

Plays Make Hit At Applegate

The two-hour program prepared by Applegate grange and Beaver Creek Community club was presented before a large audience at the grange hall Saturday evening. "Who's Who in the Home," short comedy, particularly interested the audience in that it was proved unsafe for a married man to bet on a race horse bearing a woman's name. "Pearl" all but caused domestic trouble in two happy homes, wherein neither the man nor the woman was willing to submit to the whims of the other. After an episode with revolvers in the hands of the women, the men easily won their point when it was discovered that the guns were loaded.

The program opened with a piano solo, "When You and I Were Young Maggie," by Miss Francis Port, which was followed by the one-act play entitled "Hiram's Peddlers," given by Beaver people. "The Proposal," dialogue by Miss Leah McKee and Morris Byrne, showed the terrible difficulties of two young lovers, the girl anxiously waiting for the question and the boy too bashful to ask it.

"I Am an American" was given a beautiful interpretation by Miss Jeanette McKee of Malin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McKee. Miss McKee gave this reading in a declamatory contest in the Klamath county grade schools, winning first prize.

Ben Ellis, representing a country boy, told all of the tragedies and humorous incidents of the family from a bedbug crawling between the ticks of paw's watch, to the antics of the family baseball "dawg" in "Gosh, I Thought I'd Die."

Music was furnished by Hansen's orchestra for the dance which followed the program. Cake and coffee were served during the evening.

Incendiary fires in or near the national forests of Oregon and Washington in 1931 caused damage totaling \$173,637. The number of these blazes was 309, burning over 48,408 acres. Suppression costs amounted to \$161,369, according to the report of the district forester, Portland.

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Discovery of Gold in Jacksonville in 1851

A True Story By
ALICE APPLIGATE SARGENT

Although I am not a pioneer, but a native daughter of Oregon, and notwithstanding the fact that gold was discovered in Jacksonville before I was born, I give to the readers of this little paper the true story of the discovery, as it was related to me some years ago by the pioneer banker, C. C. Beekman.

C. C. Beekman came to Jacksonville in the first gold rush in 1851. He was born in the city of New York, but came to Jacksonville from Dundee, N. Y., where his parents were living at that time. He was then only 21 years of age.

For some time after his arrival in Jacksonville he rode for Wells, Fargo and company, traveling the narrow, steep and rocky trail across the Siskiyou mountains at night, for "These were the days of the trail and the footlog

And the flying pony express."

He told me he could not give me in round numbers just how much gold he had handled.

The story of the discovery follows.

In 1851 two men, Cluggage and Pool by name, equipped a pack train at the mining town of Yreka, California, and carried supplies between Yreka and towns in the Willamette valley. They followed a narrow trail across the Siskiyou mountains and along the bank of Bear creek. It was their custom when they reached this valley to stop to rest and recuperate their animals. The wild grass grew so high in the valley that the man who herded the mules had to stand on the back of his horse in order to locate the rest of the herd.

Cluggage had worked at mining and one day while they were in camp in the valley, went up into the hills where Jacksonville now is. Following up a gulch or ravine, he came to a place where the heavy rains had washed the soil entirely away, leaving a ledge of rock exposed. Taking his bowie knife from

his belt he dug around in the rocks and sand and found nuggets of gold. He returned to camp and reported his discovery to Pool; together they went back to the spot and staked out their mining claims.

Returning to Yreka they bought a camp outfit and mining tools and returned to work their claims. They had kept quiet in regard to their discovery, but in some way it became known, and in two months from the time James Cluggage found the nuggets of gold a thousand men were on the spot. Claims were staked out and every man went to work to dig out the gold. No time was spent in building cabins; a man would throw his saddle blanket over a manzanita bush and put his bed under it; some built shelters of bark and brush while others put up tents.

The winter of 1852 was an exceptionally hard one. Snow fell until all trails were completely blocked; flour rose to one dollar a pound and salt was priceless. Some adventurous men went to California on snow shoes to buy salt. Provisions gave out and towards spring the miners had to live on wild game—meat cooked without salt.

Fortunes were taken out that winter and many who had families in the east and elsewhere went back and brought them to Jacksonville.

When the covered wagons rolled into Jacksonville in the fall of 1852 they brought the first white women, but with strong hearts, undimmed, they established their homes in a wild land.

When the first cabins were built there was no glass for the windows and muslin was tacked over the openings instead.

This was the beginning of the settlement. Some took up land in the valley, while others settled in Jacksonville and Ashland.

And now, as the years roll on, the old town sits serenely in the shelter of the surrounding hills, for nothing can take from Jacksonville the historic past. Nothing can dim the glory of those olden, golden days, when Jacksonville was the richest town in Oregon.

of Grants Pass and Robert T. Nichols of Roseburg. Open air meetings are a feature of the work and the opening day the latter part of this month probably will see several outside agencies assisting in the dedication. Complete details, according to Sparrow, will be announced next week.

BEAVER CLASS GIVES SUNDAY PROGRAM

Beaver Creek Sunday school presented a Children's day program last Sunday at the schoolhouse. The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers, fir boughs and flags of foreign nations. The usual Sunday school was held at 10:30, with 43 persons in attendance.

The following program was presented: Opening exercise by primary class; recitation, "What Can I Do," by Evelyn Byrne; exercise, "The Message of the Flowers," by primary class; song, "Near When We Need Him," by junior girls; responsive reading, Psalm 100; Lord's prayer by all; recitation, "Then Laugh," by Lester Andersen; song, "Can A Little Child Like Me," by primary class; recitation, "Thank You, God," by Clara Faye McKee; duet, "I Belong to the King," by Mrs. Lee Port and Mrs. Lance Offenbacher; reading, "Christ and the Children," by Leah McKee; "Old Rugged Cross," by all. Benediction.

PAIR FILE CLAIM

Saturday Arne Carlsen and Ike Coffman, miners of repute and experience in these parts, returned from a six-weeks stay on Star gulch where the two staked out a quartz claim which was filed Monday of this week. An eight-inch ledge was uncovered by the pair.

Despite good indications and favorable prospecting Arne and Ike ran out of patience and food, the former being caused by the intermittent cloudbursts, drenching rains and constant downpour of good old Oregon climate.

Carlsen, who will be remembered as the philanthropic instigator of the former Goose Egg mining company, plans to assist George Campbell in sinking a new shaft on the Campbell property adjoining the old depot. (This newer digging, however, has been located with

FRANK ZELL DISCOVERS PROSPERITY IN BOTTLES

A burst of tourists to Jacksonville in recent weeks, annually coincident with the advent of summer vacation time and warmer weather, has enabled Frank Zell, operator of the Jacksonville Antique shop, to make wry faces at depression howlers. Zell's business has been comparatively brisk the past several days, concentrating chiefly on old bottles, antiques of various sorts and curios.

The veteran cowpuncher has been having untold difficulty, however, in finding bodily comfort the past spring and early summer. First toothache hounded the antique collector endlessly. Hard on the heels of this affliction came one known as flu, and now lumbago shoots excruciating pains through Frank's body. A cane has become necessary and life, despite the revival of almost extinct business, has been anything but pleasant.

Zell has constantly added to the assortment of wonderment displayed in the California street gallery and most prominent among recent acquisitions are a huge grizzly bear skin, early day gambling machine and the first fire bell of Jacksonville. An interesting story is connected with the eight-foot long hide of Bruin, shipped here a few weeks ago from the Big Hole country of Wyoming. The marksman who bagged the immense animal came upon his victim just after it had killed a deer and was preparing to feast his gigantic innards. At sight of the huntsman Bruin whirled and made for the man. A single rifle shot started the animal toward Zell's emporium, the bullet breaking its neck.

Frank Zell plans to journey to the Silver lake district in about a month in quest of additional relics and curios, most of which probably will be shipped direct to New York connections.

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SOLID ROCK MISSION TO OPEN ON JUNE 26

The newly formed Solid Rock mission, with Franklin Sparrow at the helm, will observe its official opening day Sunday, June 26, at 2:30 p. m. Sparrow has established residence in this city and has been pushing work on the Table Rock saloon, wherein services are to be held.

The Solid Rock mission, so named because of the novel idea of converting the old saloon of a similar name into a place of worship, has been aided by Earl McIntosh

aforethought safely within property lines and will not be discovered, about time it yields nuggets, to be in one of Jacksonville's thoroughfares as was an earlier effort.) Ike Coffman is better known as a man of the forest, who knows every deer in Jackson and Josephine counties by their first names.

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