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She's A Nugget, Ain't She Boys!

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The Editor Speaking

We just can't see this idea of paying \$200 a month old age pension. Imagine the awful expense for Eddie Cantor's jokes.

It is along about now the average person begins to realize that, along with laws and hearts, resolutions are made to be broken.

The man without a sou seldom needs worry about a sue.

The things that last never start too fast.

A coward is a person who will not risk life for life.

Before days of the automobile, a man used to drink himself into the grave; now he drinks others into it.

It's all in the viewpoint. We used to think the lad who smoked cigars was headed on the road down, but we now are told one can even get a lift by smoking 'em.

We recently saw a picture of our worthy contemporary, Art (Hic) Powell of the Central Point American and, strangely enough, only thing we could find wrong with the photo was its existence.

A lad on a bicycle, until advent of car radios, used to be the motorist's greatest menace. Now it is a man on a kilocycle.

When it comes to getting men free, truth runs a poor third to criminal lawyers and irresponsible governors.

Debt is something we run into and crawl out of.

Then there's the flood sufferer who thought of his home as a castle because there was a moat around it.

Perhaps a slant on why the world awaits death to heap flowers on the deserving is because they only die once.

There's a little bit of good and a little bit of bad in all of us until the conversation opens with, "Now I'm not criticizing them, understand—"

Trouble is somewhat like poison oak—easy to identify, but hard to handle.

Since the change in money, gold diggers are being born with silver spooning in their mouths.

Wow title for modern drammer: Elizabeth Crissing the Ice Man.

Simili: As personal as holiday greetings over the radio.

Some ideals may be excess baggage, but that's no justification for a person traveling too light.

Brush Marines, It Never Fails!

Where lives a girl with soul so dead
Who never to herself hath said:
"Gosh, a guy dressed in khaki
Always gives me a kick!"

New Corn-Hop Plan Due Here February 1

The second corn-hog campaign in Oregon, to give all growers of these commodities an opportunity to sign up again for the 1935 adjustment program, will probably get underway soon after February 1, announces Frank L. Ballard, vice director of the extension service.

In general the new plan follows the old one, but it varies as to rate of reduction and benefit compensation, and as to crop restrictions. Growers who signed the 1934 contract will use their already established base but will need to reduce their hog production only 10 per cent under that base instead of 25 per cent. The benefit payments will be \$15 a head on the number represented by this 10 per cent, instead of \$5 a head on the 75 per cent allowed to be produced as in 1934.

Corn acreage need be only 10 per cent under the established base though it may be cut 30 per cent, the maximum for which payment was made last year. Benefit payments will be at the rate of 35 cents a bushel instead of 30 cents. Both corn and hog benefit payments will be made in two installments instead of three.

The AAA officials announce that unless some production control is continued through 1935, history would likely repeat itself and an excessive corn crop would be produced following a drought year which in turn would demoralize the hog industry where marketing conditions are now much improved.

CITY PAPAS TO PICK NEW COP TUESDAY NIGHT

Five Seek Honor, Blame of Badge-Bearing for Jacksonville

Button, button, who's going to get the shiny button, wonder five Jacksonville marshal hopefuls.

They also are wondering who will be the four to get the air, and whether the present officer, James Littell, will be one of them. The question is to be settled at special council meeting next Tuesday evening, when marshal and water master will be appointed for 1935. According to City Recorder Ray Coleman, four applications now await the meeting, including those of G. W. Hilton, Verne Cantrall, J. L. Taylor and Ike L. Coffman. Littell's formal application is not yet before city duds, but it is understood by councilmen that he seeks reappointment to the post he has held for several years past. At one time this fall Littell stated he would not seek reappointment.

The forthcoming marshal appointment is Jacksonville's nearest approach to a political flurry since the last time. Much of the town's male population seems to be interested in who is going to wear the brass buttons and the official insignia of law and order for 1935, but interested has not crystallized on any certain candidate.

The appointment will be for 12 months and carries with it a total monthly salary of \$75, duties including efforts at law and order, ringing of the curfew, street commissioning and caretaker for the city's water supply. It is the only "political plum" the community has to give a metropolitan twang to its easy-going affairs.

The special council meeting next Tuesday night, January 8, is for the express purpose of taking up new business, while this Wednesday night councilmen met to swear themselves in for extended terms. Mayor Wesley Hartman and Councilmen Jim Cantrall and Ed Sevranee were the reelected officials, Councilmen Paul Godward and Peter Fick being holdover members.

SEEN In A Daze

By OUR KEYHOLE EXPERT

STAMPS not multiplying themselves on the Applegate.

EMMETT NEALON telling the one on A. S. ROSENBAUM and BARBER CARL BOWMAN about the traveling man, pointing out that he could get a haircut in Portland for 35 cents, being told "Yeah, but think how high the freight rates are to Medford."

LULA SAULSBURY giving YE EDITOR a calendar on press day. M-m-m—wonder if there was anything subtle in that?

Myers To Inspect Pacific States Mine

H. G. Myers, who heads Northwest Brokers, Inc., Idaho firm financing Pacific States Mines here, was expected to arrive in Jacksonville tomorrow to inspect the property and new development work now underway. Mr. Myers makes his headquarters in Boise, but has spent some time in the Jacksonville district since becoming interested here.

Production at Pacific States has remained constant, with new work shaping into important development. Workmen are busy installing additional equipment which will increase capacity of the mine and mill to more than 100 tons of ore daily.

No Water Shortage in City, Orchards or Mines Is Seen Here

Good news for miners of southern Oregon was contained in a weather bureau report issued this week stating that precipitation for past few months was well over normal and that, compared to a year ago, the season has seen more than twice the rainfall, most of the moisture descending in slow, soaking rains, most beneficial for storage of water in hills, underground and in reservoirs.

One of the driest summers on record closed this fall but when rain started, it continued almost unbroken, with indications that spring months will be as drenched as were those of fall and winter. Jacksonville's official weather observer, Emil Britt, stated the present season is developing into one of the most fluid for many years, and practically all danger of moisture shortage for the next several years has been removed.

From September 1, 1934, to January 2, 1935, a total precipitation of 8.41 inches was recorded, as compared to 3.46 inches for the same period a year ago.

COKE BRITE RELEASED AFTER SERVING 12 DAYS

Sentenced to serve five days in the county jail and serve or pay a \$50 fine levied for a previous offense, Coke Brite of Jacksonville was released from custody Saturday after serving 12 days of his time, and agreeing to pay balance of his fine within 90 days.

His release came about when his parents intervened in his behalf, stating to the district attorney's office he had been contributing to their support and was needed at home. A brother, John Brite, still has bulk of an 85-day sentence to serve. Their confinement followed trial before Justice of the Peace Ray Coleman for disorderly conduct a few weeks ago.

Both Brites are credited as being peace-loving, hard-working miners while on the wagon, but develop fistic proclivities when partaking of fire-water.

ADMIRAL BYRD AND HIS DOG

It is our understanding that Admiral Byrd took his dog with him to the South Pole. It is also our understanding that it was the dog that found the pole.—Sacramento (Calif.) Union.

OLD TOWN ORE TO MILL AGAIN

Jacksonville Gold Mining company, limited, resumed operation of their mill on Jackson creek in this city New Years day, following a week's shutdown due to loss of amalgam plates through theft a short time ago, announced W. M. Barrie, officer of the Seattle company, yesterday.

Thieves broke into the treating plant and removed three metal plates used for recovery of gold, when coated with mercury. They were valued at \$200 and their loss necessitated awaiting the shipment of new plates from San Francisco. No trace of the stolen plates has been found.

Jacksonville Gold Mining company, operating gold mill here for past three years, resumed breaking of ore following extended litigation at their Old Town property here, formerly known as the Midas and Schumpf mine, adjacent to the Pacific States property. The company operates a 25-ton Straube unit with plates and concentrating table.

JACKSONVILLE MINER ENTERS FOURTH YEAR AS NEWSPAPER HERE

With this issue, The Jacksonville Miner starts on its fourth year of existence in Jacksonville. Volume 1, number 1 first saw the light of day January 1, 1932, and this week The Miner's volume number swells to four.

Slightly less than a year ago the paper, until then printed in a Medford plant, installed its own equipment in the old Kubli building in Jacksonville, giving to this city its most modern and complete printing plant.

William White, 60, Succumbs Monday

William White passed away at Jacksonville December 31, 1934, after an illness of 15 years. He was born at Winchuck, Oregon, March 27, 1874, and had been a resident of Jacksonville for the past five years. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Nels Christensen, Crescent City, Calif., also 29 nieces and nephews. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William White of Winchuck, Oregon pioneers of 1857.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic church at Crescent City Thursday morning. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Perl funeral home in charge.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity of expressing our deep feeling of appreciation and thanks to all those neighbors and friends who so kindly rendered assistance during our recent bereavement in the death of our brother, J. H. Devlin. Mrs. Miles Cantrall, Mrs. Charles Hines.

Quoting Red Kerce: "Every time some of use seem to begin riding the crest of the waves we get strangled too easy on water." It is no doubt an unfamiliar beverage at any time to a Florida columnist.—Weston Leader.

MINER NOT INTERESTED IN PLOWING 'EM UNDER

At first thought, The Miner believed first of the year was an appropriate time to suggest to readers that they check expiration dates on their papers with an eye to rescuing the village editor from ranks of Forgotten Men. But second thought reminded us that this, too, is time for the new mail order catalogs to be issued, and what chance has a weekly journal with such voluminous competition as that?

However, if there be any readers with money they can't find a place for, The Miner will welcome remittances at any time and in any amount. Printers are sorta funny thataway.

In case you've forgotten the usual stipend, it is a buck a year; four-bits for six months. And should we be "in conference" when you drop by the office, our postoffice box is No. 138.

Dan Cupid Scores Diret Hit in Hunt- Mercer Betrothal

One New Years resolution was revealed to The Miner this week with announcement of the engagement of Miss Merle Mercer of Elliott creek to Mr. James Hunt of Star Ranger station spike camp. No date was set for the wedding.

Miss Mercer is daughter of a prominent upper Applegate family and attended Jefferson high school in Portland and Medford high school. Mr. Hunt is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hunt of Portland, having been stationed on Applegate during the past year.

Discovery of the betrothal this week uncovered Dan'l Cupid's first direct hit for 1935, and the young couple are thereby susceptible to congratulations from their many friends.

COURT TRIBUTE TO R. E. NEALON

Emmett Nealon, retiring county commissioner who surrenders his seat in the Jackson county court next Monday to Otto L. Caster, successor, was handed a tribute for services rendered by his fellow court members early this week. It was a written appreciation for his cooperation in county affairs and was signed by County Judge Earl B. Day and County Commissioner Ralph Billings. It follows:

"Whereas, the Honorable R. E. Nealon has been a member of this court for the past two years, having been appointed thereto at a time when the affairs of Jackson county were in a high state of confusion.

"And whereas the said R. E. Nealon has given of his time and efforts in an amount far in excess of the remuneration provided for that office and has attended to the duties of the office in a highly efficient and satisfactory manner.

"And whereas the said R. E. Nealon is about to retire from the office of county commissioner of Jackson county, Oregon.

"Now, therefore, the remaining members of the court hereby desire to express and make a public record of their deep appreciation of Mr. Nealon's services on behalf of the county, and extend to him their best wishes for the future."

The signed document was made part of the official records of Jackson county, where it will remain as tribute to the unselfish services rendered by one of her many public servants.

Slants on the Folks

Clarence L. Buck has discovered a shortage of pigs in the home community, and cannot find any this side of Sams Valley. Next year's sausage will be far-fetched.

Nothing ever was further from right than the deductions of the Big Applegate sleuth who said a local scribe was laying in a stock of pencils and paper. With a loyal Corona standing by and the management furnishing the paper and pencil, the informant made a mistake. And neither was there a New Year's resolution.

Mrs. Lilla J. Haskins mistook New Years for Sunday and lost an argument on the way of modern youth and his hair dress.

Miss Erlene Taylor was eight hours and 45 minutes late in announcing that it is 1935.

Some Big Applegate medicine chests were given a telephonic inspection Monday.

Vieva Saltmarsh and Ethel West went down the road on their broncs January 1st, lar-lar-lar in the air, which was the New Year's resolutions of Mr. Saltmarsh.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD HERE NEAR '80 HIGH

Single Jacksonville Mine Treating More Ore Than County's All in 1912

An interesting comparison of gold production in southern Oregon now with 30 years ago was found this week in a manual, The Mineral Resources of Oregon, published by the Oregon Bureau of Mines in 1914. The book gave a resume of all gold production in Jackson and Josephine counties, and figures compiled show that one Jacksonville quartz mine is now producing and treating ore at an annual rate almost equal to that of all quartz ore treated from all mines of Jackson county for the entire nine-year period from 1904 through 1912.

Average yearly tonnage for an average of eight producing mines for the nine years was 5891 tons, while Pacific States mine near Jacksonville alone is treating ore at the rate of 25,200 tons per year, with production soon expected to be stepped up to 36,500 tons per year. Figures for more recent years are not readily available, as the treatise prepared in 1914 was one of the last ever attempted by the state mineral bureau.

Another interesting fact brought out by the book is in that total production of gold from its discovery in 1852 through to 1912 was only \$7,110,333, although it is thought some of the early-day gold was shipped to mint and credited as California production. Annual production of this wealth soon tapered off to an average of about \$200,000 per year, while 1909 saw the last of totals running into six figures. It is enlightening to know that G. W. Godward, Jacksonville grocer, now is buying approximately \$36,000 worth of placer gold himself every year, while a dredge, several producing quartz mines and dozens of placer miners ship their gold direct. Godward estimates he receives about one-third of the placer gold produced in the immediate Jacksonville vicinity, which would indicate a production of near \$100,000 annually from this source alone.

According to figures in the pamphlet, compiled by A. H. Winchell, Josephine county trails Jackson county closely in the production of gold, and the area immediately adjacent to the city of Jacksonville has consistently been the state's richest gold producing section.

"Sailor Diggings," says the book, "was a famous placer region which had a ditch about 15 miles long, built at a cost of about \$75,000, which paid for itself in one year." Sailor Diggings is located directly over the hill from Pacific States property, referred to in the pamphlet by its former name, the Opp mine.

One paragraph contained in an explanation of the development of gold mining near Jacksonville is of special interest, inasmuch as the region's first real exploration and development to any appreciable depth is now underway at Pacific States mine, with indications of at least reasonable success. It follows:

"Soon after the discovery of gold-bearing gravels the source of the precious metal of the placers was found to be in southern Oregon as elsewhere, in quartz veins and other gold deposits in the solid country rocks. The white quartz deposits carrying free gold at Gold Hill were not discovered until 1859, but the ore was so rich that \$400,000 is said to have been taken out during 1860. The rich deposit at Steamboat was found about the same time and gold worth \$350,000 was quickly obtained. These and similar extremely rich 'strikes' of bonanza ore which was quickly exhausted gave the region the reputation of being a 'pockety' country, that is, of containing small bodies of very rich ore, but no larger bodies of valuable ore. Southern Oregon is still suffering from this reputation. It is very truly a region where many very rich deposits have been found to be quite small, but recent developments indicate that it also contains large bodies of lower grade but still very valuable ore."

The above paragraph, written in 1914, could now be elaborated on somewhat, following recent discoveries and work at Pacific States mine, and it is thought that the Jacksonville gold mining region, as a quartz country, is just getting a foothold. It is for these reasons that special interest and significance accompanied all development and production at Pacific States near this city, for the mine probably will show southern Oregon the way to new sources of wealth.

At a future date, when figures have been gathered from governmental sources, The Miner will publish a comprehensive, accurate and dependable survey of Oregon's present gold production

S'MATTER POP By C. M. Payne

