

Travel Editor of Minnesota Tells Views of Rogue Valley

(Editor's Note: How does the Rogue Valley look to a visitor? One answer can be given by the stories written by a visiting newspaperman, Roy Dunlap, travel editor of the St. Paul (Minn.) Dispatch, who was one of a group of news and feature writers who visited here recently as guests of the Pacific Northwest Travel association. The following articles are reprinted from his column, "Once Over Lightly," in the St. Paul newspaper.)

By PAUL LIGHT
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GOLDI

Medford, Ore. — Rare is the city with an ordinance to prevent its citizenry from digging up streets in search of gold.

Just five miles from here, in the heart of Oregon's "Gold Rush" country, such a law still exists in Jacksonville.

But strangely enough the community born of gold fever back in 1851, did not pass the law until some 80 years later.

It all happened during depression years when Jacksonville, like the rest of the nation, found itself a mile short of work, thus cash.

Then someone suggested that if gold got Jacksonville's pioneers off to an illustrious start maybe it could pull the present generation out of a financial hole.

Test diggings were made about the city.

Gold showed and in paying quantities. Everyone had always thought it could be found only in nearby Sardinia creek. They just hadn't dug into the hills of the little city itself.

Citizens of Jacksonville had a gold rush all their own, all over again.

But not content with their own backyards, several began digging into main streets, hauling away some "right shiny" gold dust.

The idea caught on. Why ruin your own backyard when the city streets were loaded, too?

It was then alarmed city fathers, faced with a fast-disappearing street system, stepped in and passed the novel law.

And it still stays on the books although Jacksonville no longer bothers to "pan" for gold.

Like the rest of the nation it finds no shortage of work, thus cash.

PRESIDENT'S BILL
They tell another story out of Jacksonville's colorful, if somewhat lustrous past.

Dusty records in the old Jackson county courthouse prove that a tourist trap is not necessarily a modern invention.

At the height of its gold prosperity Jacksonville entertained the president of the United States, no less, Rutherford Hayes.

It seems that a French woman, Madame Holt, hearing of gold just for the digging, arrived in Jacksonville in 1880 and immediately built a fine hotel which she named the Franco-American.

To spice up the grand opening, she invited President Hayes, his wife, and aides to be present as well as Gen. U. S. Grant, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman and assorted state and local dignitaries.

The president, believe it or not, showed up with his wife, Gen. Sherman and an aide, the paymaster general of the Army.

The seemingly gracious hotel owner ushered her illustrious guests to the finest rooms, fed them that evening at the finest banquet, piled them with rare wines, cigars and conversation to boot.

Then came the dawn. . . . President and Mrs. Hayes assembled at the front door to await the arrival of their stage coach.

"It's been a most wonderful and hospitable occasion, madame," said the president.

"It's been a distinct pleasure to have you and Mrs. Hayes here," replied the lady.

Then she turned, still smiling, and handed the paymaster a folded slip of paper.

He unfolded the same and winced.

It was a bill for \$120 or roughly \$15 a day for each of the illustrious guests.

Well might the paymaster wince for the finest accommodations in San Francisco at that time were barely \$6 a day.

"But . . . but . . ." he spluttered.

"That's my bill," said Madame Holt.

President and Mrs. Hayes retreated into the stage coach.

"Madame," replied the paymaster, "I do not wish to purchase the hotel."

"Nor is it for sale," said Madame Holt. "That'll be \$120."

P.S. He paid it. . . .
CITY WITH A HEART
Medford, Ore., is a city with a heart. . . .

And it proved that heart when nine school children in a remote mountainous area to the south, sent a letter to the Medford Chamber of Commerce:

"Dear Sir, we are children of a little town back up in the

mountain. We never have been out of our community and have often wondered what a big city is like. Can you tell us?"

Chamber of Commerce Manager Don McNeil thought about that letter long and hard. Then he made the rounds of his membership with a wonderful plan.

People went for it immediately. They wanted to help. Could they see to this? Could they do that?

It became one of those rare ideas which capture an entire town's imagination.

Perhaps you can guess what happened. . . .

They were met at the city limits by the police and fire chiefs in their respective, sirened vehicles. They were "screamed" in to town. They were greeted by the mayor.

They were dined, treated like royalty, shown their first airplane close up, bedded down for the night in their first hotel room, taken for a tour of the city and area the next morning in their first taxi and treated to, for some, their first talking motion picture.

But the highlight of the entire visit, says Don, was not the industrial wonders they saw or the toys, ice cream, candies they received.

It was the eighth wonder of their little world, an elevator in the local hotel.

The youngsters just couldn't get over a gadget that could transfer them, effortlessly, to the top of a building.

So entranced were the small fry they delayed their schedule both days by going up and down, up and down, up and down, in the hotel elevator.

It even beat the sight of an honest to gosh airplane, "real

close up," said one little mountain boy.

FESTIVAL
If you're a lover of one W. Shakespeare, and even if you're not, a trip to this part of Oregon must include a performance of the Oregon Shakespearean festival in the city of Ashland.

Here lovers, nay, addicts of the Bard of Avon abound.

In an outdoor theater, the stage of which is a reproduction of the Fortune theater of Shakespeare's time, pure, unadulterated Shakespeare is presented during the month of August.

All this devotion to Willie's work has been going on in Ashland since 1935, when Angus L. Bowmer, professor of drama at Southern Oregon college, decided it was high time that someone stage Shakespeare in authentic Elizabethan settings.

The shell of an old Chautauqua building seemed like a logical beginning.

Angus reasoned that Shakespeare, true to his past, would in the future continue to be good entertainment.

That he guessed correctly is attested in the capacity crowds which nightly (you'd better be seated by 8:30 p.m. or forfeit your reservation and stand in the rear) jam the Festival theater, warm or chilly, star-studded night or rainy.

A different play of W. Shakespeare is presented each night. This year five are in the August repertoire.

In 1957 every play ever written by Shakespeare will have been staged in the Festival, the realization of a professor who foresaw a great cultural attraction in Shakespeare under the stars.

SHADY COVE-TRAIL
Californians Visit Friends

By EVALYN P. WATSON
Shady Cove-Trail — Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cavallin of Compton, Calif., are camping on their property on Big Butte creek just below the Wagner and Close residences, and seeing old friends in the area. They have visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Shimek in Elk Creek, Trail. The Shimeks and Cavallins were neighbors in Compton and both men worked for the same company there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wilcox are returning to their home in San Leandro, Calif., after spending the summer at their home at Trail just below Vera Martin's.

They will come back up some time in September, however, and Wilcox's brother, Charles Wilcox of Hemet, Calif., is remaining here for awhile longer at the cabin. Their son, Harry Wilcox, who has also spent the summer at Trail, is returning to Vallejo, Calif., where he teaches music in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simmons of Trail have had their nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slater and children, Bobbie, Steven and Kathy of Wenatchee, Wash., visiting them. Other recent guests of the Simmons have been Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elzay of Redwood City, Calif.

Jan Gillhouse of Trail is home from the Veterans hospital in Portland and is convalescing from back surgery. The operation was successful.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Williams of Shady Cove are visiting by guests who were visiting them made a trip to Diamond Lake Aug. 23 fishing and picnicking. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stevens of Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. Williams' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Wolters and daughter, Shirley, also of Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dickey of Centralia, Wash. have been spending some time in the area visiting various cousins and families, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ash and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ash, all of Trail. On Aug. 28th Mr. and Mrs. Dickey accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Howe to Union Creek where they visited with another cousin and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Ash.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Scott and daughter, Suzanne of Los Angeles and Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. Pearl Herrington of Bermuda, are house guests of Mr. Scott's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scott of Trail. They have also been visiting Lyman's and Carl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scott of Medford.

Vernon Baldwin, son of Mrs. Ralph Lane of Shady Cove is home from the Navy in San Diego on a 15-day leave before going to Rhode Island where he will be attached to an anti-submarine helicopter squadron.

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Annual Dog Exhibition Starts This Morning

Southern Oregon Kennel club's annual dog show will begin at 9:30 a.m. today at the Medford Senior High school football field.

Judges in the show, which is expected to attract dog enthusiasts from all over the west coast, will be Vincent C. Perry, Van Nuys, Calif.; Chris Shuttleworth, San Valley, Calif.; Percy Roberts, Norton Heights, Calif.; George W. Hall, San Francisco, Calif.; and Mrs. Ruth Davis, San Francisco, Calif.

Exhibitors will bring their dogs to the show one hour before the scheduled time of judging, according to show officials. Exhibitors and their dogs will be excused from the show after judging of the breeds in which their dogs are entered if not required for further judging.

Schedule Given
Following is the schedule:
Ring 1—9:30 a.m. spaniels, 10:45 a.m. springer spaniels, Weimaraners

13:11:45 a.m. Chihuahuas, Brussels griffons, terriers, pugs, 1 p.m. toy poodles, pomeranians, 2 p.m. pekingese, miniature pincchers.

Ring 2—9:30 a.m. bulldogs, Boston terriers, basenjis, 10:30 a.m. chow chows, dalmations, keeshonden, Afghan hounds, whippet, greyhound, 11:30 a.m. basset hounds, 12:30 p.m. beagles, 1 p.m. smooth dachshunds, 2 p.m. miniature poodles, 3 p.m. poodles.

Ring 3—9:30 a.m. German shepherd dogs, 10:30 a.m. Samoyeds, collies, 11 a.m. boxers, 12:30 p.m. great danes, old English sheepdogs, pulli, Shetland sheepdogs, Siberian huskies, St. Bernards, sildales, Bedlington terriers, Cairn terriers, Manchester terriers, 1:30 p.m. Kerry blue terriers, Lakeland terriers, wire foxterriers, Welsh terriers, Scottish terriers, miniature schnauzers, 2:30 p.m. W.H.W. terriers, Doberman pincchers.

Ring 4—1:30 p.m. pointers, G. S. pointers, golden retrievers, Brittany spaniels, 2:30 p.m. Irish setters, Labrador retrievers, English setters.

Ring 5—9:30 a.m. obedience trials, utility, 10:30 a.m. open A, open B.

Ring 6—9:30 a.m. obedience novice show.

A. 11 a.m. novice B. 2 p.m. junior showmanship classes, 3 p.m. variety groups—sporting, hound variety, working, terrier, toy, non-sporting, best in show.

29 Youths Complete Course in Swimming

Twenty-nine members of the Medford and Valley View Path-finder youth organizations recently completed the beginners and intermediate Red Cross swim course at Jackson Hot Springs.

The class was conducted under supervision of Jack Hayden, certified Red Cross instructor, assisted by Mrs. Bernard Thompson. Classes were held on the past 12 Sunday mornings.

Honors in the beginners' section will be given to 29 individuals with 14 going on to complete intermediate requirements. The group consisted of youngsters between the ages of 10 and 15.

A special service will be conducted on Saturday, Sept. 8, by their director, Oral Tucker, who will award honors.

Talent Youth Injured In Vehicle Collision
A 16-year-old Talent boy suffered head lacerations Friday when the car in which he was riding, operated by another 16-year-old Talent boy, collided with a parked car registered to the E. H. Mann company, 1314 North Court st.

The accident occurred on North Court st., near the Big Y intersection, according to state police. The injured boy was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford ambulance but released shortly afterwards, state police said. The driver was cited for violation of the basic rule.

Court Records
POLICE COURT
Jean Middleton McAllister, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
William Lloyd Stricklin, failure to operate on right side of street, \$10.
Leroy Eugene Noble, violation of basic rule, \$10.
James Lee McDaniel, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Donald W. Wood, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Harriet P. Brown, no operator's license, \$5.
Walter Lloyd Christie, failure to stop at stop light, \$5.
Beldon Emerson Block, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Charles Newton Fletcher, violation of basic rule, \$10.
George Scott Green Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.
Samuel Russell Wier, failure to obey traffic signal, \$10.
Elen Gene Hillman, excessive noise, \$10.

to spend some time at Lake Tahoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vermillion of Portland visited with his uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Athel Dudley and with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quail, both of Shady Cove. Other recent visitors of the Dudleys have been Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutchens of Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Miss Ann Dacek of Eureka, Calif., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Buttram of Shady Cove.

The Shady Cove-Trail Lady Lions are sponsoring a style show featuring clothes for school and fall styles in the back-to-school theme on Friday, at 8 p.m. at the Shady Cove school gym, Sept. 7. There will be a program and refreshments will be served. Models will be Mrs. Ray Briggs, Mrs. Al Cooper, Mrs. Earl Proctor, Bill Littlefield, Russell Stelle, Anne Sanford, Phyllis Briggs, Joanne Dickinson, Carole Sheppard, Delberta Spain, Patricia Goode, Ralph Goode, Mary Ann Elrod, Susie Mullen, Pat Mullen, Bruce Spain, Judy Croucher, Anna Quail and Stevie Harmon. Tickets are available from members of the organization and will also be available at the door. Commentator will be Mrs. Wyles Berry. The show is being presented through the courtesy of Mann's Department store of Medford.

A grass fire which started at about 4:30 p.m. Friday between the Ruth Sanford real estate office and the Mountain View cafe was extinguished by members of the Shady Cove-Trail volunteer fire department. It did no damage, and was thought to have started from a discarded cigarette.

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- Dig it up! . . . It's yours!
- By the way.
- A mixture of reflections and thoughts.
- The cuisine is varied.
- A belovedangler.
- Rogue Valley industry.
- The fearless sportscaster.
- Valley news from the West.
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