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EDITOR MAKES FLYING TRIP THROUGH FIELDS

While making a flying journey through the towering corn fields and prune vineyards last Saturday after the rollers on the press had been washed up and salted down and stood in a corner, the editor of the Catamount took occasion to observe the progress that is being made in the farming region.

He believes that some of the boys are going to make a fair crop in spite of all they can do. That place on Ebenezer Squillses farm where the creek overflowed its banks and irrigated quite a patch, will produce several sacks to the acre, and if Ed don't watch out he will have a job gathering it this fall. Bearcat Boone's lease on the Hopkins forty could stand irrigating, but it would be useless and futile and a waste of breath to tell him about it. Also Alf Studes pumpkins would bear more froit if they were not covered up with goard vines. Rattlesnake Ike's grapes are doing well and if he has goon luck he ought to produce about four barrels to the acre. Miss Lena Shanks will have a good crop of foxtails and puncture vine which should be ready for market soon. If Horsehide Hopkins don't plow his beans pretty pronto he wont have enough to bile for supper. If Jeff Jones would get to work on his wild raspberries and pick a few for exporting to the county seat instead of hanging around the postoffice steps and telling every stranger that comes along who won the war, he might be enabled to put himself in a luirative position so he wouldn't have to borrow all of his tobacco from hard working citizens.

The farming region as a whole is rather satisfactory and the Catamount wants it editorially understood that garden truck will be took on subscriptions at par value.

The Desert

(By Wampus Pete, Silver Penned Poet of the Sierras)

The desert's covered up with sand,
That sinks you to your knees;
Where vicious Gila monsters live,
And rattlesnakes and fleas.
The parching desert has no friend
To shed a bitter tear,
When it is burning up with heat
For six months of the year.
The sands of time are o'er it spread,
And have for long been thus.
The burning desert's blighting breath
Sure is a wicked cuss.

SOCIAL NEWS

Centipede Clark was the survivor of a roadhouse party Saturday night.

Miss Goldie Boone announces that no change in rolled stockings will be made this summer.

Ole Crow of Piute Peak, who has just divorced his second wife, states that he will announce himself in favor of a third term.

BASEBALL NEWS

Split Pease writes from New York that Babe Ruth is slipping. He said that the Babe went to bat four times in a game that he witnessed and only knocked one home run and a couple of measley three-baggers.

Wiley Hawse writes from Boston that the Boston Americans staged a batting rally in a recent game when one of the players beat out a bunt.

Flint Rock writes from the east that he recently witnessed a brilliant play in the Great American game. Schultz was out, Casey to Cohen.

Porterhouse Kelly writes from New York that Kennesseee Mountain Landis has bought a pair of supporters and will suspend his socks.

LOCAL NEWS

Elm Slivers, a lion tamer for a big circus, who is visiting in Cactus Flat, was chased up a tree by Abe Barlow's collie pup the other day.

Lawyer Lilikell, who planted a garden early in the spring, has succeeded in raising a point of order.

Jeff Jones, an aviator in the late war, who hopped off Monday on a flight around the world, was forced down at Whiskey Slide on account of a shortage of gasoline and change.

In a race between the Volunteer Fire department of Cactus Flat and Whiskey Slide, the home boys won by a hose.

Mescal Bill has become known as the one man band since he has learned to accompany himself on the fiddle by stamping his foot on the floor.

The Rev. Ananias Etherblazer preached a whacking good sermon on sin last Sunday night, at which time three hijackers and a yawyer each promised to lead a better life.

Wall-Eyed Watkins, a cowpuncher from the Diamond-A ranch, arrived in Cactus Flat Monday to have himself and saddle-horse reshod.

A benefit performance for Henry Ford was staged Tuesday when two flivvers came together on Main street.

WILD BILL MULLENS WRITES FROM CHICAGO

Wild Bill Mullens, who won great fame in the Sagebrush Belt a few years ago when he first started his career as a western bandit, has been spending a few weeks in Chicago, where he journeyed for the purpose of completing his education under the tutelage of the more advanced criminals of the big city. He wrote a letter the other day to a friend in Cactus Flat, in which he says that if he can pass his grades he will be permitted to enter politics, and in such case, he will become a permanent resident Chi. He writes that he will receive his diploma as soon as he can get a couple of more notches on his gun.

BEARCAT BOONE BAGS FEROCIOUS CHIPMUNK

Bearcat Boone oiled up his old double-barreled shotgun Saturday morning and started out in pursuit of a marauding chipmunk that has created great havoc among the peacful residents of Cactus Flat the past few weeks. The vicious rodent was in the habit of stealing into the homes of the sleeping citizens in the dead of night and biting holes in the flour barrels and also a slab of bacon in Hog-Eye Haines' smokehouse had one corner mysteriously chewed off of it.

Bearcat scorned the advances of several adventurous hunters who offered to accompany him, and said he would go alone, as he had no fear of any animal that every walked the earth. Armed only with his trusty shotgun and an elm club, Bearcat turned his back on home and fireside and a few mighty strides carried his manly form into the depths of the dark forest where only the sounds of the wild were to be heard. His faithful pothound, Sniffing Sallie, soon took up the trial, Bearcat knew he was on the right trail, for one toe was missing from the right forefoot of the animal, where it had been caught in a mousetrap. Into the dark and gloomy and foreboding jungle went Bearcat and Sallie. An occasional yowp from the keen-scented dog signaled victory to the stalwart hunter. A few more yards and the dog came to a stop beneath a mighty greasewood plant that towered in the heavens. Sallie bayed as though her heart would burst. Bearcat, gun in hand, and every sense alert stalked forward. He peered into every branch of the many limbed bush. Finally two black eyes, like glistening beads of ebonite, rewarded his vigilant peering. Slowly he raised his gun to his shoulder. Cocking his shotgun and his eye he measured the distance between himself and his prey. It was about six feet. An unfair advantage, thought Bearcat, so the intrepid westerner backed off a few feet to give the shot a chance to scatter. Taking careful aim he fired. The bang of the gun reverberated into every corner and crevice of the forest and stirred up a smart sized echo. It was dead. Two ounces of shot reposed in its carcass.

Swinging the kill over his left shoulder, Bearcat turned his broad back on the black forest and strode back to Cactus Flat, where deep homage was paid to him by the neighbors.

Clay Wilkins, a former Cactus Flat carpenter, writes from Florida that construction work on the foundation of a big new hotel building, on which he is employed, was held up for several days on account of a shortage of papier mache.

Bob Cutler, who drew three to a pair of sixes in the poker game Saturday night has made the first payment on a new car.

Oregon produced $334,700 in gold, silver, copper and lead, in 1926.

Hillsboro—Ray-Maling Cannery adds $82,000 worth of machinery to pack 516,000 cases fruit this year.

Poultry Meet July 6-8

The fifth annual poultrymen's convention will be on the Oregon Agricultural college campus July 6-8 and the meeting of the Oregon Poultryman's association July 7.

The program will deal with economic egg production, the feeding problem and poultry farm management principally. Dr. E. V. McCollum nutrition expert of John Hopkins university, will speak on practical nutrition of poultry.

Glad Flowers Need Care

Comemrcial growers cut gladiolus flower stems at a slant to leave all the foliage possible, since food in the leaf returns to the corm as it matures. The general practice is to leave at least one-third of the foliage on each plant as the corm is weakened if more is removed. Gladiolus corms being not hardy, are dug in the fall before the ground is frozen. Corms harvested with the leaves and stems attached are stored in a dry shed or basement. When the foliage has withered it is removed and the corms are separated, cleaned and placed in a cool, dry place. Corms are planted in Oregon as soon as the killing spring frosts have passed.

Honey Recipe Gets Prize

The prize winning fudge recipe at the Watertown, Wis., national honey cooking contest held by the G. B. Lewis company has just been determined, says H. A. Scullen, bee specialist of the Oregon experiment station, as follows: Two cups granulated sugar, 1-4 cup honey; 1 square chocolate 3-4 cup milk; 1-4 cup cream 1 teaspoon vanilla; butter size of walnut, 1 cup nuts. Boil sugar, milk and chocolate for five minutes. Add honey and butter boil until soft balls forms in cold water. Cool, beat and add nuts and flavoring. Pour on buttered pan and when hard cut in squares.

Farm Reminders

Cultural practices that aid in control of strawberry root weevil in Oregon are not to be neglected, says the experiment station even though applications of poison bait show promise of giving good returns. Selection of good viborous plants, use of fertilizers and cover crops with systematic rotation help by keeping the plants in condition.

Weeds not only harbor diseases and insects harmful to garden plants but also starve and shade them and spoil the flower effect. Successful gardeners remove weeds roots and all and turn them under or otherwise destroy them to give the plants full benefit of soil nutrition and direct rays of sunlight.

For best results in Oregon poultry is allowed 4 square feet of floor space per fowl for the average size flock. The space per fowl is reduced in large flocks and increased in small ones.

Annual seedlings and biennial and perennial plants need water on hot days and will respond readily to frequent weeding and cultivating by producing stronger growth and therefore better flowers, says the O. A. C. campus florist.

A lean flat face without wrinkles and a bright eye are indications of the laying hen. A hen which appears to be masculine indicates a poor layer.

Radioed From USDA

Sanitation in the houses and poultry runs helps in the control of certain diseases among poultry. Since only young chicks are subject to gapes, one of the serious causes of chick deaths, and since turkeys of all ages may carry the gapes parasite chicks should be kept away from turkeys and the premises used by turkeys.

The department of agriculture has a new leaflet on the prevention of round-worms in pigs. The common roundworm causes a lot of digestive trouble in pigs. It also slows up the growth and development, and in other ways interferes with the well-being of pigs. That's especially so in case of the younger ones.

The milking equipment should be sterilized. The milk itself should be quickly cooled to 50 degrees or below and kept cold in a sterilized container until sold. If you use a milking machine, you should take special precautions to wash and sterilize it.

It has been found that blight-killed chestnut is being largely replaced naturally by oak, red oak, chestnut oak, black oak, or scarlet oak.

Shell color has no effect on the quality of an egg, but it does make a difference in the price. Some markets prefer white eggs. Others pay higher prices for brown eggs. Naturally, size does make a difference on most markets. An average egg should weigh about 2 ounces or about 1 ½ pounds to the dozen.

Nearly 2,000,000,000 dozen eggs are produced in this country each year. Ninety nine per cent of them are chicken eggs.

"Inside" Information

When a baked potato is done, work it until the skin is loose, jab a fork into one side and make an opening to let out the steam. Drop in a lump of butter and serve at once.

Apple butter may be made with or without cider and is a good means of using up windfall and imperfect apples that must be cooked to be saved. The U. S. department of agriculture will tell you how to make it.

Cheese straws are made much like pastry. Use as much grated cheese as you have flour in your pastry recipe, season with cayenne pepper, and cut half the cheese into the flour and fat. Roll out the pastry and sprinkle the top with half of the remainder of the cheese and roll again, repeating until all the cheese is used. Roll out finally about a quarter of an inch thick and cut into narrow strips or any desire shape and bake.

Biscuit dough is useful in many ways other than for making hot bread. It has no equal for making fruit shortcakes, or for chicken shortcake. It can be used for a crust for a meat pie or a fruit cobbler. Sweetened and sliced, with raisins added, it is transformed into tea cakes. Pinwheel buns are made by sprinkling the surface of the rolled out dough with sugar, cinnamon, nuts, and raisins, and then rolling it up, to be cut across like jelly roll. These pinwheels are sprinkled with more granulated sugar and baked, and are wholesome for lunch or afternoon tea.

Cabbage salad with whipped cream dressing is delicious. Whip half a pint of double cream, season with 4 tablespoons of lemon juice, 12 drops of tabasco, 1½ teaspoons salt, 1½ teaspoons sugar, a little scrapped onion, and 3 tablespoons ground horseradish. This must be made just before serving time. Combine with 3 cups of shredded cabage. If the dressing is allowed to stand, on the cabbage the juices are drawn from it and the dressing becomes too thin. Serve very cold. It is attractive served in a head of red or curly green cabbage.

Forest Grove—Western Oregon Packing company will build $15,000 plant addition.

Proper inspection of buildings during construction would do much to lessen the residental fire hazard in our country.

Astoria—First salmon troll fishing begins, with good year's prospect.

Forest Grove—Building addition made to News-Times printing plant.