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The Editor Speaking

The recent sea disaster has been blamed on everything, to date, but drunken driving.

When a man speeds down the highway he misses most of the scenery. When he dashes through life in a hurry he misses most of life's scenery, too.

Which reminds us that the fellow who speeds down a road so fast he misses most of the scenery will be lucky to miss all of it.

Like a bar of candy, a little nuttiness helps all of us.

Then there are those critics who claim regimentation is vexation without representation.

Workmen have been busy this week repairing the Pear City's gutters. Nothing, apparently, is too good for Medford's drunks.

With the New Deal winning its campaign in a strategic state, we anticipate an election slogan this fall of "Remember the Maine."

If the Applegate Brush Marines who left for a fire 30 seconds after the alarm was turned in keep this up, Ranger Port will have to train them in the art of stomping out "carelessly thrown cigarets," instead of fighting the resultant blaze.

Voliva, who predicted the end of the world September 10, has moved up the date an even eight years. He may have saved the world for a time, but it probably will be held against him before the winter is over.

Moore Hamilton, the marrying editor of the Medford News, now owes a mistreated couple a journalistic divorce by claiming it was a typographical error.

It relieves the taxpayer's roll for Uncle Sam to play the relief roll to the relief roll.

"Blessed is the taxpayer, if it be more blessed to give than to receive," says Clark Wood of the Western Leader. However, we always thought the poor taxpayer was getting it from all sides.

Upton Sinclair claims he will abolish poverty in California, but we suspect that campaign promise is directed at the poor fish.

Judging from drought reports, no doubt a poor farmer in the corn belt might properly be called a corn-pauper.

If the dead past would bury its dead, many could live better.

People who always "point with pride" forget they shouldn't point in public.

Mr. Hoover has had a lot to say lately about the New Deal, but there probably are readers of his articles who will remember when Mr. Hoover told us there was no panic and that the stock market collapse of 1929 bore no national significance.

However, a broken heart is no reason why a person should act half-cracked.

"This job of chimney cleaning may not please the boss," said The Miner printer's devil this week, "but it sure soots me."

Jacksonville Is Well Represented at C-C Picnic in Portland

The old town of Jacksonville may be merely historic now and several paces behind its modern neighbors, but it speaks for itself in the names of prominent ex-southern Oregon residents listed by the Portland Oregonian who had been invited to the picnic of the Southern Oregon society to be held in Portland last Sunday.

Col. Robert A. Miller, uncle of Vivian Beach of this city, is president of the society. Former Jacksonville residents who were invited, some of whom were to speak, are: B. F. Irvine, B. B. Beekman, Joseph Hammersley, K. K. Kubli and John A. Jeffrey. B. F. Mulkey, formerly of Gold Hill, also was listed. The picnic was to be an all-day event at Peninsula park and it is proposed to make the gathering an annual affair for Portland.

Concerning it the Oregonian says: "The Portland Chamber of Commerce is particularly interested in this picnic because of its recent good-will excursion into southern Oregon," commented Walter W. R. May, manager of the chamber, yesterday. "A considerable number of southern Oregon folk are coming to the picnic as a gesture of returning the compliment for our trip to the Medford pageant."

SCHOOL WHEELS TURN AS STUDES BEND TO STUDIES

Highschool Rental Library Started to Eventually Eliminate Book Buying Expense for Students

School bells pealed out Monday morning, and more than 200 youngsters of District No. 1 peeled of summer play togs and trudged toward the red brick building to don their knowledge harness. Attendance for this semester is about same as last year, with 83 students enrolled in upper grades, 36 of them being tuition attendants, or students outside this district, while grade school opened to an enrollment of 141 children.

Principal M. E. Coe voiced the opinion that high school attendance may reach 90 in a few weeks when fruit employment has tapered off. Twenty-one little tots entered first grade here this year, with 18 registered in second grade. Third grade accommodated 18, while the fourth grade saw 19 members arrive. Fifth and sixth grades tied with 15 each, while seventh grade boasted 19. Eighth grade class comprised 16 members.

A new feature this year at the high school, according to Coe, is the school book rental library being established, which saves students a sizeable sum in the purchase of some texts. Although started on a comparatively small scale, the library is planned to develop into a textbook rental service that will, in a few terms, provide all high school students with texts which will cost them only nominal rentals, sufficient to replace books when obsolete or worn. All books are furnished to graders.

MARBLE CORNER LEASE TO SALLY COLE MEANS START OF REMODELING, ADDITION

Preparation of lease for the Marble Corner by S. E. Dunnington to Miss Sally Cole of Medford was expected to be underway late this week, it was learned yesterday. Miss Cole, a Medford and Portland businesswoman, seeks long-time lease on the building, which she plans to transform into southern Oregon's most individual sandwich shop and beer parlor.

Plans being drawn by owners call for new masonite dance floor, the tearing out of a partition, redecorating and renovating of the building, installation of plumbing and the erection of a kitchen, with work expected to be started within next few days. Harold Reed, operator of the Marble Corner since death of Tom Reed, plans to sell his stock to Miss Cole. No definite date for vacation of the property in favor of the lessee has been set as yet, though improvement work will not be delayed.

Miss Cole also operates the Gnome Inn in Medford, and was attracted to Jacksonville by historic interest of the old town, which she feels will lend itself to her new enterprise.

HIGH-HANDED INSULT GIVEN FIRE COMPANY BY POWER OCTOPUSSES

A mean dig and a downright display of ignorance, or something, was handed Volunteer Fire company No. 1, of Jacksonville, Jacksonville county, Oregon yesterday when Division Accountant J. D. Ross wrote Fire Chief Ray Wilson that he was unable to locate the Jacksonville fire company.

"We have a light deposit to refund and if you'll advise us as to the present whereabouts of the Jacksonville fire company, we'll be glad to return the dough," or words to that effect, wrote Ross, who had better look out, as a dozen-odd stalwart volunteer firemen are out for his scalp.

"Imagine," burned up one volunteer, "a guy asking us where the Jacksonville fire company went to. Somebody sure had a short-circuit at Copco that time!" (Ross: You know how to silence the press, but look out for the smoke-eaters.)

Gold Production Soars As Local Buyer Tops Record with \$1000 Day

A year ago \$1000 in gold bought over his counter in an entire week was quite a something, according to G. W. Godward, local merchant and handler of the metal. But Saturday Mr. Godward had purchased more than a thousand dollars worth of gold by mid-afternoon to set a new high one-day record.

A very noticeable increase in amount and quality of gold has developed recently, said Godward, and local miners who have tunneled into some of the town's richest placer ground have done much to boost the increase. Back and front yards and nearby prospect holes account for practically all of the returns, although some of the increase is due to the fact that Wilmer Bailey of Gold Hill has started marketing his poke in Jacksonville. Average price paid over the counter is \$28 per ounce for the native metal.

Chamber Commerce Dance Proceeds to Coffman's Benefit

Proceeds from last Saturday night's chamber of commerce dance in the U. S. hotel were donated to a special benefit fund for Mr. and Mrs. Ike Coffman of this city through cooperation of the chamber and orchestra members, under direction of Carl F. Larson, who donated salaries as their share. Secretary Joe B. Wetterer early this week turned over \$48.25 to Mr. Coffman, who has been acting as floor manager for some time. The recent death of Warren Coffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Coffman, occasioned the benefit.

Fellow employees and friends of Warren Coffman at Pacific States mine also contributed to a benefit pool last week which was donated to his parents. Young Coffman's untimely death Monday, September 3, was a tragedy which touched deeply his many friends and neighbors.

A rolling home likewise gathers no moss.—Weston Leader.

PACIFIC STATES TO SINK SECOND WINZE FEW DAYS

Plan Shipment of Carload Concentrates Every Two Weeks; May Run Mill 24 Hours A Day Soon, Says Mine Supt. H. G. Mitchell

With workmen below 100 foot level on winze in No. 18 tunnel cutting out sump for a station, another crew has been busy mucking out a cave-in about 350 feet farther into the mountain preparatory to sinking a second winze to depth, cleaning out more than 700 cars of muck caved from an old stope. Started as an exploration of lower depths, No. 1 winze has proven so encouraging that mine operators plan much activity below level of No. 18. Both shafts are a continuation of manways downward from ore chutes which had been wholly or partially worked out years ago when the Opp mine was in early operation.

With an augmented crew of 35 men employed in two shifts underground and at mill, Pacific States plans to ship a carload of concentrates every two weeks. A 22-ton car was dispatched for smelter last Saturday, while oil flotation units have been busy churning out values from 60 tons of crushed ore each day to produce about two tons of concentrates, averaging an 80 per cent recovery of gold, according to workmen and assayers.

Mine Superintendent H. G. Mitchell and Foreman Miller hope to be able to operate ball mill three eight-hour shifts a day soon, putting the mine on an even more extensive basis for continued production. Officials stated this week that, although three crews are working on development underground while but one crew is engaged in getting out ore, the mine is on a paying basis, making better than all running expenses, including non-productive development.

H. G. Myers, president of Northwest Brokers, Inc., affiliated with development of Pacific States, and J. J. Kamerman, an associate, arrived in Jacksonville last week to look over the property. Though Kamerman left over the week-end, Myers has remained for a short time, and has expressed great satisfaction with conditions at the mine. "Particularly gratifying to me," said Myers shortly after his arrival from Boise, Idaho, "is progress made and quantity and value of concentrates being recovered."

For about a year the mine has made rapid strides toward being a steady producer, and recent discovery of an underground flow of water in No. 1 shaft has enabled operators to run mill two shifts a day. A distinct water shortage had curtailed operations before workmen blasted into the flow.

According to the East Oregonian, "Clark Wood says it is just too bad when Niagara falls; it would be tough if Weston had no Wood."

ROGUE RIVER ONCE NAMED 'ROUGE' BECAUSE OF RED

According to the Sheridan, Oregon, Sun, original name of the Rogue river was "Rouge," so named by early French settlers who noted its reddish color. Unfamiliarity with such an adornment as rouge at that time resulted in a corruption of the name to rogue, which very apparently has stuck.

Although the reddish tinge to Rogue river may not be very noticeable in Jackson county, still there were several local fishermen who last Sunday saw red quite plainly when a lot of window-shopping steelhead failed to heed their sales talks to "swat that fly."

Mystery Metal Found On Applegate Stumps Assayers and Miners

A mysterious, magnetic metal has been discovered on Applegate about 16 miles from Jacksonville which has baffled several southern Oregon chemists and assayers for classification or definition. The metal, found in small, flaky particles, is of gunmetal gray color and has been located in a mountainous area covering a strip a half mile wide by about three-quarters of a mile in length.

According to Wesley Blacet, discoverer of the metal who has ground under mineral lease, samples of the undefinable material have been driven into case-hardened steel and is indestructible to all ordinary effort. Gas-burning assay furnaces do not develop enough heat to fuse the metal, while the hardest steel will not chip or break the small particles which Blacet has been finding in his gold pan. The mysterious metal appears in oxidized quartz, native rock and dirt, but not in placer ground, indicating that it is not of meteoric origin.

Blacet, a prospecting engineer, has spent a month prospecting on Applegate and comes here from Pomona, Calif. His interest in the metal was heightened when mineralogists and miners were at a loss to identify or classify the samples. Each particle, though exactly alike in shape and character, varies in size, largest not more than an eighth of an inch in length, narrow and thin. Blacet has succeeded in driving the flakes into steel rails, hard file handles, flat irons and other generally impetrable materials without as much as denting his samples. The metal is peculiarly magnetic, being attracted to non-magnetized steel, and repulsed by copper. It is found along with gold and black sand.

Prospector Blacet planned to show samples of his metal, which has a specific gravity of between 14 and 15, to assayers and mineralogists of Pacific States mines this week in his effort to properly classify his find, and to determine whether it bears any commercial value. So far as is known, the peculiar material has never before been noted in southern Oregon, according to old-timers.

Blacet, as a last resort, is planning to consult a ouiji board or the stars in an effort to determine what his peculiar find really is.

LADY PIANIST TO FEATURE SUNDAY NIGHT'S MEETING

Mrs. Arduth Taylor Blair will be guest artist of Mr. L. M. Seltzer Sunday night at the regular meeting in the former Norris store building here, the evangelist said this week. Mrs. Blair, a pianist of technique and knowledge of the intricate phases of piano playing, will render four special numbers for those present.

Mr. Seltzer, who has been holding meetings five nights a week in the store room, invites all to attend and to enjoy the programs.

The roaring, rip-smorting good old days of '49 will live again on September 14, 15 and 16 when the third Yreka Miners Gold Rush celebration is held at Yreka, Calif. This little city of Siskiyou county, in the heart of the mountains and the mining industry, has made elaborate plans to hold the greatest celebration since the forming of the Yreka Miners association three years ago, and extends to all its neighbors to the north, south, east and west a cordial invitation to join in the celebration, visit Yreka and enjoy the many entertainment features which have been provided for this great occasion.

With all of the citizens of Yreka in the miner garb and old-time clothes of the days of '49; windows displaying the relics of the good old days; cowboys riding through the dust-covered streets; and the occasional roar of a six-shooter; the din, noise, music and lights of the gambling halls—the visitor will truly feel that he has dropped into an old mining town of days that are gone, but will always be remembered, as they played such an important part in the establishing of our two great western states—California and Oregon.

Gambling hall, street stunts, music, fun, frolic will hold forth all three days of the celebration, with baseball games, parades and many other special features and contests adding to the program.

C-C WORK SENDS WATER FLOWING INTO RESERVOIR

Cleanup of Springs and Construction of Flume Send Needed Flow of Fluid Into Little Pond

After a summer of simmering, thirsty consumption of an unrelieved water supply which now has reached an exceedingly low ebb, Jacksonville's chamber of commerce officials decided something should be done about the situation and Monday sent a crew of three men into the watershed to clean up and conserve water from several springs. First half days work resulted in the uncovering of a heartening flow of water while later this week a steady stream of the scarce thirst-quencher started on its way to the service reservoir.

Although PWA officials announced Jacksonville's request for \$10,000 loan and \$3000 grant had been okehd some time ago, legal red tape has been tying up actual arrival of the money while the city continued to watch a dwindling water supply disappear at an uncomfortable rate. Local officials and chamber of commerce members had been hopeful that funds for installation of new pipeline between large and service reservoirs, and for development of water, would be forthcoming soon enough to help solve late summer's fire protection and domestic water problem, but have been disappointed in the numerous delays and technicalities. So Secretary Joe B. Wetterer, Duke Lewis, President Punk Dunnington, Ray Wilson and other chamber leaders got their heads together and decided anything was better than sitting around with parched lawns and an unsatisfactory water supply while several springs dotting the watershed sent their contributions in misguided directions.

Several springs above the now famous "dyke" have been cleaned and their flow diverted into v-trough to a permanent pickup dam near the Norling fork in upper Jackson creek road, where water follows a by-pass to connect with pipeline to the small reservoir. Although the flow will be insufficient to serve the city's restricted needs, it will prolong actual shut-off somewhat and provide a steady stream of water into the storage tank which, a few summers ago, was filled by truck from Medford. The chamber's work will eliminate any such necessity, it was said. It was pointed out that, had this conservation of the already uncovered flow taken place early this summer, Jacksonville would not now be facing as serious a water shortage.

Dan'l (Boone) Shuss, Axel Lundgren and Emil Roseman made up crew hired by the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, which is using revenue from its weekly dances for the work. There may be other development carried on later near site of present effort, according to Secretary Wetterer, who has long cherished dreams of plenty of water for the city's needs from present reservoir as a result of proper development and conservation work.

Copco Movies to Be Shown at Applegate

The Copco motion picture reels of Medford's Diamond Jubilee will be shown at Applegate hall tonight during the open meeting of the Grange here. C. R. Bowman, county school superintendent, will be present and will talk on the tax limitation bill. The public is cordially invited to this meeting, which will end with a social evening. The Grange is devoting one session each month to an open meeting for the public.

ALBERT HECKERT CHOSEN NEW SATURDAY DEPUTY

Albert Heckert, local resident, has been chosen by city officials as special Saturday night deputy marshal to assist in proper policing of local dances, salary to be paid by the chamber of commerce, which sponsors the affairs.

Heckert started in his new capacity last week-end, during which time no disorder and practically no boisterousness was in evidence, according to residents. Although the usual large crowd was present, dancers were more than ordinarily well behaved, what with ample law to keep a weather eye out for the few unruly who sometimes discredit an entire dance crowd.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to friends who were so generous in their kindness and sympathy during loss of our son and brother, Warren Coffman, and for the many flowers. Particularly do we want to thank the boys at Pacific States mine and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce for their thoughtfulness.

MR. AND MRS. IKE COFFMAN AND FAMILY.

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By C. M. Payne

