

Night found the Jansen boys in the creek canyon. They pulled off their saddles and packs, turned the borrowed horses loose to graze and made camp. During the night the horses wandered up on the side of the hill. In the morning Jake went up after them. Up there, on an outcropping of rock, he found a piece of likely looking float. It was an interesting piece of rock, and Jake was a prospector at heart, but there were stolen horses to be recovered.

The brothers went on but Jake didn't forget that float and a few weeks later with their horses safe in their possession again, the two men came back to Crooked river. That was long about 1905.

They put up a tent in the canyon and began pecking away at the rock outcropping on the side of the hill. They lived in the tent all that first hard winter, and when spring came they had a few feet of tunnel laboriously punched in the side of the mountain.

The years rolled by, one after another. The brothers put up a log cabin and kept punching away at the hole in the mountain. There was little or no income but they managed to exist. More years passed. They kept pecking away, strong in their faith and indifferent to the hardship. Better than 30 years passed before they finally sold the claim.

Somehow, in view of that, fifty thousand dollars does not seem to be an awful lot of money. Thirty years is a long time. Nobody can say that the Jansens didn't earn their "luck".

What are the Jansens doing today? Pecking away at another hole in the mountainside, of course.

BLACKWELL HOME BURNS AT DONNELLY FRIDAY

The big seven-room Blackwell house, located one-half mile east of Donnelly, burned to the ground this Friday morning. The fire occurred about 10 a. m.

A hastily organized crew of fire fighters was rushed to the scene from Donnelly, but was unable to cope with the blaze. The building was a complete loss as were most of the household furnishings.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Very little insurance was carried on the property.

PROBLEMS COMMON TO FARMERS PROBED AT F.S.A. MEETING

Finding better ways to keep the American farmer secure on the family-sized diversified farm so that he will not be dispossessed and forced to compete in the already overcrowded field of industrial employment and seasonal farm labor, was the purpose of the Farm Security Administration conference of Idaho, Oregon and Washington county supervisors, held at Seaside, Oregon, Sept. 5 to 8 inclusive, according to a report received this week from Robert M. Keyes, Valley county FSA supervisor.

"Every effort will be made in Valley, Boise and Adams counties during the coming year to assist as many farmers in this district as possible through loans for adequate livestock and equipment setups that will support a farm family, adjustment of existing debts to where the farm can carry the load, assistance in budgeting farm and home expenditures, encouraging a live-at-home program of self sufficiency, and through development of community and cooperative services," said Keyes. "Many new methods were brought out at the conference that should help the program in this district."

Walter A. Duffey, regional FSA director for Idaho, Oregon and Washington, pointed out that the migration to this region of approximately 24,000 families from the Middle West drouth states, or nearly 150,000 persons and 70,000 children of school age since 1930, has considerably intensified the farm problem, Keyes said.

It was explained that over half of these families were of farm origin but that only a small number had capital enough or could find suitable farms to locate upon. A large number are depending upon seasonal farm work and odd jobs for a livelihood and living under very bad conditions. FSA is attempting to give temporary aid to displaced farm families engaged in farm labor through establishment of farm family labor camps to provide housing, sanitary and social facilities for a limited number until they can be permanently located.

School Patrol

Sugar and Flour