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SURVIVORS OF WILD WEST TO STAGE RODEO

Arrangements are being arranged and preparations are being prepared to stage one of the biggest rodeos and wild west shows of the present century this summer if necessary funds can be raised to make the hairraising scheme possible. Cayucos Sam, who says he can ride any horse ever walked, is the promoter of the affair, and he has already taken into his confidence everybody who would listen to him, and every time he tells about the big rodeo it keeps getting bigger and even the Siskiyou Kid, who is a deadly enemy of Sam, has agreed to bury the warhoop, and the two have become fast friends the last few days, as the Kid wants to have some of the credit for promoting the show. Cayucos has been on the lookout for horses and riders to make the rodeo a huge and spectacular success and he says he has already heard of a boss over in the Table Mountain country that can pitch lickety-split for election, and if he just get holt of that one and two or three more and money enough to pay for prizes he will put on a rodeo that will make the Old West look like something that was left out in the rain. The Siskiyou Kid, who has six notches on his gun, says he will give an exhibition of shooting free gratis if somebody will pay for the ammunition he burns up, and Heck Tombs has promised to loan his team of blooded Missouri mules to haul the stage coach in the great stage coach robbery, but Cayucos says there ain't a stage coach in the whole country, and hasn't been for a long time, and the only way he knows to make a stage coach is to put a tongue in the old high school automobile bus that has been discarded over at the county seat, which would make a right likely stage coach and no one would ever know the difference.

ANYHOW, RECENTLY

"When were you in Paris?" asked Mrs. Mescal Bill, of a movie actress who came through Cactus Flat on her way to the mountains, where her company was performing. "O, about two husbands ago," replied the lady from Hollywood.

The proprietor of the meat market has added another link to his chain of sausages.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Cliff Gilmore was the recipient of a handsome prize last night when he opened a box of cracker-jack.

The drug store on the corner of Main street and Wildcat avenue has received some of the newest creations in hip-pocket flasks.

Stokes Cole, who recently took a couple of bottles of Doc Horsecollar's home perscription, has filed suit for recovery of his appetite.

Heck Tombs was over in the county seat Tuesday on a search for work, but he forgot to mention his errand to any one.

Gimlock Jones went over to the county seat the other day to buy a pair of number six shoes, but after trying for about an hour to get his foot in one of them he decided to take twelve.

Kim Hedge, who works up at the sawmill, has quite a lot of freshly cut sawdust on hand and is receiving bids from the breakfast food concerns.

Abe Withers is making great headway in his correspondence course on business management and was appointed foreman of a coroner's jury today.

SOCIETY PAGE

The horse trough on Elm street rendered yeoman service Tuesday when Centipede Clark's pants got on fire from putting his pipe in his hip pocket without first ascertaining if all the tobacco had been smoked.

"We can't enforce the Eighteenth Amendment," said Constable Twist Newton today, as he bought another pint from Rattlesnake Ike.

Gale Clow will leave Saturday for the county seat where he will get a haircut and take in the picture show, after which he will play a game of pool before returning to his home.

LOCAL NEWS

Mescal Bill set a bear trap last week and was successful in catching a mosquito.

The scarecrow which has been standing in Cliff Gilmore's field for the past year, was arrested today for impersonating a policeman. Lawyer Lillkell is suffering this week from a stroke of genius.

OLD TIME WESTERNER DROPS INTO TOWN

Old Bill Hankins, from up on the headwaters of Rattlesnake Arroyo, dropped into town today to say hello to the boys and likewise to do a little shopping, as his shirt was in bad condition from long wear, making a new one necessary.

This is the first time Old Bill has been in Cactus Flat since that time he got into an argument with the officers for shooting a Chinaman several years ago. At that time the officers remonstrated with Old Bill about the deed and Old Bill got mad and left the Flat and said he wouldn't stay in a place where they wouldn't allow a man to have a little fun.

Old Bill was in this vicinity when raw gold was being washed out of the ground with little tin pans and he remembers when a man could stake out a claim and wash out enough gold in one week to last him a life time and then lose it all in one night playing poker.

He was quite handy with his gun, too, in those days, but his eyesight is getting so bad that he said he probably wouldn't do any more shooting, as he got into a fracas with a neighbor a couple of weeks ago and shot at him six times and when he got through shooting the man was still running and he said that since that time he had been the laughing stock all over his section of the arroyo for having wasted all that ammunition.

SCIENCE AND ART

Prof. Flyleaf Adkins states that western colleges will be flooded next fall as he expects to graduate about a dozen seniors from the high school.

Tobe Elkins, the landscape gardener, watered the highway between Cactus Flat and Whiskey Slide this week when his radiator sprang a leak.

SPORT SECTION

Cayucos Sam says the most pathetic object he ever saw was a one-armed man trying to tell a fishing story.

Mayor Abe Barlow is again in the limelight, having developed a new twist on his style of pitching horseshoes.

Gil Hightower, who was recently discovered in Mescal Bill's chicken house late one night, said today that a law should be passed forbidding the loading of a shotgun with buckshot.

SPORT SECTION

While doing a pole vault in the track meet last Saturday, Artie Watson failed to clear the bar by the length of his nose.

The Siskiyou Kid, who says he is a bad man from Bitter Creek, went on a rampage today and counted the notches on his gun.

Cleve Clifton has traded his old wine barrel in on a portable keg.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hurd Howe writes from Washington that the principals in the Teapot Dime affair were found not guilty. He says it must have been two other men.

LOCAL NEWS

Fatty Hooper advises the ladies of Cactus Flat that he has received a new lot of silk ribbons which they can paw over at their pleasure.

Rattlesnake Ike was assaulted with a silk umbrella last Sunday while trying to get the time from an ankle watch.

Abe Withers' wagon sank to the hubs today when his front wheels rolled off.

There will be no services on the corner next to the drug store Sunday, on account of a drove of hogs having made a wallow there.

Scripps Booth, who quit his job to run for coroner last month, has gone over to Whiskey Slide to look for a job in the sawmill.

Clem Slaw, who works at the saw mill, is back on the job again after having been incapacitated for

several days on account of a red-wood log falling off a flat car and landing on his head. The depression on the log plainly showed that it must have been a hard bump.

Bearcat Boone left Cactus Flat Saturday on an extended journey to the county seat, returning in about an hour.

FISH! FISH! FISH! FISH!

Do you know the fishing season is about ready to burst upon us? Well, it's so! And if you are unprepared to take advantage of the many bargains being offered to anglers who are willing to spend hours and hours on a dirty slough with the musketeers biting them at every jump, why you have no one to blame but yourself. We have a bunch of garden tools on hand for which no demand was felt, and these tools will be placed on sale as bait diggers and 10 per cent knocked off for cash. Also free advice given on places to fish if you haven't got sense enough to know where to fish.

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STAGE SET FOR GIGANTIC AND COLOSSAL RODEO

The stupendous and unparamounted rodeo which Cayucos Sam has been talking about getting up and putting over for several weeks, is an assured fact, as Sam is still talking about it.

Sam was held back for a time on account of not being able to find any pitching horses and bucking bronchos, but that danger has been permanently and unequivocally thwarted in the bud because it was learned at the last moment that the team of dray horses which Heck Tombs has been driving to a dray would pitch their fool heads off when they were spurred to action by a pair of spurs stuck in their ribs.

Now all that is necessary is a couple of famous broncho peelers who are not afraid to sit astride this team of prancing mustangs and jab the spurs into them while the myriads of assembled people applaud with fiendish delight.

The parade in the morning which is planned but not near completed, will be one of the most astounding presentations of the Old West that has ever thrilled an awed populace if Cayucos can get some entries to go in the parade. The old school bus that was on its last legs has been patched up for a stage coach and with a half dozen or so cow-boys in goathair chaps sitting up on top of it and shooting six-shooters and yelling like demons, it will be the most thrilling stage that has ever been staged.

The date has not yet been set on account of it being so hard to find anything to make a rodeo a success, but Cayucos assures his fellowmen of the Sagebrush Belt that he will leave no boulder unturned to get up the big show and when it is got up it will be the biggest thing of its kind ever presented to an American audience, both white and black.

STATE NEWS

Fluke Hoat writes from the Imperial Valley that flood danger is past on account of the violent appearance of the drouth season, which started out with unprecedented vigor.

SOCIETY PAGE

Miss Tootle Tatum's music teacher advised her to become familiar with the great composers, and now she refers to them as Dick Wagner, Ludie Beethoven, Charlie Gounod and Fred Handell.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS

Advices from Kansas City state that all the roads leading into that hamlet are being oiled so that the delegates to the Republican convention will have easy sledding.

Ham Grimes writes from Houston that the mosquitos are getting ready to give the delegates to the Democratic convention a warm and penetrating welcome.

Bearcat Boone says when you mention petticoat government the rising generation don't know what you are talking about.

Rattlesnake Ike says the only way to purify politics is to give woman the vote.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Scotty Macpherson went over to the county seat last Thursday and lavished a haircut upon himself.

SCIENCE AND ART

The movie palace over in the county seat showed another one of those triangular pictures Saturday night, which proved to be a great sexation.

Doc Horsecollar warns our citizens to be careful about letting pigs sleep in the house with children. There is danger of the pigs getting disease.

LAW AND ORDER

Constable Twist Newton has inaugurated a plan to cross rum-pugers with snye-terriers for the purpose of chasing bootleggers by airplane.

Home Reminders

A mixture of flour, pepper and salt placed in a paper sack is handy when chicken is to be fried. Pieces dropped in and shaken will be well floured and seasoned and the kitchen will be spotless.

To hard cook eggs that are slightly cracked, put a little salt in the water and it will prevent the contents from cooking out.

A useful article in the kitchen is a child's pan cake turner. It is very handy in turning eggs.

Here is an easy way of keeping the kitchen clean. Prepare all food over newspapers and then burn the paper. The paper is easily disposed of and leaves the kitchen in perfect order.

To keep curtains clean when the windows are open, snap clothespins decorated to match the curtains are

handy for pinning them back.

Cords for electrical appliances will give longer service if coiled loosely when not in use and protected from being jammed between

heavy objects. When a break does occur it is usually safer to have it repaired at a shop rather than attempt proper splicing at home.

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