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## LOCAL GOLD SALES DOUBLE

### The EDITOR SPEAKING

It's a long road that has no double crossing.

Trees and political prophets are budding out for the season.

Tooth and miners' are the two most popular picks this season.

Local dairymen aren't the only ones making a living with quartz.

This valley has been getting nothing but weather this winter, and lots of it.

A grub stake is the kind of a post we'd all like to lean on for a while.

The deep shafts around town are producing a lot of good swimmers these days.

And, during this renewal of mining interest, where there's a will there's a gold pan.

One Jacksonvillian was troubled with water on the brain last week till he fixed the homestead roof.

Archaeologists 2000 years from now are going to wonder why we had such deep and numerous basements on every vacant lot.

One of the town's most prominent back yard miners, who is working on bedrock beneath a gaping hole, invites all his old friends to drop in some time.

Local debaters have been attempting to determine just what political party the town's oldest young man, Bill (Kid) Bishop, belongs to. Bishop, among other things, was the last engineer on Jacksonville's steam railroad.

These younger Jacksonville miners may get lots of the gold, but they sure fall short when it comes to bringing in man-sized patches of whiskers. And, while on the subject, it's a long tie that shows on an old, shop-run model miner.

Will the gentleman who is crowding in please take his place at the end of the line? We'll get his subscription quickly as possible.

### JACKSONVILLE TO PLAY BUTTE FALLS TEAM HERE

Friday night, January 8, at 7:30 o'clock the Butte Falls and Jacksonville teams will play in the local gym. This will be the first school conference game in this city for the season.

Although the local players lost their first game much interest and competition is expected in tonight's encounter. Lineups for the game are: Bud Rankin, left forward; Charles Ward, right forward; Robert Forbes, center; Preston Card, right guard; Ivan Goodman, left guard.

They will play Ashland Normal's second team at the school gym here Saturday night.

### JACKSONVILLE GRANGE TO MEET

Jacksonville grange will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock at the old court house. Henry Conger is master and C. C. Hoover lecturer of the local body. The evening will begin with an open meeting, the feature of which will be a drawing for the quilt made by the home economics division.

### DEPRESSION NEEDS RAIN

J. B. Wetterer, secretary of Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, stated Thursday that with sufficient rain the local depression problems could be solved. However, with the present supply of moisture in the hills he thinks aid for outside unemployment would not be practical. It was explained that without plentiful water for sluicing, gravel to be handled would have to be run through cradles. The latter method would cut down tonnage of dirt handled below profitable production of gold. Naturally, then, aid for unemployment on a large scale would be dependent upon additional rainfall in abundant quantities.

Mr. Wetterer further stated that to his knowledge all profitable ground available has already been staked out and is being worked by local miners of Jacksonville and the Applegate section.

### MAYOR, RETIRING, COMPLETES WORK

O. M. Knox, Jacksonville's retiring mayor, called to order the last session of his expiring term Tuesday night in the city hall. Only routine business came up for discussion. Chief among these were the granting of license for the chamber of commerce dances to continue from 9 till 2 o'clock through January. The council voted, like all good debtors do, to pay current bills. Quite a discussion over the old controversy between the Ashland Sand and Gravel company and city officials was heard.

#### Contract Broken

It was brought out that five years ago, after the city had awarded contract to Stephenson and Green of Grants Pass to clean out the reservoir, the work was never performed and it was necessary for the city to obtain an injunction to remove workmen from the location. The Grants Pass concern had sublet contract to the Ashland Sand and Gravel company for the work. After much postponement of actual removal of dirt, failure to post required bond and many excuses, officials were forced to restrain them from tying up the reservoir for the coming rains. No settlement has ever been reached over the contract that was never fulfilled by the Ashland company.

It was suggested by Knox that a special gathering of the present councilmen and those who served five years ago be held the following night with William Briggs, Ashland attorney, representing the sand and gravel company, present.

#### Hold Quiet Meeting

The only semblance of excitement occurred when some tardy onlooker would wrestle with the door of the old building to gain entrance. Erected in 1855, it is only natural that such a doorway should become temperamental.

Meeting was adjourned until Wednesday evening, when the conference with the lawyer was held. Nothing definite was decided upon or promised the representative of the Ashland complainant. It is doubted whether any cash settlement will ever be made because of the lack of any service rendered which the city feels indebted for.

A large part of the audience attended the council meeting expecting to view installation of the new mayor. Wesley Hartman, recently elected leader, will be installed at a special meeting next Tuesday evening provided for by an amendment to the city charter.

#### No Change in Councilmen

Councilmen for the last term will serve another two years. Ray Coleman,

### Recent Weeks Indicate Renewed Activity and More Small Mines

According to G. W. Godward, local gold buyer, the past season has seen raw gold production more than double. Although buying in small quantities, local delivery has amounted to at least \$1000 during the last year. This represents amounts mined by individuals who have not waited to send into San Francisco the minimum amount of \$100 worth as required by the government mint, and by no means represents a sizeable fraction of the entire amount mined in this district.

Gold produced within the city limits, according to Mr. Godward, is the cleanest and highest quality metal that comes to his store. Some from the nearby ledges which has been obtained from quartz contains foreign substances due to the failure of miners to completely remove quicksilver used in extracting the precious metal. This gold, although black in color, averages about \$14 an ounce. The cleaner nuggets have been bringing \$17 for the same weight.

#### December Best Month

December of last year proved to be the most productive month in Mr. Godward's years of experience as Jacksonville's gold buyer. And indications point to another increase this month.

On only one occasion has the gold purchased failed to come up to the standard which was paid. This mineral, although appearing superior to the general run of nuggets brought in, proved when minted to contain a large percentage of silver, which naturally was recorded with red ink. By buying only free gold or milled metal and not accepting quartz, Mr. Godward has cut loss from foreign substances and low grade ore to a minimum. For 10 years this buying has been carried on in conjunction with his retail business here.

### ZANE GREY, NOVELIST, PATENTS MINE CLAIMS

Zane Grey, novelist and sportsman known by all who read or attend theaters, has filed and obtained patent on two mining claims at Winkle bar on the Rogue river in Curry county. These claims were filed several years ago and are the location for one of Grey's lodges where he spends many days each summer.

High tides and heavy seas along the Curry county coast have enabled many miners of this region to work the black sand beds of the shore line. It is reported they are making more than wages.

recorder, starts his third one-year term in that office. With Hartman will be Oscar Lewis, E. S. Severance, James Cantrall and Clint Dunnington, council members.

The law passed by the 1931 Oregon legislature pertaining to expenditures of budgets by city officials was explained. It was pointed out that the new statute gives teeth to the budget system, inasmuch as it makes officials responsible personally and civilly for expenditures greater than sums appropriated.

That is to say, if a budget provided \$2000 for an item and the officials spent \$2500, they would each be both civilly and personally liable for the \$500 over-spent. This probably will defeat plans forwarded to have an additional policeman on duty here this year because appropriations were made for the one marshal and it would not be legal to borrow from another fund for this purpose.

### TUNNEL IN APPLGATE

A tunnel to tap the old channel on the middle fork of the Applegate river has been driven a distance of 30 feet. It has been estimated that 65 feet of underground work will reach the old channel adjacent to some of the rich pay encountered in the early days of this region.

Tom Fuller, superintendent on location for the Seattle company developing this project, has been working a crew of five men and looks forward to a big strike on completion of the tunnel.

### PROSPECT FOR WATER BONDS

An inquiry from a prominent buyer has been received by city officials for information about the water bonds recently voted. Work on the improved system of mains and reservoir awaits sale of these securities.

### MUSEUM TO GET OLD FIRE PUMPER

Plans have been made to move the old hand fire pumper from the shed adjoining the city hall to the banquet room in the Museum of Southern Oregon. Actual enlargement of the museum awaits further and final decision as whether to discontinue banquets in the old U. S. hotel building.

The ancient fire engine, old hose carts, hook and ladder wagon, leather buckets and hats are still in good condition and will be displayed in a group.

The pumper was purchased in 1879 and arrived in Jacksonville on the day the old Savage hotel burned. It seems that this engine was destined to be christened on the evening of its arrival with work and profanity. Until the suction hose picked up a huge boulder from a well, which stopped the flow of water, it made quite an impression on the townspeople. However, not knowing just why the pump failed at such a time of need, the firemen and citizens were annoyed to the point where only circumstances prevented the new equipment from being pushed into the blazing inferno it was supposed to smother. Since that time, and today, the pumper has been kept free of rocks and is in perfect condition.

#### Pumper Furnishes Surprises

At a recent demonstration not only did the hose suddenly throw a stream of water in the faces of onlookers but also sent a column over the top of the weather vane above the Odd Fellows hall. This hand pumper, which will adapt the energy of 30 strong men, can force water over the highest building in town.

The engine was purchased by the city in San Francisco and was shipped to Portland by boat on the old Harvest Queen, which sunk off the Oregon coast. The pumper was one of the few articles salvaged. In those days all salvaged cargo was held for payment of damages by the ship owners. This made it necessary for city officials to go to Portland to pay off claims and bring the thing to Jacksonville. It was in constant use until the town's waterworks were installed in 1912.

This interesting relic is an exact duplicate of the old engine San Franciscans paid hundreds of dollars to recover for their city.

### PLACER MINE PAYING

Tom Carrier, a Jacksonville resident, was down Wednesday from his placer mine on the Pat Swain place on the main Applegate river. He reports good pay from operations which include working river gravel and sluices.