

# The Starfish Story



While walking down the beach an elderly man saw someone in the distance repeatedly leaning down and picking something up and throwing it into the ocean. As the elderly man came closer he noticed thousands of starfish that washed ashore during high tide and did not return with the receding tide and there they lay dying in the afternoon sun.

As the elderly man grew closer he observed the young man picking up the starfish one by one and tossing them back into the ocean. After watching the seemingly futile effort, the observer told the young man “there must be thousands of starfish on the beach. It would be impossible for you to get all of the starfish. You can’t possibly save enough to make a difference.”

The young man smiled as he continued to pick up another starfish and tossed it back into the ocean. “It made a difference to that one,” he replied.

## Semi-Fascinating Facts

MAINE is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

Almonds are a member of the peach family

Strawberries are the only fruit that has seeds on the outside.

**Strawberries are members of the rose family.**

(Which kind of negates the above statement - doesn't it?)

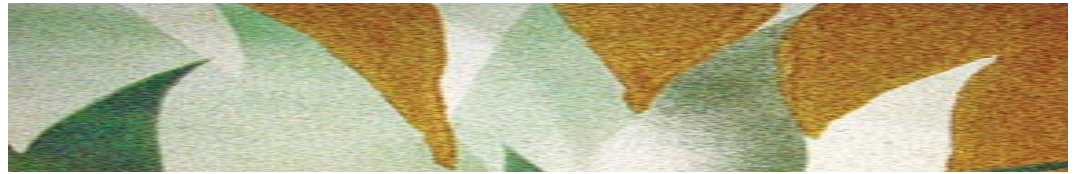
1877, the first telephone line from Boston to Somerville, Massachusetts was in working order.

**By the end of 1880, there were 47,900 telephones in the U. S.**

1891- Pendleton, Oregon, C. S. Jackson of the East Oregonian made it a personal battle to rid Pendleton of the telephone.

In his memoirs Governor Walter Pierce recalled that they "gave them a good black eye," and drove the number of phones to about 17 before they came back with a vengeance.

## NAME THAT YEAR



- Commissioning of the first nuclear-powered submarine, USS Nautilus

- Floods in the Midwest devastate two million acres of farm land

- Diner's Club Card

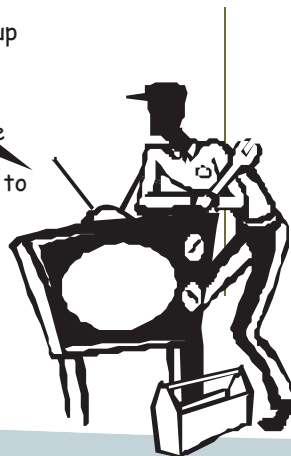
- "The Smart Car for the Young Executive"

- Barbie Dolls began their public career

- Alaska & Hawaii join the Union

- In what year did the Wham-O company star selling the "Pluto Platter"

Remember when you had to get up to change the channel or move the rabbit ears to get better reception?



Answer

In 1954 nuclear powered undersea travel debuted with the USS Nautilus

In 1951 floods in the Midwest devastated 2 million acres of farmland

In 1950 the buy-now- pay-later was brought to the American public by a little card known as the "Diner's Card."

"The Smart Car" the 1957 "Edsel"

Barbie's debut was in 1959

In 1959 Alaska became the 49th State and Hawaii became the 50th State

In 1957 the Wham-O company began selling the "Pluto Platter" and renamed it the "Frisbee".

Fun Fact about the Frisbee:

In 1937, inventor Walter F. Morrison flips a popcorn lid to friends at a Thanksgiving gathering.

In 1946, Walter F. Morrison sketches a design for the world's first flying disc and names it Whirlo-Way.

In 1955, Walter F. Morrison's company PIPCO manufactured and sold the PLUTO PLATTER flying disc.

In 1957, Walter F. Morrison signs all rights to the PLUTO PLATTER over to Wham-O.

Later in 1957, Wham-O changes the name to FRISBEE

## Speeding Right Along --

There is some uncertainty over exactly when the first speeding citation occurred, but the first recorded written speeding ticket was issued in the United States. In 1904, Harry Myers was ticketed for traveling at a speed of 12 mph (19 km/h) on West Third Street in Dayton, Ohio. Although [law enforcement](#) officers had arrested drivers for moving violations dating to the horse-and-buggy days, the strategy of issuing paper citations did not emerge until after the invention of the automobile.

More facts about speeding tickets:

- The first speeding ticket issued by a motorcycle policeman occurred in the state of New York. Officer Willie Seamon issued the ticket to Charles R. Jones of Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. Seamon was riding his Indian twin motorcycle when he noticed Jones going through the city at a speed of 39 mph (62.76 kph). Seamon stopped the vehicle and issued the ticket.
- The earliest known speeding [violation](#) in the United Kingdom came in 1896, when Walter Arnold was charged with traveling at a speed of 8 mph (12.87 km/h) in an area with a 2-mph (3.22 km/h) limit.
- In 1899, Jacob German of New York was arrested for speeding. German, a taxi driver, was charged with going 12 mph (19.31 kph). It is uncertain whether an actual ticket was issued or German was simply taken to the nearest police station

<http://www.wisageek.com/where-was-the-first-speeding-ticket-issued.htm>

## WHO'S THE BETTER DRIVER

**Women not only drive as well as men, but they can do it on either side of the road --**

**Submitted by  
Agnes Hendren,**

A driver driving at 30 mph sees an average of 1320 pieces of information every minute.

<http://tomvanderbilt.com/traffic/some-things-about-traffic-that-may-surprise-you/>

If your house is burning in Hawaii; the Hawaiian Eagle fire truck can reach speeds of 406 miles!

<http://www.thetruckersreport.com/fun-trucking-facts/>

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## A STORY about Old Age & Route Numbers

Waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Trooper saw a car pattering along at 22 mph. He thought this driver is just as dangerous as a speeder. So he pulled the driver over.

Approaching the car, he noticed that there were 5 old ladies - two in the front and three in the back- wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, said to him, "officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit. What seems to be the problem?"

The officer replied, "You were not speeding, but you should know that you were driving slower than the speed limit ma'am."

"No sir, I was doing exactly the speed limit, 22 miles per hour."

"Ma'am 22 was the Route number not the speed limit," the officer replied.

A bit embarrassed, the driver grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, I have to make sure everyone is OK? Your passengers look awfully shaken and they haven't uttered a word," the officer replied.

"OH, they'll be all right in a minute. We just got off Route 119."



# GWA



Undated Photo

Beaverton  
Grange  
#324

GWA ladies with Lap Robes for the VA

The roots of GWA date back to 1888. During the National Grange meeting held in Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Addie S. Hale brought to the convention a resolution requesting a standing committee on "Women's Work in the Grange." Mrs. Hale was appointed chairman and went right to work. A highlight of one of her most memorable accomplishments was her campaign for the adoption of a national flower and the suggestion of each state to adopt their own flower as well.

Locally, because of the commitment of the GWA to deaf awareness a special committee was formed.

The "Women's Committee" faded in and out until about 1910 when the National Grange approved a resolution for a

permanent committee on "Home Economics." You may at times, while reading the old minute books, find reference to H.E.C. which stands for Home Economics Committee.

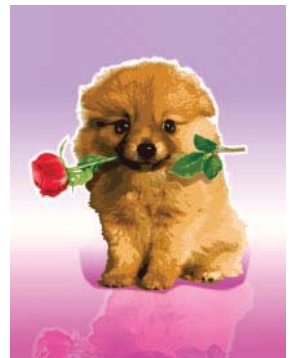
In 1968 The name was changed to "Committee on Women's Actives" (CWA) though some referred to the committee as WAC.

In 1986 the Committee was given the name "Grange Women's Activities."

And it has been changed again to "Grange Workers Activities." But the GWA initials remain.

**Yesterday is History.  
Tomorrow is a Mystery.  
Today is a Gift.  
That is why we call it  
"Present"**

Anonymous



Information found by reading:

"Friend of the Farmer" by Charles Gardner pages 202 – 205.

Oregon State Grange 125 Years of Achievement and the Website.

### Bill Gates' Advice to High Schoolers.....

Here's some advice Bill Gates recently dished out at a high school speech about 11 things they need to know and that they did not learn in school. He talked about how feel-good, politically correct teaching has created a full generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for sure failure in the real world.

**RULE 1:** Life is not fair - get used to it.

**RULE 2:** The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something, BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

**RULE 3:** You will NOT make 40 thousand dollars a year, right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a car phone, until you earn both.

**RULE 4:** If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure.

**RULE 5:** Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping - they called it opportunity.

**RULE 6:** If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

**RULE 7:** Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

**RULE 8:** Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want, to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

**RULE 9:** Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

**RULE 10:** Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

**RULE 11:** Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

Reasons Why The English Language Is Hard To Learn:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- 19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

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ANGEL

If only I had known... I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the "GOOD" living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment realizing that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more "I love you's" and more "I'm sorry's"  
...but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute... look at it and really see it ... live it ... and never give it back.

(In memory of Erma Bombeck, who lost her battle with cancer.)

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## I WAS THINKING

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.

Birthdays are good for you: the more you have the longer you live.

How long a minute is, depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

I have noticed that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them.

If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?

Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

If Walmart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing in the store is free yet?

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because its over; smile because it happened.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors but they all have to learn to live in the same box.

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

also... How come Noah didn't swat the two mosquitoes?



### Some thoughts to ponder...

- Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- Why is a boxing ring square?
- Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- Why is it that rain drops but snow falls?
- Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the third hand on the watch called a second hand?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why is the word dictionary in the dictionary?
- Why isn't there a special name for the tops of your feet?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- You know that little indestructible black box that is used on planes? Why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?
- Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?

*So stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until you are off welfare, until the first or fifteenth, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink, until you've sobered up, until you die, until you are born again... to decide that **there is no better time than right now to be happy!***

*"Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul."*

**STORY: Growing Good Corn** *Author Unknown*

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon.

One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

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*Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."*

**Dale Carnegie**

*“We could learn a lot from crayons; some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, while others bright, some have weird names, but they all have earned to live together in the same box.*

Twenty Dollars Author:Unknown

A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked. "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you - but first, let me do this."

He proceeded to crumple the 20 dollar note up. He then asked. "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Well," he replied, "what if I do this?" He dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty.

"Now, who still wants it? Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless; but no matter what happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you. **The worth of our lives comes, not in what we do or who we know, but by ...WHO WE ARE.** You are special - don't ever forget it."

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*“Make it a habit to tell people thank you. To express your appreciation, sincerely and without the expectation of anything in return. Truly appreciate those around you, and you'll soon find many others around you. Truly appreciate life, and you'll find that you have more of it.”*

*—Ralph Marston; author and publisher of The Daily Motivator*

Every single thing you do matters. You have been created as one of a kind. You have been created in order to make a difference. You have within you the power to change the world.” Andy Andrews

*Everybody can be great. **Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve.** You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. **You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.** ~Martin Luther King, Jr.*

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.” Dr. Seuss

**QUOTE:**

*For every person in every organization, there comes a moment when he or she must have the courage to step forward and meet the needs of the time. Regardless of whether your time is now or in the future, you must be prepared and willing to seize that moment as a courageous leader!*

*David Cottrell*

**STORY:**

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

*"Balance, peace, and joy are the fruit of a successful life. It starts with recognizing your talents and finding ways to serve others by using them." Thomas Kinkade*

**"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." Henry Ford**

*If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up some place else.  
Yogi Berra*

**QUOTE: Author Unknown**

"This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind...let it be something good."

*"Become a hunter of blessings, actively seeking them out in every experience and person you encounter." Kate Nowak*

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." George Bernard Shaw

*"It's your attitude, not your aptitude, that determines your altitude." Zig Ziglar*

"The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up."

Mark Twain

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*"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier." Mother Teresa*

*"Many acts of service cost nothing and take a little time:*

**Encouragement,  
Compliments,  
Listening,  
Gratitude,  
and Compassion.**

*Anytime you affirm the worth of others, you serve." Chris Karcher*

### **STORY: A Million Dollar Lesson by Petey Parker**

I had flown into Dallas for the sole purpose of calling on a client. Time was of the essence and my plan included a quick turnaround trip from and back to the airport. A spotless cab pulled up. The driver rushed to open the passenger door for me and made sure I was comfortably seated before he closed the door. As he got in the driver's seat, he mentioned that the neatly folded *Wall Street Journal* next to me was for my use.

He then showed me several tapes and asked me what type of music I would enjoy. Well! I looked around for a "Candid Camera!" Wouldn't you? I could not believe the service I was receiving! I took the opportunity to say, "Obviously you take great pride in your work. You must have a story to tell."

"You bet," he replied. "I used to be in corporate America. But I got tired of thinking my best would never be good enough. I decided to find my niche in life where I could feel proud of being the best I could be. I knew I would never be a rocket scientist, but I love driving cars, being of service and feeling like I have done a full day's work and done it well. I evaluated my personal assets and...wham! I became a cab driver. One thing I know for sure; to be good in my business I could simply just meet the expectations of my passengers. But, to be GREAT in my business, I have to EXCEED the customer's expectations! I like both the sound and the return of being 'great' better than just getting by on 'average.'" Did I tip him big time? You bet! Corporate America's loss is the traveling folks' friend!

### **QUOTE: Rachel Naomi Remen**

"The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.... A loving silence often has far more power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words.."

*"When dealing with people, remember you are not dealing with creatures of logic, but creatures of emotion." Dale Carnegie*

"Human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change the outer aspects of their lives." William James

*"Those who are lifting the world upward and onward are those who encourage more than criticize." Elizabeth Harrison*

"Appreciation is a free gift that you can give to anyone you encounter - it is completely your choice." Barbara Glanz

**STORY: A 'YES' Face** by Charles Swindoll

During Thomas Jefferson's presidency, he and a group of travelers were crossing a river that had overflowed its banks. Each man crossed on horseback, fighting for his life.

A lone traveler watched the group traverse the treacherous river and then asked President Jefferson to take him across. The president agreed without hesitation, the man climbed on, and the two made it safely to the other side of the river where somebody asked him, "Why did you select the President to ask this favor?" The man was shocked, admitting he had no idea it was the President of the United States who had carried him safely across.

"All I know," he said, "is that on some of your faces was written the answer 'NO' and on some of them was the answer 'YES.' His was a 'YES' face."

**QUESTION:** What's written on your face?

# OREGON GOLD MINING



**B**aker City, Oregon  
<http://www.westernmininghistory.com/towns/oregon/baker-city/>

Prospectors discovered gold in eastern Oregon in 1861 and quickly sparked a rush of miners that led to the creation of Baker City. Soon a saloon, hotel, and blacksmith shop opened, followed by a quartz mill in 1864. The next year the town was laid out and in 1868 it succeeded Auburn as the county seat of Baker County. Baker City officially incorporated as a city in 1874.

The Oregon Short Line Railroad came to Baker City in 1884 and encouraged continued growth. By the 1890s the city gained a reputation as the "Denver of Oregon." During this period, Baker City was one of the more colorful towns in the Pacific Northwest as miners, ranchers, cowboys, and sheepherders mingled with gamblers and dance hall girls. By 1900 it had become the trading center for a vast region and was the largest city between Salt Lake City and Portland.

Construction of the narrow gauge Sumpter Valley Railroad in 1896 and the Transatlantic Railway in 1897 helped the mining and timber industries flourish for decades

## Sumpter, Oregon

In 1862, five men from South Carolina were on their way to the California gold fields. While camped near cracker creek, they discovered gold in the creek gravels. The men decided to stay in the Sumpter area and built a cabin which they named Fort Sumter after a famous Civil War era fort in South Carolina.

The isolated town grew slowly over the next 30 years. The availability of heavy mining machinery in the 1890's, and the arrival of the railroad in 1897 resulted in rapid growth of the town. By the early 1900's Sumpter had thousands of residents. The mines around Sumpter were producing millions of dollars in gold every year, earning Sumpter the title of "Queen City". The first of the massive floating gold dredges began mining river gravels just outside Sumpter in 1913.

## Granite, Oregon

First established by miners after the discovery of gold July 4, 1862, the community was originally called Independence and was situated about a mile-and-half west-north-west of the present location. According to Oregon Geographic Names, the name Granite was chosen when its post office was established in 1878, the name "Independence" already being used in Polk County, Oregon. A. G. Tabor, who had staked the first mining claim on Granite Creek (the Independence) and was the only merchant in town at the time, served as the first postmaster. The city of Granite was incorporated in April 1900 with Grant Thornburg as mayor.

A mine is a hole in the ground, owned by a liar.  
- Mark Twain



With more than eighty percent of the men in the area directly employed in the mining industry, the viability of the area's economy practically collapsed when gold mining was made illegal in 1942 by Federal Public Law L-208, under the authority of the War Labor Act. The city had a population of 45 in 1930, 86 in 1940, 40 in 1950, and two in 1960. Although electrical service, provided by a local power plant on Clear Creek, and telegraph and later telephone lines were operational in the early days, they fell out of use and were abandoned after World War II. Modern telephone service was extended to Granite in the year 2000.

As of the 2000 census, the city had a total population of 24, up from its population of 10 in 1990. It is the second-smallest (according to population) incorporated city in Oregon, after nearby Greenhorn, which has a population of zero.

## Jacksonville, Oregon

Jacksonville was founded following discovery of gold deposits in 1851-2. By the Winter of 1852, the rapidly growing Jacksonville had over 2000 residents. With the creation of Jackson county in 1852, Jacksonville became the county seat.

Jacksonville flourished until 1884 when the railroad routed through nearby Medford and bypassed Jacksonville.

## Kerby, Oregon

Originally known as Kerbyville, Kerby was settled around 1854, shortly after gold was discovered in The Illinois Valley. In 1857 the town was selected as the county seat, a title it held until 1857 when the seat was moved to Grants Pass.

As mining waned in the Illinois Valley, Kerby and other towns transitioned to a timber and farming economy.