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'SKEETER BILL' BECOMES POETIC

In many men, the ruling passion is a thirst for strong beverages. In others it is a desire for gold, while in still others, it is a voracious appetite for learning or the arts.

With "Skeeter Bill" Robbins, six-foot-six Rodeo idol, rider and roper, who gets the crowd with him wherever he appears, this passion is poetry, metrical rhythmic poetry, with which he is surcharged, and which breaks out into jingling verse upon the least provocation. He also has another passion, and that is to get just one more chance at "Pin Ears," the mean little outlaw which bucked him from his chances at first money in the finals at the Elks' Rodeo last year.

"Pin Ears" and the Dalton ranch figure prominently in Skeeter's latest rodeo, which he sprung while at Bakersfield Rodeo a few weeks ago. A portion of it follows:

The Pitchfork outfit in Klamath county, way out on a branch;
 All the cowboys call it the big Pitchfork ranch.

It's just the place for young men who come out to the West—

Who want to learn to rope and ride, and their courage they will test.
 They get up early in the morning and leave before daylight;

They pound them down the hind legs till the sun goes out of sight.

Their horses were all big and stout—
 they sure could buck and bawl—
 And I didn't have to stub my toe at first to get a fall.

Now I have rode many an outlaw horse, such as "Steamboat" and "Speed Ball."

But they've got one up in Oregon, who's sure the worst of all.

He only weighs eight hundred pounds, is slim as any crane;

And the cowboys they all know him, for "Pin Ears" is his name.

When I tried to ride, he left the earth, a-having wildcat fits,

With his hind feet perpendicular, and his front feet on the bits.

I knew the people were with me, from the cheering of the crowds,

And half a second later, we were up among the clouds.

Up there is where I quit him—he beat me to the ground.

And Judge Griffin disqualified me while I was coming down.

"Skeeter" didn't figure in any of the big money at the Bakersfield Rodeo, but he was one of the big features of the show with his irrepressible good humor. He was unanimously chosen captain of a company of cowboys offering its services to President Wilson, and was selected to manage the cowboys' dance at the Bakersfield armory.

"Happy Jack" Hawn took the bucking prize, Ben Robbins was second and Art Accord third. Accord won the bulldogging, and Wolf Verdugo, also

known here, won the third prize. Johnny Robbins figured in the Roman race money.

"Skeeter" rode everything he drew and was not thrown. He and Johnny Judd shone in the fancy rope work and in lassoing, and he also took money in wild horse and wild mule events.

That Robbins is a great Klamath booster is shown from the fact that his entry at every show is from Klamath Falls, and he is interesting a number of clever horsemen in the Klamath Rodeo, which he contends is second to none. Hugh Atkinson and W. H. Cheney of Caspar, Wyo., are here upon the advice of "Skeeter," and they are looking for jobs on Klamath county ranches, until the Rodeo. Both are riders and ropers of no mean ability.

UNIONS' GROWTH

IS BEST IN U. S.

LONDON, May 8.—The trade union movement is growing faster in the United States than in any other country in the world, according to the annual report of the International Trade Union Federation.

There was a gain in the aggregate membership of American trade unions last year of 279,377—more than half of the entire world's increase—as against 217,536 in Germany, second on the list, and 39,858 in Belgium, third.

Although some of the European countries show a falling off, owing to the disastrous effects of the Balkan war, the total gain in the nineteen nations represented in the federation is stated to have been 493,466, the entire membership being 7,394,461.

RODEO WILL BE AT THE FAIR GROUNDS THIS YEAR

The Elks' Rodeo this year will be held at the same location as in the past. Arrangements have just been completed with E. R. Reames, owner of the fair grounds, for its use by the Rodeo Association.

Work is to begin at once on the improvements to be made on the grounds and the remodeling and enlarging of the grandstand and the bleachers.

The matter of transportation to the grounds has been one that has been bothering the directors, but it is believed that this difficulty has been solved.

The association has decided to arrange for one or more large barges to carry passengers between the grounds and the city. It is believed that this, with the fleet of launches, will provide ample accommodation for everyone.

Queen Mary of England has ordered that no lady of the royal household may have any direct connection with business of any sort, thereby putting an end to "graft."

EAGLE TO SCREAM AT FORT ON 4TH

Great preparations are under way for one big time at Fort Klamath on the Fourth of July.

Nearly a thousand dollars has been subscribed to finance the amusements and pay for the prizes to be given.

The fun is to include everything in the way of outdoor amusement, with plenty of specialties staged in the halls and under tents.

KILLS FATHER TO SAVE HIS MOTHER

NORWALK, Calif., May 8.—Valentine O'Connell, aged 43 years, was shot and instantly killed by his 19-year-old son, Varney at this place today.

After his arrest the boy claimed that he shot his father because he had attacked his mother and threatened to kill both of them with a razor. O'Connell was shot through the heart, and died with the open razor gripped in his hand.

THEIR JOB IS

TO GET KISSED

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—There are a dozen or more young men of elite Washington society circles who today are considered the luckiest men in the world, bar nobody.

The young men today were named—their identity is not made public—as the fortunate ones on whom will be showered the kisses of a group of "vestal virgins" as a portion of the program of "The Fire Regained," an outdoor Greek pageant which is to be given later this month under the auspices of the Drama League.

Between 700 and 800 will participate in the pageant, but only those young men named will be permitted to receive the osculatory offerings of the "vestal virgins."

Wm. Dennis, now of Butte, Mont., is here to visit his mother, Mrs. Dennis, and his sister, Mrs. B. S. Grigaby. He came in last night after an absence of twenty-five years, and is astounded at the city which has supplanted the little hamlet he once knew.



Invitations are being issued by Mrs. George H. Merryman and Mrs. Arthur E. Whitman for a party to be given at the Baldwin hotel Thursday afternoon. Cards will be the main diversion.

Ladies' night at the Moose hall on Wednesday evening proved to be a highly enjoyable evening, and dancing and cards were indulged in until a late hour, when refreshments were served. This is a monthly feature with the lodge, and is always well attended. Earlier in the evening the following program was given:

Vocal Solo Mrs. Matthew Smith
 Vocal Solo Ruth Sing
 Recitation Miya Sannomiya
 Duet Edith Sing, Miya Sannomiya

The sixth birthday of Katherine Walton was the occasion for a birthday party given in her honor Wednesday by her mother, Mrs. George Walton, and which was attended by Gertrude Waldron, Beatrice Walton, Dorothy and Georgia Delzell, Elizabeth Graves, Mercedes Boyd and Evelyn Whitmore. The party was held at the California-Oregon Power company's Conger avenue property, and the children spent a joyous afternoon, romping over the spacious lawn, swinging in swings and hammocks and playing juvenile games. During the afternoon refreshments were served.

The Pythian Club was entertained on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Moreland, on Fifth and High streets. A social time was spent in playing 500, followed by ice cream and cake served by the entertainers.

EARTHQUAKE BRINGS DEVASTATION

CATANIA, Sicily, May 9.—Thousands of people have been killed and scores of villages and towns either totally destroyed or badly damaged as the result of a series of earthquake shocks in this vicinity last night.

In addition, the volcano of Mt. Etna is in action, and its rumbling is adding to the terror of the refugees.

Everywhere are great fissures in the earth, through which gas and smoke are ascending.

From all parts of the island come stories of appalling fatalities.

Every road leading to this city is congested with hysterical refugees, fleeing in terror from their homes.

Linera, with a population of 1,000, and Veneria, with a population of 2,183, are reported to be completely destroyed. Cosetina, the soldiers report, is completely razed.

Zerbatti, Pennisi, Pelpasso, Maria, Mangano and a score of other villages are badly damaged by the earthquake and fire.

Mt. Etna is still rumbling fearfully, and this has thrown the refugees into further fear.

Thousands of soldiers and national police are at work removing the dead and injured from fourteen thickly populated villages at the base of the volcano.

There are many villages from which reports have not been received, and it is believed they were entirely destroyed.

Communication is all cut off, and there will be confusion as to the extent of the damage for several days.

POSTUM MAKER

ENDS HIS LIFE

SANTA BARBARA, May 9.—Chas. W. Post, millionaire proprietor of the cereal food manufacturing at Battle Creek, Mich., committed suicide at his home near here this morning.

His self destruction caused great surprise. He recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, but his friends all thought he was improving in health.

To accomplish his deed, Post used a thirty-three hunting rifle, the end of which he placed in his mouth, and pulling the trigger with his toe. The discharge tore off almost the entire top of his head.

The suicide occurred at an early hour this morning. Post told the nurse he wished to be alone for a few moments, and she had hardly left the room when she heard the report of the rifle. She immediately rushed back to her patient, whom she found in his death agony.

Yesterday Post ordered a special car to go East, and it was presumed that he intended returning to Battle Creek.

McCORNACK BUYS

DREDGE FROM S. P.

E. P. McCornack, who owns a large tract of marsh land along Upper Klamath Lake, has purchased the dredge "Klamath Queen" from the Southern Pacific. The dredge, which has a three-yard capacity, was used by the railroad in grading between Hanks and Modoc Point.

The "Queen" is being put in commission, and will be used in diking across the Wocus ranch. This is the first step in a system for reclaiming the land that McCornack has outlined.

In possession of Vincenzio Grandonico of Springfield is a pipe with a meerschaum bowl, brass topped, and a wooden stem, which has been used continually for approximately 103 years. The pipe was first owned by his grandfather, an Italian doctor, and has cut on it the date 1811.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Henry F. Johnson to Lewis E. Johnson, deed, \$10, S½ S½ SE¼ NW¼, Sec. 29-36-14.

Klamath Corporation to Ida B. Mommyer, deed, lot 12, block 218, Mills Second addition.

Abigail A. Welch to N. S. Merrill, warranty deed, \$10, 30x50, tract in Merrill.

Miles Sign company to Alice I. Miles, warranty deed, \$10, NE¼ SE¼, Sec. 17-40-10.

P. R. Merrill to Rose Merrill, warranty deed, \$10, lot 2, block 27, Merrill.

Jay J. Arant et ux to J. C. Page, warranty deed, \$10, SW¼ NW¼, N½ SW¼, Sec. 5; SE¼ NE¼, Sec. 6-39-10.

Henry Mason Briston to Chas. M. Reid et ux, warranty deed, \$10, part of lot 5, block 21, Klamath Falls.

E. P. McCornack to Martin Bros., Inc., warranty deed, \$10, lot 15, block 18, Railroad addition.

G. H. Carleton et ux to H. F. Tolle, quit claim deed, \$10, NW¼ NE¼, Sec. 36-40-10.

J. G. Swan et ux to H. F. Tolle, warranty deed, \$10, SW¼ NE¼, Sec. 36-40-10.

United States to Stephen Griffith, patent, NE¼ NE¼, Sec. 31-39-11½.

The Klamath Development company to Charles M. Hunter et ux, warranty deed, \$10, lot 16C, block 5, Railroad addition.

Klamath Corporation to S. H. Griffith, deed, \$10, lots 1 and 2, block 302, Darrow addition; lot 11, block 205, Mills Second addition.

Alex Martin et ux to A. H. Newton, deed, \$9,767.07, NW¼ Sec. 36-37-9.

United States to Ralph Woodden, patent, W½ SE¼, E½ NW¼, NE¼ SW¼ Sec. 17; W½ NE¼, SE¼ NW¼, Sec. 20-41-13.

J. F. Adams to Ross Finley, warranty deed, \$10, N½ SW¼ and lots 4 and 5, Sec. 7-41-11.

G. S. Allen et ux to G. W. Anderson, warranty deed, lot 20, block 37, Crescent.

G. S. Allen et ux to Anna B. Anderson, warranty deed, \$10, lots 13 and 14, block 29; lots 15 and 19, block 31, Crescent.

Stephen H. Griffith et ux to H. E. Crane et al, warranty deed, \$10, NW¼ SE¼ and lot 6, Sec. 6-40-10.

Zella G. Evans to Vivian R. Evans, warranty deed, \$10, lots 7, 10, 15, 16, Sec. 4-40-11.

Wm. A. Stovell et ux to Frank W. Fletcher, warranty deed, \$1, W½ SW¼, Sec. 27; E½ SE¼, Sec. 28-35-15.

Frances E. Goor to Louis L. Goor, warranty deed, \$10, W½ SE¼, Sec. 35-40-8.

Dan D. Liskey to C. G. Merrill, warranty deed, \$10, SW¼ NW¼ and W½ SW¼, Sec. 35-37-10.

Merle S. Kilgore et ux to Dan D. Liskey, warranty deed, same as foregoing.

C. G. Merrill et ux to John Hayes, deed, \$10, SE¼ SW¼, SW¼ SE¼, S½ N½ and SW¼, S½ NW¼ SE¼, Sec. 10-40-13.

How He Enjoyed (?) Himself.

Will Mendenhall, who recently sold his ranch near town, is at present indulging in a short period of recreation and relaxation. Yesterday he conceived the idea of spending a few hours in fishing off the wharf at the foot of Klamath avenue, but instead of pleasure, he stumbled into a batch of work. The first trout he landed he didn't land. He exerted such energy in taking the fish from the water that he slammed it through a window in the warehouse, and the rest of the afternoon was put in replacing the glass.

IN LOOKING OVER

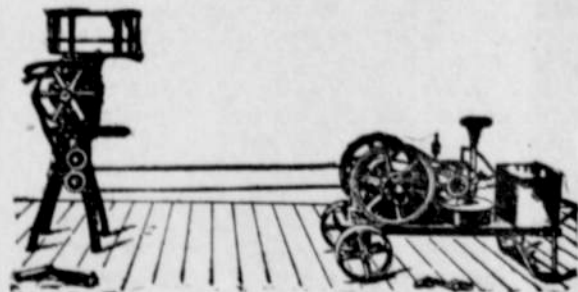


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