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BEARCAT BOONE ESCAPES DEATH BY A MIRACLE

Bearcat Boone had a frightful accident the other day in which he lost his temper and almost his life. Only the intervention of circumstances saved him from an untimely grave. Only by the fraction of an inch is he among us today. Bearcat went up to the tall timber to cut a log to make a flagpole to put up in front of his barber shop to be used to flaunt Old Glory in the faces of his customers on legal holidays and other events of importance. His eye settled on a big sequoia about two feet thick, which he figured would make a jim dandy and magnificent flagpole if he had any way to get it to town. He contemplated it from every angle and got up quite a sweat while endeavoring to figure out how long it would take to chop it down. But his better judgment prevailed, as Bearcat never was a good hand at hard work like swinging an axe, so he centered his affections on a slim cedar about three inches thick. He hacked for considerable of a spell on the cedar and it finally tumbled down, ye gods! it fell astride his manly frame and squashed him to earth with the force of its terrible impact. Bearcat got up cussing a blue streak and vowing to high heaven that he would split that tarsal tree up into kindling wood. While he was in this frame of mood his eye again alighted on the giant sequoia that he had at first considered as his meat. Providence had been kind to him and he realized that he had escaped death only by a hair's breadth. If he had carried out his original plan the mighty sequoia would have been the tree to fall on him and it would have smashed him in-

to an innumerable number of infinitesimal atoms!

HEARD ON OUR STREETS

"That oldest boy of mine, the one we call Rags-and-Titters, which ain't his right name a-tall," said Mescal Bill, "has the hardest time makin' hisself understood of any person I ever see. He stutters, an' he garbles his words, an' he gurgles, an' lispes so that a person kaint never tell what he's tryin' to say." "What are you going to do about it?" asked Wampus Pete. "I dunno," replied Mescal. Guess I'll have to make a radio announcer out of him.

LAW AND ORDER

Judge Slewicum this week handed down an opinion on household economy which was reversed by his wife.

Cliff Gilmore was arrested today for operating a wheel-barrow without a driver's license.

Wild Bill Mullens writes that Chicago is getting so tame lately that you will occasionally find a man who has quit carrying a gun.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Alf Stude made another financial venture this week when he asked for credit at the grocery store.

Scotty Macpherson had a couple of valuable angle worms left over from last year's fishing season, which he is offering for sale at a modest figure.

SOCIETY PAGE

Miss Rosie Rootentoot announces that skirts will be one inch longer this spring, to make allowance for March winds.

SCIENCE AND ART

Archimedes Puck has completed

the plans for a new and original hot dog stand. It will be made of dogwood and covered with bark.

SPORT SECTION

Mosey Long went duck hunting this week and brought back two boot loads of swamp mud.

A track meet was held recently near Whiskey Slide, at which the section crew drove several spikes.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS

Constable Twist Newton's dog has been chasing the Widow Flanders' chickens, which will furnish a live issue for the next campaign.

LOCAL NEWS

The blacksmith sat down upon a red-hot horseshoe this week, which impressed him deeply.

Rattlesnake Ike has received a shipment of new bottles for the spring trade.

MISTER HECK TOMBS WILL FACE AN ANGRY WIFE

Heck Tombs made one of the greatest mistakes of his career last week, and one that he will probably remember for a long time to come. Heck went to San Francisco and intended to come back in two or three days but instead of that he is there yet and he wrote his wife a few days ago that he was visiting at the home of the minister who used to live in Cactus Flat, but who sought pastures greener a couple of years ago, having six months' back salary coming to him, which hasn't been paid as we go to press. Visiting the minister sounded all right to his wife until this morning when she went over to gossip for an hour or two with Mescal Bill's wife, where she learned that Mrs. Mescal Bill had received a letter from the minister's wife which said that they moved away from San Francisco three months' ago. If any of the Catamount readers, who have any sympathy for a fellow mortal in distress, should happen to meet Heck before he gets back, you will be doing a kind act by helping him to fix up a good story. He will need it.

PUNK FROST RETURNS TO NATIVE HEATH

The citizenship of Cactus Flat was deeply and profoundly gratified this week to learn that Punk Frost had returned to pay his old home village a visit after having been absent some three or four years, the most of which time was put in large cities where he picked up quite a cosmopolitan air and a variety of brag. Punk greeted his fellow citizens in a friendly, although a superior manner, and impressed them quite fervently with his wealth of knowledge concerning elevated trains and boarding houses with hot water piped right square into the room where a feller slept. Punk happened to run into Cliff Gilmore today, from whom he borrowed a dollar when he left on his tour of the country. He promised to pay the dollar back if he could get a job in Cactus Flat at decent wages. Cliff said he didn't mind the dollar so much, but he doesn't care to be high-hatted by a fellow with holes

in his pants. Doc Horsecollar made a trip to the cemetery this week to look over his patients.

Rooms having patterned wall paper look best with no pictures. A mirror or textile hanging is often desirable. Etchings or drawings supply interesting line and pattern in rooms where much color is used.

A dull, monotonous room is made interesting by use of colorful pictures on the walls.

Pictures are arranged in regard to the furniture of the room to form a harmonious unit. They are

all hung at nearly the same level so that they do not form a jumbled line. Each picture is best when suited to the room in which it hangs, as well as to the other pictures.

In period rooms, sometimes glass, jade or metal conventionalized flowers are used as mere designs. Painted or gilded seed pods, wax or artificial flowers are no longer being used.

Bercurochrome is used in home emergencies to paint over cuts. A toothpick covered with cotton may be used as a swab, but is never used the second time or put back in the bottle. It is best not to wash the cut though. If washing is necessary an antiseptic solution is

used. To prevent a cake from scorching a dish of water is placed in the oven while the cake is baking.

Transcontinental lines promise 68-hour service to Chicago, May 1.

Rainier—New DuBois 60,000-foot mill to be built on Menefee mill site.

Cottage Grove votes \$25,000 bonds for better fire protection.

Medford—10-story business block is planned, to cost \$325,000.

Roseburg—Record Broccoli crop is almost ready to harvest.

Miller Mercantile Company

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Why Pay More?

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Such Language POW! BAM! ZOWIE! ZAM! FLOP!

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