

Slants on the Folks

By M.E.P.
 Floyd McKee convinced several Tuesday that he can't fiddle a moon song now because it's the dark of the moon.
 W. H. McDaniel and James O'Brien engineered a major bridge project during the week-end.
 Albert Anderson's goldfish does an esthetic dance number every morning when he isn't dodging marbles.
 Junior Pernoll, armed with a self-styled automatic, was on a bear hunt in the back yard Saturday, and so was unable to attend an important business meeting at the civic center. Neither was Aubrey Taylor able to attend that day owing to flat tires and being at outs with walking.
 Henry Kubli, intent on the trail of a batch of gold for some time, last saw the clew leading the way of a soap bubble.
 Richard McKee has assumed all the dignity of young manhood that is possible at four, and announced he would do his voting with his pocket knife.
 Elvis Offenbacher walked the woodshed roof with a marked degree of success Saturday.

High Prospector

Jacksonville High School

JACKSONVILLE STUDENTS JOIN IN C. E. RALLY

A large group of Jacksonville students attended the Christian Endeavor rally at Phoenix November 2, 1934. A covered dish luncheon was served and an interesting talk was given afterward on the goal of Endeavorers. Since Jacksonville had the largest number of representatives, they won the shield which is to be kept until the conference which is to be held at Grants Pass November 16, 17 and 18.

Those who attended the rally were: Avadna Ayres, Russell Ayres, Winfred Backes, Maxine Boone, Vyron Bostwick, Roger Card, Vivian Card, Coretha Churchill, Dixie Churchill, Eleanor Clark, Margaret Edens, Chester Flitcroft, Lucille Flitcroft, Simon Johnson, Mrs. Roy Martin, Bud Mitchell, Marcella Mitchell, Mrs. Martha Mitchell, Lula Metzger, Madeleine Metzger, Mr. W. J. Nee, Albert and Ernest Olson and Eunice Sanden.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The secondary school's athletic association held a conference at Central Point Saturday, drawing up a schedule for the ensuing year. With the gymnasium nearing completion the boys are very anxious to start practicing. The turn-out this year is expected to be promising. Under the guidance of the coach, Mr. Joe Nee, Jacksonville will flash a small but fast team.

First conference game of the season will be at Central Point December 14. This is expected to be one of the hardest games of the season. The other games on the schedule are as follows:
 Dec. 18—Rogue River, there.
 Jan. 8—Talent, at Jacksonville.
 Jan. 11—Phoenix, there.
 Jan. 18—Gold Hill at Jacksonville.
 Jan. 25—Central Point, at Jacksonville.
 Feb. 1—Rogue River at Jacksonville.
 Feb. 8—Talent, there.
 Feb. 15—Phoenix, at Jacksonville.
 Feb. 23—Gold Hill, there.

FOND IN THE DIGGIN'S
 1. A junior boy giving a teacher an "awfully" big smile.
 2. Seen: The junior debating teams carrying voting pamphlets from class to class.

Yeh, It's Bill



The daring young man with the flying trapeze—er, handlebar mustache—is none other than Bill (William) Hodson, Jacksonville's blacksmith who set up shop under a spreading locust tree, just to be different. Two weeks ago we told you he was the first man to introduce motor cars to southern Oregon, and he was. We said he was the first man to drive an automobile to the rim of Crater Lake, and he was him, too. And we also warned that Bill is the guy who built the first bridge over Union Creek which permitted auto travel over that stream, and he was.

But of even more interest than that is the story of how Bill happened to have the above photograph taken and the copper half-tone made of it back in 1908 by the Oregonian newspaper, no less. You see, it was like this: At that time one of the swiftest cars made was the White steamer, a product of San Francisco factories, and it was touted as the fastest thing on wheels save for the iron horse, which (although it may be hard to believe today) was the fleetest mode of traveling known, people not knowing what to do with all the time they saved when traveling by train. The White steamer attempted to beat the railroad's running time between San Francisco and Portland and when the White contraption popped off at Medford, the guide who was to ride from there to Roseburg showed up missing and Bill was drafted for the job. And, as Hodson remembers, if you think cross-word puzzles are tough, you should've tried to direct

3. Student in typing class making 3/5 words per minute for 15 minutes.
 4. The biology class dissecting grasshoppers to see what makes them jump.
 5. Seen in the assembly: Students writing their "John Henry" in everyone's autograph.
 6. Some of the upper class girls haven't forgotten how to giggle.
 7. A small boy saying that book-keeping gave him the headache.

FROM THE 'SISKIYOU' WE QUOTE THIS EDITORIAL:
 —There is something in it, even for Jacksonville high!
 "Ashland Normal is still a small school, despite its 24% increase. If you figure big, maybe its only because you're in a small puddle. Remember that its easier to discern who's doing the croaking in a small puddle."
 "You can't escape observation here, but don't let it lead you to an individualism which will make you too noticeable. There is necessity for a certain conformity, and its too hard to retrace previous errors for you to waste precious time making them."
 "Some junior remarked the other day that it was wise to get into things at once. He was right. Don't let any dust collect beneath your heels. Now is the time to build that box-office attraction in people's minds. You may prefer to gradually sink in on us, like words on a hectograph, but by the time we've contacted you, half your opportunities will have gone to a bolder personality."

a racing car in the good old days from one town to the next.
 The White steamer sheered off a wheel up in the mountains, and stood motionless for several hours, but that didn't count. They were only counting the actual time when the steamer was in motion. Time out for beers, trouble and horses in the road. Total elapsed time between Medford and Roseburg was 18 hours, and actual running time eight hours 59 minutes, recalls Bill.

Hodson, as every old-timer will recall, established the first automobile garage this side of Portland and was peddling two-lunger Buicks to a skeptical world at the time, and vowed to the White steamer racing car driver he could take his putt-putting kerosene burner and drive to Roseburg in less elapsed time than it took the steam streak in actual running time. The bet was called and \$500 each was placed in a Roseburg bank.

Now here is where Bill Hodson's inherent cunning came into play. Bill advised the Buick people of his scheme and they sent him a faster sprocket for his chain-drive, and an aluminum body, transforming the contraption into the fleetest thing afoot—er, on wheels. Bill picked his day, contacted the telephone company as official starter, and chugged away with a tank filled with half ether and half gasoline. He had sent word along the line to have all jittery horses unhitched and over on the south forty that day, and Bill sped on his gambler's mission over rutted and bumpy roads, sometimes at the rate of nearly 50 miles an hour. And Bill swears that's no exaggeration.

Well, people up and down the route turned out to see the man on the flying trapeze, duster and goggles and all, go whizzing past in his effort to completely humble a steam-propelled automobile. To make the story shorter than the trip, Bill met but one horse on the road which, of course, necessitated a delay while owner of the animal unhitched. Bill's total elapsed time was only 5 hours 13 minutes, a margin of 3:46 over the White steamer's actual running time. He collected his \$1000 stakes at a Roseburg bank and rode home like a conquering general.

Yeh, it was the same old Bill Hodson who today sharpens miners' picks and shovels and sips an occasional glass of beer in fond memory of the days that was. Bill's credentials for all these incidents, by the way, are bonafide and plentiful. Although others have made claim to the signal distinctions listed two weeks ago Bill Hodson is the original, as most everyone who was in Medford or Jacksonville along about 1908 will recall.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS
 Helen Echols has entered the Jacksonville school in the first grade from Yakima, Washington.
 Betty Lou Davis, who has entered the fourth grade this year, is a new pupil from Couer d'Alene, Idaho.
 In the fifth and sixth grades each individual has been writing original Halloween songs. After the words are written the two classes compose the tune for them. One student, Norma Jean Arnold, wrote "Halloween Thoughts," as follows:

When the pumpkin's orangish yellow,
 Blends with apples sweet and melon,
 When the stately maple's bower
 Falls to ground with leafy shower,
 It's Halloween.
 That night the witches all are out;
 Cats and goblins all about,
 Unknown noises fill the air,
 Wild shrieks and calls are everywhere.
 Happy, joyful, gladsome laughter,
 Fills the air and echoes after
 All good folks are tight in bed,
 Ah, alas, the fun is over,
 But sweet memories always hover,
 Get out tonight, enjoy the fun,
 And you'll be glad ere it is done.

What can be accomplished in spare time? It is surprising where most of the world's great men have arrived by the wise use of leisure.
 By utilizing seemingly useless half-hours as he traveled to and fro from his home, H. H. Furness, authority on Shakespeare, studied this great English writer.
 Benjamin Franklin and William Jennings Bryan hoarded every moment they could spare. Theodore Roosevelt as a lad was not strong, but by the wise use of spare time he made himself into a husky fellow. The list is endless.
 Your spare time can be the most enjoyable part of the day. It can, also, be unprofitable. "Satan finds work for idle hands to do," is no less true today than when the proverb was originated.

Staff Photographer Pictures Old Pumper For Eastern Concern

J. Verne Shangle, Miner staff photographer who has taken quite a vacation from his journalistic duties on the paper since recent political disturbance, was in Jacksonville Monday photographing an ancient fire department pumper purchased in 1863. Proofs and negatives are to be sent to a Baltimore fire insurance company, where they will be placed in a collection of 500 pictures of old-time fire fighting apparatus.
 The pumper was built by Rumsey and company at Seneca Falls, N. Y., and was purchased by this city for \$600, was shipped around

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The Horn in '63, being grounded aboard the Queen of the Pacific at the mouth of the Columbia river, Jacksonville being forced to pay \$27 salvage costs, according to official records.

The Baltimore concern first heard of the local pumper—a hand operated rig with leather buckets and hand-drawn attachments—through newspaper publicity given this section during the Diamond Jubilee celebration. Pumpsers of like type and vintage have become real treasures over the country, and a few years ago the city of San Francisco paid \$500 to recover an outfit like Jacksonville's which served in early days there. The local pumper is in good mechanical condition today, although it has long since been replaced with up-to-date equipment. The old rig still will throw a stream of

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