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FORM THIRD BASEBALL TEAM

The Editor Speaking

In another column on this page you will note an interview granted by A. A. Pope, supposed mining engineer representing eastern capital. This story was printed for a very definite reason, and that reason is that Jacksonville observers have come to the conclusion that Pope is not a mining man but came here for other purposes.

Pope is the man referred to in last week's story which told how a Sterling creek miner caused much inconvenience to a local man who had befriended him when he was too drunk to drive his own car. It was Pope who made the false charges that his car had been taken without permission and $50 in gold dust stolen.

More recent developments fully account for the man's sudden departure for parts unknown and uphold many Jacksonvillians' contention that he might have been looking for hidden stills and not gold.

First, although claiming to represent untold wealth back in Chicago, Pope found it necessary to run his face for food and money here. Second, although claiming to come direct from Chicago he drove a car with an Oregon license bearing a number indicating that it had been issued early last fall. Third, gold claimed by the man to have been recovered on his machine was bought from a Sterling prospector. And fourth, Pope seems somewhat immune to arrest, for a bottle of beer and a loaded gun was found in his car by state police. And it might be mentioned here that he seemed to be on rather friendly terms with the assistant district attorney of Jackson county, yet he was entirely unknown in mining circles.

It is known that Pope purchased, on credit, half a case of beer, drank the most of it and laid away one bottle which might have been saved as evidence. In fact all Pope's actions since coming to this section have been watched with suspicion and those familiar with the various aspects of the case are certain that he was sent here by other than mining interests.

And if Jacksonville and Sterling observers' surmises are correct, Pope's experience is a black mark against law enforcement tactics. Besides being a drunkard, an alleged degenerate and attempting one of the smallest, ungrateful acts, that of causing the arrest, and nearly the imprisonment, of a man who had only offered help with no thought of reward, Pope also was dishonest, leaving several debts contracted last week.

It is men of this type which cast suspicion on and cause distrust of honest men holding public office who have sworn to maintain the dignity of this nation's constitution. And it also is such prevaricators who hinder development of mining in this section.

There ought to be just one more law.

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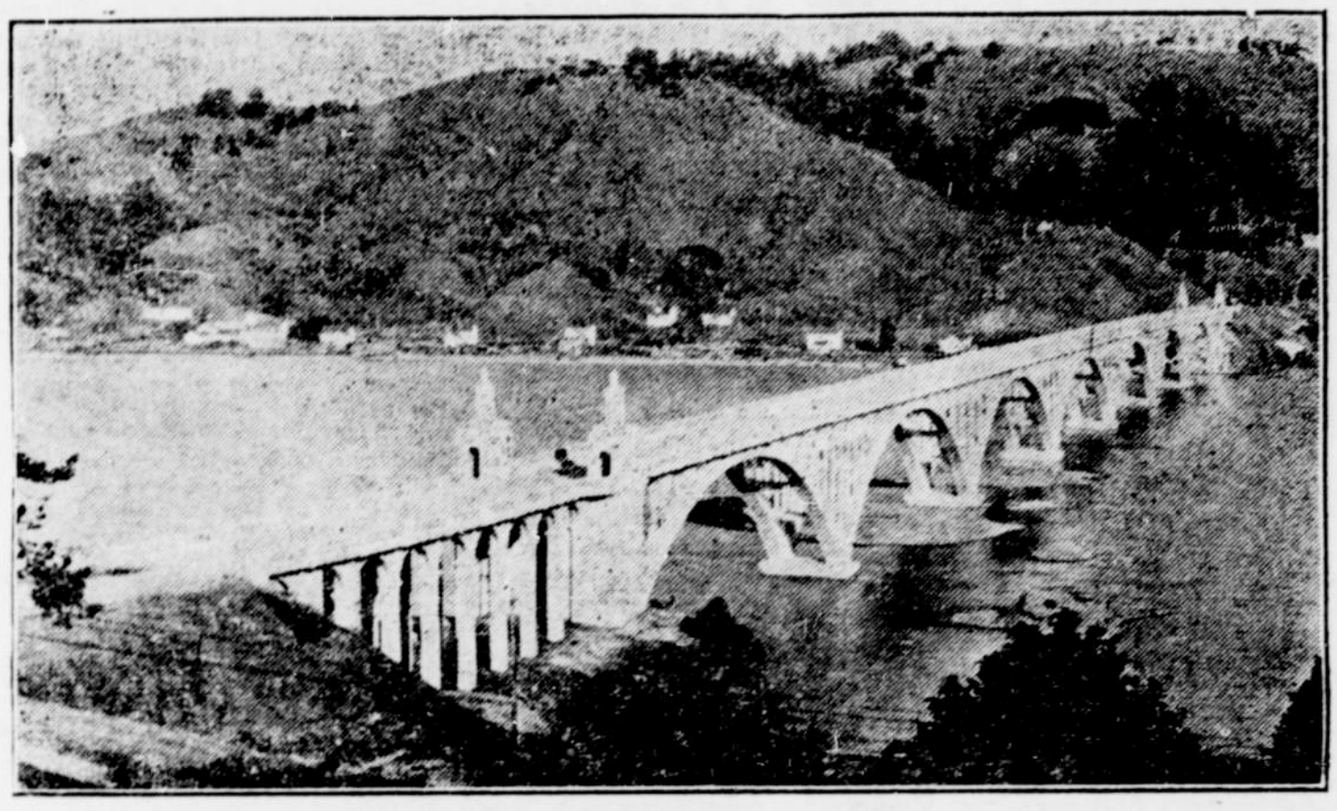
What a world! What a world! Developments in the Lindbergh case reveal that even crooks can't be trusted.

LITTELL BOY BREAKS LEG

Little 3-year-old Buddy Littell, christened James, son of the younger Jim Littell, Saturday suffered a broken leg while playing near the house in this city. His left leg was broken in what was termed a peculiar fracture and one which will knit slowly.

Dr. Harold B. Gillis was called and rushed the youngster to a Medford hospital where the limb was reset. Jim Junior was subjected to ether for the painful operation and withstood the ravages of intense discomfort with unusual grit for such a little fellow and the attending physician remarked that seldom does he encounter such docile patients. It probably will be a matter of eight weeks or more before Buddy will be about with his playmates.

A NEW WAY TO CROSS THE ROGUE



Formal dedication of the great reinforced concrete bridge spanning the Rogue river on the Oregon coast highway will be held May 28 with a joint celebration in Gold Beach. Plans for the event, which will signalize the opening to travel of the coast route, are being completed by state highway officials, the Gold Beach chamber of commerce and other booster organizations. This beautiful new structure is but a few hours drive from Jacksonville and adds another point of interest to southern Oregon's many attractions.

'CHICAGO' MAN DOES FADEOUT

That the old Sterling mine is more valuable than most people believe, and that only the heart of the mine has been worked is the information given by A. A. Pope before his return to Chicago Saturday, following a month spent on the Applegate in the interest of mining. Mr. Pope, who said he represented eastern capital, was reluctant to give much information concerning himself or his activities. He stated, however, that water is lacking for further development of the old Sterling, and on that account the eastern people would consider tapping Squaw lake and building a dam costing several thousands of dollars.

The value of the property was determined by a testing machine, new in mining circles, which tests only placer ground. In speaking of the machine Mr. Pope said it will save 99 per cent of the gold in any soil or gravel. He has been testing the ground from the Sterling mine down the Little Applegate to its mouth, and has found everything satisfactory as far as testing is concerned, he said. He refused to state the exact value or yardage. He also searched for quartz property while on the Applegate and examined two good sections of ground of that type.

"I have been in the mining business a good many years," Mr. Pope related, "and know nothing else but." He did not care to state the date of his return to southern Oregon from Chicago.

EIGHTH GRADERS TAKE WIN FROM GRIFFIN CREEK NINE

The eighth grade boys team of Jacksonville school won a rather decisive victory from Griffin creek schoolers Friday with a score of 20-0, played at Griffin creek. Lineups for the tilt included Albert Johnson, pitcher; Simon Johnson, catcher; Bob Coke, first base; Elliott Rhoten, second; Joe Beach, short; Melvin Miller, third; Walter Anderson, left field; Albert Andre, center; Byron Backes, right, and Milton Ashby, Chester Flitcroft and Chester Moore also played.

RANCHER INJURED BY FRIGHTENED HORSES

Albert Krause, Applegate rancher, sustained a broken leg Monday of this week and other injuries when he was dragged into the river by his runaway team. He is reported as resting easily in a Medford hospital late this week and is on the road to recovery.

New Copper Store

A new enterprise is getting under way at Copper in the form of a service station and store, which will be put in operation by Raymond R. Rooney, postmaster there. Materials are being purchased for the building, and water is being piped from the spring on the hill. Mr. Rooney has resided at Copper since last fall, and has recently purchased the James Winningham place, where the station will be located.

About 32 years ago, before service stations became the mode, Mark Watkins, for whom that section of the country was named, retired from his store business, which had been the first in that part of the country. The new project will cater to a comparatively large number of people in the upper Applegate area.

MEDFORD YOUTH FINED BY JUSTICE COLEMAN

Walter Anderson, Medford youth, was fined $5 and costs in Justice of the Peace Ray Coleman's court here Tuesday. Anderson had been driving with four in the front seat of his car and was unable to produce a driver's license when questioned.

Wednesday John Taylor, Ruch, was hailed into justice court for a traffic violation in this city.

PANNINGS

By MAUDE POOL

Glenn Saltmarsh requesting that something be put in the paper about how well he can dance. John Renault busy standing around. Mamie Winningham on the leisure end of a broom in the sun. Several maidens around Beaver creek letting themselves get run away with, which made them terribly peeved. Ethel Houston looking mighty wishful at a life saver. A letter and a milk bottle sauntering east on the main stem with Emil Britt. Irene Crump trying to sing "Turkey in the Straw," which turned out in a fizzle. Sam Randall with an arm full Friday night. Hollis Parks maltreating a powder puff. Bert Harr, Applegate's only combined farmer, politician and journalist, in a long, drawn out oral eulogy on The Miner, which wound up saying that the paper is radical, and wondering who its editor is. Lucille Arant comparing somebody to a bug's ear. Sarah Clogston itching to do something thrilling.

CANTRALL'S HORSE TRIES DEPTH LEAP

Excitement was rampant in Jacksonville for a short while until one of Jim Cantrall's large horses was fished out of the bottom of an old prospect hole on John Norris' place Saturday.

Cantrall had been doing some plowing for Norris and when turning near the old hole, excavated about a year ago, one of his stallions got too close to the edge of the 10-foot shaft and a hind foot slipped down, quickly followed by the remainder of the animal. Both the horse and Jim were in a quandry for a short time until Fred Combest, Chet Moore, Lee Goodman, C. W. Cox, Tom Carrier, Fred Sparks, Jess Coleman and several others came running to help.

A shovel was produced from somewhere and digging commenced unlike anything ever before witnessed in this mining town. Dirt loosened was thrown into the hole under the beast, replacing several feet of water, tin cans and what have you. A trough was opened and a rope secured about the hind quarters of the trembling horse and the tug of war was on. Inasmuch as there were enough men there to throw the animal half across the lot it soon was extricated from its pit and found to be as good as new, except for a scratch here and there.

The animal was taken near the house, given a thorough bath and put back to work. Cantrall states the horse would not get within sight of the prospect again and got jumpy at sight of a gopher hole. It has since been reported that Jim plans to cross his horses with jackrabbits so that the next time one of them carelessly plunges into one of the many such traps located in this section it will be able to jump out unaided.

JUNIOR MANAGERS ATTEND LEGION LEAGUE MEETING

H. H. Farley and Clint Dunnington, managers and coaches of the Jacksonville junior legion team, attended a Legion meeting in Medford Tuesday evening of this week relative to forming of final plans for the coming baseball season.

Financial backing of the teams was discussed as were other matters pertaining to age of players, teams and schedules. It was decided that the age limit of players would not be raised one year as had been planned. It was announced that managers of the three Medford teams would be Vern Shangle, manager of the Merchants; George Markle, Fluhrer's Doughboys; Ray Henderson, Tigers. There will be three teams in the Ashland section and one in Central Point in addition to Jacksonville's aggregation.

OPENING GAME WITH PALMER

As a result of dissention growing out of the bringing in of outside players a completely new and independent organization has been formed composed entirely of Jacksonville players interested in baseball. The new nine has its first game scheduled Sunday afternoon with Palmer creek, to be played in this city, and several promising men have been lined up.

Some of the well-known localites to participate will be "Doc" Gillis, Ray and Chuck Ward, Paul Hess, Donald Dorothy, Bud Reinking and several others. A preliminary workout was held last week and members of the new group are looking forward to a season of much baseball and no small amount of sport. The object of the team will be to enjoy the game rather than try to set a perfect record and its organization will enable those who were crowded from the town team by outside players to participate in contests.

According to H. H. Farley, who was instrumental in forming the newer nine, games with outlying districts and smaller towns on an equal footing with Jacksonville will be sought, and it is quite possible there will be several games with the regular team.

Last week-end two practice games were held, one between the local Legion juniors and the town team, and the new organization and the towners. Lineups for the day included Norman, Reinking, Ward, Hess, Olson, the three Johnsons, Goodman and Dorothy for the juniors; Stine, Williams, Coffman, Rolf, Swanson, Markle, Runtz, Lewis, Dye and Coleman played for the town team, and Reinking, Ray and Chuck Ward, Hess, Hall, Gillis, Burdell, Dorothy and Morley fought it out for the new team. Accurate scores were not kept, but games were interesting and close enough to offer several thrills.

The regular town team, composed largely of Medford players, this week inaugurated a series of Wednesday night dances for the purpose of raising necessary money for equipment and transportation. The Larsen-Lewis orchestra of this city has been engaged for the series, and a goodly crowd was in attendance at the initial dance Wednesday night. A moderate admission charge has been set and festivities commence each week at 9:30 and continue till past midnight.

Next Sunday's games will take the form of a double header, first encounter beginning promptly at 1 o'clock between the towners and Talent, the second game to include Thompson creek men and the new nine. Interset prevalent last week would indicate a representative turnout for the two battles.

FRANK PERL, CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE, SAYS 'SMILE'

"Keep smiling" says Frank Perl, candidate for republican nomination for coroner of Jackson county. Besides this good natured advice Perl promises "personal and efficient service," which certainly is what one would want from a coroner.

In fact Perl is so impressed with the philosophy of smiling that he went to the expense of having the above advice printed in large, prominent letters on the reverse side of his campaign cards. Frank, who is the son of a prominent Medford mortician, is a graduate of both O. S. C. and University of Cincinnati. He enjoys the highest recommendation of his many valley friends and acquaintances declare that, considering his line of work, he certainly practices what he preaches, "keep smiling."

TURKEN HAS POSSIBILITIES

It is believed that the turken, a cross between an Austrian white turkey and a Rhode Island red hen, has some possibilities. The turken has three or four times as much meat as an ordinary chicken and is said to be a more tasty dish than either chicken or turkey.