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## J'VILLE HAS GOLD FEVER; DIGS HOLES

### Mayor Starts Revival in His Own Back Yard and Others Follow Suit—No Boom Is Anticipated, But Pans Show Yellow.

(By R. Clay Chappell)

Jacksonville bids fair to become known to posterity as the "Holy City" a present indications mean anything. Verily it seems that every able-bodied man in town is digging a hole or is preparing to dig one. Those not thus occupied either haven't any holes to dig or just "ain't" human. Even the usual salutation on the street is, "Well! How's your hole?"

But the possibility that the town may soon resemble a big Swiss cheese isn't so strange after all. These men are digging for gold! Gleaning, glimmering, glimmering, glimmering, glimmering, glimmering!

It all came about when the mayor, perhaps on relaxation from arduous official duties, decided to sink a shaft in his back lot.

Two comrades joined him and with working began. The dirt flew, as with steam hammers and straining brawn they delved into old Mother Earth. Gradually the hole deepened, and, at last, they struck the solid rock.

It is upon bedrock or close to it that placer gold is usually found. So hurriedly they filled their bucket full of dirt and scrambled to the surface to test their luck.

The miner removes most of the waste material from the dirt by rocking it. The residue is dumped into his pan and, under water, he kneads the turbid mass to break up all remaining lumps of dirt and clay. Then, with a motion of the pan, which only experience can teach, he quickly washes away the worthless dross while the gold, if any, settles and is left behind.

"Twice thus our heroes did. Perhaps they lacked the technique of an old prospector but gradually the mud and dirt and rock were washed away and the heavier black sand appeared. Then, as they watched with bated breath, it, too was gone—Eureka! A string of yellow nuggets lay gleaming in the pan!

Since that eventful day, "each low-descending sun sees, by the Mayor's crew, some mighty digging done." And each day, too, they dump more precious dust into their bucketish pouch.

"How much?" What does it matter? The lure of gold is like the lure of woman. The kick is in the chase.

Anyway the lust for gold is in the very air—and the inhabitants are popping in and out of holes like ground-hogs on a sunny day.

But wait! Hold everything! No stamped, please, at least until we add a word or two.

There is without doubt, but gold beneath old Jacksonville. Much discovered are but little. The miners who rushed into the new gold camp in early days came mostly from other placer fields and knew their stuff. They cleaned the rich deposits of historic Rich Gulch and Jackson Creek and when those channels dwindled they searched for more. The town is undermined with many tunnels, a fact not generally known.

Not long ago a prospector found a maze of drifts and cross-cuts near Rich Gulch. Even the owner of the place, who had lived there since 1862 was unaware of their existence.

Strangely, these latter tunnels, three-quarters of a century old, seem almost as if dug, but yesterday. Although unworked, they have caved in some little. One may walk through them and see upon their walls, clear and distinct, the marks made so many years ago.

No, these pioneer miners left no large deposits of pay dirt rich enough to work by drifts.

But the bedrock is broken and uneven and in the many crevices and on the rims there is yet gold. Old miners, who ought to know, agree that if the townsite could be worked by hydraulic methods, it would yield a rich reward.

So, after all, there is a gleam of hope for those who are so busy digging holes. A few, if Lady Luck is by their side, may win a modest stake; many will find few colors in their pans, or more; and others, still, perchance, will drop—kerplunk!—into some old and long-forgotten drift.

But it's a great and fascinating game and all its devotees will get good exercise, at least.

And now, excuse the writer, please. He must crawl back into his hole and dig.

## OREGON TO HOLD CHILD CONFERENCE



Four state and national specialists to speak at Child Development and Parent Education conference at Oregon State college, February 16 to 18. Above—Dr. Ada Hart Arlt, chairman of the parent education committee of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers; Miss Flora M. Timmon, New York City, executive secretary National Council of Parent Education; Ava B. Milan, dean of home economics, O. S. C.

## CITIZEN'S CAMP LURE FOR MANY OFFICER THINKS

### 600 Patriots Expected to Participate in Military Meet at Vancouver, Wn.—No 30-Day Wonders Expected.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP) When the bugle calls assembly at Camp Harburt, Vancouver barracks, this summer for the citizens' military training camp, Uncle Sam expects to bring together some 600 or 700 future citizens who will have a new perspective of fundamental patriotism.

So says First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cross, adjutant of this year's camp, a veteran of many campaigns and many of the citizen training periods of the government.

"We are not trying to make soldiers," Lieut. Cross said, "for this cannot be done in thirty days. Nor can it be done in three months. Thirty days. The government expects to reap its reward several years hence when these youths are grown to manhood and are reported citizens with their families in the communities in which they reside.

"Citizenship lectures, the annual feature of the camp, will again be the leading spirit of the month which starts June 18 and closes July 17. Boys are given enough military drill to give them an idea of discipline and self-assurance. All afternoon of every week day is devoted to supervised athletics in which each boy is required to participate. Organized recreation fills the evening hours. Experts prepare the good, wholesome food and there is plenty of it for growing young men. The average gain in weight is six pounds.

## LOST BABE OF JOSEPHINE IS YOUNG SPHINX

### Kiethie Dale Husen, Age Two, Tells Nothing of Day and Night He Spent Alone in Tall Timber.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Little Kiethie Dale Husen, two years old, for whom hundreds of men and women searched in the Josephine county hills successfully after he had been lost a day and a night recently, came to Grants Pass the other day with his secret in a nickel. He returned to his home on Jackson Creek—with his secret.

Just what happened up in the hills during those grilling 20 hours of silence and mystery no one knows—for Kiethie's little mind cannot be probed with a lot of details.

Whether the Old Lady of the Woods kept out and covered the little fellow with a lot of hibernating furs after the rock robbers had carried leaves to make him a bed, will remain just as much of a mystery down through the march of time as has the famous Hungarian story about the lost children in the woods.

Just up there with the pine and the spruce and the great firs that whispered in hoarse, hilly tones—that's all the night alone in a conifer-infested wild-wood meadow to Kiethie Dale Husen.

Then came the dawn and the gathering mists. Whether fairies placed a hot breakfast on a stump for the hungry little fellow, is something which grown-ups should not attempt to decide. Because, if they did, they will have to decide whether or not it was the same fairies who guided a party of searchers far up the mountain-side late at night. Just before the Man-In-The-Moon started his march across the skies.

Anyway, Kiethie Dale never even had a cold in an aftermath of an experience that would have put any person in bed with the grippe and a grinch. He went into the great forest alone. What happened there is his secret.

To Kiethie Dale's simple little mind, such was the coming of adventure.

## NATURE COMES TO AID OF PHYSICIAN

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—The family physician can't get results one way, by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, socialized a patient. He was rushed to La Grande where an operation was performed, but the patient was so securely it could not be recovered.

## TARIFF BOOMS CHERRY PACKS ON COLUMBIA

### The Dalles Co-operative Cannery to Produce Marshchino, Used in Cocktails, As European Product Barred.

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—As a result of the protection given Pacific coast growers of white cherries under the recent congressional tariff act, The Dalles Co-operative Growers' association is considering an expansion of its plant here and inclusion of equipment which will make possible the annual processing of six thousand barrels of Royal Anne or Stark's Gold cherries for maraschino stocks. The cooperative the past year processed five hundred barrels which were shipped by the Panama canal to preservers at New York City.

An outlet for white cherries for maraschino purposes will aid the market for canning stocks. It is anticipated, as the maraschino cherries have to be pitted and stemmed by hand, expansion of the processing will add material to the payroll here. H. C. Miller, manager of the cooperative, said.

Harried grapefruit mason Rudy Valse—News item. Ours usually hits us without even being hurled. —Dalles News-Tribune.

# COUNT THE YELLOW BOXES

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## CHILD AND PARENT AT O.S.C. MEET

### Hazards and Dangers of Childhood, to Be Discussed at Two-Day Session at Corvallis This Week.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 14.—Hazards and dangers of childhood in this modern age are to be weighed and considered as one feature of the coming Child Development and Parent Education conference here February 16 to 18, which is Oregon's follow-up meeting to carry the results of the recent White House Conference on Child Health and Protection.

Some influences that the modern child must meet that were not important formerly are radio, unscrupulous leisure, and crowded schedules, according to the outline of the meeting. How to make these contribute to the child's well being will be but one of the many angles to the state-wide conference.

National leaders in child welfare have accepted invitations to speak at the Oregon meeting. Among those is Dr. Ada Hart Arlt, chairman of the parent education committee of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Another is Miss Flora M. Timmon, executive secretary of the National Council of Parent Education, New York City. Both were active in the White House conference.

State leaders of the organizations which will be responsible for carrying out the major findings of the conference will take an active part here. Among these are Mrs. W. T. Brice and Mrs. William Klotzer, president and vice-president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Mrs. G. A. Johnson and Mrs. Harvey Cramer, presidents of the Oregon and Portland chapters of the American Association of University Women.

Leading faculty members of this institution dealing with this field, as well as one or more from the University of Oregon, are on the program. Parents are welcome to attend the conference, whether members of the various organizations concerned or not.

## NO OBJECTION TO THIS POWER WORK

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Crews of the Pacific Power & Light company are now erecting towers on the Oregon and Washington banks of the Columbia river for carrying a transmission line to the newly installed pumping plant of the North Dalles irrigation district.

The big pump, which will supply 36 acre-inches to a unit of 250 acres in the newly formed irrigation district, has been placed on a bluff overlooking a cove of the Columbia. A pipeline will carry the water to the high point of the original unit of the district, where already preparations are being made to put tracts under cultivation this spring.

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## More Editorials on Fish

S. F. & ROGUE: That "San Francisco interests helped us to the extent of \$4,600 in cash, and offered to do more, in order to pass the measure," is the assertion by Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass chambers of commerce in a letter "to the Business Interests of Portland" on the Rogue River fish bill. We quote the remainder of their letter:

"During the recent election, the people of southern Oregon presented a constitutional amendment providing for the closing of Rogue river to commercial fishing, in order to protect this stream for recreational and economic purposes. Fairly through the action of the below-mentioned Portland business interests, who actively opposed the passage of this measure, it was defeated at the polls by a small majority of 1 1/2 per cent of the total vote cast.

"Portland Chamber of Commerce

"Portland City Club

"Greater Oregon Association

"Also the leading newspapers of Portland—Oregonian, Journal, News and the Oregon Voter.

"Portland is and should be the wholesale distributing point for southern Oregon. Is not southern Oregon entitled to Portland's support in measures affecting chiefly southern Oregon? We would appreciate very much your re-action on this matter."

Our reaction is that if it were not for Portland, any section of the state would have a tough time surviving an attack on it by the spirited, enthusiastic population of the Upper Rogue, even if with San Francisco didn't cut in with its money. With California wealth backing the fight to destroy the little industry at the mouth of the Rogue, an Oregon champion is sorely needed for its defense. Buying power of Upper Rogue cities is quite a temptation to dangle before Portland jobbers

and manufacturers, and we honor them for their loyalty to the principle that Portland has a duty to perform when an Oregon industry is threatened with extinction, even though that industry is a tiny one and those who threaten it are numerous, powerful and determined.—Oregon Voter.

WHO IS SUPREME? Perhaps the Rogue river should be closed to commercial fishing. Perhaps it should not. The question is debatable, with fairly strong arguments on both sides.

But, regardless of the merits of the case, regardless of the arguments of the proponents and opponents of closing, the legislature should not have voted to close the stream at this time.

It was only three short months ago that they voted to keep the river open to commercial fishing. They expressed themselves with some emphasis.

The voters may change their minds in two years. They may change their minds after any reasonable length of time. But it would be interesting to know what has occurred in the last three months to cause the electors to change their minds in the matter of the Rogue river.

Then, how is it that the legislature takes it upon itself to overrule the voters of the state? How is it that the legislature sets itself up as superior to the voters and reverses their decision in the matter of Rogue river fishing? How is it that within three months after the expression of the people of the state at the polls the legislature turns around and comes to a decision directly the opposite of the voters' wish?

Regardless of whether or not Rogue river should be closed, it is a remarkable spectacle, to say the least, to find the Oregon legislature setting itself up as a superior authority to the voters of the sovereign state of Oregon.—Portland Journal.

## COMMITTEE HITS HEALTH, HYGIENE FUNDS OF STATE

SALEM, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The health and means committee in its deliberations last night cut a total of \$53,465.50 from appropriations requested by several activities.

Perhaps the most important action was adoption of a sub-committee report recommending that the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem drop its farming operations and that the farm, which includes a dairy herd, be transferred to the state hospital for the insane, the penitentiary or some other institution.

The reason for this recommendation was that it is necessary for the tuberculosis hospital to employ all the help used on the farm, unlike other institutions. This meant a lopping of \$36,430 from the \$376,707 requested by the hospital.

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MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Equipment costing \$79,000 will be installed soon by the Mountain States Power company at North Bend to eliminate silt which spreads over the city from the company's plant.

believe this much can be saved by the change. The saving is estimated at \$15,000. The sub-committee recommending the change was Senators C. K. Spaulding, B. W. Johnson and Isaac E. Staples and Representative Romeo Gouley. On recommendation of another committee headed by Senator Colon R. Eberhard the committee allowed the full \$295,405 requested by the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles.

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MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Dredging operations have started at Bandon in the inner harbor by three eight-hour crews. An A-frame, 70 feet high built of timbers carries the high line that handling the large scraper used in deepening the channel.

The dredging work is the first step in the new project inaugurated by the government to give the Coquille river bar and inner harbor a depth of 16 feet at low water. Congress has appropriated \$100,000.



"I telephoned we would be there at six"

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