

# ---With Blue Ribbons on It



All Oregon is anticipating the date of Saturday, February 14, when the state will observe the 100th anniversary of statehood. Early-day events, pioneer families and heirloom possessions have taken on deeper interest. In recognition of the coming important anniversary, the Mail Tribune today publishes pictures taken at the Jacksonville Museum and modeled by Jackson county residents. Susan Mitchelltree, 15-year-old daughter of the James Mitchelltrees, is pictured in the museum's Peter Britt gallery wearing her great-great-great-grandmother's wedding dress. The dress, of cream-colored silk with pink silk damask sash, was first worn by Cordelia Miller when she was married to John McGhee December 10, 1840, in Calaway county, Missouri. Later it was worn by Susan's great-great-grandmother, Mary Elizabeth McGhee, when she was married to Silas J. Day, May 22, 1871, in Portland, and by her great-grandmother, Mary Louisa Day, for her wedding to Henry Dox August 29, 1894, in Jacksonville.



Miss Mary Hanley, curator of the Jacksonville Museum, poses here in the parlor of the museum wearing an heirloom blue cotton wedding gown (1871), black dolman and tiny old-fashioned hat. The parlor is furnished not only with articles from the Peter Britt home in Jacksonville but priceless furniture and objects from other early-day Jackson county homes.



Re-enacting a scene which might have taken place a century ago are Mrs. Charles W. Barnes, Medford, and Mrs. Lynn Valentine, Jacksonville. Mrs. Barnes, the former Dorothy Orth, and Mrs. Valentine both wear authentic pioneer gowns, and the china tea set with hand-painted pink flowers is an heirloom in the Hanley family. The setting is the parlor in the museum.



About a century ago four little girls wore these dresses "for good" and for play. Last week four small residents of Jacksonville and Medford put on the dresses and posed in the children's room of the Jacksonville Museum. The room is filled with furniture, dolls and doll carriages and other articles used by children in a by-gone era. Tresa Robin Zuspenn (in high chair) and her sisters, Lorena (on bed) and Deborah (at right), are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Zuspenn, Jacksonville; Teretha Wolff (holding doll) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wolff, Old Military road, Central Point. Little Robin wears an 85-year-old dress of orange and white checked wool, and Lorena wears a dress almost 100 years old which Miss Alice Hanley wore as a child. The other children have on silk dresses from the museum's collection.



If 12-year-old Gayle Offenbacher had been born 100 years ago, she might have worn a long white muslin nightgown and frilled cap similar to these. Carrying a little brass candlestick from the museum, Gayle posed last week on the curving stairs of the museum. Gayle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Offenbacher, Jacksonville, and she attends school there. The first Offenbachers came to southern Oregon in 1879, and descendants of the couple have continued to live in Jackson county.

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