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Was Cornelius C. Beekman Who Died Last Month at Jacksonville

An account of the life of C. C. Beekman of Jacksonville, as recently given in the Portland Telegram, makes interesting reading.

Cornelius C. Beekman, the strangest banker the Pacific coast ever had, was buried last week. Long before Portland amounted to a hill of beans Jacksonville was a thriving mining camp and C. C. Beekman, familiarly known as "The Governor" was its strong box. For 65 years Beekman lived in Jacksonville and had no desire to move away.

It was about 1856 that Beekman established his bank, the most unique institution of its kind in the west. And, until the day of his death, Monday when he was 87 years of age, the bank looked the same as when it was opened in the pioneer days when Jacksonville was a turbulent community, filled with hard working miners, slick gamblers and quiet Chinese.

In the little dingy room which was Beekman's bank, it is said that more than \$15,000,000 in gold dust had been weighed on the old fashioned scales, and this immense amount of gold was safely conveyed through the Indian country to California by Beekman in person.

At all times, Beekman kept 100 per cent of his deposits on hand, and this is a record which probably no other bank in the country or in the world ever attempted to make.

And that little old bank of Beekman was respected by the big city bankers, even though they didn't think much of his way of doing business, for more than once when big banks were pinched they did not call in vain on Beekman for assistance.

The bank, itself, resembled a curio shop. The walls were plastered with the signs of pioneer days, and the notices of Wells-Fargo. Upon the wooden counter, much scarred and carved with initials, stood the scales which in their day had weighed most of the gold dust that was taken from the soil surrounding Jacksonville.

Ostentation and Beekman were strangers. He was unassuming as an old shoe. He paid the expenses of his church in Jacksonville, and did so without giving the impression that he was doing anything.

There is many a young man in northern Oregon who received a college education through the assistance of Beekman and legend has it that Beekman never had his confidence misplaced in any of his proteges.

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