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OLD YEAR PASSES INTO, SO TO SPEAK, HISTORY

The year of 1927, which passed into history on the 31st of December, as you will remember, if you remember anything that happened on that memorable night, was a year fraught to the brim with progress and prosperity, as we might say. Throughout the nation there were numerous signs of progress. The steel trust split some handsome dividends, while Standard Oil, of which Mr. Rockefeller owns a small share, showed a satisfactory gain, while Mr. Calvin Coolidge made several interesting speeches to the farmers of the nation, which will insure bigger crops and better prices for 1928.

Here in Cactus Flat there was more real progress during 1927 than in any one year since prohibition set in. Mescal Bill, who makes his living trapping skunks on Roaring river, reports the largest catch of his career in the fall of 1927, and as a result of his good fortune his wife will have a new pair of shoes and his flivver will have a new set of tires and some

oil in the crank case. Bearcat Boone, our tonsorial barber and expert horseshoer, added a number of new features to his tonsorial barber shop, including an art picture of Vesuvius in action, on an impressive calendar, and he also had his front windows washed, which were getting so dirty that Bearcat could hardly lamp the girls as they flitted past. Fatty Hooper, the grocer, added a new line of fly paper to his growing stock during the spring and summer of 1927 and also soaked up his barrel of prunes to make them presentable for the fall trade. Horsehide Hopkins replaced the pane of glass in the front window of his palatial log shack, which was broken out some ten years ago by a carelessly thrown snowball. Horsehide had been intending to fix the window for a number of years and it is with pleasure that we announce that his wife finally goaded him into the deed. Centipede Clark added an awning to his dog kennel, made out of an old barley sack split in half, which imparts quite a rustic appearance to his back yard, and it also keeps the sun off his dog in hot weather. The manager of the Palace of Beans sharpened up his steak knives owing to numerous complaints from tourists who had to eat there; and he also made a cheese cloth cover to keep the flies off of his delectable home founded pies.

Taken all in all, as we might say, the progressive citizens of Cactus Flat made more progressive progress during the year just closed than can be summed up in one brief summing up.

Cactus Flat is indeed a generous credit to itself. The world moves forward by progress, so we have heard. The wheels of progress can be turned only by those intrepid heroes who put their shoulders to the crank and grind like sixty. Let it not be said that the stalwart men and strapping women who hewed all of their hews in vain.

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LOCAL NEWS

Archimedes Puck, who quit smoking the first of the year,

went over to the furniture factory in the county seat today to have his determination upholstered.

Bearcat Boone, the barbering demitician, has taken a contract to shave the whiskers off of Fatty Hooper's cheese.

The Hot Dog & Hip-Pocket House, near Whiskey Slide, which has been padlocked for the past year, will reopen soon for a short run.

Quite a line formed at the general delivery window at the post-office Tuesday when the last shipment of mail order catalogues were distributed.

The piano tuner from the county seat was in Cactus Flat Tuesday to tighten a clothes line for Mrs. Bearcat Boone.

The horseshoe course did a rushing business last Sunday, several stobs being rung.

Constable Twist Newton's dog was arrested this week for chasing the Widow Flanders' pig.

GIL HIGHTOWER'S DOG KETCHES FLEET RABBIT

The usual calm of Cactus Flat was invaded by a keen bit of excitement Monday morning when Gil Hightower's famous bear dog got on the trail of a malicious cottontail rabbit near the outskirts of town and finally jumped it out from under a greasewood bush after much trailing and sniffing. The rabbit made a ferocious and unenviable leap for life just as the dog had his cold and clammy nose about three inches from Mr. Rabbit's skelp. The dog took after the rabbit and the chase was a right lively one for several minutes, the rabbit not having time to make for its native haunts, if it had any, but scooted straight for the very heart of the city and howled over everything in its path, except nothing got in its path but a barbed wire fence, which it

went under without scratching a hair. But the dog didn't have such luck. The dog was just ready to grab the rabbit when it went under the fence. He made a desperate lunge for the rabbit and struck head-on against the bottom wire of the fence and was thrown backward for a clear loss of about ten yards. He set up and looked rather foolish for a couple of seconds, but he soon regained his equilibrium and legs and started after the rabbit again pell mell for election.

The chase ended when the rabbit became wedged between a couple of almost empty barrels behind Rattlesnake Ike's bootleg establishment. The dog stuck his long and continuous nose between the barrels and grabbed the rabbit gently but firmly by the haunches and pulled him out, after which he shook the rabbit a bit and then dropped him on the ground and went on about his business. Alf Stude, who was an eye and ear witness to the whole affair, says that the most surprised rabbit he ever saw when he found out he was still alive, with no dog in sight.

HEARD ON OUR STREETS

Old Quib Skills say that by the bowl going up from the old folks, one is apt to get the impression that the younger generation of today invented immorality. "Man can conquer lions and tigers," says Cube Root, "but he can't conquer mosquitos and fleas."

Rose Theatre

"A Million Bid"

Dolores Costello plays the most daring and emotional role of her spectacular career as the bartered bride in "A Million Bid," a Warner Bros. production, directed by Michael Curtiz. "A Million Bid" comes to the Rose theatre next Sunday.

"Simple Sis"

Romance, thrills, laughter and pathos comingle in "Simple Sis" Warner Bros. delightfully human story of the love quest of a laundry girl, Louise Fazenda and Clyde Cook are the principals, and it goes without saying that these peerless mirthmakers extract the maximum of fun from each droll situation. At the Rose theatre Monday.

"Her Wild Out"
Bluffing pays—sometimes, if you have something to back it up with. Colleen Moore shows the troubles that can befall a bluffer in her new comedy, "Her Wild Out," at the Rose theatre Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Ten Modern Commandments"

How to "crash the gate" into the theatrical business has long been the bugbear of stage aspirants. Esther Ralston, however, solves the problem with amusing finesse in her latest starring vehicle "Ten Modern Commandments" a Paramount picture of backstage life which starts next Thursday for two day run at the Rose theatre.

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W. A. Harris, Attorney. Ellen Sheeley Administratrix.
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