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Big Foot

By BILL JENKINS
No sooner had word spread about the big footprints found down in Humboldt County than the legend slayers got busy and started poo-pooing the idea.

About every so often these prints, some sixteen inches in length, show up and the story spreads. Experts in the field have estimated that if the owner of the footprints is following normal lines he will stand about eight or nine feet tall.

But the pseudo experts and the professional debunkers will have none of this. They find all sorts of explanations for the big prints but completely disclaim any human connection.

I think this is wrong. I think if the tracks are there then there must be something making them. Mayhap it is a prank, but if it is the pranksters are going to pretty great lengths to carry out their joke. That and a lot of work.

Personally I can see no reason why we shouldn't have such critters around. Particularly in the rougher regions of the West such as Bluff Creek.

Sure, it might be another Cardiff Giant. And on the other hand it might be a genuine wild man. Might be the Washoe Giant. Might be the cousin or something of the infamous Bigfoot, slayer of pioneer fame.

It might, too, be an outsized man who took to the woods in the hope of getting away from Ivy League styles.

Whatever it is I am quite willing to believe in it. And I am also quite willing to let it live as it wants to, although I should much enjoy seeing it and talking to it if it was in the mood.

If anyone feels like taking a suitable amount of time off and going out to look for the beastie I shall be only too glad to accompany them. I should think it would make an interesting trip.

It would at least be a welcome change from the humdrum attitude of most people that nothing of this nature can be true because they have never seen it.

It is quite all right with me if people want to remain wrapped in their nice, protective little cocoon of smugness until the inevitable nuclear bomb blows them and their cocoon both to smithereens, but it does seem a pretty dull way to live.

Shucks, if we can't have an occasional giant in the woods or a mythical buck that can't be killed with ordinary bullets or cougar twelve feet long that can carry off a Hereford bull then what's the use of living?

Go ahead and be as practical as you want to, but if there are, as I said, any dreamers with a little imagination left who want to go look for the giant of Bluff Creek why look me up.

Lakeview Memories

By NELSON REED

No. 2 in a Series of 4

The Dunberry timber always makes me think of George Stevenson, who looked after it for years. George once rowed on the University of Pennsylvania crew, but how that got him to Lakeview I never learned. He probably believed some of those early real estate promoters' pictures of fancy steamboats steaming up Goose Lake to land at the Lakeview municipal docks.

Mostly George talked about the winters he lived on "milk and a mush," though I always suspected he managed a little fire water in the milk, and maybe some doe meat in the mush.

George used to attend all the logging congresses regularly to keep from getting too bored. After a particularly successful congress at which he enjoyed all the festivities immensely, I got a letter from the "Cat" factory. "I'd been asleep on the job," they said. "There was a big operator over in Lakeview, Oregon, who was just dying to buy thousands of dollars worth of equipment."

I looked George up. "What cooks?" I asked. "Ah, hell," George said, "you can't drink a man's whisky for three days without giving him some encouragement."

Later on when I was peddling "Cats" I met a couple of interesting characters. Spud Cameron and his boss Maida Boutin. Spud told me he had driven an old two-ton Holt over the Yukon Trail. I believed him. Maida screamed at me that "all machinery dealers are crooks and liars." I believed her too. Never argue with a potential customer.

Those two gave a couple of our prominent timber barons a bad time once. Spud, being a friendly little guy, invited Ralph Macartney and Hugh Campbell over to see his logging operation some time.

So one day Hugh and Ralph put on their old clothes and went over. They were wandering around loose up in the woods when Spud and Maida came along in the pickup. Before Spud could explain Maida began screaming at the two "get the heck out of there; did they think she wanted every broken down log hanging around her woods setting the trees afire?"

It tickled Ralph and Hugh plenty but embarrassed poor Spud so bad he got to stammering and couldn't explain to Maida who she was talking to.

It was up at Maida's operation later on that I first met old J. T. McDonald. J. T. always was one of my favorite customers. The old devil would rather trim you on a trade than to tip some easy logging.

Where he dug up all the old junk he always had whenever he wanted to buy a new "Cat." I'll never know. He sure kept a salesman from getting any mass on his wits.

One of my first introductions to Lakeview was by way of Gil MacClenan, a long drink of a timber cruiser now dead. God rest his long legs! Gil had done a lot of cruising on the Fandango unit and knew his way around over there.

He talked me into going on a duck hunting expedition one fall during the prohibition era. We arrived in Lakeview way after dark and parked the pickup in the middle of Main Street. In almost no time, people came running from every direction, yelling: "Gil's in town and he has a gallon!" Apparently Gil knew everybody in the county. Next day, driving down the road, we'd have to stop every mile or so to buy some friend a drink.

About dusk that evening we pulled up in front of a big corral. We asked a couple of cowpokes which was the road to Malin. "Just keep right on that dim road that skirts the rim rock and you can't get lost," they said. After two hours we were still skirting the rim rock and even in the dark it looked sort of familiar.

Next morning we drove back to the big corral and were greeted by the same two cowpokes. "How the heck do you get out of this place?" we asked. "You don't," they grinned. "Most generally when a couple of city slickers come by looking like they might get in trouble, we send them out in the Big Pasture. They just can't get lost in there. Road to Malin's over that-a-way."

Grievances

By SAUL PETT

For Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—I like airplanes but:

I don't like the noise, the vibration, the sense of constantly rushing and, of course, the sense of nothing between you and the ground. As far as I can tell, man has gained nothing from the age of flight except the ability to go some place he can't afford.

You can now get from here to there in half the time it takes to claim your luggage. Airplanes can be uncomfortable. For example:

I can never seem to find the little ash tray on the end of the arm rest. I always seem to grind out my cigarette on my knee.

I think the trays and the silverware and packets of salt and pepper and salad dressing they serve on airplanes are awfully cute, and my kids have enjoyed them for a long time. But I think the meals served on most airplanes are over-ambitious, overcooked, and overrated. Why, when meals have to be cooked many hours in advance for them.

Malheur County considers these alkali bees so important that the Malheur Seed Growers Association has made available two \$1,500 grants for continued research work.

Incidentally, despite the name, alkalinity is not a must as a nesting site for the bees. Alkaline soils better maintain the desired soil moisture, however.

It might be well to acquaint central Oregonians with these black, banded bees which live in the soil and pay homage to alfalfa blooms.

Such acquaintance might halt the trend toward extermination.

Does It Again

Eugene (To the Editor) — Well, he's doing it again!

With Gov. Robert Holmes' latest move it is impossible to determine whether he is playing politics or whether he just didn't know any better.

I am of course referring to his criticism of Secretary of State Mark O. Hatfield's religious ideals and background.

In the beginning of the present campaign Governor Holmes stated that he was basing his bid for reelection on the facts of his record. Consequently the Republicans based their campaign on the governor's record—"straight down the line."

This season has brought many interesting statements from the governor. In Portland he told fellow Democrats that he made appointments on the basis of party registration. Qualifications were unimportant, "according to the record." Is this true statesmanship? Heaven help our state if it is!

We must admit that there are good thinking individuals in both parties. So why restrict people from their government on the basis of party affiliation?

The governor is responsible for our so-called "leader" is denying Mark Hatfield the right of "freedom of religion." Governor Holmes is forgetting that we take our religion everywhere and certainly do not leave it out of government—least of all, good government.

When it's all "on the line" Oregonians must choose between the competent and efficient 1953 record of Mark Hatfield or the often questionable, inefficient, doubtful, backward record of Bob Holmes. Is this the man who should lead our state for four more years?

A man who exerts criticism on the Secretary of State for calling upon the Almighty God? Mark Hatfield is a good Christian—he is the type of man we need in the executive branch in Salem. Help defeat "Bungling" Bob Holmes and Mark a statesman—Mark Hatfield, November 4.

Fred W. Heard
Assistant Chairman
Young Republican Federation of Oregon

Rising Profits
By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—The recovery is bringing a pleasing flush to many business firms today. It's the touch of color they love—rising profits.

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Reversing sales up much of the credit. But cost cutting is playing a large part too.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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BUT WHEN HE NEEDS IT—HE'S VERY, VERY SURE HE HAS IT—AND IF NOT... IT'S STRICTLY THE AGENTS FAULT...

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Bickering By The Allies Lengthened War

NEW YORK (AP)—Hesitation and dispute over strategy prevented the Western Allies from ending World War II in Europe in late 1944 instead of May 1945, says Britain's Field Marshal Montgomery.

A top German general agrees that the Allies could have defeated Germany about five months sooner.

After the successful Allied assault inland from the Normandy beachhead rendered the German situation in France desperate by the middle of August, "the end of the war in Europe was most certainly 'within reach,'" Montgomery writes in his memoirs.

"But what was now needed were quick decisions and, above all, a plan. I had a plan ready..." he wrote.

Montgomery's views are set forth in the second installment of his memoirs, published Tuesday by Life magazine.

Montgomery says he presented a plan concentrating the West's resources into a 40-division thrust directly up the west coast of Europe toward the Ruhr and Berlin.

The Associated Press asked German Gen. Huenther Blumentritt, now 66 and living in Germany, to comment on the Montgomery plan. Blumentritt was chief of staff of the German Western army at that time under Field Marshal von Rundstedt.

Blumentritt said: "I am absolutely convinced that the war would have been over by Christmas 1944, that there would have been a saving of Allied lives and that the Western Allies would have been in Berlin before the Russians had Montgomery's plan been carried out."

He said the Western Front was completely disorganized after the Normandy fighting and the Germans could not have mustered enough resources to meet a sustained single thrust of great strength.

Montgomery says he and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, were "poles apart" in military strategy.

The British field marshal says Gen. Omar Bradley also had a plan for a forward strike in the middle of Germany, but that Eisenhower compromised by trying to take all the objectives on a broad advance.

"The proper development of Allied strategy north of Seine will become one of the great controversies of military history," he writes. "In the end it was the

UP IN THE WORLD

DALLAS (AP)—The same armored car has driven into the basement of the new City Hall to pick up funds nearly every day for a couple of years. Tuesday the top of the truck ripped a heating duct loose from overhead. Maintenance engineer H. L. Garland quickly found the trouble. "They got new tires today," he said. "New tread."

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Germans who benefited from the argument. Had we adopted a proper operational plan in the middle of August, and given it a sound administrative and logistic backing, we should have seized the Ruhr before the winter set in. This would not only have shortened the war, it would also have held out possibilities of bringing it to an end in Europe with a political balance very much more favorable to an early and stable peace than that which has actual-

ly emerged." James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said President Eisenhower will have no comment on Montgomery's views.

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