

failing interest. Neck braces and head rests stand at mute attention as if waiting for customers who long since have shuffled off the mortal coil.

Old-fashioned cameras without shutters are all on display, supplementing photos of pioneers who came there by covered wagon and by stage.

For visitors there are the museums with their historic collections. The U. S. Hotel still stands. It was here that President Rutherford B. Hayes paid \$75 for a night's lodging about the time the hotel opened in 1881.

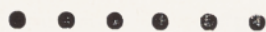
The Beekman bank has each piece of furniture in place as left when C. C. Beekman, pioneer banker, died many years ago. There are the old signs telling of gold dust transactions, letters of credit and kindred subjects. One of the first Protestant churches, built west of the Rockies, stands among the trees, little used by the years since it was built from gold donated by miners and gamblers in 1855.

A second gold rush in a mild sort of way came to Jacksonville during the time depression days were at their darkest. Numerous town and southern Oregon residents established "backyard mines" all through the city. In its small but beneficial proportions, mining was carried on throughout the historic town. Some of the underground tunnels caused streets to cave in here and there.

And even today some prospectors still insist the best gold is yet to be found as they dig prospect holes in persistent attempts to find the glitter beneath.

More than 32 million acres of public lands, or over half of the total area of Oregon, are under the control of the federal government, including 13 national forests, two national park service areas and extensive grazing acreages.

Battle mountain state park near Pendleton is the site of the last Indian battle fought in Oregon. Marauding Paiute and Bannock tribes created months of terror in northeastern Oregon until subdued in 1878.



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