

# PIONEER ON ALTHOUSE TELLS OF EARLY HISTORY OF COUNTY

Mr. A. J. Howell, of Grants Pass, who is hale and hearty at 80 years of age. In the following communication to The Courier, relates vital facts regarding the early history of Josephine county. Mr. Howell sets the record straight as to the origin of the name for the county, tells who found the first gold in Sailor gulch and otherwise writes entertaining history. Mr. Howell broke from his bachelor miner companions at Browntown in 1858, going to Douglas county in this state where he married Emily Martin, who honors his present home on East B street in this city. He returned with his bride to Browntown on a Sunday, at this early day the town being full of expectant miners eager to see the bride. When the fourth woman appeared among them they went wild, throwing their hats in the air and yelling so long and loud that the young bride expressed fear that Indians had again broken out.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell celebrated their golden wedding on their farm in Curry county this state July 1, 1908. Mr. Howell will soon write another article, more in detail, of the early golden days of Josephine county.

(BY A. J. HOWELL.)

Many times in the past I have read and listened to erroneous statements concerning the early history of Josephine county. With your

In the gulch where they found the metal.

Next came the discovery of gold on Althouse, in 1852, by the two Althouse brothers, John, and I think, Phillip, but I am not sure of this. John lies buried on the creek above Browntown.

Two brothers, named Fry, also found gold on Sucker creek. The men being from Illinois, the creek was named for their state.

Next came the finding of gold on Canyon creek and Josephine creek. A German named Charles Hook lived on Josephine creek, where a daughter was born and named Josephine, after whom the creek and county were subsequently named. Hook, Dave Kendall and the writer were members of a lodge called the "Chosen Friends." This was in 1881. I was well acquainted with Mr. Hook, and for many years we talked over these early day events in Josephine county.

Mr. Hook went to California in 1864 and bought a hotel in Arcata. Later he bought property in Eureka, where his daughter Josephine married and lives, or did live the last I knew of her.

George E. Briggs (commonly called Governor), Peter Peveler, so long county clerk of Del Norte county, California, and Robert Worthington were among the earliest packers to deliver supplies on pack animals to the new mines. A Mr. Cochran was the first,



Browntown. Warwick and Cochran started the lower Browntown store. A Mr. Guthrie was first at Waldo with merchandise, followed by Logan & Thompson; Coyle in Allen's gulch and then Mellwain at Waldo with a two-story fire-proof building, which still stands, and is 32x72, the lower story stone walls two feet thick, the upper story concrete or patent brick with iron doors and shutters, "city style."

The then famous Lottie Crabtree, of San Francisco, gave the miners their first show at Browntown in 1855. The enthusiastic miners were so carried away by her dancing that they threw handfuls of coin at her feet so thick that the pretty performer stood amazed and looked at it.

In 1855 a large log building was erected at Browntown as a fort and storehouse—a protection against the hostile Indians. Later this was converted into a gambling saloon. One Sunday when the saloon was full of miners, and games of faro, monte, roulette and billiards were going full tilt, a gentleman with a tall hat and Prince Albert coat, walked in. Once in the very midst of the men and melee, he removed the tall hat and spoke softly to the boys, announcing that he was a minister of the Gospel—would they listen a half hour to him? Instantly every hat was off and the first religious services publicly held in that camp were on. When the minister said "Amen," Dr. Sykes, a miner, grabbed a hat, "stalking" the preacher, as the miners called it. When the minister was "clean gone" the games were resumed as if nothing had happened.

The writer was a mail carrier and express rider from Waldo to Crescent City in 1866 and 1867, and carried much gold dust across the mountains. On one trip I carried big sacks of dust for Work & Crandall, A. B. Mellwain, Mr. Coyle and Logan & Thompson. I usually gave out the impression in camp that a substitute messenger had already gone. Then I made my exit under the cover of darkness.

It is remarkable that so much gold was carried over that mountain by lone messengers for years and not one of them was ever robbed. One robbery of a civilian occurred, however, and that was a Jew merchant of Crescent City in 1855. His name was Rottenham. A. J. HOWELL.

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Mrs. B. Sargent of Williams was in Grants Pass Tuesday shopping and visiting with friends.

### ELECT OFFICERS FOR LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Grants Pass Commercial club held its annual business meeting on Saturday afternoon at the club rooms. Mrs. J. F. Burke, retiring president, submitted a comprehensive and gratifying report.

The following officers for 1912-1913 were installed: President, Mrs. S. F. Cheshire; secretary, Mrs. C. H. Woodward; treasurer, Mrs. G. R. Riddle; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. W. Bartlett.

After the business meeting, an enjoyable hour's entertainment was furnished by Mrs. Woodward, who gave a review of Kestiah Coffin with readings of the choicest dramatic scenes from this absorbing bit of Cape Cod fiction.

Mesdames R. G. Smith, H. P. Tracy, H. L. Wilson and J. F. Wolfersberger were hostesses for the social hour.

### NATURE'S WARNING

Grants Pass People Must Recognize and Heed It

Kidney ills come—mysteriously. But nature always warns you. Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy—If there are settlings and sediment, Passages frequent, scanty, painful.

It's time to use Doan's Kidney Pills. Doan's have done great work in this locality. Mrs. B. Cole, 125 Second street, Ashland, Ore., says: "I suffered for a year from kidney and bladder complaint. If I stooped a stitch darted across my back, and often I could hardly straighten. The kidney secretions were also unnatural and I was badly run down when I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They seemed to be just the remedy I required, for in less than a week my health improved and the pain and lameness was less severe. My condition is now good and I am glad to say that Doan's Kidney Pills are all that is claimed for them."

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### TO THE CAPITALIST CLASS.

(By Ruryard Kipling.)

We have fed you all for a thousand years And you hail us still unfed. Though there is never a dollar of all your wealth But marks our workers dead. We have yielded our best that you might rest As you lie on the crimson wool; But if blood be the price of all your wealth, Great God; we have paid it in full.

There is never a mine blown skyward now But we're buried alive for you; There is never a wreck drifts shoreward now But we're its ghastly crew. Go reckon our dead by your forges red And the factory where we bleed; For if blood be the price of all your wealth, Great God; we have paid it indeed.

We have fed you all for a thousand years For that was our doom you know, Since the days when you chained us in your field To the strike of a week ago; You have eaten our lives and our babes and our wives And you say 'twas your legal share. But if blood be the price of your awful wealth, Great God; we have paid it fair.

### "MADE IN OREGON."

FORTLAND, Mar. 6.—The manufacturers' association held its annual "Made in Oregon" banquet last night at the Multnomah hotel, which was attended by 125 persons. Appropriate to the spirit of its activities to obtain a wider use of goods in Oregon, the greater part of the furnishings and edibles were Oregon products.

### HANGED IN PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Mar. 5.—John Stott was hanged in the jail yard here today for the murder of Mrs. Blanche Taylor, with whom he was infatuated.

### ANOTHER PROBE.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5.—A resolution directing the committee on merchant marine and fisheries to investigate the control of the shipping interests by a foreign combine, was unanimously adopted by the house today.

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### PERPLEXED WOMAN RESIDENT DISCUSSES SHORT WEIGHTS.

Asks About Variation in Scales and Wants to Know Why Free Market Not Established.

To the Editor of The Courier:

Sir: Kindly allow me a little space in the columns of your paper to ask a few pertinent questions.

Am I right in supposing that there is a state law against unjust weights and measures; and if so, is it enforced in Grants Pass?

Is there any reason why, in the present state of perfection to which scales have been brought, they should vary in the different business houses?

The average housewife, in these days of almost prohibitive prices, especially on meats, is exasperated almost beyond endurance, when, after paying an extortionate price, finds she has been "short weighted" in addition. There are more ways of being held up than at the point of a gun; and I, as well as others I know, am getting weary of it. I think the inspector, if there is one, should get busy, and find out where the trouble lies.

What about a public market; was it simply talk?

It has been found to be of great

benefit in other cities, why not here? It would solve the problem of high prices. Should not the city council take action in this matter at once, so that vegetables grown here will take precedence of those shipped in from California?

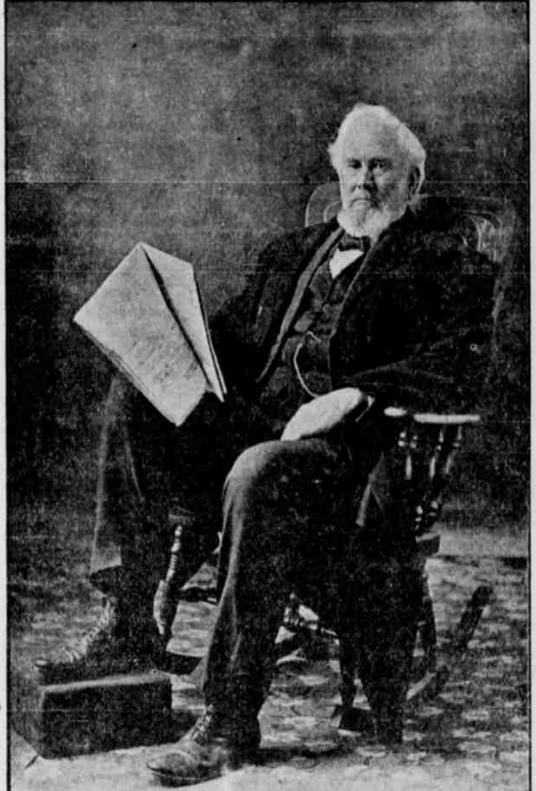
Any information you can give on these matters will be gratefully received.

A PERPLEXED HOUSEWIFE.

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+ MAIL FOR COAST IS +  
+ SOLID MASS OF ICE. +

+ OMAHA, Mar. 6.—Postal +  
+ employes today are trying to +  
+ sort out 210 sacks of mail +  
+ which arrived here from New +  
+ York and New England a solid +  
+ ice mass. The mail is bound +  
+ for the Pacific coast. It is +  
+ feared most of it is ruined. The +  
+ freezing was the result of a fire +  
+ at Aurora, Ill. The mail sacks +  
+ caught fire and the blaze was +  
+ extinguished by a flood of wa- +  
+ ter. The mail sacks were soak- +  
+ ed, and froze when the car re- +  
+ sumed its westward journey. +  
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A. J. HOWELL, SOUTHERN OREGON PIONEER.

permission I will offer some corrections and historical data coming under my personal observations.

I arrived on Althouse Creek April 1st, 1853; mined on Althouse and Canyon Creeks until 1857, when I went to Waldo. I mined at Waldo until 1864, when I took charge of an eating house and feed station at the foot of McGrew Mountain, four miles west of Waldo. This station was built and first opened by a man named Hazelbine.

Gold was first discovered in what is now called "Sailors' Gulch," one mile east of Waldo, by a group of sailors from a schooner wrecked on the beach at Crescent City, California. Leaving the wrecked vessel, the sailors came across the Coast range of mountains to what is now Waldo, where they camped in the gulch in which they discovered the gold. This was in 1851, not '52, as has been supposed and chronicled. I know where of I speak, because my brother-in-law, Joseph Allred, was a passenger on the wrecked schooner and came over the mountains with the sailors to the gulch where the gold was found.

The schooner laid on the Crescent City beach half covered with sand for several years. I saw much of it chopped away for the copper bolts in the hull.

I have on many occasions talked this over with my brother-in-law, his experience in the wreck, his trip over the mountains with the sailors, their finding the gold and their departure for Jacksonville, because of having no provisions with which to remain

coming in '52. Mr. Warwick, Bill Mitchell, Dave Kendall, Mr. Kerby and Sam Johnson were also of the packers' caravan in 1853. The packers were the first to build a trail to tide water at Crescent City.

Jim Riley and George Cornwall were the first express riders in the early days, often carrying great loads of gold dust from "Sailor Diggins" to Crescent City. This was from '53 to '55. John Mann began carrying dust in 1855. In 1858 Mann was reported lost with a fortune in gold dust, but the second or third day he arrived at Moffitts Station, now Gasquets, having followed the rugged north fork of Smith river to its confluence with the middle fork at Moffitts.

In the early days one dollar was paid for carrying letters and fifty cents for newspapers. I have paid fifty dollars for a sack of flour on the Althouse, twenty-five for a pair of rubber boots and sixteen dollars for a pick, pan and shovel.

On Althouse, William Sanders, afterwards surveyor of Josephine county, dug out a nugget weighing eleven hundred dollars. William Muns, who later was my partner, had mined around a large fir stump, leaving it standing. Mr. Sanders reworked the ground, removed the stump and found the big nugget under it. Muns vehemently declared war on all stumps in his mine after that.

The next big nugget was found by Pat Murphy a half mile above upper Browntown weighed fifteen hundred dollars. The Sanders nugget was found fifty yards below upper

## Germs Spread in Skin

Eczema, Psoriasis and other skin troubles are caused by myriads of germs that work in the skin. Unless these germs are promptly destroyed they rapidly multiply, gnawing their way deep into the sensitive tissue. This is what causes that awful itch, and what seemed a mere rash may grow worse and develop into a loathsome and torturing skin disease with its years of misery.

Don't take any chances! Destroy the germs at the beginning of the trouble with that soothing and cleansing wash, the D. D. Prescription for Eczema. A 5c bottle will prove this to you.

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