

Applegate-Star Gulch Trip Suggested For Weekly Wonderland Outing

COUNTRY RICH IN HISTORY OF GOLD DAYS IS VISITED

Logtown and 'Chinee' Linn's Diggings on Route of 80-Mile Trip.

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Quite often, you wish to take a short trip but are rather reluctant to follow the main highways and routes of travel. You have, on the other hand, a desire to get on a more out of the way road and, traveling leisurely, enjoy more of the surrounding scenery than a fast highway trip will allow. Then ride out to the Applegate, leave the main road and wind your way over the Star Gulch road through "Nature's Wonderland."

You travel over the Medford-Jacksonville Highway via West Main Street, and are soon passing through some of the small farms and orchards for which the Rogue River Valley is justly famous.

Continuing on through Jacksonville, you climb between the Applegate and Rogue River drainages.

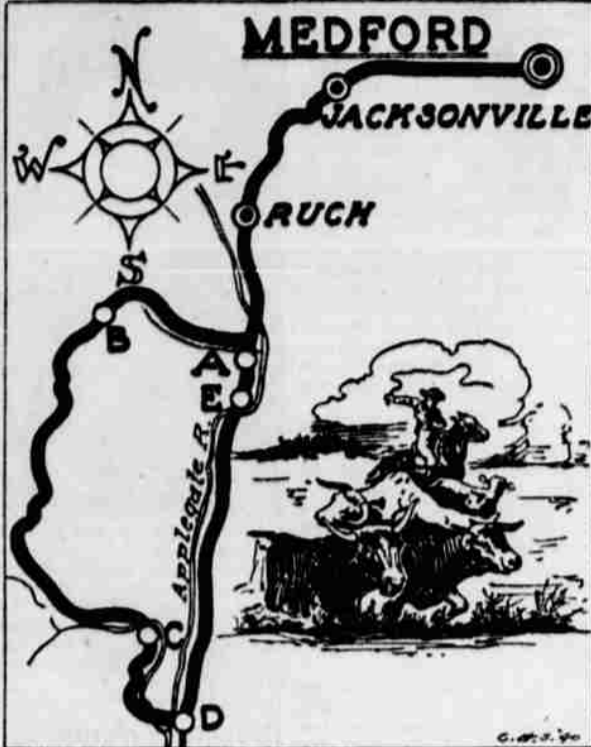
The first sight that meets the eye, as you top this rise, is the awful spectacle of an expanse of charred and blackened skeletons that once were a green and thrifty forest. This is locally known as the Poorman's Creek burn and is the result of a cigarette carelessly tossed from a passing automobile. The fire started on a hot, dry day in September, 1934, and in two short hours had ravaged 3,600 acres of timberland. Remember, please, there will be many more hot, dry days.

On the left in the burn, you see where the earth has been torn up and tossed aside, as if Paul Bunyon and his great blue ox had plowed a giant furrow up this draw toward the top of the distant ridge. Here, washing out the gold and depositing the "tailings" in its wake, as it crawls slowly toward the end of the streak of "pay dirt." Many other similar sights will be observed on this trip since the Applegate region is still rich in gold, and mining is an active industry.

At 11.6 miles you see, on the left, a yellow rose in full bloom. This in itself is rather insignificant, but pause a moment to consider this history of this lone bush, the only survivor of a once prosperous mining town. This is the site of old Logtown, established sometime after the rush to Jacksonville in the early '50's. The name was derived from the houses, built of heavy logs to protect their occupants from the Indians as well as the elements. The site is at the confluence of Poorman's Creek and Forest Creek, then known as Jackass Creek. It is known that a Mrs. Long, who had a store and handled the mail here, was murdered and robbed of a considerable sum of money which she made from buying gold from the miners in the vicinity. Like many other early mining towns, this one soon became a "Ghost town" when the earth's rich store of yellow metal became depleted.

At 13.2 miles you enter Ruch, a settlement started about 50 years ago by Casper Ruch, now deceased. He first had a blacksmith shop, later added tobacco and candy, finally closed the blacksmith shop and opened the present store and also became postmaster. His wife now carries on the business of the store. Here you leave the Medford-Provoigt highway and continue straight ahead toward the Upper Applegate River.

At 15.9 miles you cross the Little Applegate River and get the first clear view of the Big Applegate River. It is said that one "Chinee" Linn, a Chinese miner, and his associates took about one and one-half million dollars in gold from the vicinity of the confluence of these



Applegate-Star Gulch; all mileage from Medford. A. Star Ranger Station, 20 miles. Information regarding this area may be obtained here. B. 25.5 miles turn right to Tallowbox Mountain Lookout. A drive of 3.4 miles and a short walk bring us to the summit of Tallowbox Mountain. C. Carberry Creek Forest Camp, 42.5 miles. D. Junction with Big Applegate road, 47 miles. Applegate CCC camp 1/2 mile south. Famous Blue Ledge copper mine, 7 miles southeast E. McKee Bridge Camp Ground, 57 miles. Excellent swimming hole located here. Community kitchen, stoves, tables and other facilities for camping and picnicking.

two streams in the early days of mining.

At 17.6 miles you turn right across the Big Applegate River and follow closely along its west bank for two miles to the Star Gulch road. Turn right and as you travel along it for a short distance you begin to see some change in the forest cover. The shrubbery and hardwood trees such as madrona, maple and oak, are supplemented by a fairly heavy stand of large Douglas firs. You also see many wild flowers in bloom along the way—wild roses, mountain lilac, California poppies, service berry and many other species dot the hillsides.

At 25.5 miles you reach the Tallowbox Mountain Lookout road. If you desire to get an excellent panoramic view of the surrounding country, drive up this road for 3.4 miles, park your car and walk one-quarter mile to the lookout house, which is situated on the very summit of the mountain at an elevation of 8,021 feet.

This lookout, along with many similar ones, is maintained as an integral part of the fire detection system. During the fire season, the man stationed here keeps constant vigil over the country below him. As soon as a fire is sighted, he determines its location and telephones this information to the district ranger. Prompt action is then taken for its suppression. The guard on duty there now will be glad to explain in detail how this system works. He will also point out such prominent peaks as Anderson Butte, Red Butte, Mountain McLoughlin, Wagner Butte and many others, in addition to the interesting pattern of towns and farms on the valley floor far below.

Returning to the Star Gulch road and climbing steadily for about three and one-half miles you begin to catch occasional glimpses of the Thompson and Carberry Creek drainages, and at 39.3 miles you cross the divide to begin your descent through a thick forest into Carberry Creek. Here, you may also see many wild asters and broadleaves, or wild onion, in bloom.

You reach the Thompson Creek road and turn left. At 42.5 miles you reach the Carberry Creek Forest Camp, where you may stop to lunch and rest.

Continuing down the creek you reach the Applegate road and here you may turn right, travel one-half mile and visit the Applegate CCC Camp. If you wish to make a longer

side trip, you can continue past the camp for .9 mile, turn left for 1.6 miles, then right for 3.7 miles, finally arriving at the Blue Ledge mine. This copper mine was worked extensively from 1906 to 1908, and about three million dollars were spent in its development; five hundred men were employed there at one time. It closed down to later reopen during the war when the price of copper rose to a high level. The Hutton postoffice, which served this area, was located near the Hutton Guard station, but was later moved to the Copper store; however, this postoffice has now passed out of existence.

Returning to the Applegate road, and subsequently to where you turned to the right onto it, you continue on down the river towards Medford.

At 56.9 miles you cross the Big Applegate River over the McKee Bridge Forest Camp. This free public camp is well equipped with numerous stoves and tables, bonfire pits, bath house, community kitchen, etc. Its excellent swimming hole, at which a diving board has been installed, has proven to be exceptionally popular to the several thousand visitors which use it each year. Here you may pause for refreshments and rest before continuing to Medford and bringing to a close another of the very delightful trips in Medford's Rogue Wonderland.

SWABIANS ENLIST IN GERMAN ARMY

Bucharest, Rumania, June 15.—(AP)—Nearly 5,000 Swabians of Transylvania were reported in diplomatic circles today to have renounced Rumanian citizenship and to have enlisted in the German army in answer to a Nazi appeal for volunteers. (This dispatch, transmitted via Budapest, was delayed by the Hungarian censor for 19 hours.)

CAPTAIN VINCENT, SALVATION ARMY CHIEF, TO LEAVE

Announcement was made yesterday of the advancement and transfer of Capt. Reginald H. Vincent to the Portland headquarters corps with station at 6th avenue and Burnside street. Captain Vincent will be in charge of all the downtown area of Portland for the Salvation Army.

With his wife and four children, Captain Vincent will leave here for his new post June 25. He has been in charge of the Medford district for the past two years. During that time he has made numerous friends here and established a reputation as a sincere and efficient welfare and religious worker. The board of directors here expressed regret over his departure from Medford.

Captain Vincent will be succeeded here by Capt. Charles Cox who is being transferred from the San Francisco headquarters corps. Captain Cox has been identified with the Salvation Army for about ten years and is reputed to be a capable worker. In addition to San Francisco he has filled Salvation Army posts in Cheyenne, Wyo., and Pueblo, Colo.

Captain Vincent came here to replace Adjutant G. R. Durham who had been transferred to Portland. After a year in Portland, Adjutant Durham was transferred to Seattle, Wash., and is now about to be transferred to Spokane, Wash.

For the six months ended April 28, the Salvation Army here had revenues of \$5,474.13 and expenses of \$5,467.18, leaving a balance of \$6.97 on April 28. It was shown in reports submitted to the board of directors at Thursday's luncheon meeting in the Hotel Medford George T. Frey, chairman, presided at the meeting.

The activity report for the six months listed the following relief work: Garments given away, 190; pairs of shoes given away, 16; families given grocery orders, 23; layette sets given away, 17; pounds of venison distributed, 606; gallons of skim milk distributed, 1650; meals given, 958; beds given, 1106; jobs found, 13.

The milk distributed, the report said, was donated by Snyder's Dairy & Produce company and the Lost River Dairy.

Religious activities for the period were summarized as follows: open air meetings, 59; indoor services, 130; other meetings, 39; Home League meetings 15; total attendance, 6,936. Young people: Sunday school classes, 208; Y. P. Legion, 26; corps cadet classes, 44; total attendance, 4,694.

DEFENSE BILL TO AID WEST COAST

Portland, June 15.—(AP)—The \$5,000,000,000 defense bill has a bright side, Willis Mahoney declared yesterday on arrival from Washington, D. C.

The Oregon delegate to the Democratic national convention predicted some of the money would come west, reaching Oregon and Washington industries, particularly shipyards.

He said informed Washington, D. C., circles expect the European war to continue from three to five years.

SALES MANAGER



Earle F. Stanton, well known automobile man and former resident of this city, has been appointed sales manager for Lapham Motors, Medford dealers for Ford, Lincoln-Zephyr and Mercury automobiles. He has already assumed active charge of the sales department of the local firm, according to Stan Lapham, Mr. Stanton has established his home in Medford and his son, Earle, is associated with the state fish and game commission.

Recently Mr. Stanton has been sales manager for Isaac Tower, Ford dealer at Marshfield, a position which he held for two years. Previous to that time he was sales head of automobile concerns in La Grande. He began his career in this business in 1922 while attending the Utah Agricultural college. In 1927 he was affiliated with the Cadillac company in this state, later going to Minneapolis with the Cadillac factory branch. There he traveled through the Minnesota area establishing dealerships. Again coming west, he was connected with a Medford concern before leaving for Marshfield.

Earle Stanton is active in various fraternal groups, was an officer in the Marshfield Lions club and other organizations of the Coos Bay area. He is a member of American Legion Post 1 of Portland and associated with Webfoot chapter, D. A. V.

Chevrolet Pushes Successful Drive With Advertising

Continuation of the intensive sales and advertising activities which contributed so largely to the sharp sales gain in used cars made by Chevrolet dealers during May was announced here today by Mr. Hurd, Chevrolet dealer of Medford.

"The records of sales for the month just ended show one of the most successful used car campaigns we have ever had," said Mr. Hurd. "Persons planning vacations have taken advantage of the tremendous savings offered at this time and have purchased cars that will give them peak performance at great economy."

During the month of May, Rogue River Chevrolet sold 51 used cars and trucks, according to Mr. Hurd. "This upswing in sales represents an in-

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WHEAT PRICE UP TO SEASON BEST

Chicago, June 15.—(AP)—Wheat prices closed 3/4-1 cent higher today near the best level of the session after swinging erratically over a range of about 1 1/2 cents.

An early advance of 1 1/4-1 1/2 cent influenced largely by an upturn in securities, was followed by a quick setback, during which prices tumbled 1 1/2 to 1 1/4 cents from the highs. In the final half hour the recovery was resumed.

Strength of stocks and prospects of substantial government purchases of flour over the week-end stimulated most of the buying. Selling was attributed to dealers evening up accounts for the week-end in view of uncertainties resulting from continued allied reverses. Favorable crop reports also had a bearish effect.

Closing prices were 80-70 1/2c for July and 80 1/4-1/2c for September.

Closing time for The Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

WALL ST. SHAKES OFF WAR WORRY

New York, June 15.—(AP)—The stock market again shook off war worries and concentrated on home business prospects today with the result leading issues stepped out of a generally bullish week well on the advancing side.

Steels, along with other assorted war stocks, were principally favored and, at the best, gains ranged from one to more than three points. Top marks were halved in many cases at the close, as traders lightened commitments pending possibly unsettling news from abroad over the week-end.

It was not a one-way market today, despite the predominance of plus signs. Aircrafts backed away, apparently on the thought of French cancellation of plane orders, although it was believed the United States would take everything that could be turned out in the aviation field.

Stocks finishing ahead included U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Crucible, Chrysler, American Telephone, Dow Chemical, Westinghouse, Union Carbide, Eastman Kodak, Loft, American Car & Foundry, Santa Fe, Anaconda, Kennecott, Sears Roebuck and Consolidated Edison.

Demand For Buick In Every Section Recent Sales Show

Flint, Mich., June 15.—Consistent retail demand in every section of the country was reflected in sales reported today by W. F. Hufstader, Buick general sales manager, according to Hobart Price, sales manager for Skinner's Garage, local Buick dealers.

The executive announced that domestic deliveries of Buick motor cars during May totaled 26,072 units, a 32 percent increase over last year, while the company entered June with nearly 8,000 unfilled orders on hand.

Sales during the last ten days of the month registered a sharp increase over the previous period. Mr. Hufstader said, reflecting the strong tone of the market. He said there had been a good Buick market during the recent weeks and that he looked for continued strength this summer.

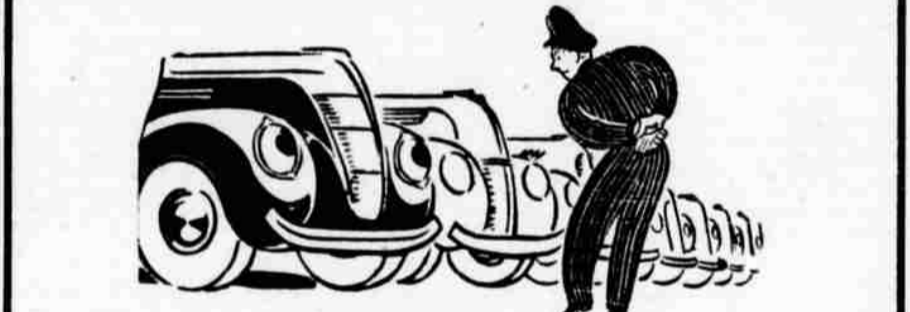
Used car movement was particularly active during May, he said, with a total of 48,707 units being sold by Buick dealers in the United States. This was the best month's used car volume this year and compared with 37,657 in June last year, a gain of more than 11,000 units. The executive said there appears to be a stiffening in this department ever since the first of the year. Buick dealers' used car sales are on the basis of a 28 days supply, representing normal field stocks for this season.

Bring Americans Home.

Galway, Ireland, June 15.—(AP)—With the U. S. liner Washington already on her way to New York with 1,768 American refugees on board, it was understood here today that the Manhattan will arrive in Europe within the next 12 days to take home 4,000 American citizens who fled from Paris.

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