

COMPLETE PLANS FOR JUBILEE

WORK STARTED ON NEW MILL INSTALLATION

'Medford Mill' to Handle 30 Tons Ore Daily; To Beautify Road

Actual construction and installation of a gold recovery quartz mill in this city was started Wednesday morning by the Jacksonville Gold Mining company, operators of the Old Town mine. Mill will be of roller type, built and designed by Trowbridge Cabinet works, Medford, and is known as a "Medford mill."

Erection of housing for the machinery, construction of an approach road near the present cemetery road, and moving of machinery underway this week and an effort is being made to have equipment in operation by September 1. Ore bins at the mine, a scant three miles up Jackson creek, have been filled for some time, and more than 5000 tons of quartz are blocked and stored for the mill.

The mill itself, which will be located south of the cemetery entrance here, will occupy an imposing position where all travelers may view it from the Jacksonville-Ruch highway. The machinery, including concentrating table and rock crusher, will be housed in a building 20 by 60 feet, and will reach a maximum height of more than 50 feet. Storage bins, to be situated on the hillside above machinery, will be arranged so that custom milling can be handled with a minimum of confusion and delay. There will be two sets of amalgamation plates.

C. E. Whitney, president of the mining concern which came here from Seattle to operate the former Schump property, stated this week that three shifts are expected to be worked both at the mine and mill and that, whenever possible, local labor will be employed. A crew of more than a dozen men is expected to be utilized in the workings as soon as active milling and operation starts. Whitney added that his group feels greatly obligated to Jacksonville city officials for their cooperation and effort in behalf of the mine and hinted that the Jacksonville Gold Mining company already has a warm place in its heart for the old town, which is expected to become their permanent home. It is planned to plant shrubs and decorative growths alongside the approach road, so as to add to the appearance of the cemetery vicinity and eliminate all objection to possibility of an unsightly industry in the city limits. Difficulties encountered several weeks ago in locating suitable property for the mill site and making a satisfactory deal with owners were overcome last week-end and bonded titles were turned over to backers. Vivian Beach sold the city a portion of the strip, while former property of Mame Dox Nelson furnished the remaining area. The entire transaction involved an expenditure of \$300 by the city, and it is expected this sum will be raised through activities of the Legion club in promoting the "Gold Rush Jubilee" here August 20.

MINE CHANGES HANDS; CLEANUP IN PROGRESS

The Layton mine on lower Applegate has changed hands recently through a lease from the Pacific Placer company to Bally and London of Grants Pass. Water is scarce at this time of the season, so a cleanup going on at present marks the end of work in the mine for the time being. John R. Bailey has worked in this mine for a number of years.

Quite a few back to earth workers are reported mining along the lower Applegate river with rockers and boxes, and are said to be getting a little gold.

Chester Martin of Cloverdale, Calif., was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Dunnington while enroute to Portland for a visit there.

HAS IT REACHED THIS STAGE ALREADY?



Verne Shangle, always peeking around with his camera, caught Silas J. Plowshare trading Biddie, the family canary, off for a new tie this week. "Thank heaven, we had something paid for before the big crash took away our Hoover prosperity," mumbled Silas as he struggled with his new cravat.

MARKING GOLD UNCOVERY SITE RECALLS TALES

Early Times, Troubles Told in Old History Published 50 Years Ago

Marking of the spot which first yielded the treasure which made of a wilderness what is now mentioned as "a great country" is underway as The Miner goes to press and will be completed ere visitors throng to this city Saturday, August 20, for the recreation of '82 life and customs in the "Gold Rush Jubilee."

Erection of the marker a few yards from where the old Jacksonville hill road crosses Rich gulch in the heart of town has revived many of the interesting and thrilling tales of early day hardship, riches and romance. Discovered by James Cluggage and J. R. Poole late in the year of 1851, word quickly spread that gold could be washed from gravels in this locality "as much as a teacupful a day" and by the following February every available foot of the creek was staked out and claimed by the horde of gold seekers who rushed here.

Although, for the first few years, Indians shot down several miners within rifle range of the gold camp, they worked long and hard recovering the treasure and, as the primary rush subsided, settled themselves down to the more permanent task of building a city, the likes of which southern Oregon has never known, and of which many true yarns are spun to open-mouthed newcomers who agree, at the end of recounts, that truth is far stranger and doubtless more thrilling than fiction.

Rich in history, excitement and tales of brave deeds and gruesome hangings, Jacksonville's past is pregnant with interest and next week, when The Miner publishes its Gold Rush Jubilee souvenir edition, more intimate details of the strange account will be given.

After 40 years have passed it is rather unusual to have a grade school pupil come back to discuss old times with his boyhood teacher, although Robert Lawton of Los Angeles did this when he came to call at the home of Miles Cantrall a few days ago. The two were teacher and pupil in the school at Griffin Creek. Mr. Lawton is now retired from the Edison Electric company. He was accompanied here by his wife, the couple spending some time visiting in Medford.

SMALL TOWN STUFF

By YANKEE DOODLE

"We hear a lot about "small town stuff."

There isn't much the small towners doesn't know; that is, in the way of your affairs and everybody else's except his own. The reason the small town man knows so much is because there is more than one of him. What he can't see himself, two dozen neighbors can see, and report to him. If you buy a pair of new stockings every woman knows about it, and wants to know what store you got them from and what the price was, then they dash out, more than likely, and buy a pair just like them. If the new boy friend telephones you for a date, the first time you go down town or up the lane (if yours is a rural community) you hear his name and where you're going, and where you met him first. Everybody knows about him, and they are anxious to know what time you got home that night. If you have a new method of killing slugs, all the gardeners are trying it, and if you have a new dress pattern all the gals are soon dressed up just like you, and half of them can name the counter where the material was on display. When your small towners lives in a rural community he hangs on the telephone and knows a terrible lot. A couple of ladies can be trying to talk about the last scandal without mentioning it, and if the hanger-on wants to know more about it, he "chips in" and asks. Finally it comes out, and everybody knows it. A new car or radio makes the second page of the newspaper.

That is one form of "small town stuff," and I, for one, wouldn't be without it. It means invaluable friendships and protection.

Friendship? After all, what could be finer than the friendliness and good will of your neighbors? You all have something in common, and nothing is more soul-satisfying than discussing the little ups and downs with your friends. When you have glad tidings or make some extraordinary accomplishment, you want to tell somebody the first thing. Well, your neighbors are the ones to tell. They are warm

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HOST FEATURES ADDED TO LONG LIST OF EVENTS

Statewide Attention Will Be Focused on Recreated Mining Camp

Following hard on the heels of a week's busy endeavor on the part of local celebration officials came the announcement of a double main event fight card by Mack Lillard a few days ago, and the event, scheduled for 9 p.m. in an open air arena, lumber for which already has been ordered, promises to become one of the main attractions in the evening of the gala affair.

Several of the hottest numbers in southern Oregon boxing circles will be booked for the prelims and two main events and fans of the popular sport are waxing enthusiastic in anticipation of the feature. Lillard has established himself as one of the most able promoters ever to visit this part of the country and is doing his part to make Jacksonville's Gold Rush Jubilee an overwhelming success.

Other features of the long afternoon and night fiesta are being rounded into shape and early this week Ray Wilson, in charge of street entertainment, made arrangements for holding of a kangaroo court depicting legal procedure in vogue 50 years ago. Prominent visitors to the city will be arrested, tried and sentenced by candidates of the county, who will thereby be given an opportunity to display their wares before crowds and at the same time whoop things up a bit for the old town. Fines will be levied in sums of phoney money, which is being printed this week, and ere culprits escape minions of the law they will be remanded to the local bastille to sip near beer and play cards with the jailer. Ways and means of incarcerating prominent for failing to follow the straight and rather narrow path in the city's confines are being considered.

According to Oscar Lewis, in charge of street concessions, applications for space have been pouring in and all of Third street flanking the historic U. S. hotel probably will be occupied.

Clint Dunnington, who has custody of interior decoration in the

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Six-Ton Mill Being Set Up in Applegate

A six to seven-ton daily capacity stamp mill is being set up in the Applegate country a few miles from Applegate store this week by John Enders and Sam Wheeler of Jacksonville for custom work in that section.

A location has been secured by the two on the O'Brien ranch within a few yards of where an old gravel pit borders the highway four miles upstream from John Perroll's store and will make it possible for farmers and ranchers over the hill who have from one to several hundred tons of ore available to recover gold without going to expense of hauling over Jacksonville hill.

The pair have truck equipment and will be in a position to haul as well as work ore for busy producers. Full equipment for saving concentrates, a large item in this country, also will be installed and complete recovery of all valuable minerals is guaranteed. While not engaged in running custom ore Enders and Wheeler expect to run quartz from their own claims nearby.

Erection is underway and operation of the mill, three stamp, full size, is expected within a week. Installation of a custom mill suitable for running small lots, together with facilities for picking up ore, will be a valuable aid to releasing new money in the Applegate and Ruch vicinity and it is expected many mine owners, who have piled a few tons of ore ready for milling, will be able to cash in on labor and time spent and realize returns from rock that has lain idle.