

STREETS OF FLORIDA CITY PAVED WITH OYSTER SHELL

Bivalve Industry in Little Town With Big Name Described
by Jesse Huber—Fisherman Meets Devil Fish
Weighing 3000 Pounds

By JESSE HUBER
APALACHICOLA, Fla., Aug. 30.—This is a little city with a big name. This town nestles on a point of land on the north coast of the Gulf of Mexico in Western Florida. The name is of Indian origin and means, "The Land Beyond."

Apalachicola, during the 80 years since the first white settlers located here, has had it ups and downs. Its last drop was when the eight saloons in which gamblers had been dished up to cotton

planters and native "crackers," closed their doors in obedience to the expressed wish of the people as embodied in the constitutional amendment recently adopted. The thirsty one who then fled are now returning and indications of the former activities of the people are apparent.

Federal Aid Extended.
Apalachicola is the center of an extensive oyster industry. It may properly be called the Baltimore of the south. The federal government has discovered 7,586 acres of natural oyster beds in the

shallow waters of the bay which spread toward the south of the town. The government is also encouraging the artificial propagation of this marine bivalve. As many as 500 acres may be selected by any one who will plant and bring to maturity a bed of oysters within the tract allotted to him. This mollusk cannot be taken in commercial quantities before October. When the oyster season shall have arrived fully 200 fishermen will begin taking this choice sea food from the waters of the bay. They go out to the beds in small boats propelled by gasoline power. The oysters are found from three to ten feet beneath the surface of the water. An iron frame, fastened to two long handles, is let down upon the bivalves. The device opens and closes like a clam. When filled with oysters it is elevated to the deck of the boat and the contents dropped into the hold. Oyster gatherers earn about \$10 a day. They sell their catch to cannerymen and shippers at \$1.50 a barrel while still in the shell. Carloads of canned and raw oysters are regularly sent to the market.

Historic Mounds of Shell.
There are 24 miles of streets in this city paved with oyster shell. An auto speedway, 18 miles in length, is also constructed of this material and it proves to be a very satisfactory substitute for the standard asphalt pavement. Shell mounds discovered on the shores of the bay indicate that a prehistoric people once made a liberal use of the oyster beds as a source of their daily rations.

These waters are also well stocked with fish. Over 600 va-

rieties have been distinguished. They may be had for the catching. The tarpon, that most rummy of fishes, infests these waters. Specimens six feet in length and weighing 150 pounds have been caught. A few days ago a devil fish became tangled up in a fisherman's net. When captured it was found the monster was 19 feet in diameter and weighed 3,000 pounds.

Ice Maker Honored.
One of the greatest benefactors of the human race was a resident of this town. Dr. John Gorrie perfected his invention for the manufacture of ice here. That was just 70 years ago. For this beneficent achievement the inventor has been given due recognition in the Hall of Fame. A fitting monument to his memory has also been erected in this city by admiring friends and a grateful people.

Solberg Family Returns
After Tour of Six States

SILVERTON, Or., Aug. 30.—(Special to The Statesman).—M. P. Solberg and family returned the first of the week from a three months' tour of the middle west. Their trip covered 5000 miles and they visited in six different states. The tour was by motor car.

Mr. Solberg says that this trip has taught him that the municipal camp ground is one of the best advertisements a city or town can have. The camp ground at Boise, Idaho, was the best known and many of the tourists were making their route read via Boise.

Mr. Solberg also said that at least one-half of the tourists he met on the trip were farmers.

James Solberg remained in the east where he has taken employment in a farmers' union store near Lincoln.

Mr. Solberg has bought the S. Berg residence on South Water street where he expects to remain for the winter. Miss Elsie Solberg and Miss Clara Solberg are employed as stenographers in Portland. Miss Elsie Solberg expects to leave Portland for California around the first part of October. Miss Hilda Solberg is at Silverton with her parents and will probably enter Mt. Angel academy again this fall. She was in attendance there last winter.

Portland-Hood River
Drive Best Encountered

"The drive from Hood River to Portland is the best piece of automobile highway I have found since I left Mineola, Kan.," was the frank opinion by C. E. Hunt, who was registered at the Salem automobile camping grounds last night. He is on his way to live at Albany, where he said he had some relatives.

The following were registered at the grounds last night:
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bain, Portland; T. A. Baker, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bryant, Long Beach, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Shaw, Riverside, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Krebs, Riverside, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Barker, Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hughes, Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Russell, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swane, Port Angeles, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gabel, Shadyside, Ohio; E. A. Wilson, Shadyside, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hood, Stockton, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ruch, Portland; D. G. Snively, Grants Pass, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Crawford, Portland; Miss W. E. Wright, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. William Renie, Weed, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Boston, Mass.; Gibson Smith, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kellison, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Volkwin, Akron, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Twitchell, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Charleston, Seattle; Mrs. W. H. Cole, Seattle; Mrs. George Virlovitch, San Francisco; C. E. Hunt, Mineola, Kan.

FOREST LAND CLASSIFYING IS COMPLETED

All Agricultural Acreage
Opened to Entry, Official Announces

EFW UNITS OCCUPIED
Canny Homesteader and
Pioneer Particular About
Their Selections

The classifying into homestead and forestry classes of all national forest lands in Oregon, has been completed according to Assistant District Forester C. J. Bucky of Portland, who has had general charge of this work in the state.

Funds for classifying the national forests and segregating and opening to homestead entry all lands more valuable for agriculture were first appropriated by congress Aug. 10, 1912. Annual appropriations have continued for the last eight years until in Oregon the work is now completed and all lands found to be agricultural have been opened to entry.

Few Claims Decried.
In addition to the 1,500,000 acres which have been eliminated from the forests on recommendation of the forest service as not suitable for timber production or watershed protection, the report shows that 115,521 acres have upon classification been found to be chiefly valuable for agriculture and opened to homestead entry. In 1123 separate homestead units. Today only 42.7 per cent of these homesteads are occupied.

"This lack of use by the homesteading public," says Mr. Bucky, "denotes a more exacting classification as to agricultural value and productivity than that made by the officers of the government, although these lands were carefully selected by qualified agents of the department of agriculture as the most choice from a possible ranching point of view of all lands in the national forests. The majority of the homestead units are considered not worth while by the homesteader and owner."

Service Too Liberal.
"The indication, as shown by actual use, is that the forest service, influenced by the great pressure for free homestead lands from many sources, has been too liberal to the possible homesteader, overstepping the bounds of economic agricultural requirements and classifying as homestead lands, lands which economically under existing conditions are really more valuable for forest production."

Of the 327 homesteads which have been listed, occupied and patented only 142 or 42 per cent are now being used. The ones in use are mostly for hay crops. One hundred and forty-six homesteads are classified as chiefly valuable for agriculture, or 13 per cent of the total number opened for entry, are not covered by any form of entry.

Small Acreage Cultivated.
The final classification data obtained as a result of the examination of nearly 13,000,000 acres of national forest lands in the mountain ranges of Oregon shows conclusively that these areas are considered by the public of little value for agriculture. There are over 2,500,000 acres of land inside the forest boundaries in private ownership, being originally acquired under the homestead and timber and stone laws, and of this over 1,500,000 acres are used by the owners only for grazing or forestry purposes. Of the total cultivated land itself, over 80 per cent is producing no crop except hay.

FINES MAY BE
RAISED AGAIN
City Recorder Race Threatens
Drastic Measures
Against Violators

"This recklessness must end. We have already made one increase in fines and they will be raised again next week if the violations do not cease," is the way City Recorder Earl Race commented on the fate of the nine traffic violators arrested Saturday and Sunday and who paid \$105 in fines Monday morning.

It was the opinion of Mr. Race that there is too much reckless driving on the streets of Salem, which endangers life, and he thinks that the only remedy to prescribe at this time is heavier fines.

Independence Man Nabbed.
Officer Engle arrested J. A. Sather for cutting a corner at State and Commercial streets late Sunday, and after pleading guilty to the charge yesterday morning he paid a fine of \$10.

W. B. McKinney, of Independence forfeited a \$10 bond when he failed to appear in court yesterday morning on a charge of cutting a corner at State and Commercial streets. He was arrested by Officer Brown.

A \$10 bond was forfeited by E. Bradley for failure to answer to a charge of cutting corner at State and Commercial streets, preferred against him by Officer Brown. He was arrested Sunday.

After pleading guilty to a charge of cutting a corner at State and Commercial street, M. H. Pengra paid a fine of \$10 for his carelessness.

Alleged to have cut a corner at State and Liberty streets Sunday for which offense he posted \$10, J. S. Wilson yesterday forfeited the bond for non-appearance in court. Officer Engle made the arrest.

Burch Pleads Guilty.
Fred E. Burch, route 2, paid a fine of \$10 when he pleaded guilty to a charge of passing a street

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car while it was discharging passengers at Liberty and State streets.

Another traffic violator in regard to passing street cars while receiving and discharging passengers paid a fine of \$10. He is N. E. Emery and was arrested by Officer White.

Frank Ward demanded a trial of Judge Earl Race when he appeared Monday morning to answer to the charge of cutting a corner at State and Liberty streets. Judge Race set Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock as the date for his hearing.

Only one speeder was arrested Sunday. Warren Edwards forfeited \$20 yesterday when he failed to appear in court. At the time of

his arrest he informed the police that he exceeded the speed limit because he was endeavoring to capture his newlywed brother.

CLOVERDALE NOTES
Olin Hadley and wife have moved to Athens, Or., where Mr. Hadley will resume his school work.

Mrs. James Craig will entertain the W. C. T. U. of Pleasant View Wednesday.

Mrs. L. E. Hennis' relatives left Thursday on their return trip to Minnesota. Mrs. Hennis and son Albert and Dr. Staples went with them to Portland, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wood and

Mrs. Ireland of Salem visited F. A. Wood Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kuske visited Salem Saturday to visit relatives.

The tide of immigration is setting in again. After all this best country in the world to live in, and hundreds of thousands of aliens are discovering that fact.

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1 pound tall Oregon red Chinook	27c
2 cans Otter Clams	35c
2 cans Oysters	38c
Large can Sardines, ovals	19c
2 Blue Jacket Sardines	25c
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