

THE CACTUS FLAT CATAMOUNT

VOLUME 1

LAURENCE LOCKNEY, Editor

NUMBER 21

DRY FARMERS WAITING PATIENTLY FOR RAIN

The dry farmers of this section are waiting with patient and absorbing interest for a downpour of moisture from the clouds, as their winter crops cannot come up in bumper quantity unless they do get rain. While it is not time for rain yet, it is customary for some of our landed gentry to begin waiting for rain about the middle of July and to continue to wait until November or December, when rain, during wet years, comes down in quantities varying from a gentle sprinkle to what might be termed a landslide. Sometimes it fills us with deep and foreboding pain to see our tillers of the soil wait for rain for what seems aeons and aeons and sometimes extends over a period of three or four months, but looking at it from a practical standpoint waiting for rain does not weigh them down as much as one would suppose. As a matter of fact it is one of the easiest things in their career. One can wait for rain and pitch horseshoes at the dry belt who raise crops without irrigation, but so strenuously do some of our local farmers wait for rain year after year that it has ceased to be a mere custom and has taken on all the earmarks of an ideal.

MESCAL BILL BAGS FEROCIOUS COYOTE

Last Sunday morning about ten o'clock while Mescal Bill was walking aimlessly about with nothing on his mind to speak of and with his trusty double-barreled shotgun swung carelessly over his shoulder, he was all at once and without forewarning startled by a stirring in the leaves which caused him to jump nine feet high and come down with a whoop that could have been heard for a mile if there had been anyone within a mile to have heard it. He thought it was a rattlesnake, which caused the stupendous outlay of fright on his part, and if he had known it was only a mangy coyote that had been asleep, he probably would have jumped not more than four feet high, as Mescal is not a coward

and states that he can whip any man who says he is. The coyote was scared too, though probably not as badly scared as Mescal was, for the coyote galloped off a few paces and stopped to see what made Mescal jump. While the coyote stood motionless, Mescal drew himself together and got a firm hold on his shattered nerves and blazed away at the vicious monster, taking him behind the right ear with both barrels, from the effects of which the coyote breathed his last. It was a gala day for Mescal, as the bounty on the skelp and the money from the sale of the hide will put him back among the financiers of the nation.

Archimedes Puck proved his one hundred per cent Americanism today by signing a petition without reading it.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Roseola Hicks' fourth grade language class won first prize in a six shooter tournament at the county seat last Friday.

Rufe Milo, who is studying foreign languages in college, writes that he will abandon Greek and French so that he can go in heavier for Scotch.

Miss Winsome Nutte states that head leader Fred Price is amphibious, as he wields his baton with either hand.

Bearcat Boone has invented a coffee spoon with a curved handle, to protect the right eye.

Alf Stude, who is aspiring to higher things, recently took Opportunity by the horns, but he got hooked.

Scotty Macpherson says if he ever gets married it will be to a girl who was born on Christmas day, so that a nice present will kill two birds with one rock.

Mayor Abe Barlow has announced that he is going to return the monkey wrench which he borrowed from the garage last spring.

Cleo Hawkins, who is in the army writes that he has recently begun his second semester as corporal of the guard.

The cause of science suffered another blow Wednesday night

when Rattlesnake Ike mislaid the plans for a new type of still.

The Rev. Ananias Etherblazer says the meek feel that they are about ready to inherit the earth, and they are already fighting among themselves to decide who shall head the parade in celebration of the event.

As the first move in his publicity campaign the Honorable William Hoots, candidate for president, gave a Chinaman a lift in his Ford.

The shirt which Jeff Jones wore when he was discharged shortly after the war, is showing signs of decay.

The drug store on the corner of Main Street and Wildcat Avenue is advertising a big assortment of lip and walking sticks.

Centipede Clark was arrested this week for listenin' in without a license.

VERY IMPORTANT FACTS

Gas is served to 10,000,000 customers in the United States during normal times, and to 110,000,000 when Congress is in session.

Old Quib Skill's says that Louisiana has more navigable water than any other state, but Louisiana is not bragging about it.

Claude Lumpkin writes from Italy that Mussolini dictates to every person in Italy except one. Mussolini is married.

"No man is bigger than those he high-hats," said Old Quib Skill.

HECK TOMBS LAUDS PROSPERITY OF U.S.A.

"There is no need to fear that the financial fluctuation of the country will get into a jam," said Heck Tombs today. "While it is true that the great financiers of the loontry have proven their inability to corral all the cash, still it must be conceded that they have succeeded in placing the most of the wealth in a position where it cannot be frittered away by irresponsible persons. There could be no greater calamity than to have the nation's currency fall into the hands of those who have not been trained to handle large sums of cash, for there is ever at hand an unscrupulous group of money-grubbers who might devise ways and means to get it away from them. As it is, we know that the big boodle is in the hands of those who know how to make it bring home the bacon."

WITH THE POETS

An Autumn Pastoral
(By Wampus Pete)

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea;

Bill Thompson's hound has ceased to romp and play,
While he sadly scratches at a pesky flea.

Another Pastoral

(From the same Pencil)

Blessings on thee, little man,
Leave them apples in the pan,
Touch not one forbidden fruit—
Papa wallop with a boot.

A Psalm of Life

(By Miss Rosie Rootentoot)

Lives of great men oft remind us,
As through life we gently skid,
That we must be up and doing,
Or we'll never get things did.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Scripps Booth, who is suing his

wife for divorce, wishes to state that he has no hard feelings, but is simply fulfilling the requirements of economy, and is cutting down his overhead.

Hog-Eye Haines received another neatly worded communication from the power company this week, telling him that his light bill was still overdue.

Stone Bruce, who landed here several years ago with only a dollar, will make an effort to earn another one.

A representative of a collection agency from the county seat was in our charming midst this week trying to collect a bill from Rattlesnake Ike.

Horsehide Hopkins who went to the county seat recently to negotiate a loan, reports that the bankers in that city are a cold-blooded lot.

The directors of the Cactus Flat Bank and Trust Company met Tuesday for the annual split.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. At 11 a.m. there is to be a joyful giving service. All who will, are to give at least one day's wages as a special gift to the local church budget. The pastor is to have a subject in line with this thought.

The young people's meeting at 7 p.m. Mr. Wallace is to be the leader. The theme for 8 p.m. will be "The Preparations Necessary to a Revival."

Don't leave the lettuce on your salad plate. Eat it for the sake of the vitamins it contains.

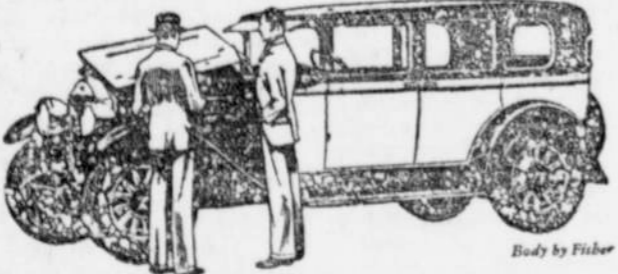
SEE Doane for Dependability in Rebuilt Typewriters and Service
103 West Park 122 3rd St.
Beacon 2050 Portland

State Laundry Company
FOR GOOD LAUNDRY WORK
We call and deliver TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS—Leave orders with S. Wells, Tailor, Phone MAin 891

Lawn Seed and Fertilizer
Now is the best time of the year to fertilize your lawns and plant the seed to enable it to get the best start for next spring.
Use Long Burning Fuel
Place your orders early for **Coal and Bricquettes**
Bricquettes \$16. per ton
Vernonia Trading Co.

Pacific International Live Stock Exposition
PORTLAND OREGON
Oct. 29 - Nov. 5
\$100,000 in Premiums • 17th Annual Exposition
combines Dairy Products Show, world-renowned Horse Show, National Wool Show, Northwest Fox Show, Manufacturers' and Land Products Show, Boys' and Girls' Club Work. Covers 10 acres, exhibiting America's prize Pure Bred Beef and Dairy Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Hogs, Goats, Foxes, Largest Premium List ever offered. Portland, Oregon, Oct. 29 - Nov. 5. Reduced fares all railroads.

Only Buick has an engine Vibrationless beyond belief



BUICK'S remarkable freedom from vibration is due primarily to three vitally important factors. *First*—the inherent smoothness of the Buick Valve-in-Head six-cylinder engine. *Second*—rubber engine mountings, front and rear. And *third*—the scientific and almost perfect balance of the entire Buick crankshaft assembly. Only Buick enjoys these advantages. And only Buick provides the silken performance—the unvarying smoothness at all speeds—the longer life and greater serviceability of an engine vibrationless beyond belief.

Sedans \$1195 to \$1995 Coupes \$1195 to \$1850 Sport Models \$1195 to \$1525

BUICK for 1928
THOMAS GARAGE Across from the Post O

BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

MONEY CAN'T BUY A BETTER OIL than THE NEW ZEROLENE
25¢ a quart
Reason why (1 OF MANY) STABILITY—Lubricates correctly—never "breaks down!"
The modern oil for modern motor cars.
STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Point With Pride
A SAVINGS ACCOUNT in this strong bank is an accomplishment you may point to with pride. The minor sacrifices necessary for its accomplishment are as nothing compared to the advantages accruing through its ownership.
BANK OF VERNONIA

Camel
The cigarette that earned first place by its goodness
The greatest endorsement ever given to a cigarette is revealed by the fact that Government figures show that more Camels are being smoked today than ever before. An endorsement by the many—not the few.
If all cigarettes were as good as Camel you wouldn't hear anything about special treatments to make cigarettes good for the throat. Nothing takes the place of choice tobaccos.