

SIXTY-FOUR YEARS SINCE GOLD FOUND ON SITE OF YREKA

\$101,277 DRAFT REACHES ASHLAND FOR SPRINGS BONDS

ASHLAND, April 5.—James Thornton, Ashland resident and one of the few remaining pioneers of this section, grew reminiscent on April 1, while recalling events of the olden days, and brought to mind that it was just sixty-four years from that date when he assisted in the first search for placer gold at the diggings on the spot where the city of Yreka, in Siskiyou county, California, now stands. There was no settlement there then, almost the entire country being a wilderness, although another party of miners were working at Scott's Bar some distance away. This was in 1851. The Thornton party consisted of twenty-two men, organized in Yamhill county, Oregon, who got the gold fever and started south on February 11 of that year. They got as far as Dunsmuir and were compelled to turn back on account of deep snow and stress of weather. The party packed into the wilderness with an average of two animals apiece. While near the site of where Yreka now stands they prospected for the yellow metal and found it in paying streaks, though no attempt was made to mine systematically to bedrock, they simply worked the surface. As Mr. Thornton remembers it, no name was given to this original camp. In the course of three months the water supply giving out, the party returned to Oregon, various members of the expedition having cleaned up about \$1000 apiece.

Of the original party six were intimate companions and had come to Oregon from Louisiana county, Iowa, in the spring of 1850. They were Jacob Wagner, James and John Thornton, Charles Hendricks, Humphrey Long and a German named Henry Van Asselt. The late Albert Rockefeller was also a member of the initial party, but he left them at a point now within the boundaries of the state of Nebraska, preferring to join an expedition direct to California instead of coming to Oregon. All of these men have passed away with the exception of James Thornton.

Mr. Thornton was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, "on the banks of the Wabash," May 29, 1826, consequently he is in his 90th year. He returned to the central west in the fall of 1851, via Central America, the sea voyage from Nicaragua to New York being in the old original steamer Vanderbilt. Coming back to Oregon, he located respectively in the Willamette valley and later on at Jacksonville and then at Talent. He came to Ashland about the year 1867, and for a long period was actively identified with the woolen mills here. For eight years he was the owner of what is now known as the Dollarhide toll road over the Siskiyou, and at one time was associated with Jacob Wagner in ranching operations near Talent. Standing on the threshold of 90 years, he has lived to see the mineral output of Siskiyou county in three score years reach an aggregate of \$175,000,000.

TEACHERS HOSTS OF SCHOOL BOARD

ASHLAND, April 5.—Last Thursday evening, according to invitation and announcement, teachers of the West Side schools entertained the members of the school board and their wives; also the teachers of the East Side school and high schools at a theatre party at the Vinling. The hostesses were Misses Engle, Creekpaun, Brown, Poley, Caldwell, Updegraff, Myers, Morehouse and Hurley. Seats were reserved for about 50. The attraction was Annette Kellerman as "Neptune's Daughter," a high priced series of films which proved more expensive than was anticipated. Nevertheless, in spite of heavy drafts upon their March pay rolls, the hostesses proved themselves good sports by not only redeeming the theatre pledge willingly, but by was of diversion set up an abundance of light refreshments at the Carter memorial fountain and other resorts visited in succession. The particular date being the first of April anniversary, guests were made the object of several tantalizing experiences before the final "good night" was spoken. The libretto at the playhouse took the form of a summary of vital statistics concerning the modern "Neptune's Daughter" by way of comparison with the physical charms accredited to the several Dianas of mythology in tradition and story. Reports have it that several film features were eliminated in spite of assurance from the hostess that no portion of the movies would be censored.

ASHLAND, April 5.—Probably the fattest draft ever seen in this vicinity was one which was handled through local banking channels last Saturday. It was specifically for \$101,277.80, and was drawn by Blyth, Witter & Co., bond brokers of San Francisco on the Anglo and London Paris National bank, also of San Francisco, payable to the order of G. G. Eubanks, treasurer of the city of Ashland. It represented payment for the principal and accrued interest on 100 auxiliary water bonds of \$1000 each. This sale, together with the \$75,000 placed in Denver, closes up the disposal of the \$175,000 bond issue. Another big draft in previous banking history was one for eighty odd thousand dollars, deposited in local banks on Pacific Highway account.

Baron and Baroness Urit, accompanied by Commander Nagano, all of Japan, on the way to Seattle, from Friday, on the way to Seattle, from whence they sail for home on April 9. The Baron graduated from Annapolis, and his wife was educated at Vassar college. Both these naval officers distinguished themselves in the Jap-Russo war. They have been visiting the exposition in an official capacity.

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. Miner McConnell, residents of the vicinity of Buffalo, N. Y., are visiting their cousins in the Nims and Saunders families incident to a tour of the Pacific coast. Phil Rose is home on a brief vacation, visiting numerous relatives and friends hereabouts. He is now a teacher in the union high school at Ripon, Cal., one of the flourishing educational institutions of San Joaquin county.

Members of Malta Commandery, Knights Templar, observed the Easter anniversary by attending services at St. Mark's Episcopal church, Medford.

Mrs. Joseph Poley is visiting a sister at Corvallis, and later on will go to Stayton to see her daughter Minnie who is teaching there.

Local Elks installed officers Saturday night. Roy Buckingham of Medford, past exalted ruler of Salem, was deputized to do the job in behalf of Ashland Lodge No. 944, the officials elect being as follows: Dan Applegate, exalted ruler; J. K. Choate, leading knight; George Watson, loyal knight; Clifford Jenkins, lecturing knight; Ed Thornton, secretary; Pierre Provost, treasurer; George Owen, trustee. The traditional luncheon was served on the occasion, and incident to the smoker which followed, Applegate was presented with a mammoth cigar about a foot long, the tobacco for which was grown in old Virginia. It was manufactured at Key West, and bore the true Havana flavor.

C. A. Ellason went to Medford Saturday on business matters. He took the steamer from Ashland and returned on the Interurban ark.

Al Jordan, formerly of Jordan Bros., local electricians, is now a resident of Waynesboro, Virginia, where he is conducting a moving picture establishment. This town is the old stamping ground of the Jordan boys.

A. L. Emery, resident member of the contracting firm of Smith, Emery & Co., which is installing the auxiliary water system, accidentally slipped on a rear stairway leading to the Tidings office, Saturday morning, and fell with such force that he was considerably injured. He was removed to the sanitarium.

C. Johnson has moved his shoe shop to W. A. Conner's wood office on Fourth street.

D. A. Fitch, a leading business man of Lowville, New York, was in town last week, accompanied by his wife, on a tour of the Pacific coast, having taken in both expositions and all the other attractions en route. While here they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gowdy, old time friends.

Ralph Hedge returned Saturday from Shasta county, where he went two weeks ago, investigating conditions in several localities throughout that section.

A new fad in detotics being introduced hereabouts is the drinking of milk. This of itself is nothing unusual, except the dose which is something heroic. Six quarts per day of

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relieved instantly with two ounces of Schiffman's Concentrated Expecto-rant. A whole pint costs 50 cents. Money refunded if not satisfactory by Medford Pharmacy.—Adv.

"HERMIT OF BIRD ISLAND" AT PAGE TONIGHT AND TUESDAY



12 hours is the minimum, divided into doses of an ordinary tumblerful every half hour. Rich milk, with its combination of casein and various salts, holding in solution minute globular cells of fat, is held to be a prime factor in building up the nervous system. Acquiring the milk habit ought to give an impetus to the dairy industry.

FORMER GOVERNOR GUILD OF MASSACHUSETTS ILL

BOSTON, April 5.—Curtis Guild, former governor and former ambassador to Russia, stricken with pneumonia last Friday, was reported today to be dangerously ill.

With Medford Trade is Medford Made

GRIZZLIES HIKE THROUGH ORCHARDS AMID SHOWERS

The Grizzlies made their regular Sunday hiking trip yesterday afternoon through the orchard district south of Medford, and while the number making the trip was smaller than usual, owing to the inclement weather and Easter day exercises, it was one of the most beautiful trips so far made by the organization. Starting from the park, out Holly street to the county road, passing the Marshall and Hill orchards in full bloom, the company wended its way east and south again through the various small orchards to the east of the Potter Palmer and Budge orchards west on the county road again, then climbing the Bratney hill, where the committee had coffee awaiting the company, and such coffee surely was appreciated. We don't know the brand, but certainly can recommend it, especially when Mr. Hoon acts as chef. After reaching the top of the hill considerable excitement was

caused by discovering same was covered with nests of Easter eggs. Miss Hinman seemed the champion in this line, but generously divided same with those members of the party who were unable to sprint so quickly among the hiding places. The view from the hill with the orchards in full bloom must be seen to be appreciated. One not having seen the orchards here in full bloom from some commanding hill top can hardly realize what they have missed. The return trip was down through the Carpenter, Mrs. Holloway, Irwin and other orchards to the Pacific highway back to Medford. The Irwin and Holloway orchards being at full bearing age and large trees, are a sight surely worth going out to view. They are apparently one solid mass of blossoms. On the return trip two of our company waiting a little in the rear hailed a Ford car filled with passengers and boarded the running boards for a ride to Medford, but the advance guard joined hands across the highway, bringing the Ford to a stop and the couple gracefully alighted and finished the tramp to Medford with the balance of the party, explaining they only wanted to "catch up" and did not intend to ride way to Medford anyway. The regular meeting of the club will be held at the library Thursday evening, when two hundred of the

HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN STORM SWEEP ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, April 5.—Latest reports received here of the effects of the great storm which swept the Atlantic coast Friday and Saturday indicated that nearly a hundred lives were lost.

The Royal Dutch West Indies steamer Prins Maurits, with forty-nine persons aboard, is believed to have foundered off Cape Hatteras. Not a word that would give hope that the vessel was still afloat was received today.

Fifteen of the crew of the seagoing tug Edward Luckenbach perished when the tug was wrecked off False Cape, Va.

Ten men were drowned when two coal barges broke away from the tug Cumberland and were pounded to pieces off Cape Henlopen, Del.

Thirteen men aboard the barge Tampico, which broke away from her tow, are believed to have been lost.

Kaiser views of Crater Lake will be shown to the club and its guests.

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