

OGLE RECALLS STORY OF RELIC

S. K. Ogle, one of the old settlers of southern Oregon who is intimately acquainted with incidents and history surrounding a case of Indian relics being shown at the Museum of Southern Oregon here, furnished The Miner an account of articles contained in the display.

Ogle first went to the Klamath country from California about time government troops were returning with captured Indians through lava beds of that section following the Modoc war. This affray, he explained, was begun when, during negotiations for peace with the tribe, Captain Jack of the Modocs ambushed unarmed officers who were meeting with him for a parley.

At the conclusion of a bloody encounter Captain Jack and his warriors were seized and brought before a military courtmartial. Jack, Black Jim, John Schonchin and Boston Charley, leaders in the trouble, were sentenced to death and hanged at Fort Klamath October 3, 1873. Two others, Broncho and Slolux, were given life terms in military prison at Alcatraz while still more were banished to Oklahoma reservations.

Mr. Ogle obtained hand-made nails used in the scaffolding from which Jack was put to death, and also had a gavel made from some of the wood used. The gavel now is among objects donated to the institution in the U. S. hotel building, along with a breech loading Spencer rifle, bows and arrows which were among the Indian chieftain's effects when captured. A detachment of Jacksonville volunteers were presented the objects, who in turn donated them to the museum.

And as an interesting accessory to this assortment is another case containing endless Indian relics, prominent among them a Modoc skull and thigh bone. Also some of the most primitive Indian pipes known to archaeologists, made of straight cylinders hollowed at one

end for tobacco bowls, have been added to the collection.

Later models were more elaborate. The second pattern was a turned up affair, smokers gripping the shank of the pipe with their teeth. From then on, when the Indians learned to use wooden stems, designs became more varied in shape. One unusual model, ornamental and similar to Chinese opium pipes, was carved from gray slate and was used for what is still known among tribesmen as Indian whiskey.

All red men know of narcotic herbs which, after being gathered and dried in the proper manner, produce stimulating and drunken effects on smokers. When a party of braves felt like opening a keg of nails they would gather outdoors in a wide circle, fill this filigreed bowl with weeds and each take three puffs. One by one, as the pipe was passed down the line, they would slip into a drunken stupor. One filling was usually enough to put half the tribe on a jag with some left for bracers the next morning.

George Little, curator of the museum, will be glad to point out any interesting items and explain in detail the story that forms their background.

Opposes Scheme

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On the other hand, Jacksonville as a whole is behind any charitable move or any development that would contribute in any way toward relieving unemployment but feels, after nearly a hundred years experience with such ventures, that the idea is certain to go awry and aggravate, rather than diminish, poverty and want.

G. I. Maxwell, sponsor of the move, feels confident that the men can better themselves by working the ground and has already started operations on lots owned by the city of Medford near the creek bed. Several unemployed men have been digging shaft and erecting windlass the fore part of this week and uncovered what appears to be virgin mining soil. According to statement from one of the oldest residents, lots being worked have never been mined and there is a possibility of striking fair pay.

Only bonafide residents of the county have been admitted to participation in the venture and all applicants are required to present registration cards from the county court. It is planned to deduct about 10 per cent of gold obtained in cleanup for operating expenses and prorate the remainder equally among workers.

There has been, to date, no very decided move either to block or encourage the undertaking and it is predicted that the idea will work itself out within the next few days one way or the other. There is one sure thing, however, the venture will never suffer from lack of interest or discussion.

PROSPECTORS GATHER

Star gulch, an unassuming section of the Big Applegate, has become a haunt for prospectors this winter and is said to boast traffic equal to that of a public highway. Among prospectors frequenting the place are Victor Dow of Grants Pass, A. A. Hopkins of Applegate, Ike Coffman and son and Felix Wilford of Jacksonville, and Elmer Peters of Medford.

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Would Split Up City Police Job

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In considering this proposal it seems that the budget is the main objection—so let us look at the budget.

Marshal's salary	\$1200
Recorder's salary	240
Treasurer's expenses	120
Reading of meters	40
Roads and bridges	450
Water department	350
Water meters	200
Printing	50
Library fund	50
Emergency fund	150

It was proposed that instead of one salary of \$1200 that the marshal be paid \$50 a month, or \$600 per year. Water superintendent \$50 or \$600 a year. The duties of the water superintendent would include reading of meters, so this fund could be paid to him. This would leave a balance of \$260 to be raised to make the water superintendent's salary equal \$75 per month. What could be the objection to putting some work on the city streets and charge it to the roads and bridges fund? This would amount to an average of \$21.55 per month or approximately seven days at \$3 per day. That would certainly be in conformity with the budget and should be a distinct advantage.

Under this plan it would be possible for the water superintendent to devote an entire working day to the water system, streets and roads. It would be a far better way of performing city work—caring for tools, equipment and so on.

Consider the marshal's position—would any taxpayer object to having night police? During the winter, especially such as this one, we have been fortunate in not having more burglaries and such than we have had. A night police would be a great step in affording this protection. During the summer it is important to have a night patrol to guard against fires. This certainly was demonstrated last year when the council had a patrolman during the dry season.

The duties of the marshal would include care of the lighting system, which is the logical thing for him to do.

Now, consider the combination the water superintendent would have: police authority and be on duty during the day. The marshal would be on duty at night. How can you expect one man to fill these positions? Easy—all he has to do is work 24 hours a day.

Mining Middle Fork

According to word just received Baldy Young and R. R. Burelson are in full mining operation on the middle fork of the Applegate river, located at the mouth of Elliott creek. Prospects are looking good for the spring opening.

Nuggets of rough gold have been found, running from two to 38 cents, on the rim of the present channel. They are now driving a cut toward the old channel of many years ago.

The two have what has been called by geologists a deposit of three different channels and mining engineers say if there is placer gold on the middle fork it would have to be there.

Just now they are being held up on account of weather conditions. Snow and freezing temperatures are delaying development. Excellent water, a good ditch, boulder dam and an extra large head are in readiness. The men expect to blossom with the roses this spring.

Any who wish to pay them a visit will be able to drive to the spot—no hiking, no packing. They have families with them and are housed in good cabins. Children of both households are in school, which is three miles distant. The Copper postoffice is but one and one-half miles away, with good roads, wonderful camp ground, fine fishing, prospecting, pocket hunting and placer mining.

The Riverbed Mining company, Seattle, has driven tunnel in 60 feet searching for an old channel. The concern is panning rough gold as the hole is pushed.

Johnson and son have come out this way and are preparing to start mining at the first opening of the season. Johnson and his son say they have good mining material, producing large, rough gold. We all hope the season of 1932 will be a prosperous one.

Hess Newton and brothers will begin soon about three and one-half miles up the middle fork from the Lone Cabin claim at the mouth of Elliott creek. Newton has a promising bar but can work it only in the summer because of weather conditions.

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CREEK MINER GETS GOLD

F. L. Horne, Foothills creek, has been mining in that region for the past several years. He is occupying two cabins that were erected more than 50 years ago and working claims held whenever there is sufficient water. Mrs. Horne is his constant companion on prospecting trips and helps her husband with sluicing work. The two have panned out several hundred dollars worth of the mineral in the past season, some of this coming from sniping in the Rogue river. Horne was born in mining territory and has had much experience in placer and various branches of the industry.

WORKING ON PROSPECT

Hugh Wright, resident of Jacksonville hill district, has been working on a mining prospect near his home. He has met with considerable success, taking out quite a number of nice little nuggets of gold.

BOXING CLUB FORMED BY TOWN PUGILISTS

Gerald Morris, manager of the Jacksonville pool hall, with Marian Hulse have gathered together gloves and participants for regular boxing matches to be held Wednesday and Saturday evenings of each week. The encounters will be staged in the pool hall on California street, with first one and one-half minute rounds starting at 8 o'clock on the two evenings. Already this week contests were held between Alfred Babb and Carl Pitts, Pitts and Omar Culy, Wayne Combest and Bud Reinking, Roy Winningham and Reinking.

Witnesses to the Winningham-Reinking encounter state they laughed so hard they couldn't see the rest of the matches. Roy is credited with being a born clown when supplied with gloves and someone to throw haymakers toward. There is no admission charge and all comers are invited to drop in and exchange blows with the boys.

WEATHER DELAYS HUNT

Recent weather conditions have retarded the attempts of Harry and Ansil Gilson, Little Applegate's two faithful prospectors. However, the men are expected to sally forth again this week.

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