

SHORT TRIPS INTO THE OREGON COUNTRY--JACKSONVILLE



Town of Jacksonville, That is Destined to Become a Factor in Southern Oregon Commercial Life.

Jacksville, Or., Sept. 30.—The romance of the southern Oregon miner is the most thrilling in history. He is living who took part in it, yet he has gone into history as a distinct figure, but ill to be spared from the life of western life.

Jacksville, the county seat of Jackson county, has a population of 2,000. It has at present about 700 population, but it has about everything else. The spirit and hospitality of the early pioneer, and is going to grow rapidly. There is no city in southern Oregon where the great mass of people like to assemble for an old settler's reunion. A Fourth of July celebration, as they call it in Jacksonville, is certainly filled with hospitality and great content. It is one of the most protected sections in the Rogue River valley, and has a climate several degrees warmer in winter than any of its neighboring cities. It is the gateway to the Applegate country that is rich in mines, stock and dairy resources.

Oldest City.
One of the oldest cities in the west as far back as 1849 was an eminent mining valley of land, rich in barrenness and whose fertility has since been given rise to two mountains fence it in on the west. Stage road winds a way among the following the Indian trail for miles. It is often grown across a dense herbage, and having an melancholy. The deserted pathmen are all through these. The growth of shrub and briar are arriving to hide the tracks made by the pick and shovel men in the 50 years ago. The vines have rotted and fallen and are now in the ravines across once carried so many miles of water every day. Even

There are old cabins lean and rot, and the little homes. Old stage bridges preserve still at timber here and there. There are graves, too, dimly discernible, but still to be known as the long ago forgotten resting place of some lone miner.

Towns in Gulches.
There are evidences of little towns built in gulches and straggling up hillsides, which long ago saw their last inhabitant depart, and where now no one ever comes. Their hilarious nights have not left an echo or their reckless days a sign. This was one of the most fervid forms of mountain life more than 50 years ago, and there are left now only the dimmest signs of it amid the mountain silence and solitude. Every reflective man must have his moments of looking backward and his wholesome private reflections upon the theme of what a fool he has been in his time. Of these philosophers the mining regions of Oregon are full, for those who endured the most now have the least.

It may be slightly too strong an expression to say that the miner who remained in southern Oregon lived in a state of chronic surprise. Before he came he regarded it as the land of gold. After he had reached the place he remained under that idea. The fever grew

and reached its climax and declined, and he still thought and said that the country was good for nothing else. When the early times were gone and the gulches were deserted and the placers had played out, and the leaders had perished and his chances were gone, he awoke slowly to the fact that Oregon was not the land of gold at all, and that the real wealth was in the soil.

Building Up.
The small farmer, known as the "tenderfoot," came from the middle west and seized upon the opportunities he had neglected, and filled up the country he expected to see deserted. They diverted his flames and ditches and turned the sagebrush and chaparral into fields and farms. It was not the country of mining camps, but of towns; not of wild oats of either the natural or artificial variety, but of hay and grain and fruit, and as time passed the deception grew worse and worse. Cities sprang up beside the irrigating ditch and contained more inhabitants than all the miners ever numbered. The waste and some acres began to have a value greater than they would have had if they had been staked off as mining claims. The homemaker came with enthusiasm and some cash.

The Old Miners.
At the first the old miner awaited

the miserable failure of all this wilderness, and knew as one does who had experience that the world had to a large extent gone crazy, and counseled with his few remaining fellows as to the signs of the times. It is not to be denied that sometimes he also partook of the benefits accruing in cases where for a quarter of a century or more he had been the owner of lands he never really wanted, and hillsides which came to him by chance. Where he drifted into southern Oregon, because there was nowhere to go, or some similar reason, he often awoke to find himself well fixed somewhat late in life.

Go where one will through this former mining country, here and there will be found the grizzled memento of the old days. Perhaps you may find him sitting in a hotel at Jacksonville engaged in a social game of cards or you may find him at one of the best hotels in Medford, a man with a wide slouch hat, a splendid gray beard and a look of prosperity. In common with all Saxon frontiersmen, the old miner is a man misplaced in these times, but in his day he was the true representative of that sturdy valour which is now decaying in wealth and luxury. There will be no more of him while the world stands, and his name in the country whose hills he first scarred with his toil is overwhelmed in wonder.

reports that nearly two inches of rain fell in three hours. The rain of last night was the first since the latter part of August in this vicinity.

HASKELL BACK AT ROOSEVELT

Deposed Treasurer Denies Charges and Furiously Reiterates His Owp.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 1.—Governor Haskell, deposed treasurer of the Democratic national committee, has sent President Roosevelt a letter, in which he furiously attacks the president, impugning his every motive, charging him with blurring out accusations based on imperfect information or none at all, and arranging for the department of the fact that the occupant of that office may be without fairness, justice or integrity.

A personal attack at the outset is delivered in the following terms: "I lay aside my appeal for justice to you, for the reason that I am convinced that, no matter how dignified, great and honorable the office of president may be, the present clearly demonstrates the fact that the occupant of that office may be without fairness, justice or integrity. You have clearly demonstrated that, by hearing, denying, vacillating from one charge to another, by admitting that various of your charges were without foundation and therefore abandoned, and yet without displaying the manhood to apologize for the former untruthful statement, you seek another issue. It leads me to assert that I shall seek justice against you before the people and in a court not subject to your domination. Frankly speaking, I could have arrived at no other conclusion than that you, in your reckless partisanship and disregard of the rights of others, would pack a court or fix a jury."

Townsite Suits Only Politics.
Claiming to have "overwhelmed" Roosevelt, in a previous letter, in relation to his denial of connection with the lands, Haskell sneers at Roosevelt's shifting the charge to government ownership. He admits dealing in these and challenges the department of justice to find any illegality in such dealing. He makes the counter-charge that the 11,000 suits filed against Oklahoma in connection with townsite transactions were only a political play to "bribe" voters in Oklahoma. The governor issues this challenge: "You say that on the land question I will see that I get a hearing in court. Yes, sir, I welcome your hearing. Call to your assistance all the power that your high office commands, present your case in any form you like. I am ready to meet it and before the conclusion the people of America will be disgusted that they ever elected you president of the United States."

Who Smells of Oil?
Governor Haskell returns to the charge in the Standard Oil matter, reiterating his denial of connection and vehemently emphasizing his allegation that the administration itself is tainted. He says: "Mr. Roosevelt, I have said that you were responsible for the granting of the franchise to the Prairie Oil & Gas company before statehood, thereby creating vested rights in that company that our state authority is powerless to interrupt. You have tried in your last statement to evade this issue. You have tried to give your readers a wrong impression. In the office of the interior department the records will speak as between us. I say that you granted that franchise. I say that you did it at the solicitation of Senator Dague and others and that within a few days thereafter, chiefly by subscriptions of Standard Oil men, according to Mr. Harrison, the sum of \$250,000 in cash was added to your campaign fund. "I challenge you to publish the records of the interior department on the subject of this franchise, and mark you now, Mr. Roosevelt, you must not garble the records nor suppress any of them. The public shall know the truth. It may have been sufficient four years ago for you to sign out the truth"

statement made by Judge Parker by simply calling him a liar, but that was four years ago, and your controversy now is with a man who will not accept a bribe in exchange for a receipt in full settlement. In any character of statement you make that I have at any time during my entire life had any connection whatever or of any character with the Standard Oil company or any of its subsidiary companies, I am ready to refute such statement."

Plenty of Other Charges.
Haskell says Roosevelt's 16 objections to the Oklahoma constitution "struck at the very vitals of honest government," and made an issue on the interstate liquor traffic in prohibition territory is indefensible. He also draws a comparison between the president as ruling that 4,800 acres should be the oil-lease limit in Oklahoma, and the president as renewing the \$30,000-acre oil lease held by the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil company in the Osage reservation. While on this subject Haskell taunts Roosevelt with having choked off the suit against the Santa Fe railroad when he saw it was drawing dangerously near to his secretary, Paul Morton, as the chief offender. Haskell hotly concludes: "Remember, Mr. President, if at your next cabinet meeting you decide to try me under any of your present, past or future charges before your cabinet, sitting as a jury to try an honest man, that I challenge Mr. Cortelyou for cause."

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Heavy Rain at Bellingham.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 1.—One of the heaviest rainfalls ever known in this section visited Bellingham last night, the deluge flooding the streets of the city and doing considerable damage on the hillsides. The weather observer

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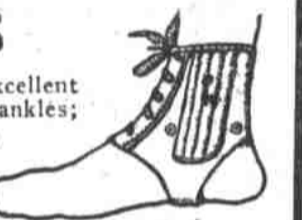
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