

**THE CACTUS FLAT CATAMOUNT**

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**QUIET HOMELIKE WEDDING EFFECTIVELY PULLED OFF**

Miss Florentine Hill of Whiskey Slide and Gimlock Jones of the Devil's Den country were quietly and patiently married by the Justice of the Peace in Cactus Flat Tuesday evening.

While the little stars twinkled brilliantly down through the fog and the kerosene lamp at the corner of Wildcat avenue and Horsehide Hopkins' pipen cast a radiant glare for several feet in each direction, the martial knot was firmly and securely tied. Congratulations in profusion were showered upon the happy couple by their loving friends and relatives, although everybody present realized that the smitten twin were embarking upon a doubtful venture.

Miss Hill is the charming and

accomplished daughter of old Bill Hill, who owns a 40-acre tract of alkali land near Whiskey Slide, which he has been trying to unload on tourists for the past ten years, but without success. Miss Hill graduated from the domestic science class in high school some two years ago. She spent two years in the culinary cooking department of the science class, and is an accomplished saladarian, but Gimlock said recently that a man can't live on salad alone, and that his sweetie will have to learn how to boil a pot of beans and throw a batch of biscuits together or there will be some words used of personal nature.

Mr. Jones is a talented mule-skinner in the employ of the Over-Production Oil company in the Devil's Den country, which said con-

cern has brought in enough dry holes that if placed end to end would reach from Portland, Oregon, to Oskaloosa, Oklahoma.

Mescal Bill, a fiddler of national fame all over the Sagebrush Belt, was chosen to play the wedding march. Mescal didn't know either the Meddlesome or the Longhorn-grin march, so the contracting couple marched to the alter to the solemn strains of "Turkey in the Straw."

**SOCIETY PAGE**

On account of the inclemency of winter weather, Miss Goldie Boone has purchased a pair of earmuffs for her knees.

Ole Crow of Piute Peak, who is matrimonially inclined, was over in the county seat this week looking over the crop of grass widders.

**The Wind is in the Pine Trees** (By Wampus Pete, the Silver-penned Poet of the Sierras)

O, the wind blows through the pine trees,  
And the wind blows through the flat,  
And the wind blows through the barnyard,  
Where the old brown hen she sat.

O, the wind is mighty windy,  
And the breeze is breezy, too;  
And it makes your eyes all bleary,  
And it makes you wheezy, too.

Yes, the vagrant winds are sighing,  
And the vagrant breezes blow,  
And if the winds change quarters,  
We are like to have some snow.  
Yes, the winds are still a-blowing,  
And the weather, it ain't fair,  
For the wintry winds are blowing  
Through the atmospheric air.

**FINANCIAL PAGE**

Alf Stude made a trip to the county seat today to look over the new Ford with the intention of pricing it.

Lawyer Lilikell took over Ebenezer Squilleses sorghum patch this week on a writ of habeas corpus.

**SPORT PAGE**

Arrangements are being made to broadcast the Cactus Flat-Whiskey Slide Horseshoe tournament shoe by shoe.

Jeff Jones, an aviator in the late war, hopped off again this week when he sat down on a cactus plant.

**LOCAL NEWS**

The fire department responded to an alarm Tuesday night and succeeded in confining the blaze to the residential section.

The Chamber of Commerce reports that the weed nuisance, which caused so much congestion of traffic on our streets last summer, has abated considerably since cold weather set in.

Scotty MacPherson left this week for Roaring River to look for a worm which he lost while fishing last summer.

Bearcat Boone's pet rattlesnake crawled into an old boot this week where it will make its headquarters until next spring.

**MUSHROOM HUNTS HELD BY ELITE OF CACTUS FLAT**

The most enjoyable events of the social season are the delectable mushroom hunts that are held in and around the environs of Cactus Flat after the fall rains have helped the dainty mushrooms to lift their silken heads above the soft and oozy earth. At this time of the year mushroom season is in full blast and whenever you see a flivver parked by the roadside you may rest contentedly assured that the occupants of same are out with a basket trying to get a free lunch.

Mushrooms differ from toadstools, in that toadstools are apt to upset one's digestion by causing instantaneous and abrupt death, while mushrooms are quite edible if there could ever be a way invented to get the sand and gravel out of them. To one who has never enjoyed the thrill of plucking the purple hued mushroom from its downy bed, we would advise an immediate trip to Cactus Flat for that purpose, and then after you have filled your basket with the luscious vegetable, or whatever it is, you may show them to your friends and they will say, invariably: "Oh, those are toadstools."

There is only one way to tell the difference between mushrooms and toadstools. First pick your mushrooms. Peel their hides off until there is nothing left of each one but a piece of pulp about the size of a pin head. Then fry them. Eat them with a relish and sit down to await results. If you live, they were mushrooms.

**LONG DISTANCE NEWS**

Wild Bill Mullens writes that the gangsters in Chicago have an alliance to put down lawlessness, except that of an official

nature. Sycamore Slim writes from the little frontier village of Los Angeles that the water commission is developing a device to bottle up the fog, after which the future water supply of that hamlet will be assured.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Hiram Squonk writes from Nicaragua that the marines have landed and have been handed the situation.

News from Geneva states that the governing forces in Russia have killed all of their enemies and are now in favor of world disarmament.

**NOTICE OF CALL OF BONDS**

Notice is hereby given to the holders of the following bonds of the City of Vernonia, Columbia County, Oregon;

Bonds No. 8, 9, and 10 of sewer improvement bonds, dated January 1, 1925, said bonds being in denomination of \$500 each; All of the above bonds being redeemable at the option of said city on Jan. 1, 1928. That pursuant to said option, said bonds will be redeemed within 30 days from the date of this notice, to-wit: On the First day of January 1928, upon presentation to the City Treasurer.

In case the holders of said bonds fail to present same at the time and place mentioned herein for the redemption thereof, then the interest thereon shall cease and the agency aforesaid will thereafter pay only the amount of such bond and the interest accrued thereon up to the said first day of January 1928.

Dated at Vernonia, Oregon on this 1st day of December, 1927.  
J. C. Lindley, Treasurer,  
City of Vernonia, Ore.

**WOMEN AND PROGRESS**

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to freedom, to dominance. It is this whisper that tells the sportsman that the big fish are just a little farther up the stream, that deer is more plentiful on the next hillside. It is this something that says to him, the next fish is going to be that very biggest fish.

It is the will-o'-the-wisp that sets nation against nation, and race against race, always beckoning and whispering progress, freedom, dominance.

Leaving you with the question in

your mind as to the origin of this whisper of domination and of what does progress of woman consist, I will return to my subject with the famous American women of yesterday and today.

**Great Women of Yesterday.**

Great lives as great events are lived. When we find ourselves looking back at the lives of great women, they after all only answered the natural call of a woman's life.

As outstanding figures of the women of yesterday, who have done much to elevate the esteem of their sex and for humanity, we have the names of Pocahontas, Harriett Beecher Stowe, Susan B. Anthony, and the peer of all mothers, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

The first woman's name spoken of in American history is that of the beautiful Indian princess, Pocahontas, who in rescuing and liberating a prisoner already condemned to death by her own tribe, so displayed the qualities of the womanly woman, that she was eventually given audience by the king and queen of England. This beautiful first American woman was presented at the court of St. James.

I believe it was then, as it is today, that woman's highest mark of distinction is of being a natural woman.

Wonder how many American women in making their bow to H. M. King George and H. M. Queen Mary, look back to the admirable natural qualities of this beautiful Indian maiden, who preceded them all to the throne room of grand old England.

A note in your present day history suggests that this beautiful story is only a legend. It was a true story in McGuffey's day, and I prefer to believe it yet. When you take the woman of the human family away, you have not much left to be proud of.

Then we have the name, Harriett Beecher Stowe, the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," a book that was influential in bringing about the Civil war, which at that time appeared to be the only way of wiping out a condition that existed.

This condition had existed so long that it had become a tradition to the people of the southern states, and when you try to wipe out a tradition of a people, war would be the natural outcome. We of today can look at this old question with an open mind.

The call in the minds of the human family is for freedom and progress. And slavery was an obstacle in the path of both freedom and progress which only this war, or years and years of natural development, could have altered the situation. However, we do not think that this woman, or any woman with a woman's heart, would think of throwing her own people into war. But her words, spoken with the deep conviction that she felt, acted as a torch to already smol-

dering fires. To a mind with a business training it would be easy to imagine that her book must have been a best seller then, above the Dixie line only.

However this woman, Harriett Beecher Stowe, answered the call of the finer human of the real woman in her, when she wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and presented it to the world.

Then we have the name of Susan B. Anthony, the first woman to champion the cause of woman suffrage. She caused a bill to be presented in 1878, which became known as the Anthony amendment, which became law in 1920, giving women the right to vote.

This was a measure that was not forced, and when it did arrive, people were prepared for it. How gracefully people accept a privilege given, and once given, how difficult it becomes to take it away. We can all learn something here from babies, give a child a toy and it tucks it away and it cries. I sometimes wonder if the time will ever come when we will be real grown up humans.

To be continued

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