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Satisfactorily to All the Visit-
ing Party.

The Commercial Club excursion
on its return from Galice on Tuesday
of last week reached Merlin at 5
o'clock in the evening and at once
the party were invited to see the old
apple tree. We could not help won-
dering at the time why this kind of
a tree is so often connected with
historic events. General Robert E.
Lee met General U. S. Grant under
the famous Appomattox apple tree
and a world power was created under
its spreading branches. Then there's
the old song about hanging Jeff
Davis on a sour apple tree, and still
another song, "Under the Old Apple
Tree" and so on along the line of his-
tory this tree comes in for recogni-
tion. So in Merlin is another apple
tree connected with the history of
the locality; for standing in the
shade of its spreading branches we
listened to its history as told by
Chas. E. Short as follows:

"It was only a few years ago that
we realized that we had such a mag-
nificent monument to the fertility
of our soil standing in our midst.
A gentleman from Hood River first
called our attention to the fact that
it was probably the largest apple
tree in the state, and regretted that
it did not occupy such a prominent
position in his town, where it would
undoubtedly be used as an advertise-
ment. A short time afterward its
picture appeared in two of Portland's
daily papers—the Journal and Tele-
gram—and then we began to look
into its history. Among the old-
timers there was considerable vari-
ance as to when it was set out.
Finally it was suggested that prob-
ably Mrs. Caroline Sexton, who was
here even before the beginning of the
"early days," could furnish the de-
sired information. I made a special
trip to the foot of Sexton mountain,
six miles north of this place for that
purpose. That interesting old lady
was sitting in the shade reading,
and arose gracefully in acknowledg-
ment of an introduction. I sat there
several hours listening to a thrilling
tale of the early days—of the Rogue
River Indian war in 1855, in which
she barely escaped with her life. Then
I asked her about this tree. Did she
remember who planted it?
"Why, Mr. Short, it seems but
yesterday. Mr. Haines settled there
on the creek in 1852, and the follow-
ing year a wagon load of nursery stock
was brought down from the Willam-
ette Valley. My husband bought a
few trees, Mr. Haines bought some,
and a few more were planted near
the old Van Noy ferry. Mr. Haines
had no fence around his orchard, and
two years later commenced to build
it—just as the rumors of an Indian
outbreak began to spread. The

Haines family came here to my
house to stay, as I had three men
working for me, and Mr. Haines
came up every evening. They re-
mained here two weeks and, as there
were no signs of an outbreak, Mr.
Haines grew tired of his long trip
every night and morning and insist-
ed that his family should return
home. It was on Sunday morning.
Mr. Haines stood right there beside
that gate. His wife was afraid to go
back, and was crying. He was im-
patient, and said, 'If I had a wife
with the spunk of a louse, I could
get my orchard fenced.' Mrs. Haines
finally consented to return, and on
the following Tuesday they were all
murdered."

"After the death of the Haines
family, a man by the name of Per-
kins homesteaded the land and a
few years later relinquished it to
Mr. J. R. Lanterman. Mr. Lanter-
man cultivated it a few seasons, and
then the railroad came through, and
this land was included in the right-
of-way. Since then the only attention
it has received was by a small boy
who entirely girdled it with a
hatchet—the scars still remaining to
tell the story. In spite of this neg-
lect—after 56 years—its branches
spread over 61 feet, it is 43½ feet
high and 6½ feet in circumference—
and it is as sound as a dollar. You
will admit, after looking at the ap-
ples on its branches, that I am within
reason when I predict 56 boxes of
merchandise fruit as this year's
crop."

M. J. Anderson's Talk.

Mr. Anderson told of the pleasant
and instructive trip to Galice, the
interest taken by members of the
party in learning the needs of the
community, the common interests of
the people of Merlin, Galice and
Grants Pass in the development of
this portion of Josephine county.
The need of a railroad in the near
future, and the probability that when
a railroad went from the interior
of Southern Oregon to the sea it
would be via Rogue river which is
the most practicable route. He con-
tinued:

"But most of all we now need
wagon roads. I do not want to con-
demn the present roads, they were
an improvement when they were
made along the old time trail; now
you need good roads to move the
increasing products of your splendid
orchards and farm lands, and to
move the heavy machinery to the
mines. We all agree that roads must
be built. We had the county judge
with us, and would have had the
other members of the Court but that
unavoidable circumstances prevent-
ed. The County Court agrees that
you should have better roads and
is willing to assist you, but the
Court is not always able to do what
it would like to do in this line. The
problem of good roads to Galice is
simply one of ways and means, and
at your convenience we will be glad
to meet your representatives and
take up this matter with the Com-
mercial Club; perhaps with a united
effort we may solve it. We are
glad to meet you in this way, such
meetings can only bring good re-
sults and we are ready to join you
in anything that will help Merlin be-
cause it will benefit Grants Pass
and all of Josephine county."

After posing for a picture in the
shade of the old apple tree, the
guests were escorted to the Massie
Hotel, where a banquet was waiting.
At the sound of the gong Mr. Short's
clear voice rang out, "Gentlemen,
you are invited," and the 70 plates
that had been prepared were soon
filled with good things to eat. There
were great plates of fried chicken,
salads, vegetables, cherries, straw-
berries and logan berries—and the
pilgrims showed their appreciation
by the way they ate. After a long
time—when even Jim Tuffs could
eat no more—the speech making be-
gan. Chas. E. Short acted as toast
master, and the way he handled the
matter showed that he was no novice.
He said:

"Gentlemen, it is with pleasure
that we welcome you to our city,
and it adds to our pleasure to wel-
come you after you have visited one
of our important tributaries—Galice.
Your visit there has no doubt opened
your eyes—you have seen greater
things than you had dreamed of. You
saw real holes in the ground—holes
from which great quantities of pre-
cious metals were daily being taken
out. You found a smelter nearly
completed, several stamp mills and
cyanide plants in operation, and that
the prospects of a few years ago had
grown to be mines. Your short
stay there enabled you to see but a
small portion of the wonders of that
camp. Greater things still lie be-
yond. You have learned one thing,

however, and that is the importance
of a good wagon road to that district
from Merlin. We need other roads;
but we have laid them all aside until
this one should be put into auto-
mobile condition. We have decided
to make this our one great effort,
and we ask your assistance. I no-
tice among your number a gentle-
man who has had vast experience in
the building of roads, County Judge
Jewell, and we would ask him as to
the mode of procedure."

Judge Stephen Jewell's Talk.

In response to the chairman's call
Judge Jewell responded as follows:
"Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and
Gentlemen: I certainly express the
sentiments of the entire Grants Pass
delegation when I say that we heart-
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that has been given us on this occa-
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