

The Editor Speaking

Next Wednesday night the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first of a series of soirees...

Music, free lunch, free beer and program will be featured and the entire affair is being launched for two distinct purposes...

Every citizen of Jacksonville, and particularly those who are members of the chamber of commerce, should make it a point to attend next week's soiree...

The chamber of commerce is to be commended for making a determined effort to overcome the many obstacles which have thrust themselves in its path...

Tuesday evening the Yreka Miners, some 100 strong, paraded the streets of Medford...

Yrekans are to be congratulated for uniting to successfully put over their Gold Rush publicity stunts...

However, Yrekans are not without their troubles. Last year fellows of the Jacksonville Jubilee suffered whispered rumors...

Seems funny, at that, that people who work days and weeks gratis get nothing in return for their civic efforts...

At the time this column was written, Henry Ford had still been hiding in canvas-covered trailers...

Henry, however, always has been a bit off when it came to public affairs and politics. As if it were not enough for the automotive genius to saddle his old model T's onto the world...

Those who may still be in doubt as to Henry Ford's lack of sincerity and his egotistic selfishness have but to look at his dealers to see the real side of the man...

TOWN SOLID IN SUPPORT OF NRA RECOVERY CODE

To Canvass for Consumer Members Late in Week; The Miner Signs

President Roosevelt's call for patriotic support of his NRA recovery plans has met with complete response in Jacksonville...

Although in a small community like Jacksonville there was no great increase in employment, local merchants have assumed their share of the obligation to bring back solid business recovery...

With the signing up of The Jacksonville Miner early this week, the list of local business firms pledging support on the increased wage-shorter work day basis is complete...

Sentiment here seems to be wholeheartedly behind the president and Administrator Johnson, although Jacksonville normally is a republican community...

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The pioneers will gather at the Civic house in Ashland at noon for a basket lunch, followed by a program of speakers and music...

While times are undeniably getting better, there are still millions of people unable to attain their objectives unless, like Gandhi, they could do so by fasting...

'Steamboat' to Amble Over Grants Pass Way

Let 'em buck! And will there be bucking at the Josephine county fair next week-end when Ranger Lee Port gets his wild mule, Steamboat, on the scene...

Ranger Port said this week that he has joined forces with Frank Woolridge and Dick Richmond, well known sponsors of snappy rodeos...

Steamboat has a fast and furious reputation locally and is expected to give blase Grants Pass fair-goers something worse than a nightmare. It will be remembered that Steamboat recently subdued Bill Knutzen, a star rider at the Jacksonville rodeo...

\$10 Prize Offered Namer of Greatest Number Pioneers

Ten round, silver dollars will be awarded the person who can name the greatest number of pioneers pictured in an old photograph which came to light the other day...

The picture was dug up by Jim Cantrall's uncle, Andrew Cantrall, and shows 112 members of southern Oregon's real pioneer stock and was taken about 1895...

Such old-timers as Issie McCully, Judge Colvig and others, including V. J. Beach—then a babe in arms—and many more are shown and, when Shangle completes the two enlargements ordered by Tou Velle, will be distinct and very recognizable to those who were familiar with the old timers who formed the foundation for the county which has grown and prospered since that early date...

Those who wish may enter the contest by merely scanning the photographs, said Judge Tou Velle yesterday. Pioneers in the picture now living will be chosen as judges to pass on accuracy of entries...

Mill Site Deed Given Mine Co. by C of C

Deed to property located within the city of Jacksonville, on which the Jacksonville Gold Mining Company, Limited, had erected a mill more than a year ago, was ordered delivered to the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Monday night...

The mine company had been offered free site provided they erected and operated a gold mill for a 12-month period and provisions of the agreement having been carried out, the chamber membership voted to clear title to the land. Other business matters handled by the body included the inauguration of a combination free lunch with beer entertainment eliminating in a dance in the old U. S. hotel had tentatively set for next Wednesday night...

A suggestion that the Gold Rush Jubilee committee incorporate for \$10,000 was discussed favorably, but no action was taken. The next regular chamber meeting will be Monday night, September 18, at 7:30 p. m. in the old U. S. hotel room, announced President Oscar Lewis at conclusion of the special gathering...

Applegate Fires Take Heavy Toll

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home of Mrs. Kate Hyde below Provolt early last week, making the third fire in that vicinity in the last four weeks. Mrs. Hyde was unable to save any of her household possessions, and now is remaining with her daughter, Mrs. Cliff Smith near Ruch...

A double loss came to Mrs. Alice Rexford Monday, when a barn and 40 tons of hay burned on her ranch while only a short time before her garage and granary were destroyed by fire...

JACKSONVILLE MINERS TO GET WORLD GOLD PAY

Additional 50 Per Cent Rise Arrives; Godward Offers World Price Rate

For years gold, that romantic yellow metal that founded this great western empire, has been regarded as one of the most valuable of common metals. But the past few days have seen this mineral advance in price in the United States almost 50 per cent. As a result G. W. Godward, a local gold buyer, looks forward to a season of greatly renewed mining activity in this section...

The world price, which fluctuates some 50 per cent above the price set by the government, has been made available by action of President Roosevelt in lifting the embargo on exportation of gold and gold concentrates, Godward said. Price paid in Jacksonville averages about \$17 an ounce for placer gold in its native state as found here. The refined product, however, brings slightly more than \$20 an ounce and under the world market level will approach \$30 refined.

Godward has been buying gold at the old price of \$17 an ounce this week but has been issuing a receipt covering each transaction and when returns from the San Francisco mint are made will pay the spread allowed by world markets. The greater price fluctuates from day to day and the government has made arrangements to sell each shipment on the domestic market or foreign market when there is no domestic demand at the current price...

About two weeks elapse between shipping and final returns, said Godward yesterday, who has bought the precious metal here for many years. Although gold receipts in the Jacksonville store have dropped off somewhat during the dry months, August purchases totaled more than \$2300, slightly under the \$100 per day average established when water was available...

Godward estimates he buys approximately one-third of the gold mined in and around Jacksonville, Applegate, Sterling and Ruch sections. The larger producers ship their own product. Offering of the world gold price by Uncle Sam, however, has added the necessity for all shippers of precious metal to make affidavits as to time and location of all mining activities, the local buyer explained.

Wrestling Cards to Be Resumed on Thursday

Promoter Mack Lillard's armory wrestling cards, which have proved so popular in southern Oregon, will be resumed next Thursday night, September 21, according to word reaching Medford this week. The sport shows, which have attracted hundreds weekly to some of the northwest's best cards, were suspended for this week due to Lillard's staging of a boxing show at the Elks stag picnic on the regular wrestling night, but the grapplers will go back on regular schedule next week, Lillard said. Although matches have not yet been announced, a topnotcher on a par with Portland shows is being anticipated by local fans. Low prices have prevailed the past season and have popularized the armory exhibitions, will now start at 8:30 p. m. sharp.

Most everything has its compensations, so Louis Straube has a leave of absence from work for three weeks and enjoys numerous visitors and phone calls of inquiry as a result of sustaining a dislocated right shoulder Saturday morning...

Yowsuh! A 60-Cent Nugget, Says Marine

Officers, recruits, cooks, in fact the entire staff at Camp Applegate was startled almost beyond redemption recently when Joe Oswald located the largest gold nugget ever found by a Brush Marine—60 cents.

Mr. Oswald and Sergeant Chas. Seyler are the outstanding wielders of the gold pan, and spend every spare moment in search of their fortune. A gold strike that would push a murder off the front page is expected any day.

Yrekans Save Close Shaves for Visitors as Gold Rush Nears

Of all the freaks ever worn by man or beast, it is alleged by an eyewitness that the bizarre beards of the Yreka Miners—grown in preparation for this week-end's Gold Rush—challenge any classification. Cut-away models, pretzel-like designs with a 3.2 twirp, sideburns as are sideburns, handlebar creations and whiskbroom accomplishments are merely the lowlights of the display.

Yrekans, it is explained, are not attempting to ambush themselves but are desirous of making visitors to their celebration realize just why the olden, golden days are referred to as the most colorful part of American history. The whiskers also will reveal to an awakened public the hardships of pioneer woman—and show what stubble-like privations she had to endure in the name of rascullinity. The be-timbered cheeks and chins will bring home the realization that Grandma was a noble, enduring soul, else there never would have been a next generation to ape the old folks.

So, just to prove they are as masculine as the founders of their proud city, Yrekans have cultivated hairy raiment in no modest manner. The womenfolks, too, will be displaying a hardiness and perseverance equal to that of any pioneer mother when she tolerates her present-day man about the house all decked out in a tin-type tea strainer.

Whiskers, however, will be far from the main attraction—or distraction—at Yreka's Gold Rush Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. They merely are side-lights—little peeks into the vanities of Grandpap. The big show will come when these bearded throwbacks to gold rush days get going on their appointed celebration tasks—which include a rounded lifetime of pioneer fun in three too-short days.

Camp Applegate to Survive Winter Is Official Word Here

By MAUDE POOL Camp Applegate has received information from the district headquarters at Medford that it will become a permanent winter camp. Captain B. B. McMahon said a few days ago. With construction starting on new buildings early next week, the entire company will move from tents into permanent structures with the arrival of cold weather.

Although the majority of the Brush Marines will reenlist for the coming six months period starting October 1, those who do not enroll will be discharged September 30 and will return to school or jobs.

An extensive construction program is outlined, Captain McMahon said, including four wooden barracks, each to house 52 men, a drying room, an infirmary building, a forestry building and an administration building. The present mess hall will have a top flooring to cover the floor already in use and both mess hall and bath house will have an outside covering of tarp paper. All of the space between the ground and floor of the mess hall will be covered with wood. The low temperatures of these September mornings and evenings has caused a Sibley stove to be placed in each tent.

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BEER SOIREE TO COME TO LIFE ON WEDNESDAY

Free Dutch Lunch, Beer Part Social Event for Next Wednesday Eve

By R. CLAY CHAPPELL It's many a long year since the once familiar word "soiree" gladdened the hearts of amusement lovers of old Jacksonville and southern Oregon.

So long it is since it heralded its glad tidings that mayhap there are some of us who do not know the meaning of even the pronunciation of "soiree." If so let us ask grandma or grandpa or any of the real old timers. How the old folks' eyes will brighten and sparkle as they recall those happy social gatherings of yesteryear. Then they will tell us that we should call the word "saw" ('a' as in art) ray" and that it means "a pleasant social evening." And how our toes will tingle and our throats tickle and our mouths water as they describe those "pleasant social evenings"—ray dances, sparkling beverages, delicious viands, and an all-pervading spirit of good fellowship and friendliness and sociability all blending into one glorious medley of clean and wholesome fun.

And then somebody's grandma will take a sly dig at us moderns by adding truculently, "You know we young folks were different in those days. We didn't act up like they do today and we weren't stuck up either."

Of course grandma is right about the old timers having such enjoyable social times but she is decidedly wrong in thinking that the great big majority of folks today, young or old, aren't just as wholesome and social and just as great lovers of good clean fun as was grandma and her pals.

Human nature, after all, hasn't changed much down through the ages and, given the opportunity, we too can be sociable and friendly and get even more kick out of a social evening than grandma did and yet behave ourselves. At least, that's the conviction of those members of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce who are sponsoring the revival of soirees in Jacksonville.

The idea of giving a series of these affairs was unanimously o-k'd at Monday night's meeting and already a committee is busily at work preparing for the grand kick-off next Wednesday evening. Of course dancing will be the main feature of the soirees but just as an added attraction there will be a quaint German beer garden, free dutch lunch will be provided for guests throughout the evening and from time to time other features will be added.

Masters Visit IOOF Hall, Museums Here

F. Boeken, grand master of California I. O. O. F., H. Jamison, grand marshal, California I. O. O. F., and W. H. Wadtko, past grand of California, dropped over to visit Oregon's oldest active I. O. O. F. lodge and hall last Saturday while enroute to Portland from California points.

The party spent several hours inspecting the local Odd Fellows lodge, which utilizes the oldest lodge building still in use in Oregon, and various museums and points of interest. They expressed pleasure at the historic exhibits of the old town and intimated to Ray Wilson, who acted as guide for the trio, they would plan a longer stay at some future date.

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S'MATTER POP—Soft Soap



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