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Friday, August 26 1904.

Jacksonville, the old, historic town of Southern Oregon, will on Thursday of next week extend the hospitality, for which for 52 years the town has been noted, to the pioneer men and women of Southern Oregon who will gather here for their 28th annual reunion. The reunion will not have the attendance this year that it had in former years for time is making sad inroads in the ranks of the pioneers many of whom have crossed the great divide while others, through the feebleness of age will be unable to attend. Jacksonville should make an extra effort to make this gathering one of perfect pleasure to the pioneers who are to be the guests of the town, for not many years are they to be with us and we should show to them the fullest appreciation possible for what they have done in making this valley one of the garden spots of the country in doing which they underwent hardships and dangers that we of to-day can have little realization.

One of the best of all the write-ups of the mineral resources of Southern Oregon that have appeared from time to time is that of the August number of the Mineral Wealth, of Redding, California. So many of these write-ups are rank exaggeration and do more injury than benefit to a section but all the statements in Mineral Wealth concerning this section are conservative and true facts that can be relied upon by prospective investors and prospectors. A general description of the country is given, together with an historical sketch of the mining industry of Southern Oregon and sketches of all the principal mines and maps that are accurate giving the location of the various mines and places that are of interest to a stranger. Copies of this issue of the paper can be had at W. H. Miller's confectionery store, Jacksonville, and it is well worth the price, 25 cents.

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Reduced Rates to St. Louis Exposition.

The Southern Pacific Co. will sell round trip tickets at greatly reduced rates to St. Louis and Chicago account the St. Louis Exposition on the following dates: June 16, 17, 18; July 1, 2, 3; Aug. 8, 9, 10; September 5, 6, 7; October 3, 4, 5.

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an Oregon immigrant of 1843, was chosen the first governor of California under the state government soon thereafter instituted. In the quest of gold they shared the common lot; fortune smiled on some, to others disappointment came. They played their several roles in the restless, exciting, adventurous life of the mines, and added their chapters to the oft-told story of blasted hopes and unfulfilled dreams. With the rush to the south, it seemed, for a time, as if Oregon would be forgotten and deserted. But family ties and necessities of business held many back and similar influence caused many others to return, often with well filled sacks of gold. And then fortune came in another guise. The demand for provisions and supplies grew large and Oregon soon found ready market for her flour and lumber and food and other products in the numerous mining camps. Though well removed, Oregon imbibed in some degree, the spirit of the mines, with unfavorable result in some respects, but to the general betterment, on the whole, by reason of the marked increase of trade, the steady growth of commerce, and the greatly enlarged and diversified industrial and social life. California's age of gold constituted no unimportant factor in the evolution of this commonwealth and shaped in divers ways the fortunes of both state and citizens.

In the numerous journeyings to and fro it was inevitable that Oregon's streams should be scanned and prospected for the precious metals. The strong resemblances, in soil and geological formation, between Southern Oregon and the mining district of Northern California attracted immediate attention. Undoubtedly fair prospects were early found but not sufficient when measured by the rich standard of the California gravels. At length in the winter of 1851-2, came the consummation so ardently desired, and the golden secret was many revealed. Upon the site of the present town of Jacksonville, the first big finds were made on both Rich Gulch and Jackson Creek and very rich and extensive placers were there disclosed. The news of the discovery rapidly spread abroad and from north and south there came a hurrying throng. The gold quest passed beyond the barriers of the Siskiyou Range and Oregon's age of gold began. The streams of discovery were soon staked with claims, and rich finds were speedily made on numerous other streams and gulches. The excitement and activity of mining life followed in full tide. Tents and rude cabins sprang up on every side, tireless workers everywhere toiled, in feverish haste, with pan and "tom" and rocker, and through numerous sluices auriferous gravels swirled leaving their golden stores among the riffles. Upon Rich Gulch and Jackson Creek a bustling camp grew with all the motley, picturesque phases of mining life. Miners, packers, traders, and camp followers of every sort made up the throng,—the good and bad, the honest and dishonest, the worker and the idler. There could be seen the counterparts of the outcasts of Poker Flat and there in predominant numbers, were strong upholders of law and order. There, despite vice and crime and debauchery, the great popular heart beat true to the fundamental principles of honorable manhood. There, in crude form but with even scale, the assembled people administered stern and equal justice. And there was demonstrated again the American aptitude for popular government and self-control under the most trying circumstances. There, in short, was unfolded a highly interesting chapter in the Argonautic tale; there were enacted scenes and there incidents occurred that would enliven and adorn the pages of Bret Harte. There were laid the foundation of successful and honorable careers and there promising lives were shattered hopelessly amid the strong temptations of the times.

Rich returns, exorbitant prices, hardships, shortened rations, Indian perils, heroic deeds, craven acts, rascality, hangings, entered into the warp and woof of the community life and filled with mingling bright and somber hues the fabric of those early days.

But gradually the mining camp of Jacksonville was transformed into an orderly and permanent town, the authority of law became firmly fixed, business grew and assumed settled form, womanly influence and purity leavened the social mass, other towns arose, constant accessions were made to the small number of settlers in the valley whose coming antedated the gold excitement, a steady stream of immigrants, attracted by the fertile soil and salubrious climate, located farms under the generous Donation Act and families and homes grew numerous. Farming, stockraising, and allied pursuits gave increased solidity to the community life and by degrees were evolved the beginnings of the diversified conditions of to-day.

Since the eventful year of 1851, the gold fields of Jackson and Josephine counties have yielded millions of dollars and the golden stream still issues with unchecked and steady flow. Though the glamor of the olden days has passed away the "mountains there are big with mines, whence many a bursting stream auriferous plays." Primitive mining methods still survive in sporadic form but placer mining throughout the region has substantially passed to the hydraulic stage. The exploration of veins and ledges was early begun and has been marked by fabulous finds. A gradually though slow development has characterized this branch of mining industry and it has advanced from the old arastra process of the sixties to more modern and scientific methods. Today numerous properties, both quartz and placer are yielding rich returns and bear witness to the splendid mineral resources and opportunities of that country. In vein and ledge and gravel bed there still lies fabulous hidden wealth. Gold, silver, copper, and commercial minerals and metals, in great number, seam and permeate the strata of the hills and mountains and invite development by modern mining enterprise and capital. Despite its golden past, and withstanding its present magnitude the mining industry of Southern Oregon is virtually in its infancy. Although its streams and gulches have been well rifled, large gravel deposits yet remain awaiting operation on extensive scale. "Pockets" and surface ledges and high grade ores have heretofore been greatly sought, while ores of low or moderate value have been sadly neglected and deep mining is practically a terra incognita. Exploration and development have been limited and the result to be attained through large investment of capital and thorough and extensive operation are to a great extent in posse. The actualities, as compared with the possibilities, are small, for the known and indicated mineral resources of that section offer almost boundless opportunities to the Midas touch of Capital. It is not an untried field exploitative or speculation nor a vaguely known and distant Eldorado. It offers the distinct advantages of easy accessibility, balmy climate, and convenient sources of supply. No rigorous climate is there to suspend or hamper operation, no isolation involves the payment of excessive transportation charges and no inherent or natural difficulties require unusual or costly process or equipment. With free-milling and easy reducible ores and with favorable topography and geological formation the problems of development and operation are greatly simplified and by virtue of the abundant and diversified local resources and facilities, the expense of operation is minimized in every way.

Imbued with a firm belief in the except-

ional mineral resources and wonderful possibilities of Southern Oregon, the people of that section welcome with pleasure and delight the convocation of the American Mining Congress in this State. In common with other portions of Oregon they desire to attract attention to the opportunities here presented for safe and profitable mining investment. Confident that an investigation of this field will secure the favorable opinion and consideration of capital, the miners and the mining men of the state at large and of Southern Oregon in particular have looked forward with eager anticipation to this occasion. They are hopeful that this gathering shall not only prove a source of pleasure, instruction and profit to delegates and visitors but that it will also materially contribute to the growth and upbuilding of the mining industry throughout the state.

Acting upon the suggestion of the Assistant Secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, the Board of Trade of Jacksonville, the oldest town in Southern Oregon and concededly the oldest mining town within the state, has availed itself of the privilege and opportunity of presenting to the President of your body an appropriate souvenir of this occasion. As a native born of that old mining town, and as the representative of its people and its Board of Trade, and on behalf of the Rogue River Valley and, of Southern Oregon in general, I now take pleasure in presenting to you, as a token of appreciation of the presence of this Congress here, and of the aims and purpose of this organization, this gavel fashioned from the beautiful wood of a manzanita that grew upon Rich gulch, the scene of the first big gold discovery in this state, and adorned with a plate of gold dug during the spring of this year, from the despoiled but still somewhat auriferous bed of that same old gulch. It bears appropriate inscription and we trust that it will serve as a pleasing reminder of a pleasant sojourn in our midst. With it we extend our heartiest greeting and most cordial welcome to you all and express the hope that when your deliberations here are ended many of you will find it convenient and opportune to visit the scenes of the early days of gold in Oregon.

Lewis and Clark Centennial.

International scope is assured to the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition to be held at Portland, Oregon, from June 1st to October 15, 1905, by President Roosevelt's approval of the act of Congress making an appropriation for the Exposition, and his invitation to foreign countries to participate Portland's Exposition will represent a total outlay of over \$5,000,000. Though covering 405 acres of land and natural lake, it will be compact in form, and the average person will be able to see and comprehend it all in a few days at moderate cost. The cream of the foreign and domestic exhibits to be made at St. Louis this year will be transferred to Portland at the close of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The United States exhibit will be moved entire to Portland and installed in building to be specially erected. This exhibit will be worth \$800,000. In addition Portland will have many features which will not be seen at St. Louis, such as exhibit demonstrating the life, customs and industries of China, Japan, Hawaii, Siberia, Russia, Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and India.

The Lewis and Clark Centennial will be the first international exposition under Government patronage ever held on the Pacific Coast. It will be in every way a Western exposition. The railroads will make low rates from Missouri and Mississippi river points to Portland, and exceptionally low rates will be in effect between Portland and the Rocky Mountain region.

Hon. Theo. Cameron and his son Donald returned Wednesday from Galice creek where they had been enjoying a week's fishing trip with Frank Ennis, who is in camp out on the banks of that fine trout stream and who will remain there for a month or more, before returning to his home in California.