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## The EDITOR SPEAKING

Things come to he who waits—and usually land somewhere between the head and shoulders.

And it looks like the Japanese are going to need an operation before long due to a bad case of Sino trouble.

We've been wondering, too, how the Chinese are going to get clean clothes with so many laundrymen away at war.

And perhaps, if the situation becomes too serious over there, they'll begin fighting every day before their meals have had time to settle. Then we'll be reading pitiful reports of armies traveling on aching stomachs and how many target misses were due to indigestion.

In harmony with the Chinese, and to drill for possible participation in the Asiatic struggle, three tried and true Jacksonvillians formed an attack on Chow Mein this week, scoring a signal victory and complete cleanup (of just what they are still trying to decide).

Now you folks as want to subscribe for this here little paper just fergit them thar war an' quit tryin' ter pernounce them hifalutin Manchurian names and let yer mind dwell on the thought that we have got pockets enuf to hold plenty more subscription coins. Line forms to the write.

### ADAREL CHAPTER RECEIVES MATRON COMMUNICATION

Thursday evening, February 4, Adarel chapter No. 3, O. E. S., held its regular meeting in Masonic temple. Considerable business was transacted and a communication from the Grand Matron of Oregon stated that her official visit to the local chapter would be made on March 3.

After chapter closed the O. E. S. club was entertained, Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Dorothy acting as hostesses.

**Rains on Pavement**—With the help of Ray Wilson, Jim Littell, Donald Dorothy and Harland Clark California street was washed clean Tuesday.

## HEAVY SNOW DELAYS MIDDLE FORK MINERS

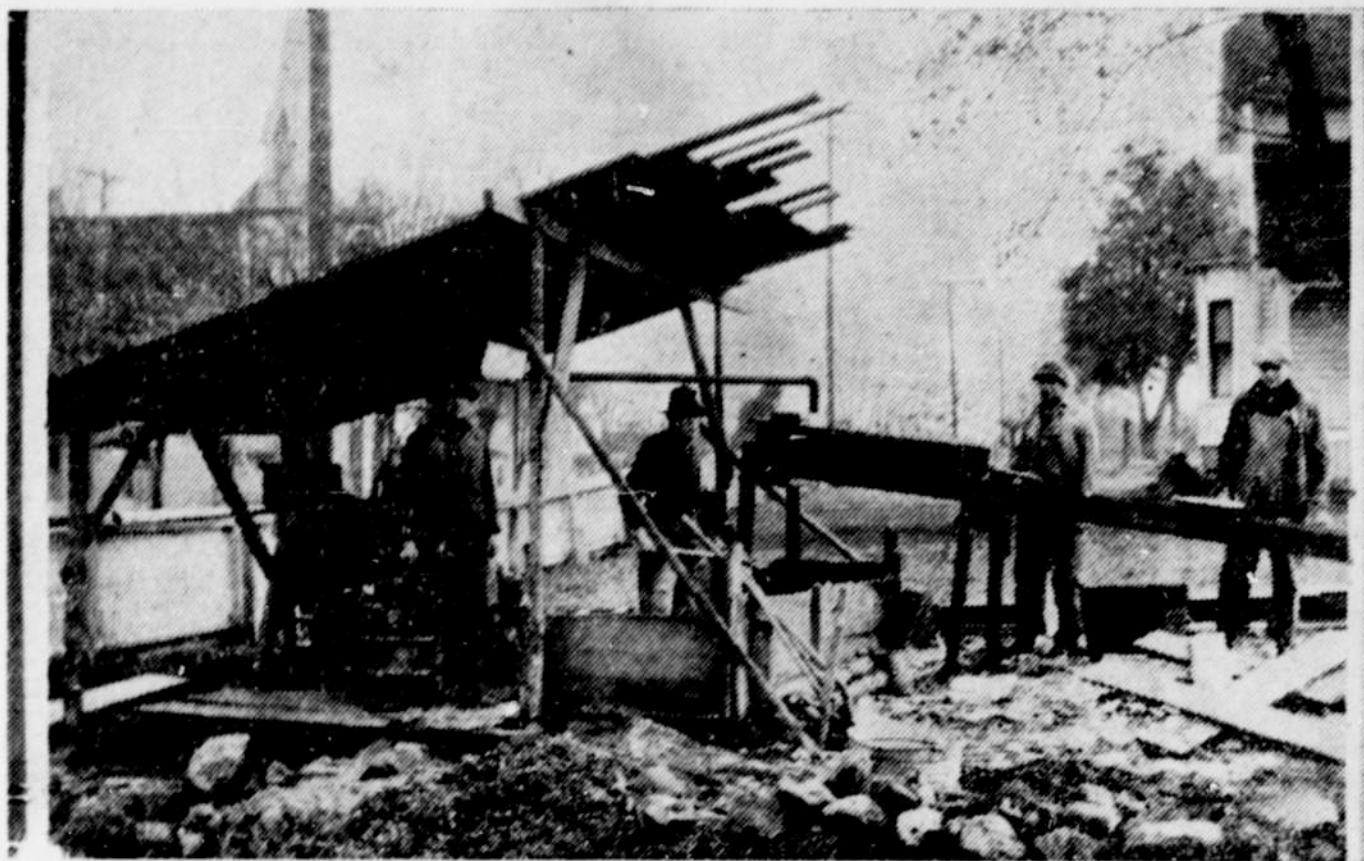
A heavy snow storm caused temporary shutdown in operations of Baldy Young and R. R. Burleson, miners of the Copper district. A five-foot blanket covers Elliott creek district and operations there also are at a standstill. At the Dapidine mine the men walked out last week and await departure of snow.

G. A. Sutherland has left his Billy Horse mine to the elements, going to Ashland for a visit with his sister. He still intends to take out a pocket this spring. Although Knutzen brothers had started packing into their cabin the recent storms held them out for a few more days. It was predicted by Copper and Middle Fork experts that they will soon be wiping tears from their eyes caused by staring into the glitter of sparkling nuggets as the spring sun shines down upon their backs.

Knox McCloy, owner of the Mohawk mine, has little chance as yet to get to his work, but as soon as possible will install more equipment and begin working his ore, said to be high grade. McCloy has had quite a number of years experience and is considered an expert miner.

T. A. Filter is still bringing paper to the Middle Fork for assessment work which is nearly finished on Bert Bower's claim. It is hoped Bert will congratulate Filter when he comes back up here this spring.

## MINING GOLD IN JACKSONVILLE'S YARDS



The "White Owl" mine, one of Jacksonville's most prominent, is here shown being manned, left to right, by S. S. Wheeler, H. D. Hurlburt, Roy Wheeler and A. F. Perry. The boys have the hole down to bedrock and have gouged out about 25 feet of drift in the heart of the city. They have been keeping out of mischief and made fair wages all winter from the revived industry besides setting a stage for one of southern Oregon's most fascinating shows—gold mining as is gold mining. Although but six miles from the Pacific highway, this illustration demonstrates the individuality of Jacksonville, for where else can a home-owner burrow in his yard and produce ham, bacon, beans and other condiments? Not even Houdini could do that.

## 1932 GOOD YEAR COMPARED 1860

Although times are no end terrible today, there was a time in Jacksonville when some things, at least, were worse. Take for instance exorbitant rates for common food-stuffs as revealed by old ledgers contained in the collection of strange and unusual things at the Museum of Southern Oregon. George Little, curator, has dug up a few more ancient prices that would make a grocer wince.

Although highest quality whiskey retailed for 75 cents a gallon without annoyance of federal officers, back in the early 60's this town was accustomed to paying \$16 an ounce for such a common thing as table salt. It was quite a problem for the prospector, coming in from hard labor in the hills, to decide whether to go on a big drunk or a salt spree. The white substance was truly worth its weight in gold, that metal bringing just \$16 an ounce too at that time.

It was common to see a grizzly man stalk into a store, drag out a full ounce of gold and bawl at the top of his lungs for a like weight of salt, then wander around town with the precious grains cupped in one hand eating as though it were candy. One time a grocer, unknowingly, dropped a 10-pound sack of salt behind a table. For months he wondered where the stuff had gone and suspected every citizen in town. But, more than a year later, he rummaged around and came upon the bag. A great whoop rent the air—the merchant was a wealthy man! Just like finding 10 pounds of gold only better—it didn't have to be washed out.

And perhaps the absence of negroes in this country may be explained by the fact that, according to Mr. Little's discoveries, chicken was an unknown commodity, quail being the only fowl listed in the big books. These birds sold for about \$1.50 a dozen on the open market. How times do change. Now we buy salt in great quantities and think nothing of it, but sneak around with an ounce or two of whiskey, and rightly so, for it is almost as expensive as its weight in gold, although the local variety could hardly be said to be worth its price. In the town's early days it was the custom to purchase whiskey in 10-gallon barrels and sneak around with a pinch of salt.

### BOOK READING INCREASES AT JACKSONVILLE LIBRARY

The Jacksonville public library has received a gift of fine new books this week from Paul Luy, who now lives in Medford but is a really and truly Jacksonville son.

The volumes are "Catherine the Great," "The Crusades," "The Green Jade Hand," "Before the Covered Wagon" and "Rasputin."

Reading steadily increases—1445 books and magazines having been loaned the nine afternoons the library has been open during January. The record for the past three months stands as follows: November, 1173 loans; December, 1146 loans; January, 1445 loans.

### TOM REED RECEIVES LETTER FROM FRIEND IN SOUTH

Four bank failures in recent weeks, according to word received by Tom Reed from Mrs. Leamon Robbins, have played Hob with savings in the southern California district. Mrs. Robbins, known to Jacksonville friends as Florence Thompson, lives at Hawthorne, Calif., and states both she and her husband suffered a loss from the closings.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins and well physically and quite interested in Jacksonville and their old acquaintances. Mr. Reed recently came back here from southern California and is one of the former resident's closest friends.

**Improved**—Mrs. Truman Lewis is convalescing at her home on Big Applegate after undergoing medical treatments at Berkeley during the last month. Mrs. Lewis returned a few days ago and is very much improved in health.

### HARLOWS START WORK ON ELLIOTT CREEK ROAD

T. A. Filter, famed petroleum geologist, now superintendent of the Riverbed mines, is nearing completion of a 60-foot tunnel with a 26-foot shaft. Developments have been slow due to bad weather.

Andrew Jelliness from Squaw Creek visited Joe Bar and reports good work in cinnabar. Knox McCloy, sourdough artist, has been wintering at Joe Bar's. He has had but little packing to do and looks for business to pick up in the spring months.

The Harlows are beginning work on a road to extend from Joe Bar's place to their mine, two miles farther up the creek. This is expected to open the Elliott creek district for more mining activity.

### MRS. WILL BOSTWICK DIES IN PORTLAND HOSPITAL

Friends have received word of the death of Mrs. Will Bostwick, which occurred Monday at Portland, where she had gone for an operation. Mrs. Bostwick, who had been in ill health for six years, made her home at Valley View. She was well known by Jacksonville and Applegate people, having lived at the latter place about 15 years ago.

## ZELL OBTAINS RARE PHOTOS MODOC WAR

Stereoptican photographs of Warm Spring Indians, Captain Jack of the Modocs and government troops were secured the other day by Frank Zell, manager of the Jacksonville antique shop. One other set of like pictures is known to be in existence, owned by Captain Applegate of Klamath Falls. The set now on display came from Dave Cronemiller, local resident.

The series of views center around the Modoc war in the lava beds. Captain Jack is shown in his molten stronghold while another card is devoted to detail of the rock barriers. An excellent reproduction of Donald McKy, half-breed who gathered together 100 Warm Spring Indians to join the government forces at Fort Klamath, is present, along with a partial view of the warriors. The spring of 1872, when the pictures were taken, the enlisted tribe started from its haunts toward the fort near Klamath lake. The first day and night squaws of the band accompanied the caravan, turning back at what is now known as Squaw Flats. The braves proceeded onto the government base and from there carried on their part of the war Indian fashion.

Frank Zell has an unusual interest in the photographs for they show likenesses of some of his former acquaintances. Several men shown in the group of government troops kept Frank awed till many a dawn with their glowing accounts of the encounters with Captain Jack's ferocious redmen. After peace came the greater part of them reverted to their old business as buckaroos, when Zell, himself in the saddle for more than 20 years, heard the personal accounts of war experiences.

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### ORGANIZE FOUR-H CLUBS IN APPLIGATE COUNTRY

Four-H clubs have been organized in two Applegate schools as a result of a visit of Mrs. Mabel Mack, home demonstration agent, Wednesday. Beaver creek pupils are taking sewing I, bachelor sewing and handicraft. Leaders are Miss Janet Balis, Mrs. Victor Anderson and Mrs. John Byrne. Club officers elected are Billie Townsend president, Robert Fletcher vice president, Gladys Byrne secretary, Frances Port song leader and Audrey Fletcher reporter.

Uniontown organized sewing I and bachelor sewing clubs. Leaders are Mrs. Jess Taylor and Miss Emma Cook. Election of officers will be held in a few days.

Mrs. Mack is ready to organize clubs at any of the other schools of the community upon their request.

## MEN, HOUNDS HUNT PANTHER

Five bloodhounds and three men in the Kenney creek section of the Applegate Friday made the woods lively for the panther therein, but the cats managed to escape nevertheless.

Bill Blackburn and Dick Richmond of Evans creek, owners of expert hounds, brought their dogs to the Applegate at the request of Louis Culy, who had seen tracks which led him to believe that the woods in that area were infested with panther. A track seen recently showed that one of the animals had missed a trap by two inches.

The two men, who were accompanied by Mr. Culy, found only old tracks, and finding their success hampered by snow, decided to return sometime this week for another trial at the game. Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Richmond have gained reputation with their dogs throughout the county. During the winter they have caught 60 wildcats and a number of coons.

### JACKSONVILLE DANCES DOUBLE CROWD IN WEEK

Attendance at the regular Saturday night dance held at the old U. S. hotel hall more than doubled the past week, due in part to lowering of admission prices after 12 p. m. and to intensive newspaper advertising preceding the event.

Where the affairs had previously lost money for the Commercial club, which sponsors the dances, Floor Manager H. H. Farley brought in a substantial profit. According to Farley, it is expected the Saturday night gatherings will continue to increase as improved music, new advertising ideas, special dances and redecoration of the hall are scheduled in the near future. These weekly functions have been a source of much business for the city and are to be encouraged by all who have Jacksonville's interest at heart.

### APPLIGATE DAUGHTER DANCES IN GRANTS PASS

Miss Carolyn Benedict, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benedict of Applegate, was among the pupils of the Ruth Lay dance academy at Grants Pass who were presented in a recital at the Rivoli theater Saturday evening.

Dressed in a Colonial costume of peach taffeta, this talented little dancer gave a pleasing interpretation of the "Powder Puff."

Those from the community attending the recital were Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Offenbacher and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benedict.

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