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## The Editor Speaking

Oh, the nerve of some teeth!

We've seen kissproof lipstick that wasn't.

And you can't mail the floor no matter how much you stamp it.

Just what sort of a playground is this Scotland Yard, anyway?

Two minds with a single thought are better than two with none.

"You're just the type," said the devil last week while setting up this sheet.

Next to some of our roads, alarm clocks are the most jarring things we know of.

Many cooks have every spice in their cupboards but variety—ask the wife (if any).

One Jacksonville man we know is so dishonest he can't even deliver a load of wood without letting a lot of it stick to his fingers.

And another has an inventive bent—the other day he was seen to plant onions under his weeping willow tree so as to keep the ground moist this summer.

At least there is one accomplishment the radio may boast of—where lives the man or woman who in this enlightened age cannot spell "Bulova" offhand?

Halftruth Exaggerate, our nimble reporter, is nearly frantic from attempting to predict how many months it will take the country to go to the dogs during this depression after someone told him an idle mind is the devil's workshop.

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## GET NEW SUITS FOR BALL TEAM

Ten new baseball uniforms, white with purple trimming, have arrived this week to clothe players of Jacksonville's junior league team, according to H. H. Farley, manager of the young group. One gleaming sample is on display in a window of the Reliable grocery in this city and already the large pane bears evidence of many a youthful noseprint.

Monday evening Farley journeyed to Medford, where an American Legion meeting was taking place, to get complete information as to details of the circuit sponsored by that body for the coming season. Clint Dunnington, more commonly recognized as "Punk," has been, and will continue to be, coach for the boys and already a meeting was called Tuesday for interested aspirants of Jacksonville to gather and make preliminary plans for the forming of what is hoped (and anticipated) to be another championship organization. Bud Reinking was elected captain and Preston Card property man of the new team. A lively interest has been shown but active workout has been delayed till more favorable weather and because of school athletics.

Both Farley and Dunnington are loud in their praise of Jacksonville townspeople who dug down into their pockets last season and produced enough cash to dress the youngsters in regulation garb. Suits purchased at that time proved unsatisfactory and were returned, money refunded and the new equipment sent for the first of last month.

It was stated that all local boys will be eligible to play on the team who will not be 18 years of age June 30 of this year. This raises the limit 12 months, enabling several to play again who might be disqualified under last season's ruling. It was suggested that all players interested who have not already done so get in touch with either Dunnington or Farley this week and learn full details of the coming workouts.

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## TRY WATER NOTE PLAN

At a short special session of the Jacksonville city council Monday evening it was decided to adopt a new plan in handling delinquent water rent accounts of the municipality.

A motion was carried to accept notes from users who were in arrears for water indebtedness, thereby bringing all accounts up to date. The greatest advantage of the plan as adopted is the method of clearing overdue and long-standing accounts, which will become payable under the new arrangement in 10 monthly instalments. It was pointed out by councilmen that such a plan would be more convenient to users who were behind. The new plan becomes effective today, April 1.

It was resolved, by the councilmen, that "all water users that are in arrears be permitted to give a note for the amount due the city on delinquent water charges and thereby be able to have use of city water so long as the future payments are met promptly and 10 per cent of the principal on the note each month, this order to be in effect April 1, 1932."

Other matters were discussed and permission to cut several cottonwood trees was granted to Joe McIntyre, who requested authority to remove what had become a nuisance. It also was suggested by a council member that holes dug while repairing the present pipeline be left unfilled so that by the time the city was able to replace pipe a ditch would be ready. Meeting was adjourned early in the evening.

## OPTION TAKEN ON MANKINS PLACER MINE

Charles H. Brown of San Diego has taken an option on the Mankins placer mine and if prospecting proves the ground of sufficient value, he will mine the property on the royalty basis.

The ground consists of a narrow strip of land two miles long lying along Poor Man's creek and extending from the west end of the Mankins ranch to the south end. At the present time Mr. Brown is at San Diego. He expects to return by May 1 with machinery for prospecting the land. This work will be done by a Medford man who had the contract for excavating the new court house basement.

## APPLEGATE FETES WOULD-BE'S TONITE

Applegate grange is sponsoring a candidate's dance at their hall Friday, April 1. All county candidates are cordially invited to be present, when they will be given an opportunity to give short talks and meet many of the voters.

Hanson's old-time orchestra will furnish the music. Admission price will be 75 cents, which includes supper. Recent improvements in the dance hall include lengthening of the musician's stand and siding up of the interior walls.

## PANNINGS

By MAUDE POOL

Edwin Taylor and Jay Arant fixing up the weather. Boyd Hamilton worrying about a pie. Wesley Offenbacher feeling grown up. J. Bill Straube making a birthday cake that was pronounced good. Wayne Combest minus a good horse, a pair of spurs and a speedy lariat. Cora Hoffman never able to go anywhere she really wants to. A homemaker groping after modern ideas, getting ready to relegate the clock under the davenport. Three families trying to run down a canine pedigree over a farmer's telephone line. Willis Scott handing out advice as to where to plant strawberries. Glenn Smith coming out from behind a frontier decoration resembling a C. Chaplin. A state policeman interfering with the Applegate traffic. Salty Stevenson and the new Ford in a spin before breakfast.

## Paintings of the Day

The Miner's nimble reporter, Halftruth Exaggerate, has delved again into the musty files of our art gallery and unearthed many masterpieces of both ancient and modern maestros. They are herewith shown through the kind permission of the copyright owners.

First reproduction of the priceless collection is our theme-picture—that of a nut tree, where originate many of the stories and most of the news with which our readers are afflicted weekly.

And next, going down town, we see the famous fountain which adorns the extensive grounds of R. H. Toft, now owner of the Miller home. Mr. Toft found it necessary to fire several concrete workers and call in the fire department to adjust flow of water in graceful streams, as you no doubt have noticed. It also was discovered that water, when run through the crooked wooden mains of the city, took naturally to the up-and-down motion so clearly shown.

One of our most timely scoops, however, is this cross-section of Doc Gillis' mind, seeing as how he has won several district championships



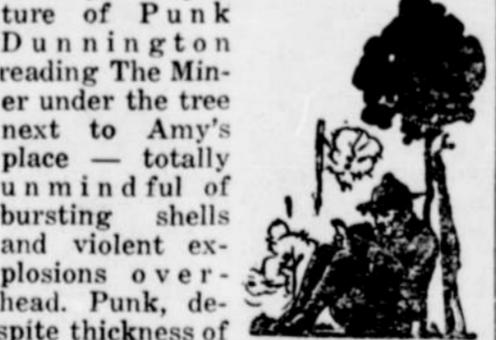
in the tennis racquet, and suitable weather and climatic conditions having arrived for preparation of another crusade for dear old J'ville. These implements, Doc tells us, are heap big medicine for those who are short in ultraviolet rays and vitaphones. And while delving into people's minds, let us take a look at a picture of Will Rogers' appetite the day he left the valley for points beyond. Will told us confidentially he believed we did everything but raise children in pairs, and that he's glad no one offered him any of the famous fruit—it probably would have been sour anyway.

And, after much patient waiting, Halftruth was able to get an action-photo of "Sixbits," Johnny Cantrall's vivacious bear dog and champion canine of the town. John-



ny has spent much effort and no little time training the pooch to the high degree of efficiency illustrated and proudly displays his companion to passersby. No charge for petting the animal and absolute safety is guaranteed, the hound having the latest in store teeth—soft rubber ones. Cantrall predicts a brilliant future for the apple of his eye and so do the fleas. And, while in the immediate vicinity we'd like to show you a picture of Punk Dunnington reading The Miner under the tree next to Amy's place—totally unmindful of bursting shells and violent explosions overhead. Punk, despite thickness of the air, is easily recognizable due to the familiar army-type hat. The tree is one of the most debated works of nature in this city and has been the center of much attention in recent weeks. And here, at the left, is shown a never-fail self-starter for automobiles that are hard to crank, have weak, fallen batteries and differential stones. Clyde Smith, driver of a school bus and local well-behaved husband, is reported to have been the originator of this idea, having encountered much uncooperative roadway in winter months. Clyde, during the more moist sea-

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## RUN ORE IN BABY MILL

A small three-stamp, three-ton capacity mill built by Paul Wright of Ashland and set up on the Wright property up Jackson creek about one and one-half miles from Jacksonville has been running capacity bins and is now in continuous operation. Recovery of gold is said to be extremely efficient and cost of operation for the mill itself has been reduced to about 50 cents per ton of ore.

The first few days of this week Wright was busy milling ore for Vern C. Gorst, well known on the Pacific coast and one of Jacksonville's former businessmen in days gone by. Gorst is exercising an option on property up Forest creek, being located a mile above Paul Pierce's place, and has both sons helping in the work. About 10 tons of ore were hauled down to Wright's location.

Gorst and his sons are, as they put it, "trying to make a mine out of their holding." The senior member of the team is recalled as inaugurator of jitney service between this city and Medford and both originator and pioneer of air mail service on the coast, and it is with interest results of his operations in this section are followed by his many friends.

The mill itself, the complete handiwork of Wright including patterns and design, has been adjudged a practical, portable outfit highly adaptable to small ledges and restricted operations. The owner has even designed the mill to travel on two wheels, which are bolted underneath, the whole being easily drawn behind an ordinary automobile. As Paul Wright stated, the miniature gold mill is a "poor man's outfit" and was designed particularly for conditions such as are common in southern Oregon mining districts. He has cut costs of manufacture and simplified design to enable delivery of the mill for the modest sum of \$400, opening a new field of opportunity for owners of small stringers who find difficulty in selling their holding or obtaining milling facilities, but who want to realize financial returns.

It was pointed out that whereas heretofore many minor properties had been impractical to operate, such portable, economical and low-priced equipment as the mill Wright has erected on the creek will mark the difference between profit and loss even on low grade ore. Any farmer or miner who has a vein could, by his own labor, run his ore through with a 50 cent per ton outlay and make money for himself. The outfit requires very little attention to operate and one man can easily handle the work. For instance, if a person had a quantity of \$50 ore and was able to put a ton of it a week in the mill bin, with a short day's run he would be about \$49.50 ahead for his efforts.

Although the larger, standard mills have stamps weighing between 800 and 1200 pounds each, this portable outfit is supplied with 300-pound stamps, which seem to work up ore well and operate with unusual smoothness. Wright has been both demonstrating his ma-

## Obvious Things

By I. CEAWL

As usual the doctors were wrong and someone else may use our golden harp for awhile. Thanks for the many flowers. Used the leaves for a fine mess of greens and the blossoms for dandelion wine. Heard somewhere that Jacksonville was going to put in a new pipe line and dig a tunnel for water. Reckon it was just idle gossip. Saw in the paper that a man named Hoover invented a carpet sweeper. Glad to learn that someone of that name actually did something. Maybe, at that, he appointed a commission to do it. Doesn't look like folks would ever get to vote on the rotten crime-breeding prohibition law. Wouldn't do any good anyhow. The preachers, fanatics, bootleggers, racketeers and other criminals would stand pat—and there's a lot of them. What fools we mortals are!!

## MAKE THOROUGH SEARCH FOR MISSING SHEPHERD

Even dogs get lonely and homesick and perhaps pine for an old home. It is believed that this may be the reason for the disappearance last week of a young shepherd dog belonging to Mrs. Arch Brite of this city. The family moved here from the Applegate last fall and it is thought the dog either went back to the Applegate or was stolen.

The dog is nearly grown, is a reddish brown color with a white ring around his neck and has one white hind leg. Evidently believing that newspapers are thoroughly read, Mrs. Brite held hopes of finding her pet through the aid of the papers.

## GOLD SALES HEAVY LAST THIRTY DAYS

G. W. Godward, Jacksonville's merchant gold buyer, announced this week receipts of raw gold for the past month have been unusually heavy, totaling well over \$1000. Increased production of the metal and much renewed activity in mining circles have been one product of the depression, not only being caused by unemployment in other lines but also because of the fact that gold remains the one commodity which finds ready sale and has not dropped in price. Actual value of gold in exchange for other commodities, also, has greatly increased, adding an extra impetus to the search by hundreds of prospectors and backyard miners.

## APPLEGATE HAS FIRST BASEBALL

Sore muscles, practice, a resolve to get a better base ball and a one-sided score are probably the most interesting results of Applegate's first-baseball game of the season, which was played Sunday at Palmer creek.

Everybody experienced a thrill at the prospects of a ball game, but when the time came the thrill was gone and players were lacking for both a men's and women's game. Consequently a men's game was started by enlisting three girls and using six players on a side. Louis Culy and Floyd Rippey acted as captains, the latter winning with a score of 18 to 9 at the end of the eighth inning.

Walter (Salty) Stevenson acted as scorekeeper and Omar Culy held the two-fold position of umpire and string winder. (A new ball will eliminate any string winding at future games.)

The women are entertaining hopes of organizing a nine and challenging some neighboring sport fans.

chine and doing custom milling for miners near here. Twenty-four hour operation is expected to continue indefinitely and an unlimited amount of ore is available. Wright has had more than 30 years experience in the installation and construction of stamp mills throughout the entire western territory and has helped erect and repair several of the large mills in this vicinity years ago.

## GEORGE PORTER FILES FOR OFFICE

George Porter, city councilman and member of the city planning commission of Medford, filed last week for the republican nomination for state representative from Jackson county. Porter is manager of the Porter Lumber company of that city and has been for years one of Medford's leading citizens.

Porter's decision to make the race comes after long urging by his friends and supporters throughout the county. It is interesting to note that the knowledge that Porter planned to run for the legislature, it is reported, has thrown a cold blanket on the political aspirations of several other candidates.

George Porter will be remembered in Jacksonville particularly as one of the Medford councilmen to come to this city recently to offer the full cooperation of his city's officials in handling the "free gold for all unemployed" mining venture started on Jackson creek. At that time he was instrumental in clearing the controversy and showed a sympathetic interest in this city's welfare.