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MESCAL'S GRAY MULE RUNS GREATLY AMUCK

A colossal and stupendous amount of excitement was caused Monday evening just about crowd roosting time, when Mescal Bill's old gray mule came tearing out of the shiner with a pair of shafts hitched alongside, indicating that a buggy or vehicle of some sort had been left abruptly behind.

The women-folks were busy for a few minutes snatching their squalling youngsters out of the path of Maggie, but no one was hurt except Bearcat, who had to nail the corner on the fence again with much perspiration and profanity. Maggie stopped at home just in time to keep from going through the side of the barn and about half an hour later Mescal Bill came straggling in, telling the assembled citizenship what he thought of mules and especially gray mules without a lick of sense.

SISKIYOU KID BEATS FOUR SNAKE EYES

The Siskiyou Kid, who arrived in Cactus Flat recently without a cent in his pockets and with nothing to speak of under his belt in the way of food for two or three days, and who took a job inking the Washington handpress for the Catamount and also sweeping floors and doing odd jobs, et cetera like running errands and telling bill collectors the boss wasn't in, had a rare stroke of fortune in a poker game last Saturday night when he was successful in beating four aces.

W.O.W. basket picnic August 21, at Sheeley's Grove. Morning—visiting, bathing, games for children, horse shoes. Twelve to 1:30. noon. One-thirty, speeches, races, contests, bathing, tug-of-war. There will be a large sum of cash for prizes. Everybody is invited.

Police Notes Elster Williams and Karl Allen, both minors, were arrested Sunday night by Marshal Kelly for smoking in public and having cigarettes in their possession. Williams, who was said to have been charged with a similar offense before, was fined \$6 by Judge Reasoner Monday. Allen was fined \$1. The Judge gave both the boys a severe warning that repeated offenses would be more harshly dealt with.

W. N. Bailey was arrested Saturday by Marshal Kelly for parking his car too far away from the curb. He was fined \$1 by Judge Reasoner. It was pointed out that the limit is one foot from the curb.

G. Gibson was arrested Friday by Marshal Kelly for operating a motor vehicle with improper license plates. He was fined \$5 and

GOOD KNIGHT, GOOD NIGHT

In days of old, when knights were bold, Romance held every bower; But knights would rage for this dear age, When flaphood is in flower.

LOCAL NEWS

A card received from Elm Slivers states that he is still out of a job.

Bearcat Boone's pet rattlesnake has another button started.

Horsecollar Hoots couldn't get away to go to the ocean this summer for his customary plunge, so he put a chunk of ice and a sack of salt in his horse trough and jumped in, which gave him the same exhilarating thrill that he usually gets at the beach resort.

Handbills have been struck off warning the citizens of a home talent play to be given Saturday night.

A fire which was caused by dropping a lighted cigarette burned over a quarter section of Alf Stude's shirt today.

Scotty MacPherson left this week for the High Sierras to look for a match he lost while on a hunting trip last fall.

The moss in the horse trough on Elm tree has turned green with envy.

A rear tire on Cube Root's Ford went suddenly flat today when he ran over a spike.

Horsehide Hopkins recently enjoyed a visit from the tax assessor, Lem Silvens, who neglected to look a gift horse in the mouth, is the recipient of an old plug that hasn't got teeth enough to eat his oats.

Hard Elm, who was operated on for appendicitis, was successful in making the second payment on Doc Horsecollar's new car.

Bearcat Boone had the misfortune to stick a fork in his eye while stirring his coffee.

Alp Larkin, who won the hurdles while in college, made another record jump today when he stepped on a rattlesnake.

Prof. Flyleaf Atkins, who left a few weeks ago for Honolulu to write a series of articles for a chain of newspapers writes back that he ate a big dinner the first day out, which he syndicated to the fishes.

Centipede Clark, who stopped to stare at a flapper in the county seat Tuesday, was arrested for impersonating an officer.

Alf Stude, who drank a pint of carbolic acid by mistake, is threatening to change bootleggers.

Lawyer Liall, chairman of the greens committee, states that the golf course has been put into

costs Monday by Justice Hill.

T. N. Crawford was arrested by Marshal Kelly Monday for alleged allowing license plates to be transferred from one car to another. He was fined \$10 and costs before Justice Hill.

G. Holmes was arrested Saturday by Marshals Kelly and Pheips for having liquor in his possession. Upon a plea of guilty Monday before Judge Hill he was fined \$25 and costs and 60 days in the county jail. The jail sentence was suspended upon the payment of the fine.

J. Vanderganden and V. Ellis were arrested Monday night by Marshal Kelly. Vanderganden was charged with liquor possession. Upon a plea of guilty before Judge Reasoner he was fined \$50, which he paid. Ellis, who was charged with being drunk, was fined \$25. He also paid his fine.

Gordon Smith was arrested by Marshal Kelly Saturday night at the dance hall and charged with being drunk. He was let out on \$15 bail and the trial set for Saturday.

shape for the fall horse races.

Mrs. Lidia Bloomhorner writes from Topeka that her two year old child was carried off by a Kansas grasshopper.

Rattlesnake Ike had the misfortune to lose twenty-one dollars and a valuable shirt Saturday night while trying to teach the Rev. Ananias Etherblazer the game of draw poker.

News Notes From Los Angeles

Mescal Bill had a couple of valuable back teeth jarred loose recently while entertaining an earthquake in Los Angeles.

While visiting in Los Angeles recently Old Quib Skills was struck by a brick which was thrown by a passing earthquake.

While taking part in a rodeo held in Los Angeles, Cayucos Sam was bucked out of his Ford by an earthquake.

While harnessing a team of mules in Los Angeles a few days ago, Clem Slaw was badly kicked by an earthquake.

Reports from Los Angeles state that Aimee and her mother have gone over to the chiropractor's to have their row adjusted.

LAWYER LILIKELL TRIMS SQUAW VALLEY CHAMP

In the two-man golf tournament for the championship of the Sage brush Belt, held before, during, and after church last Sunday morning, Lawyer Lilikell, Cactus Flat's monarch of the mashie and demon of the driver, won easily over Jed Spillers, the Squaw Valley title holder. The game settled an argument of two years' stand and will go a long way toward clearing up the political situation, as next year is presidential year. Spillers was accredited with 78 strokes, while Lawyer Lilikell rolled up 81.

HEARD ON OUR STREETS

"Last night the nightgale woke me," sang Miss Rosie Rootenoot. "Didn't you have no gun?" asked Mescal Bill.

WORLD EVENTS

President Coolidge issued a bulletin recently in which he nearly declined to accept a third term nomination.

Advices from Geneva state that England will favor a further reduction in American armament.

The Honorable William Hoots will announce his candidacy for the presidency just as soon as he gets his apology written.

John D. Rockefeller, who owns an interest in the local filling station, contributed another dime out of his small stock recently.

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Reward

Twenty-five dollars reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone offering or placing poison food of any kind for dogs.

W. J. Kelly, City Marshal.

The small Boston terrier belonging to H. Buffmire was fatally poisoned Monday afternoon. It was thought by Marshal Kelly to have been done maliciously.

The Majestic

Louise Fazenda is one of the three wives whom their husbands try to deceive into thinking they go duck hunting, when actually they go chicken hunting, in "Cradle Snatchers." At the Majestic theatre Sunday. This is a hilarious comedy-drama of middle aged couples in which the wives prove they are not as simple as they seem.

Marie Prevost's new Metropolitan comedy production "Almost a Lady," which comes to the Majestic theatre next Monday, provides Miss Prevost, the star, with a splendid opportunity for pathos and the colorful roles in which she is at

her best. Her supporting cast includes Harrison Ford, George K. Arthur, Barney Gilmore, Trixie Friganza and John Miljan.

A vividly dramatic sea story that will bring to the screen one of the greatest casts ever seen in one feature production is what is offered by "Captain Salvation," the Cosmopolitan production made by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer at the Majestic theatre Tuesday and Wednesday. Among the noted cast are Lars Hanson, Ernest Torrence, Pauline Starke, Marceline Day, George Fawcett and Flora Finch. The story deals with the life of a divinity student, who forsakes his calling because of the intolerance of his friends and relatives. His regeneration in a most unusual manner provides a startling climax.

Insurance is admittedly a good thing to have, but the poor salesman of insurance has long been the joke of columnists and vaudeville comedians.

In "The Love Thrill," the attraction at the Majestic theatre, Thursday and Friday, Laura La Plante tries her hand at selling a little insurance to Bryant Washburn. The luck she has, while affording plenty of amusement, would scarcely encourage one to start out too optimistically in that field.

JUST FIVE YEARS AGO From Vernonia Eagle of August 11, 1922.

To Stage Celebration On Saturday, September 7, the peppiest celebration ever staged in Columbia county will be held in Vernonia. Ten thousand visitors from all over the northwest are expected.

Back In '89 In looking over an old paper printed in Vernonia in 1889, we note that at that time it took from five to nine days for a letter to get from Vernonia to Buxton.

That Joseph Van Blaricom, then owner of the townsite, sold eight acres to the Vernonia Mill company for a sawmill with S. J. Brown manager. That Willie Mellinger is the champion salmon fisher. Also that a stage route was in existence from Cornelius to Vernonia, taking 11 hours to make the one-way trip.

The new union high school building at Vernonia is nearing completion.

The new Brown business block is nearly completed.

F. E. Malmsten was sworn in as city councilman at the Tuesday night meeting of the city dads.

Mr. Seseman has finished his new building on Main Street.

Get water now or die off and burn up.

Listen Mayor White has turned to poetry in his idle moments and sprung this one on us recently: You have had your eye on Pasco, And you have watched Tacoma grow; But if you have never seen Vernonia, It's the place you ought to go.

STATE FACES TAX PROBLEM

Proposal is Made to Enlarge Number and Scope of Committee. Probability of elaboration of the original intent of a resolution adopted at the last session of the legislature is indicated by Speaker Carkin of the house of representatives. H. R. No. 21 authorized the appointment of a property tax relief commission with power and authority to make such investigation as the members thereof may deem necessary for the relief of the burdensome tax imposed upon real property in the hope that some plan may be formulated whereby through suggested legislation all financial requirements of our state government may be hereafter met by indirect methods of taxation, and direct levy on property for state purposes may be done away with as is done in a

number of other states.

Speaker Carkin now proposes to go beyond the appointment of a committee of five originally planned and include in the personnel of the committee as many as 20 citizens of the state for the purpose of probing into the whole scheme of state taxation, and giving representation to such major interests as agriculture, industry, banks, public utilities, lumbering, livestock, horticulture and mercantile pursuits. The enlarged committee would be requested to survey the needs of the state and to study possible economies with the object of reducing expenditures where practicable.

When the people have rejected the tax proposals submitted by the last legislature, the problem that confronts the state has not been solved, and it is anticipated that a representative group may agree upon plans that will be satisfactory to a majority of the people and that will attract support from the next legislature. It has been pointed out that in California no direct

property tax is levied for state purposes, and it is admitted that in Oregon some classes of intangibles still escape taxation.

W.O.W. Picnic August 21. The ladies of woodcraft will sell eats. There will also be ice cream, soft drinks etc. for sale. Come and meet your old friends and make new ones. Everybody is invited to come and have a good time.

Gold Beach streets to be oiled. Reedsport — Eleven and twentieth miles of road to Lakeside are to be graveled at a cost of \$96,568.

Eugene — Eleven miles of the Deadwood-Five Rivers market road are graveled.

Rainier — New Dubois mill to cut 100,000 feet of lumber daily. Columbia City — Work begins on new sawmill of 25,000 feet capacity daily.

Roseburg — Loon lake road to cost \$72,130.

Burns — Herrick lumber road to be opened by September 10 for shipping stock.

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FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By F. O. Alexander

A Distinction There

