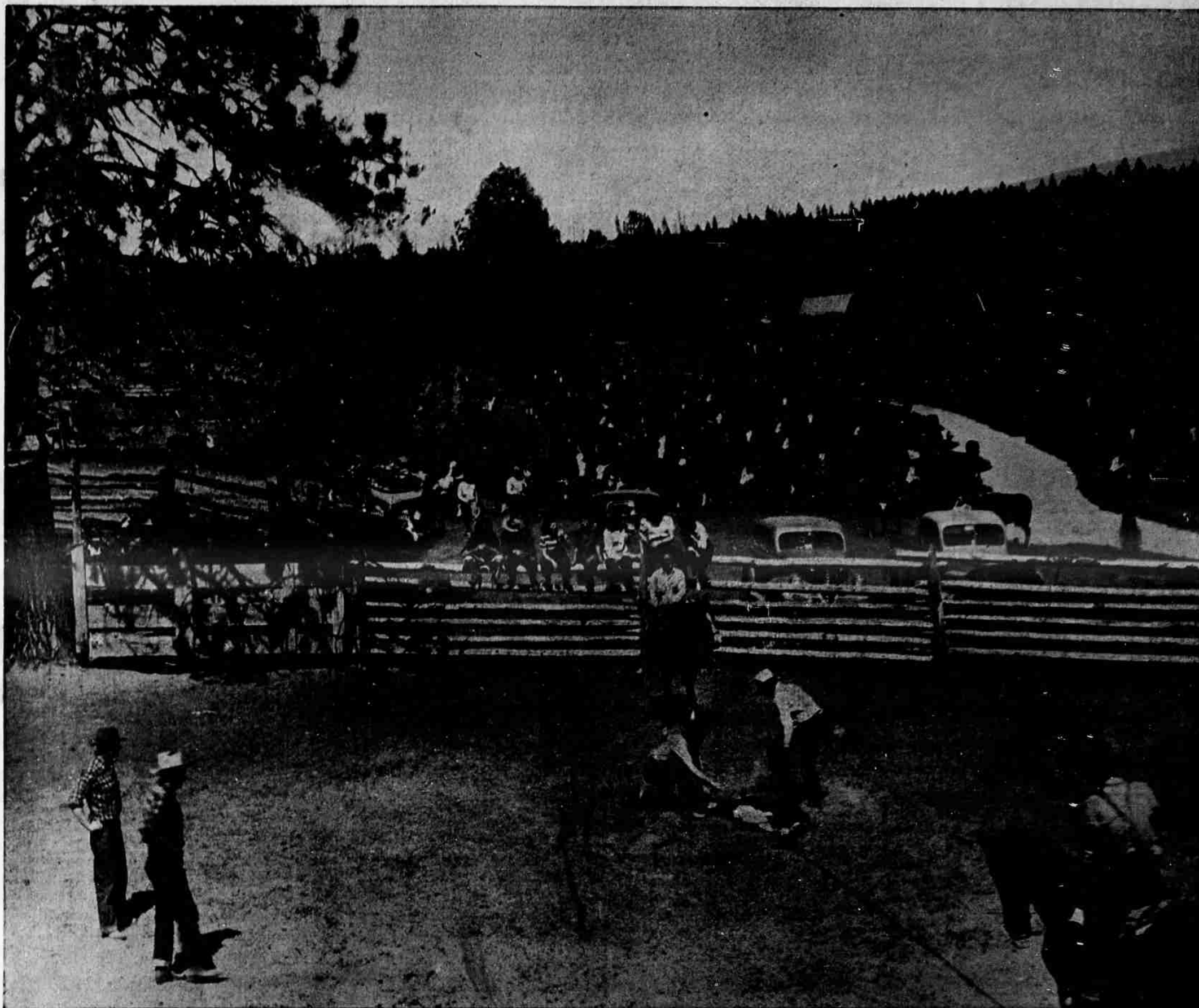


The Klamath Basin Cow Country

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Top Cowhands of the big Western country—the buckers, doggers and ropers—are clicking their spurs on Klamath's pavements this week as they make ready for the rough and tumble competition of the annual Klamath Basin Rodeo set for the county fairgrounds Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 4, 5 and 6.

Contests you'll see on the dusty floor of the arena grew out of just such gatherings as the one pictured above in a photograph made by Gib Fleet on the Obenchain ranch in the Bly country. Here a recalcitrant calf bawls his way through a branding operation in a setting that is typical Western and typical Klamath.

The portrayed action—hard, sweating business on the ranch—is the counterpart of a major event of the rodeo programmed as calf roping. What is real work on the ranch becomes thrilling entertainment at the rodeo. So, in the pages of this special section *The Herald and News* presents the picture story of the ranches of the Klamath basin combined with action in the rodeo arena.

The Klamath Basin Rodeo is one of the best of scores of rodeos being held throughout the West this time of year. It's rodeo season, and the cowhands who follow this great American sport are on the move, following a hazardous but oftentimes lucrative game.

First contests were held between individuals in matched events during roundup celebrations each fall. Top cowboys from the bigger cattle outfits were picked to contest their ability at riding and roping while heavy betting was done between their buddies and foremen. The first contest open to all cowboys was held in Prescott, Ariz., July 4, 1888, with prizes for winners and an admission charged to spectators.

The experiment proved so successful that more and more such contests were held until rodeo is now one of the leading sports of the nation—from the highfalutin' affair held at Madison Square Garden to the informal but thrill-packed summer rodeos held at Beatty on the Klamath Indian reservation.

Turn these pages for a pictorial visit through the Klamath Cow Country.