

THE CACTUS FLAT CATAMOUNT

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BIG BOULDER BAFFLES CHAMBER OF CONVERSE

About twenty paid up members and three dogs assembled en masse at the municipal hall Monday night to discuss the big rock which rolled off the middle of the Cactus Flat-San Francisco highway, completely blocking all traffic except goats and burros.

Constable Twist Newton, who appointed himself a board of supervisors to log the rock, reported that the rock was of gigantic stature and also spread out considerably. He suggested that the only method of surmounting the difficulty was not to surmount it at all, but to go around it. He said that the most feasible plan was to begin construction of a new road at the head of the canyon about a mile above the rock and cut across the canyon, building the new road on the hill across the creek from the rock and intersecting the old road about three quarters of a mile below the rock. He estimated that the new road would cost about ten thousand dollars for labor and material and dynamite to blast a tunnel through a sharp point of the hill where it was too close to the edge of the bluff to go around and too steep to go over if a man had any sense.

Bearcat Boone raised an objection to the constable's plan, maintaining that the new road would be an economic waste of the taxpayers' money, in that it would traverse no agricultural country, while a road around the base of Piute Peak, which, on account of the lay of the land, would go around the mountain about half a mile below Cactus Flat and back up to the town, which said road not only pass by three homesteads and an abandoned mining claim, but would give the people five more miles of road to brag about. The debate promised to wax warm, when Prof. Flyleaf Adkins, principal of the Cactus Flat high school, suggested that it would be a far better plan to take a sledge hammer and break the colossal rock into minute chunks and heave the fragments into the cavernous dep-

ths of the yawning chasm. This was done the next morning by Archimedes Puck, who practiced sculpture while in college.

Local News

Ebenezer Squills, a dirt farmer of upper Mud creek, says he wishes this flexible tariff he has heard so much about would flex occasionally in his direction.

Prof. Flyleaf Adkins states that a chair of United States History is planned for the University of London, and that we can at least tell them who won the Revolutionary war.

Hurd Howe writes from Washington that the Honorable William Hoots, who has been talked of as a presidential possibility in 1928, will reopen his peanut stand in that city.

Henry Eckles writes from Shanghai that despite the barrage laid down by non-participating nations, the Chinese are still threatening to take the city.

Hobe Townner writes from Chicago that the bootleggers have landed and have the situation well in hand.

Scotty MacPherson went over to the hot springs the other day to boil a pot of coffee.

Miss Goldie Boone had the hem of her skirt torn by a giraffe at the circus Tuesday.

Rattlesnake Ike's bootleg emporium was raided by officers Saturday night and twenty quarts were consumed.

Stokes Cole, who lost the road the other day while driving to the village dump, has decided to run his car for another year.

Wild Bill Mullens, a successful bandit of the foothills district, has gone to Chicago to take a post-graduate course.

FLAT LAND TOURIST OBJECTS TO CURVES

A tourist from the middle west, who has spent all of his life where the country is flat and where a bump on the landscape no bigger than an ant hill is called a mountain, tried to negotiate the sinuous curves up Wildcat Mountain the other day, but he got dizzy in the

head and turned around at the first stopping place and came back to Cactus Flat. He stopped in front of the postoffice and told the assembled citizenship what he thought of California and mountain roads in general, and said that anybody with a lick of sense would straighten 'out their roads so that tourists would be attracted to the country. Rattlesnake Ike told Mr. tourist that the only way to straighten out a road up the side of a hill like Wildcat Mountain would be to tie a rope to the lower end of the road and pull it down into the valley where the land is level, and he would take the matter up with the next legislature.

This answer did not seem to satisfy the tourist, who turned away in disgust and headed off in the general direction of San Francisco.

Social News

Miss Goldie Boone, the charming daughter of Bearcat Boone, the tonsorial barber and expert horse-shoer, returned from San Francisco Monday with a new fur coat, which set her back nineteen dollars and ninety-eight cents. She will appear in person at the big dance at Whiskey Slide Saturday night at which time Bob Cutler's Cowbell orchestra will fill the air with all the latest jazz features in music and dance tunes. The management of the dance wishes to state that bootleggers will not be allowed to peddle their wares inside the dance hall. Constable Twist Newton will be there with his posse of intrepid deputies to enforce the order.

MESCAL BILL'S FAMOUS HOUND GETS CHEWED UP

Great excitement prevailed in the household of Mescal Bill Sunday morning when his wonder dog, Lop-Eared Lizzie, limped into the house in a fearful state of delapidation. Lizzie had been out on the trail of a wildcat and had not been home for two or three days, and when she did come home she looked as downcast as a ripe tomato that had been run over by a truck. Her left ear was torn to shreds and her right eye was closed and swollen up with a lump as big as a prizefighter's demand. The skin had been ripped off her back in several places and both forelegs look like they had been run through a sausage mill. Her neck and shoulders were chewed up and clotted with blood and she looked as forlorn and despondent as a native son who has been defeated for office. It is feared that Lizzie has met with foul play.

CACTUS FLAT PLUMBER ATTENDS CONVENTION

Slocum Hoppin, Cactus Flat's handsome and talented plumber, attended the plumbers' convention at the county seat last Friday, at which time, he states, many important matters were almost finished. No record was kept of the meeting stated Mr. Hoppin on account of the secretary having forgot to bring his books.

Slocum said that the matter of who owned the pipe that was left over from a job was threshed over considerably but no agreement was reached. It was agreed, however, that the man who had the plumbing done was to pay for the pipe, and that unless a law suit was instituted, the plumber was entitled to all the pipe left over. He is entitled to his, said Slocum, for his sagacity in making the pipe stretch as far as possible and for using economy where economy is needed. As long as the plumber gets the left over pipe, says Slocum, it will not be necessary to figure too close on a job and the downtrodden plumber and his family can stave off the wolf from their door.

The Hall of Fame
Jeff Jones, who was in instructor of recruits in the late war, has accepted a commission to drill postholes for Horsehide Hopkins.

Lawyer Lillikell, our local orator, has decided to adopt a more forceful manner of speaking and will take up golf.

Herb Price, leader of the Cactus Flat Silver Cornet Band, is revising the chromatic scale, to meet the requirements of a piece of music he has written.

At a meeting of the Literary club held recently several delightful hours were spent in social conversation, Miss Goldie Boone's short skirts coming in for their share.

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measure on the ballot which can be shown by the votes cast for the two measures. And to behold the Morning Oregonian can see the light and favors the income tax in the coming election; but some of the followers of Chapman's Oregon Voter are too dense to see the light or learn.

A wise man changes his mind sometimes but a fool never. Income tax is only collected on net incomes above what is considered sufficient for living expenses but it is different with the property tax. The bread winner may be sick or the family under the care of a physician and still the law requires the tax collector to sell their home at public auction if property taxes are not paid. Not so with the income tax. You are only required to pay on a net income above a sufficient exemption for a living expense.

The state tax commission reported net incomes of \$42,000,000 from persons and corporations who did not pay any property tax. The best way to reach these persons and corporations is by an income tax to help pay the expense of government.

It is not necessary to raise the base for state tax levy on property if the \$50,000,000 of assessable property which is not now on the tax roll is assessed and the \$42,000,000 net income pays a fair in-tax to the state of Oregon.

Other states have income tax for the measure before the voters payers league ever suggested to take care of the state deficit? Tax those more who are now paying

a tax and let the non tax payer continue to be on the free list. I challenge anyone to a series of four debates on the income tax who is a legal voter in Columbia County.

P. S. I hope that the editor of the St. Helens Mist will favor me with a series of four debates at the following places viz: St. Helens, Rainier, Clatskanie and Vernonia.
O. HENRY OLEEN

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most impossible for the fish to reach grounds.

We are informed that in no other state or country is net fishing permitted on so small a stream as the Nestucca river. Opponents of the pending bill are giving no thought to the future. The salmon on the Atlantic coast have been practically exterminated by reason of failure to use protective measures. We want to prevent such happenings in Oregon.

It is for these reasons that our organization, in cooperation with similar groups and interested individuals, are bespeaking support for the measure before the voters.

Respectfully,
David Robinson,

Chairman Nestucca River Referendum Bill.

Radioced From USDA

An average of 12 dozen marketable eggs a year from each hen should give a good return. Hens that produce less than 100 eggs a year barely pay their expenses. Leghorn hens will eat about 70 pounds of grain a year. Larger breeds, such as Plymouth Rocks, will eat about 85 pounds.

W. T. Pope, horticulturist of the Hawaii agricultural experiment station, says that recent investigation shows that the banana was one of the earliest food plants cultivated by man. It was formerly known as "The Apple of Paradise." If a well-fed animal becomes unthrifty, parasitism is to be suspected. Probably about 10 per cent of all livestock losses are due to worms and other parasites.

There are 12 important parasites of chickens in this country. There are 40 or 50 parasites of cattle. And there are 50 to 60 found in horses.

Tillamook—Veneer plant opened June 6 with 60 employees.

Ground broken for new Grange hall at Fern Hill.



Distribution Without Waste

If You Could Sit In---



Meetings of all salesman, managers, district managers and others connected with our stores and markets are held in each district regularly. If you, as the patron, could sit in at one of these meetings and hear the plans and discussions of ways and means for constantly improving our service to you and eliminating waste, you would readily understand why our stores and markets are so much more desirable places at which to buy all of your foods. The whole thought at these meetings is "How can we give the public better merchandise and better service at less cost?" and the free exchange of ideas enables us to solve this problem.

Saturday and Monday Features

Sugar Pure Cane 10 lbs. 65c 100 lbs. \$6.49	Fly Spray Black flag liquid small size 1 can 15c Medium Size 1 can 25c Large Size 1 can 45c	Malt "Blue Ribbon" 1 can 85c
Pineapple No. 2 tins broken Sliced 3 cans for... 50c	Butter Safeway Label 2 lbs. for 85c 1 lb. for... 43c	Oranges Sweet and Juicy 2 doz. 59c
PINEAPPLE Large tins, sliced 3 for..... 73c	Pork and Beans Campbells large tins 5 tins 45c	Sweet Pickles Quart Jars 1 jar 43c
Chocolate Malted milk GHIRARDELLIS 1 lb tin..... 38c		Jar Rubbers Double Lip 4 pks. for... 25c
		Sunbrite Cleanser 6 cans 29c

Unusual Values in Our Market

Pork Roasts Choice shoulder cuts from young hogs, Per pound 19c	Bacon Back Sugar cured, 1/2 or whole Per pound 30c
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