

The Editor Speaking

Upstate newspapers seem to think we put our foot in it when we criticized them for butting into Jackson county affairs.

First of all, the News says we are the noisy exponent of personal journalism. Mebbe so. But what the News, or any other upstate paper doesn't seem to understand is that almost all Jackson county's troubles for the past three years have been of an extremely personal nature and to get at the seat of them one MUST deal in personalities.

We can see no advantage—or justified restraint—in dealing in generalities when it is certain individuals who have been stirring up the mess here. The News evidently can and possibly some years from now we may be able to grasp why.

We are criticized for saying that the behavior of the upstaters "smells of cheap politics and the jingle of money." Perhaps that might have been in poor taste, but we still insist it couldn't have been in any worse taste than some of the insinuations hurled at Jackson county. Their attitude certainly smells of something and Eugene being a college town where citizens are supposed to be well educated, we thought that was putting it in the most charitable way.

We are informed, as if a surprise, that prosecution of perjury in the Banks trial is up to Lane county. We beg the News' pardon. We thought Jackson county had felt justified in taking some interest in seeing that justice was administered at the trial. After all, you know, it was Jackson county which suffered, and still suffers, at the hands of Banks and his cohorts of liars and stealers. We're sorry we forgot ourselves and suggested that those who attempted to make a farce of the Lane county court proceedings should be punished. For the information of the News, however, we'd like to say that Lane county officials WERE consulted about prosecuting perjury, and that it took no less a personage than Governor Meier to get action.

"Perhaps when the fog lifts up out of Jackson county he will see more clearly." Is the concluding clinch to the News' argument. No doubt. But we still feel that we of Jackson county cleared away the fog some months ago, but that it is Lane county and other northern sections that are wandering blindly through the fog as concerns Banks and his activities. They still think of him up there as a benevolent millionaire who lost his all in all in Jackson county and that we merely were scrambling to grab his last remaining crumbs and liberty as the champion of the people was crushed by some terrible gang. That may be a bit acrid, but we have heard that view expressed in Eugene quite frequently.

As a matter of fact, due to there NOT being any fog surrounding Banks here at this time, we all know him for the rogue and high financier he was. If the News could understand how Banks got his first balance in a Medford bank, or how many fruitgrowers he fleeced of their past several years' earnings, or could hear the story of his employees, both newspaper and ranch, who still hold the sack for months and years of salary, possibly the (Continued on page two)

Ranger Students Vie for Honors in Locating 'Mickey Mouse' Fire at Star Forestry School

The Mickey Mouse forest fire on Applegate Tuesday did not throw forth a volume of smoke, so Applegate's fire chasers came within several feet of locating the fire, Jess Townsend winning highest honor with his calculations locating the fire 12 feet from its exact designation. Nevertheless, Ranger Lee Port said that the men did well in their fire detection, considering that the fire was a small red board well hidden behind a log.

Locating the Mickey Mouse fire was one of the many phases of work taken up at the local forest service training school held at the Star Ranger station Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, which was in charge of Norman C. White of Medford, assistant supervisor in charge of fire patrol. The school, attended by 15 men who will be employed in connection with fire prevention on Applegate this summer, is the first of four district schools to be held this month and supplants the annual school usually held at Union Creek. The second school was scheduled to open Thursday on Elk Creek for the Rogue River district. Another will be held at Owen Oregon camp No. 2 at Butte Falls and a joint school for Dead Indian and Fort Klamath will be held at Lake-o'-the-Woods. The new method of conducting district schools was arranged to cut

JUBILEE PLANS SHAPE RAPIDLY AS INTEREST UP

Much Construction to Be Done for Annual Celebration Plans Reveal

One thing will be certain, at least, when Jacksonville stages its second annual Gold Rush Jubilee August 19, and that is that the lumbering industry will have been given no small impetus.

Plans already underway by the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce executive committee will include the purchase, and use, of thousands of board feet of lumber, timbers and flooring in the several construction projects to be undertaken. It was brought out Monday night in a special meeting. An outdoor dancing pavilion, downtown speakers' platform, numerous lounging benches, new flight arena and baseball and rodeo bleachers and corrals, saddling chutes and fencing of the rodeo grounds will require the lumber.

Details of the huge celebration are working out rapidly, it is revealed, and Executive Committee member Ray Wilson announced that several of the concessions for the one big day have been let and that others who wish to contract for space should get their application in early as wide selection will soon be gone. Preference has been given to local concessionaires where they have made application but a tendency to hesitate among some may mean their disappointment, Wilson added. He has plotted all available ground and is ready to allocate space at any time.

Harold Reed, sub-committee member in charge of the rodeo, with the aid of Fred Combest, was present at the meeting and traced plans for the display of horseflesh and horsemanship. All preliminary details relative to chutes, sheds, grandstands, fences and arrangements already have been worked out and an assemblage of expert riders, together with an equally imposing array of wild mounts, was assured.

Those present at the meeting included the Chamber of Commerce president, Oscar Lewis, Ray Wilson, Punk Dunnington, Bob Metzger, Harold Reed, Jim Guin, Mayor Wesley Hartman and Leonard Hall. Lewis, Wilson, Hartman and Hall are members of the jubilee executive committee, as is John R. Knight, who was not present. It was very evident throughout the meeting that these Jacksonvilleans, together with the entire citizenry, are going to work hard and long to make this year's Gold Rush celebration one of the most unique and successful in the history of western cities. A spirit seldom seen even in much larger communities has been displayed by the city dads—and mothers—of the old town and it is a foregone conclusion that Jacksonville's celebration will be most unique and different.

It was decided that committee heads of the chamber would meet henceforth in weekly sessions on Monday nights. Next Monday evening the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held in conjunction. Word was received here that the Yreka Gold Rush celebration, born in that city late last summer as an outgrowth of the tremendous success enjoyed by Jacksonville, would be held September 8, 9 and 10 this year, three weeks after the local jubilee.

Complete poems went for 10 to 30 cents each at a sidewalk sale in Greenwich village. A rhyme for a dime is nearly free verse.—Weston Leader.

A professor asserts that men's garments should be of rainbow colors—which would make it easier to determine whose hue.—Weston Leader.

Ranch Hand Killed As Team Runs Off

Tragedy stalked through a Jacksonville hayfield early Monday morning when Wayne Guiley, employe on the Frank Bybee ranch here, when a team of horses he was driving ran away, pinning him under a wagon wheel and crushing his chest. The accident occurred about 7 o'clock and Guiley died in a Medford hospital about 20 minutes later.

Cliff Cooper, another workman at the Bybee ranch, in a statement to Frank Perl, county coroner, Monday afternoon, told the story of the runaway, revealing that it was a broken line which caused the horses to break and run. Cooper went into the field with Guiley about 7 o'clock to load hay and feed the cows. They were in the north field, Cooper pitching from the ground, and had about 500 pounds of hay on the wagon when the right line broke. The horses, which had already showed signs of nervousness, broke into a wild run. They circled the field twice and on the second time around Guiley tried to climb from the wagon. He was caught in the left line and dragged under the wagon wheel, which rolled over his chest. Guiley had been employed at the Bybee ranch for the past three years and was well known in southern Oregon. He has a father and three brothers at Creswell, who sent a mortician from that city to take charge of the body and return north with it for funeral services there.

The Frank Bybee ranch is located a short distance west of the city limits. There will be no further investigation of the death, Coroner Frank Perl announced late Monday, and no blame was placed.

Tallowbox Lookout Is First to Open

The first lookout post to open for duty this season was Tallowbox with Dean Saltmarsh returning for the summer's vigil Tuesday afternoon. Following the custom of last summer of having a substitute to take charge of the telephone in case the lookout might be needed in fire fighting, Mr. Saltmarsh was accompanied to Tallowbox by his uncle, Ed Saltmarsh, who will remain with him.

With extensive work on telephone lines scheduled for this season, telephone maintenance work began Monday under the supervision of James Carrol of Medford, who has eight of the C. C. Co. boys in his employ. The men began work at the ranger station and expected to repair the line through Beaver creek to Dutchman's peak and Wagner butte. Later portions of the line that are located away from the road will be rebuilt to follow the road to facilitate future maintenance work.

Among new additions to forest service equipment for the summer might be mentioned two mules brought here recently from Silver Lake.

Miner Bargain Days Here for One Week

The Jacksonville Miner, mindful of general conditions and the fact that the time has arrived when many readers will be wanting to renew their subscriptions, this week is announcing a seven-day bargain rate.

Beginning today and continuing through next Saturday, June 23, readers will be able to subscribe for half the annual rate—just 50 cents for a full year, mailed anywhere in the United States. No six-month subscriptions will be accepted at the reduced rate.

Already papers are sent to such far-away places as Honolulu, New York City, New Hampshire, Alabama and other places and it is expected there will be others as a result of this special semi-annual bargain rate who will send the paper regularly to former residents of Jacksonville. Nearly 50 such subscriptions now are on The Miner lists.

Subscriptions will be accepted either by Maude Pool on the Applegate, the Nugget confectionery in Jacksonville, or you may send them direct to The Miner at box 138.

MINERS OFFER THRILL SUNDAY IN CLOSE GAME

Gold Hill Nine Takes Game 6-4—Miners to Play Table Rock Sunday

Playing a brand of baseball that made the outcropping of "I-told-you-so's" hide their derisive banter and root in real loyal fashion for the home-town nine, the Jacksonville Miners delivered the scare of their lives to the fast Gold Hill team on the local diamond Sunday. Final score was 6-4, and the Miners went down only after a brave struggle to tie the score—with the two necessary runners on second and third with but one man out. A double play finished the game.

The Miners had played into a veritable baseball fix for several weeks past and it seemed that every game was destined to have its sloppy innings. Sunday the second inning awarded the Gold Hillers five runs when Pitcher Hess wavered momentarily. His support, however, was such that he regained confidence to confine opponents to but one additional run, most of the time permitting but three batters to face him each inning.

Hammersley for Gold Hill, ace hurler, held the locals down for the early part of the game, but weakened in the eighth when Jacksonville crowded in some bunched hits to begin creeping up on the early lead. It was freely predicted that had the two tying runs been scored, another inning would have given victory to the locals, for they had outplayed the Gold Hillers the last half of the game. There were few errors during the afternoon, with three for the locals and two being charged against Gold Hill.

Hess, Hunsaker, Hall and Ward led the batting for the Miners, with two hits each, Ward getting a two-base clout which launched the batting spree. Hill for Gold Hill started with three hits, while Hittle and Kell each earned two. Box scores, which show how evenly matched the teams were, follow:

Table with 5 columns: Player Name, AB, R, H, E. Rows for Jacksonville and Gold Hill teams.

Summary: Two-base hits—Ward and Force. Bases on balls—Off Hess 5, Hammersley 3. Struck out—By Hess 7, Hammersley 9.

Score by innings: Jacksonville 000 010 012-4 Gold Hill 050 000 100-6 Last Sunday was the first time this season that Manager Beach played his original nine men throughout the entire game. Hess showed remarkable ability to pitch himself out of bad spots and several times forced Gold Hillers to die on base. The Miners displayed, for the first time this year, necessary self confidence and teamwork and a more optimistic outlook is seen for future encounters.

Next Sunday the Miners, intent on victory for a change, will journey to Sams Valley to play the Table Rock aggregation, which has been moving in the same league circles as the locals. There has been little hope received here as to the prowess of the flatrock tribe but the Miners are on their toes and expect to repeat their crack performance of last Sunday. Game will be called for 2 p. m., with players meeting at Coleman's hardware store here Sunday about 12:30 noon.

However, our legal tender money may not be as tender as it is legal.—Weston (Ore.) Leader.

AND ARE WE PROUD!

To the Editor: My attention was called by the Southern Pacific to an article in your issue of May 25th, entitled "Just Trains." This is a beautifully written story and I would like very much to have a copy of this issue to keep, if you can spare one. HUBERT REYNOLDS Lord & Thomas, Advertising San Francisco, Calif.

City Still Dicker With RFC for Sale of Water Bonds

Hope that the United States government will aid in financing purchase of Jacksonville water bonds had not entirely vanished, it was discovered Wednesday, when Mayor Wesley Hartman received another letter from Washington explaining requirements for obtaining Reconstruction Finance Corporation financial aid.

After a consultation with City Attorney H. K. Hanna it was decided that a complete statement of the local water system, its revenues and expenses, together with purpose for which bonds were voted, would be made up and sent to the bureau at the nation's capital.

The drawback that looms, but which could be overcome, it is believed, is that all such projects aided by the R. F. C. moneys must be self-liquidating. That is, they should pay off money loaned from their own revenues and not subject communities to taxation in order to retire the bonds. The local water system is self-liquidating in a sense that it not only supports itself but also turns in enough revenue to the city to retire the voted bonds. A few minor changes may be necessary by city ordinance to fully qualify and further steps hinge on present dickering Mayor Hartman said.

Sale of enough water bonds to install cast iron pipe between the two reservoirs would greatly increase stability and quality of the local water supply and probably would increase revenues during drier months.

She's A Nugget, Boys! Say Dancers in City

They may be used to welding picks and shovels over in Jacksonville all week long in their search for gold, but when Saturday night comes along they're busy at something else again. Through efforts of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce there also is golden melody in them thar hills over the week-ends, and instruments are picked from 9 till 2 a. m. to shovel out some rhythmic dance music, report customers.

The first city to ever arise in the southern Oregon wilderness, Jacksonville also has been the first to furnish week-end dances to hoofers of bygone days. The habit has stayed with the old landmark and today every Saturday night sees festive crowds gather for their round of fun and frolic. This week-end will be no exception, according to the chamber of commerce dance committee, with special music already planned for the evening.

Curfew Shall Ring Tonight, Just As it Has for Nigh Onto Fifty Year Now, Research Reveals

In some cities the street lights are blinked, in others a siren is sounded. But in good old Jacksonville, that venerable old landmark of a day when men were men and the Indians respected their aim, a resonant bell announces the sleepy hour for all youngsters.

Almost a small-town tradition, curfew has been rung faithfully and long here on the edge of a gold laden mountain range and promptly at 9 o'clock each evening Marshal Jim Littell yanks the long rope which spells an end to the day for juveniles. During summer months curfew is at 9; in winter 8 o'clock marks the time when children must be off the streets. Just an old Jacksonville custom and one under which many men and women of coastwide fame were raised.

For at least 30 years past, according to the then Mayor Emil Britt, the present city hall bell has tolled the vanishing hour for youngsters. Made of genuine bell metal, it has faithfully and without failure sent kiddies scampering for cover for all this time—three decades or more.

There are many grown men, some successful, others less so, who have trembled as they heard the clear tones of the bell reverberating from the nearby hills and realized they were due at home lest the big man with the shiny star grab them and escort them to their bed by one ear. Two generations have been sent to their beauty sleep through the aid of the bell and doubtless when the last curfew is sounded for them they will be buried here where they can forever listen to the clear, soothing tones of the village institution.

Of course the city hall bell serves another purpose. It is mounted directly over the fire hall and when some residence, barn or grass-covered yard bursts into flame the volunteer smoke eaters rush to the hall, give the ropes a few lusty jerks and are on their way to the scene of trouble. Few of the fire department members having telephones and no one having particular time to call them

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION SANS COMPETITION

Financial Status District No. 1 Improved Despite Lean Past Season

The annual school board election, which in years past has been known to flare into vehement and highly controversial politics, will be held for the Jacksonville school district, No. 1, next Monday night at 7:30 p. m., announced Mrs. V. J. Beach, secretary.

One position on the board is to be filled. Roy Martin, who states he is not interested in running for reelection, will complete his three-year term as one of the school heads. The position of secretary, also, will be vacant, being a one-year elective office. Mrs. Beach, incumbent, plans to be a candidate for reelection to the post, she intimated last night.

Present members of the school board include Paul Godward, Zola Pick and Roy Martin with Mrs. Beach as secretary. The board has been able to reduce to a great extent all warrant indebtedness and to entirely retire all bonded indebtedness. There are comparatively few outstanding warrants for District No. 1, it was pointed out, making the local school system one of the most stable units in the county. City tax collections, including payment of delinquent taxes, have averaged about 80 per cent for the past fiscal year, with the school district, which includes somewhat greater territory, about the same.

As far as has been learned, there will be little active competition in the race for the school board vacancy and it may be that Martin may be prevailed upon to run for the election again. Indeed, there may not even be a race unless interest increases in the few remaining days before the election.

The election, which generally is quite brief, will be held in a room of the high school building promptly at 7:30 p. m., with Chairman Martin presiding.

A noticeable increase in attendance in the primary and intermediate classes at the Beaver creek Sunday school has resulted from the use of attendance cards during the last quarter. Ties resulted in both classes, Albert Andersen and Marcene McKee of the primary class having a record of attendance for 14 Sundays, and Maurice Byrne and Frances Port of the upper class winning with a total of 15 Sundays. New cards and seals will be used again next quarter.

Lyal Hartman and a friend from Jacksonville were motoring on Beaver creek Sunday, traveling the new forest service road as far as Chapel springs near Silver Fork. They viewed a good portion of the summer's snow supply, and made calculations on how to catch a big buck this October.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knutzen of Albany are spending some time visiting relatives on Applegate.

In Dick Applegate's travelog from Chicago last week he made some comments on the world fair and told how one could call San Francisco for nothing by letting 75 people with ear phones listen in. Dick must not have been around very much, because that happens on Applegate every time you call anybody, there being 19 receivers to the square mile. Then he told how sound waves were scrambled to make a conversation sound like someone eating soup. That's nothing. Every time you go to the phone the ironing and cleaning and chicken hatching from three lines at once all sounds like soup unless you're an experienced eavesdropper.