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TEXAS TENDERFOOT

HUNTS FLEET QUAIL
An unsophisticated tourist blew into Cactus Flat from the Lone Star State of Texas a few weeks ago and after a few days of loyal searching for work he finally landed a job as extra man at Hamp Jiggs filling station...

that some of them never return with less than 50 fine fat quail. The tenderfoot was shown just where to go to get the best shooting, and he went out full of expectations, but he returned in about three hours with nary a single quail.

he had to shoot them on the wing was when they had their wings spread out and the only time they had their wings spread out was when they were flying and that he had better sense than to try to shoot a bird when it was flying.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS

Wiley Hawse writes from New York that Al Smith has yielded to the entreaties of his friends and has reluctantly consented to allow his name to be placed before the people as a candidate for the presidential nomination.

As we go to press none of President Coolidge's hats have been placed in the ring.

LOCAL NEWS

Centipede Clark had the misfortune to puncture one of his tires this week when his shotgun went off unexpectedly.

The bed of Alkali Lake is becoming quite damp since the fog season has made its approach.

The Catamount lost another valuable subscriber the other day when we spelled Sam Hogg's name with a "D."

Ray Vaughn, who plays the saxophone, has received an unsigned note of warning.

Dale Weatherby had the misfortune to lose his wife last week when court convened in Reno.

Scotty MacPherson, who bought a lead pencil in the county seat last week, went back to to get his trading stamp.

YVONNE ANDERSON, MY YVO (By Wampus Pete, the Silver Pen-ned Poet of the Sierras)

Yvonne Anderson, my Yvo, Yvonne. When we were first acquainted, Your lips were red as roses, Yvonne. And I'm sure that they were painted.

SOCIAL NEWS

The social circle lost one of its best members this week when Mescal Bill left for the Roaring River country on a skunk-trapping tour. Greasewood Slim say cold baths may prolong life, but what's the use of living if you have to take cold baths.

The Rev. Ananias Etherblazer surprised a large family of fleas this week when he sprinkled some insect powder on his hound.

The citizens of Cactus Flat will be glad to learn that a pair of storks visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Barlow last Sunday.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Hurd Howe writes from Washington that President Coolidge is considering the advisability of asking the government of Nicaragua to place a protectorate over Chicago.

Henry Ford recently said that there is nothing quite like the new Ford car, which caused Mescal Bill to remark that there was nothing quite like the old Ford car, either.

PRESENTS HANDSOME

PRESENT TO WIFE

All Stude presented his wife with a nice Christmas present this week, as a token of love, which will be appreciated by her for some time to come, not only for the intrinsic value of the gift itself, but for the heartfelt of generosity and the wealth of tender affection with which it was given.

The present consists of two new washtubs and a handsomely corrugated washboard, to take the place of the old tubs and washboard that have done yeomen service on the linen of our townspeople for a number of years.

All states that he has arranged to pay for the tubs and washboard out of the first money that his wife earns under the new regime.

BOOK REVIEW

Ye editor has just finished reading "Rocking Moon," a novel by Barrett Willoughby. The title is a misleading one, as Rocking Moon is the name of an island and has nothing whatever to do with describing the actions of a man who drinks himself into such proportions that the moon appears to rock, as ye editor thought before reading the book.

The story is about a young woman who raises foxes for the market and sells their hides for as high as \$150.00 apiece. Cold cash, too. Mescal Bill, who traps skunks on Roaring River, could do better in the fox business, as he never gets more than two dollars a skunk hide and one or two fox hides would bring enough to keep his family all winter, besides which skinning foxes is much more refined than skinning skunks. In the book it tells about a young lady who made a practice of stripping herself down to naked nudeness

and staging a hula dance in front of a mummy that hung in a cave. We have heard that a dance of this character would bring mummy back to life, and it is possible that the beautiful damsel was giving the experiment a tryout.

SISKIYOU KID TAKES

YULETIDE VACATION

The Siskiyou Kid, who has a permanent position with the Catamount until he gets his board bill paid, was forced to lay off a couple of days this week on account of there being nothing in the shop for him to do.

Women and Progress

(By Lillian Hanson)

(Continued from last week)

Last but not least we have the name of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the peer of all mothers, the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

This woman's life reflects the natural beauty, the purity, the steadfastness, of the very hills of Virginia and Kentucky in which she was bred and born.

All the beautiful qualities of this woman were instilled and reflected in the soul of this son, this man she gave to the world.

Reader—did you ever notice how insignificant your personality becomes, how inadequate you find the English language to express that something you would say when you wish to eulogize Abraham Lincoln?

There is no word in the English language that can add anything to his name; there is nothing in the English language more eloquent than the name of Abraham Lincoln.

It is a very satisfying thing to find this wonderful man to write plainly, Abraham Lincoln, and then listen to the echo of thoughts.

Hence my plain statement, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the peer of all mothers, was the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, as the first lady of the land, naturally takes the place as the first woman of today, and we find in the person of our first lady an example of perfect womanhood.

No queen on her throne has ever displayed greater diplomacy. It has been a perfectly natural position to her. She has a beautiful personality and is known as the most popular and most artistically gowned woman who has ever graced the White House as hostess and first lady of the land.

The remark has been current that she is worth a million dollars to the republican party, and I am going to tell you why. She has dressed the part and lived the life of the ideal woman. Enshrined in the heart of every woman she has been the beautiful wife, the perfect mother, the ideal home-maker, which is the unspoken dream in the innermost heart of every woman, and women realize that a woman so perfect could not walk through life with a man who was not in every way her equal.

She speaks volumes for our nice quiet peace time president, Calvin Coolidge, and would be easily worth a million dollars to the republican party, should Calvin Coolidge choose to run again.

And easily next we have the name of Edith Gault Wilson, whose name will go down in history as the great wife. Her name is recorded today as having stood by the side of the great Wilson, after he was stricken, and shouldered bravely the duties of the office of president of the United States, of which she no doubt had her influence in developing, and probably has been given a greater insight into his expectations that the greatest fear of today can reckon.

Her name has been spoken of as a candidate for president. I believe this woman could take us on a journey to a new distant future, when we will walk beside the will-o'-the-wisps of today, when all the white sails that dot the blue ocean would be peace sails, when all the nations would be at peace and all races would walk on the earth as brothers.

I would say that she is the only woman in the United States today whose name would cut any figure at all in the race for the presidency. Her ability is established and her name and personality reflect the very life of the great Woodrow Wilson, and the time is right at hand for this great adventure of women.

If the name of Edith Gault Wilson is brought out for the presidency it would easily follow that her name would go down in history as Edith Gault Wilson, the first woman president of the United States of America, and with my translation of hospitality, the women of the United States owe to this beautiful woman, whose dream of life was broken, and for whom, this great compliment, could Woodrow Wilson have lived to realize his dreams, you would have seen a peace and freedom that Abraham Lincoln only started.

Woodrow Wilson would have in reality made the world safe for Democracy, and then some. Woodrow Wilson realized the life we were living was only a training we had, that we should splash and surge and seek forever to dominate, and that this training had produced a thought that had crystallized into a thought world wide, of human domination.

Woodrow Wilson did not die heart broken. He was psychologist enough to know that he had left a thought behind him that would crystallize as a world wide thought and which would evidently become recognized as more humane, more unselfish, which perfected the two highest points that civilization can ever expect to reach. The minds of Woodrow Wilson and Abraham Lincoln were of the same elevation. Woodrow Wilson's mind is working now at Geneva.

The League of Nations is reporting progress. There are still a few little points that John Bull didn't quite see into, but we all understand that a real Englishman is naturally slow to see the point to even a good joke. So we all know Johnny and love him just the same, he is our grandfather, I imagine Johnny Bull and our old Uncle Sammy walk out most any night and look at the white lights of Geneva and that the bear laughs and the tiger forgets his claws, and that little men become big men at Geneva. Thusly would the mind of Woodrow Wilson settle all questions that might otherwise lead to war. The woman who was the inspiration for this great man's translation of life must necessarily be a very wonderful woman.

Other women whose names have at one time been mentioned for the presidency are Mrs. O. N. P. Bellmont of New York, able woman and geographically located to great advantage, should her name have been brought out at that time.

The name of Mrs. Roosevelt Sr. was at one time suggested as a possible candidate for president of the U. S.

Mrs. Roosevelt Sr. is the beloved widow of your own indomitable and patriotic, the beautiful American princess Alice. The princess who dared to be a real American girl. The world and everybody in it love Alice, who is our Teddy over again. It was our Teddy Roosevelt that gave the word of encouragement to the mothers and home women of the land.

Then we have the women who have served successful terms as governors of their respective states. Mrs. M. A. Ferguson, served a stormy, but successful term as governor of the Lone Star state, and bears with honor the title of ex-governor of Texas.

Mrs. Nellie Ross, who when she stepped out of office as governor Ross of Wyoming, left a perfect record, and in defining women's position in the world. She displayed great womanly quality, making it very plain that she was a perfect woman all the time she was a perfect governor when she says: "Whether in the home or in business, in professions or other pursuits, there rests upon woman an absolute obligation to have an intelligent interest in political affairs." But I cannot restrain my personal conviction that it is in the realm of the home in wifehood, in motherhood that woman fulfills her highest destiny and finds her greatest happiness. Both Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Ross entered the race for governor, to establish an item of real interest to their immediate family. They realized that they alone could establish that item better than any one else in the world. Could you imagine a better call for a woman to enter politics than that interest?

However, those two beautiful ladies have set an example before the women of the United States that they cannot afford to overlook. They were prepared when necessity called them.

Then we have another beautiful character displayed in the person of the lady who, when offered the vacant seat in the United States Senate occasioned by the death of her honorable husband, the late Oregon member of the United States Senate, said, "My children need me at home, I am getting them ready for school."

Beautiful, noble woman. Without a moment's hesitation she spoke the words of the woman, the real woman.

Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg was no more eloquent, he never said more in fewer words.

I think sometimes in our natural admiration for great heroes, we often overlook a heroine though she passes very near us.

There is nothing more beautiful than a woman's life, and woman's love.

A woman's love to her child is as sunshine to a building flower. A woman's love and presence in the home to her family, is as melody and soft silvery moonbeams.

A woman's love and advocacy of men is a ray of light, that to this life is just as natural and a brightening as is the starlight to a dark night.

There is no higher estate than motherhood, there is no more important post than homemaker. All the standing armies in the universe are maintained for the protection

of home. The very cornerstone of civilization rests on perfecting, and perpetuating this untold dream that sleeps in the heart of every woman. Now in the interest of good fellowship among women I would call your attention to this fact.

There is a thought abroad in the world, that I have never seen challenged by anyone. The thought that all women are instinctively against women. I am glad to have the opportunity to explode that thought.

The psychology of that situation is this, that woman's love of man is so natural and so attractive, that the emotion of friendship and love she has for her sisters becomes commonplace. So commonplace, comparatively that it is easily mistaken for an thinking person as against.

A note of distrust might arise from the fact that women are more or less posers, and who knows that better than another woman. We all make believe that we want to be Joan of Arc, when in reality we all dream of life perfected by the companionship of that most wonderful prince charming. The peace and quiet felt in the protection of the home fires and the joy and inspiration of beautiful children. This is the whisper of every woman's life. I just love Henry Lauder when he sings, "You No Can Beat It."

This false note in the lives of women arises from ages and ages of training in false modesty. The real and only woman here is in the world for women of today and for all time to come is to become perfect in being women—the beautiful women their very souls tell them they are.

I know it, that it has been said that truth is not paraded naked, through the streets, but that I have my own political opinion and party preference—yes positively. But I write this not as a politician, but as a woman, and from a knowledge gained by lifetime's association with women and the reflections of this knowledge gained by the privilege of this association. I compare to the turning of the leaves of a beautiful book.

Athletes Receive Letters

The football players were awarded their letters Wednesday, December 7, from Coach Austin, who also gave a short address. Those receiving letters were:

Gilbert Bergerson, Morris Bennett, Archie Adams, Norman Green, Donald Hodges, Clarence Wardle, Oliver Mellinger, Allen Ray, Ward Gooding, Veldon Parker, Edward Roles, James Curry, and Shelby Cook. All but Adams and Mellinger are seniors, and will leave but two lettermen to form the nucleus of next year's team.

Bend—Last spike is driven in Northern Pacific extension line to Klamath Falls.

Salem will have built 500 new homes during 1927.

Toledo will vote on \$10,000 bonds for better fire equipment.

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