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Out in Golden Oregon

"They are digging gold in Jacksonville," was a whisper running like a prairie fire through the Oregon Country. That was in 1851-52, when the cry of gold started around the world and the yellow metal was discovered in Jacksonville.

And they are digging gold again in Jacksonville—yes, in the streets and the dooryards of Jacksonville. That and other phases of golden Jackson county were featured in a gathering in Laurelhurst park Portland, Sunday, of former Jackson county people.

One speaker related how an old miner at a recent luncheon in Jacksonville displayed a small bottle of gold dust and nuggets, which he explained, he had dug out of a Jacksonville dooryard that forenoon. The value of his gold was \$7.50, which meant that he had earned a very good wage, even if his mining had been within the city limits of the former county seat of Jackson county.

Gold—it is the thrill of adventure, the antidote for depression, the lure of the ages. The story of gold in Southern Oregon and the romance of those golden days ran through the conversations of the descendants of old pioneer families of Jackson county in the gathering in Laurelhurst park Sunday. Such a gathering! So rich in historic lore, so alive with romantic interest, so thrilled with stories of brave men and intrepid women!

These word pictures were a part of Oregon, but unhappily a land almost apart—a glimpse of Paradise in the shadows of the hills. Their old-time isolation from the rest of Oregon is mirrored in the fact that these Jackson county pioneers in the old days packed in their supplies from Scottsburg on the Umpqua, and later from Crescent City, California. All business was done with San Francisco. The gold went to the mint in San Francisco and to China; it was Oregon gold to add to the fame of California and to the wealth of the mandarins of the Orient.

Northern Oregon did not know that \$120,000,000 of Oregon gold went from Jackson county to enrich the earth, and for which California got the publicity while Oregon got no credit.

Even yet, the southern counties of Oregon are not closely enough knitted to the northern counties of the commonwealth. Some of them through no fault of their own, but because of ancient ties as well as transportation facilities, are closely associated with California.

The Jackson county contingent at the gathering at Laurelhurst park Sunday made appeal for closer union of all Southern Oregon with the old home state. The gathering voted to hold a meeting at The Oaks, Portland, the coming autumn to which should be invited representatives from Coos, Curry, Douglas, Klamath, Josephine, Jackson and Lake, and for all to join in a combined movement for a greater Oregon.

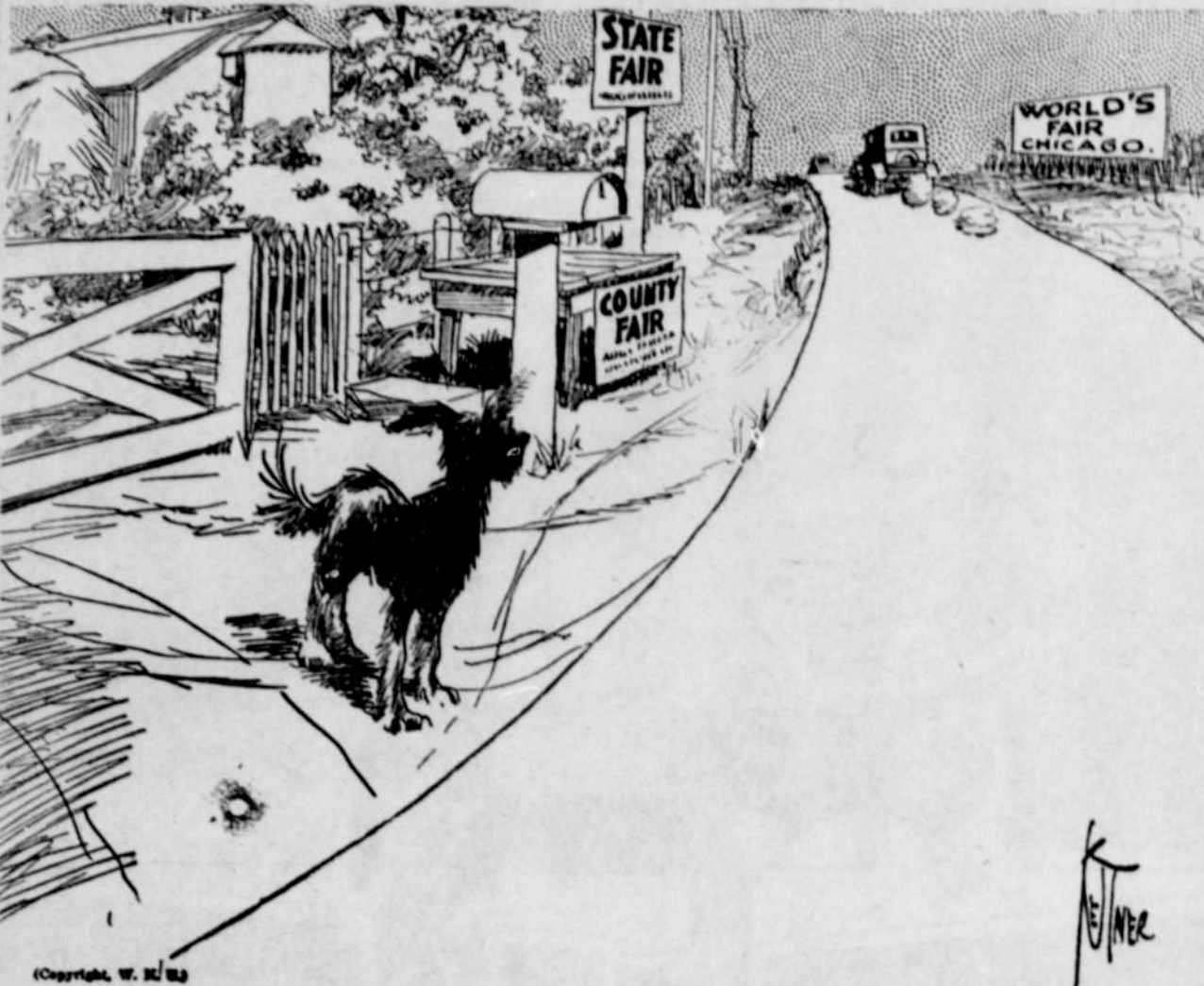
Should not Portland take notice of this proposed meeting and encourage it? Doesn't Portland want Southern Oregon brought closer, especially now that "they are digging gold again in the streets of Jacksonville?"

Speaking of gold, it is a region of Oregon pioneers and descendants who constitute a golden citizenship.

ED. NOTE—This editorial was written by Mr. B. F. Irvine, the blind editor of The Oregon Daily Journal, Portland, Oregon. The speaker referred to above, is Mr. Fletcher Linns' talk, on a recent visit he made in his old home at Jacksonville.

A great storm is reported to be raging on Saturn, but we've so far received no detailed confirmation from that planet.—Weston Leader.

It's Fair Time



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Pernoll Store Second Oldest in County With Name Still Unchanged

People and business may, as a rule, be fickle. The world changes rapidly and constantly, and for this reason a country store, generally regarded as the least of businesses, that has remained under one name since 1881 commands attention.

Great establishments in the larger cities have come and gone, but John Pernoll's store at Applegate has held its ground for more than 52 years, and for 43 years in the present building. Just a country store—and proud of it—Applegate's business house has supplied the matches, the nick-knacks and food-stuffs since the day when wagon trains hauled merchandise from Roseburg before the advent of the railroad.

First established in 1881 by the Grange, John Pernoll Sr. was appointed as storekeeper. As is not infrequent with such cooperative developments, it soon lost united support among its owners—who bickered among themselves, there being too many bosses—and Pernoll took over the establishment on his own about a year later. For the first nine years the store was located one and one-half miles below the present site, where the Pernoll hop yards still yield. After the coming of the railroad in 1884, supplies were hauled from Grants Pass to the community business center. Although for many years stage coaches ran between Crescent City and Jacksonville, the road was on the opposite side of the Applegate river and prevented connections.

In 1900, when John Pernoll Sr. started down that lonesome road that has consumed most of the old settlers, John Pernoll II took over the business. Born in 1877, John Junior had grown up in the country store and had reached his majority when the family responsibilities fell on his shoulders. The same structure still houses the present Applegate store of John Pernoll that sheltered wares for ranchers and miners of the section nearly 50 years ago. Little change has come in the meantime, save for the addition of gasoline pumps, automotive oils, electricity and telephone service.

The young merchant, John Jr., along about the time he assumed his father's business, took a fancy to a schoolmarm who had spent three years in Jacksonville's schools and who moved her capabilities to the Applegate school. She was Miss Lora Couch, easterner from Illinois, until the Applegate storekeeper convinced her the name Pernoll was far more becoming. Many of the most prominent Applegate families were made of like combinations of teachers and young men of the section.

The Applegate store, second only

to Brown and Sons at Eagle Point, for faithful adherence to the business' original name, rests almost at the foot of Tallowbox mountain some 20 miles from Jacksonville—where the highway crosses Applegate river, and is within a short distance of towering Greyback mountain, which rises more than 7000 feet and still carries a cresting blanket of snow.

The Pernoll hop yards, planted 29 years ago, look forward to the heaviest crop in many years at one of its best prices—50 cents a pound. Production is expected to reach a total of 40,000 pounds, and prices in the past have ranged from four to 75 cents a pound. Last year the hops brought 11 cents. It is Jackson county's only hopyard and is managed by B. M. Clute for the Pernoll estate.

EXTENSION SERVICE ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Some misunderstanding seems to exist in respect to the amount of wheat that farmers in Oregon can grow under the wheat production control plan, says the Oregon Agricultural Extension service, which has been asked by the secretary of agriculture to assist in the education phases of the wheat plan.

"Although the domestic allotment for each state and each county is set at approximately 54 per cent of the average 1928-1932 production, it is not correct to assume that no more wheat can be grown even if all wheat growers sign up," explains the extension service. "The 54 per cent allotment is the amount upon which cash adjustment payments are available, but each farmer who agrees to cooperate, in the plan can produce up to his previous average less only the cut set by the secretary of agriculture."

The amount of the cut cannot be over 20 per cent. In other words, a grower will be able to raise somewhere between 80 and 100 per cent of his average farm production as determined by the allotment committee of the county wheat production control association, but adjustment payments will be available only on the allotment portion of 54 per cent of his average production.

Just what the acreage cut will be for next harvest will not be known until it is announced by the secretary of agriculture on August 24. The reduction for the 1935 harvest will not be known until some time next year, the extension service says.

Also, the ragman's business is picking up.—Weston Leader.

An Intangible Asset

Do we really appreciate Jacksonville, our quaint, picturesque little neighbor with its quiet ways, friendly spirit, sequestered gardens and serene structures, and last but not most important, its heritage of tradition as the second oldest city in the state of Oregon? Men and women of this age and perhaps especially those of the far west, are inclined to value things above thoughts, the material rather than the intangible. Jacksonville represents the latter.

As part of the "last frontier" Oregon has Astoria in the north and Jacksonville in the south to look to for that untouchable but nevertheless real asset, something which no money can purchase, which cannot possibly be borrowed, and which can only remain ours through recognition and appreciation.—Jeunesse Butler.

Once too often, Ace Hudkins played the deuce.—Weston Leader.

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