

**THE CACTUS FLAT CATAMOUNT**

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**HORSES MUST BE TRAINED WITH LOVE**

Buck Jones, who rides for the movies, came out flatfooted in a statement the other day, in which he said that teaching horses with love and kindness always wins the affection of the horse with his simple and unassuming ways, and before the editor of The Cactus Flat Catamount got through reading what Buck had to say on the subject, we reached the conclusion that Buck could never be induced to swear at even a government mule. Kindness to dumb animals is an admirable trait, and we remember one time when we were young and romantic, how altruistically we went about teaching a horse to love us by using a superior grade of kindness and an exalted brand of trust. He was an old range horse of the type known as outlaw. But we didn't know that at the time. We thought he was just a raw, rude horse from the big open spaces. So we tried kindness. We roped Old Hellfire, as we afterward learned he was called, and snubbed him to a tree. Then we spoke soothing words to him and he quit faunching and stood as still and acted as docile as Mary's little lamb. A few paragraphs of love and kindness directed at him soon convinced us that we had won a place in the heart of this equine diamond in the rough. So we attempted to pat him gently on the hip. This, we subsequently learned, was a mistake. Old Helly let fly a pair of weather-beaten heels that had never missed their mark. He kicked us in the face, which caused us to lose our equilibrium and two teeth. Words could not express our feeling of disapproval. We used all the words we knew at the time some of the most forceful of which stood continued repetition, and then we only partly expressed our feeling of disapproval. We patted Old Helly some more, but we did the patting with an elm club. Since that day we have confined our words of love to things in general and sometimes to opposition presidents, but never to western mustangs.

Buck Jones says horses are not superhuman, but simply dumb things. Well, we enjoy a local reputation for being rather dumb ourselves, and we do not believe that the whole output of human sympathy should be recklessly squandered on a horse, no matter how harshly he has been treated by a coldhearted world.

**BAND WILL TOOT**

Another band practice will be held next week and the editor of The Catamount hopes that all of the boys will be able to turn out, as a good band lends a note of charm to a community's progress, and in the Fourth of July celebra-

tion last summer the band added quite a bit to the noise of the occasion.

Mister and Missus Bearcat Boone went up to the National Park Sunday to get away from the billboards.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Spud Lumpkins writes from Whiskey Slide that his community was terrorized for several nights last week by a saxophone player.

Scotty MacPherson got too much air in one of his tires this week, and he siphoned a part of it out for future use.

Dort Blum, who was convicted of counterfeiting, has been retired from circulation.

Miss Tootle Tatum has written a clever article on how to prune pears, an another clever article on how to pare prunes.

Bearcat Boone says Sid Chaplin is his favorite of the two comedians, because Sid can sit down on a spiked helmet without calling it art.

Centipede Clark smashed his radiator today while trying to drive his car over a load of hay.

Heck Tombs says he don't mind to have a bee crawl over him, as long as the bee keeps moving ahead, but you can never tell when a bee is going to shift into reverse.

"Henry Ford," said Old Quib Skills today, "owes an apology to fifteen million and one people. The one is Aaron Sapiro."

The residential section of Wildcat avenue has a more attractive appearance since Horsehide Hopkins' house burnt down.

Sycamore Slim writes from the little frontier village of Los Angeles that Elinor Glyn made a trip into the sewer the other day to seek material for a novel.

"I do not choose to have a third cup of coffee," said the Honorable William Hoots at breakfast the other morning; "but, if you don't mind, you might warm up my second cup."

Dee Kleine, who bought a new dress for his wife a couple of weeks ago, is still under suspicion.

Rufe Milo, who is studying electrical engineering in college, received quite a severe shock Tuesday morning when he was struck by a truck.

Sparkplug Sparks of the Ford garage announces that double stamps will be given with each car sold Saturday.

Mat Hoke, who tried to outguess his bootlegger, will be buried Sunday.

Fatty Hooper, the grocer, advertises that he has about ten pounds of cheese left over from season before last, and as it is getting slightly shopworn, he will sell it in large or small quantities at

a reduction of 25 per cent.

According to survivors the roadhouse party last Saturday night was one of the most brilliant social functions of the season.

Last Sunday Bearcat Boone won second place in an argument with his wife.

**SUMMER IS GENTLY GLIDING INTO FALL**

The soft, misty haze of autumn is upon us. There are some persons who do not appreciate soft, autumn haze, and for those persons we have only a feeling of withering contempt, for soft misty haze is the best brand of haze on the market today. Autumn is that time of year when the leaves begin to turn yellow, a dingy yellow, which professional poets refer to as golden. It is the time of year when the backbone of the nation begins to cut cordwood for winter, the while he wonders why he did not break even on his corn and spuds. Autumn is that time of year when the wild geese honk high overhead as they flit to the sunny south land. Those that do not honk high are potted before sundown.

The word autumn has a mellow sound, like ripe tomato, or glue. The woods and the fields have a golden glow. The intoxicating exuberance of the golden glow of the woods and fields has often driven strong men to poetry. It gets into the blood. There is a quite hushness about the golden glow of the woods and fields in autumn that cannot be obtained at any price throughout the rest of the year. Even the green of early spring cannot compare with the golden glow of autumn. So let it be. Autumn, with its soft, misty haze and golden glow, is firmly upon us.

**INTREPID SCHOOL BOARD BUYS MUCH EQUIPMENT**

At the meeting of the board of trustees of the Cactus Flat high school, the budget for football equipment, swimming equipment, automobile equipment, gym equipment and what not equipment was approved and it was found that there were still three dollars and 90 cents left over, which after much haggling, a decision was made to spend it for books.

**THE POLITICAL CRISIS**

The Honorable William Hoots, candidate for president, says: "McAdoo may be right, but me and Al Smith are going to save the country even if it wrecks the party."

Alf Stude says he is going to support Hughes. Alf says the only way he can ever get even with the world is by a cancellation of all debts, and Hughes is running on that ticket.

The Hon. William Hoots opened his campaign for the presidency

with a speech to the farmers of South Dakota on culture. His next speech will be to the students of Harvard university on farm relief, which will be followed by a speech to the flood sufferers in the Mississippi valley on the conservation of water for irrigation.

Cliff Gilmore said today that his household would be under a commission form of government during a visit from his mother-in-law.

**Expression of Appreciation**

We, the members of the First Baptist church, colored, of Vernonia, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the citizens of Vernonia, Judd Greenman, the Oregon-American Lumber company, and the many others whose generous contributions and help have enabled us to erect such a splendid church building.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Vernonia folk to attend any services held in the First Baptist church.

**Free Methodist Meeting**

The meeting held in the McDonald hall near the Riverview grocery is still in progress. Those who attend testify that they are receiving good and the interest is the best.

We believe this rugged type of truth and the pure kind of religion being taught is what this town needs. You who feel a need, please come to the meeting at 7:30 p.m. each night, and no doubt you will receive a spiritual uplift. Rev. D. L. Fenwick is a forceful and interesting preacher.

**Rev. Geo. G. Edwards**

Pastor of Free Methodist church, St. Helens.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank the friends and especially the pioneers of Vernonia for their kindness and beautiful flower offering in the illness and death of our beloved mother. Signed: Nona Imbeck, Alma Urie, and John, Bert and Reuben Roberts.

**Police Notes.**

J. E. Rose, C. Stubbs and L. Chamberlain were each fined \$2 Monday by Judge Reasoner for not observing the school stop signs while driving past with their cars.

Theo. Kauppi and Roy Stafford were fined \$1 each for parking too close to fire hydrants.

**U. S. S. LEXINGTON TO CARRY OVER A HUNDRED PLANES**

Largest Naval Vessel in World is to Have Deck Surface 900 Feet in Length.

Boston.—The U. S. S. Lexington, largest and highest-powered naval vessel in the world, will be ready for her trials at sea within the next six months.

Final touches are being put on the ship at the Fore River Shipbuilding yards in Quincy, Mass., where she was launched two years ago. The vessel, one of the queen ships of the United States navy, belongs to the electrically driven group that includes the U. S. S. Maryland, West Virginia and Saratoga. The Lexington, like the Saratoga, which was launched in the spring of 1925 at Camden, N. J., is an airplane carrier. Originally these two vessels were to have been battle cruisers and as such would have been among the navy's largest fighting vessels. Due to the modification of the American naval program decided on at the conference of the limitation of armaments the ships were converted to airplane carriers.

The interiors of the Lexington will be quite different from the space plans below decks on most naval vessels. There will be ample space to store flying machines as well as elevators and cranes with which to hoist them up from below preparatory to hopping off from the flying deck.

Because of the minimum deck apparatus the Lexington seems unusually low in the water. The long sweep of flying deck, broken only by a massive combined funnel enclosure set at one side of the hull, resembles a marine drill ground. The elevators are so constructed as to come flush with the flying deck making an unbroken flying surface about 900 feet long. The elevators are capable of hoisting the largest type naval planes. A secret contrivance is set on the deck floor to stop landing airplanes within a distance of several hundred feet. This equipment is said to be fool proof and to prevent possibility of any mishap in landing during a rough sea.

The ship's armament in addition to the 103 airplanes which she carries, consists of eight 8-inch .50 caliber long-range rifles and twelve 5-inch .50-caliber anti-aircraft guns capable of warding off destroyers as well as enemy aircraft attacks. These latter guns are placed in groups of three at strategic points about the ship which facilitates concentrated and accurately directed fire as well as rapid supply of ammunition.

The flying deck will accommodate at one time the entire ship's complement of set-up airplanes and still leave sufficient room for a take off. Near the bow is a newly adopted device for launching seaplanes.

**Mount of Moses Was Not Sinai, Says Explorer**

Copenhagen.—Mount Sinai, where Moses gave the world the Ten Commandments, is not on the Sinai peninsula, as popularly supposed, says Dr. Ditlef Nielsen, the famous Scandinavian explorer and archeologist, who has just returned from a survey of Egypt, Palestine, Arabia and Transjordan.

The holy mountains, Doctor Nielsen states, are in the mountains of Edom, south of the Dead sea, in support of which he submits scientific data, maps and historical material.

Doctor Nielsen's discoveries have aroused interest in scientific, archeological and religious circles. The precise locality of the Biblical Mount Sinai has long been a subject of controversy.

It has been asserted by archeologists that the peninsula of Sinai is barren, waterless desert, and that it has accommodated 2,000,000 souls. Nor does it contain a mountain rising so sharply, they say, that its top could be fenced in while it was easily ascended, and its summit could be seen by a great multitude below, as Biblical tradition implied.

**Pretty Indian Girl's in Pacific Northwest**

Portland, Ore.—if the fair Minnehaha of Longfellow's poetical Indian romance were alive today she would have many rivals for the love of the brave Hiawatha.

The Pacific Northwest has a number of these Indian maidens. Among them is Princess Christina Eberhard of Wontah, a full-blood Nez-Perce Spokane Indian girl. Pretty Silver Star of Pendleton, of the Umatilla tribe, is another. She was elected princess of Chief Peo post, the only all-Indian post of the American Legion.

A third is "Little Fawn," a princess of the Klamath tribe, who lives in Humboldt county, California.

If in doubt about a gift for a birthday coming soon, let us suggest a set of Christmas cards. The Eagle has a large variety of samples from which to choose.

Garibaldi reports business and building boom.

State will improve Ashland-Klamath Falls highway early next year.

Low bid is \$165,000 for 500,000 tons rock for Coos Bay federal jetty.

Columbia City to improve several streets.

Bureau of agricultural will open Northwest economical office in Portland.

New fish cannery to be built at Empire for 1928 use.

Astoria—Cranberry harvest about ready to open, with record crop.

A \$60,000 general hospital to be built at Grants Pass.

Grande Ronde will build new school to replace one burned last spring.

Construction starts on Vale federal reclamation project.

St. Helens—Salmon season opens with heavy catch reported.

Smokers started 34 fires and sportsmen 17 fires in Deschutes National forest this year.

Wheeler County will build Fossil-Kinzua road, 11 miles.

Butter. The market closed at San Francisco last Saturday with 92 score bringing 47 cents a pound. Eastern markets advanced on short supplies of fancy butter and light receipts of all butter. Movement out of storage was larger than last year and December future options at Chicago were advanced one cent. Pastures are short and concentrates higher than last year but here is an abundance of hay and silage in prospect in eastern dairy districts.

Livestock. Lamb prices advanced last week on moderate receipts and good demand. Cattle markets were slightly unsettled but strong. Eastern hog markets went lower on heavy receipts.

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