

# OVER THE COUNTY

## SCAPPOOSE

The Commercial club met on last Thursday evening but owing to the small attendance several things were tabled.

There were twenty-three people from our city who joined the caravan for the big day at Vernonia last Saturday. They all returned with enthusiastic reports of a good time.

A reception was held last Wednesday evening in honor of our young folks who are going to college. Among the new list are Inez McKay, who goes to O. A. C., Mary Havlik to U. of W. and will major in music, Burl Smith to O. A. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bennett celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary at their home last Saturday evening. Friends and relatives from Portland and nearby points attended and a royal good time was had.

Scappoose has one more man on the young list since Rutherford Shappe celebrated his 21st birthday anniversary last Saturday evening. Several friends aided the celebrating and needless to say they all had a splendid time.

Wedding bells or at least the echo rang here last week when Mrs. Anna Lynch an Mr. Bumgardner of Clatskanie were quietly married on last Tuesday. They were married in Vancouver and will make their home in Clatskanie. Mrs. Lynch moved her household goods last week. She has many friends in this vicinity who will always be glad to welcome her back.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchholz of Portland were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith.

Mrs. Shoff of Portland returned home Tuesday after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. John Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harbke of Golden-dale, Oregon, spent the past week with their daughter, Mrs. Loren Johnson.

Mrs. Jack Duncan left for her home in Hoquiam after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry White have been entertaining their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Wasco, Oregon.

Mrs. Vernon Cooke and children left Monday for their home in Illinois. They will stop in Denver for a week or two visiting Mr. Cooke's parents. Mrs. Cooke has been here during the summer with her parents, Mayor and Mrs. Watts. She assisted in several musical programs while here.

You want to remember the reception for the teachers in the school on Friday evening at 7:45.

Miss Helen Watts left for Baker, Oregon, Monday where she will be superintendent of music for the schools there. While we are glad for her opportunity we realize the community loss.

Victor Watts is home after having spent several months as radio operator on the steamer Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. VanOrshoven of St. Helens were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. McManus Sunday.

Mrs. L. B. Loughton, Miss Clair Hathaway, sister and niece of Mrs. Cloninger, spent Sunday with her.

Community church services for Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m., morning worship at 11 a. m., C. E. at 7 p. m., evening service at 8 p. m. Mr. Bond, pastor.

## COLUMBIA CITY

(Received too late for last week.) School opened Tuesday with a full attendance in both rooms. Mrs. Elsie Dew as principal and Mrs. Celia Wootan in charge of the primary department.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caples and daughter Ethel are now settled in their new location and are now "at home" again to all friends. Mr. Caples recently had his house moved from the hill to what is known as the "Orchard Block."

Nora Maclay after spending several days at Seaside, is back to work again at the venser plant.

Roy Larson and sister Evelyn are now spending a very quiet time at home as their California friends left for home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Maclay have purchased a new Chevrolet from the Copeland Auto Co. of St. Helens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graham returned home Tuesday evening after having spent a very pleasant week at the beach. They were the guests of Mrs. Graham's aunt at Ocean Park, Wash.

## VERNONIA'S BIG DAY WAS GRAND SUCCESS

Written for The Mist by Jeremy Kram.

Vernonia's great day is over but not likely to be forgotten. Fifteen hundred people will remember it as they would remember a woodland stanza from Longfellow—a thriving village on a fertile meadow beside a sweet-voiced river, people fluttering hither and thither beneath the flags and banners of a festive day, the music of a band, the rancous cries of vendors and the gleeful shouts of children, which, increased by the honest outcries of their elders became almost a paean of joy as, far up the canyon of the Nehalem, they heard the longdrawn whistle of the locomotive bringing in the first passenger train to cross the mountains as it broke the brooding silence which had lain upon those forest-mantled ridges for unnumbered years.

This first train into the Nehalem Valley was the "Columbia County Special" as its banner indicated. It started at St. Helens and carried mainly St. Helens people, though Scappoose, Rainier and Warren were represented. The first stop was at Linnton where, due to the energy and resourcefulness of Agent Gilby, who was largely responsible for chartering the train, we took to the new railroad ahead of the special coming from Portland. We were a hundred and fifty-five on board—men, women and children, though to judge from the noise, the laughter, the general merriment, and the delight as some unexpectedly lovely vista came into view, one might have thought that so many children had gotten into long trousers and the garb of womanhood.

At the Beaver Creek Lumber camp a pleasant treat was in store for us. As soon as the Portland train came in, bearing about two hundred passengers, we walked into the woods and saw the loggers bring a great tree crashing to the earth. The fallers were W. O. Purris and W. H. Ruddiman. They received each a pair of gloves donated by the Simmons Glove Mfg. Co. of Portland. Then we were escorted by Mr. E. P. Scanlan, chief engineer for the Murphy interests, farther into the forests. To the sound of a tuneless march discoursed by Staudemeyer's band the high-climber, Neils Troland, ascended a towering fir. At the height of one hundred and twenty feet he began to saw. In twelve minutes the boughy top went hurtling to the ground and the climber clung for life to the swaying trunk. A shout from the crowd and a blare from the band acclaimed the risky deed.

Before returning to the cars to proceed on our way to the forest metropolis, Mrs. H. F. McCormick, assisted by our revered county moralist, mounted a treacherous looking pile of logs and photographed the crowd. Mrs. McCormick descended safely, however.

At Wilkesboro the engine crew which pulled out from St. Helens withdrew in favor of Harry E. Smith and Fred W. Gongoll, engineer and fireman, who, during the long months of grilling construction work,

drove the engine which hauled the material and men. They were thus given the honor of pulling the first passengers into Vernonia.

As we drew into the station at Vernonia a huge crowd stood in the hot sun of a perfect Indian summer noon and hotly bade us welcome. A parade was formed. Cowboys led the way, Mayor White of Vernonia came next, the band followed, and the delegations from St. Helens and Portland Chambers of Commerce fell in line. A fine banquet was served to two hundred and fifty people. In the course thereof a number of speeches were made, but it was the sentiment of several prominent Portlanders to whom I was speaking that the short, thoughtful and witty talk made by District Attorney John L. Foote was the cleverest of all.

We repaired then to the city park to sit in the grateful shade of the Jack-firs and drink in the soothing atmosphere of the resinous hills about us, and that other kind of atmosphere emanating from the speakers platform. Lester Sheeley made the address of welcome. The speakers were introduced by Mayor White of Vernonia. The Hon. George Baker, mayor of Portland, was the first speaker of the day. He declared that the occasion assured us that our dreams of Oregon's development were coming true, and that with a rapidity and scope which ought to astound us. That more progress is not even more pronounced he attributed to the sparsity of populations, and to the same cause he blamed the excessive burden of taxation which, to alleviate, we must bring more people into the state. With somewhat of insouciance he paid a rather left-handed compliment to the people of Oregon when he said that if Californians possessed our great resources they would have fifty people to the square mile instead of eight as we have.

Judge Carey, of Portland, was the next speaker. He gave an interesting history of attempts to build a railroad into the Nehalem Valley, all of which, except the present, had been failures for various causes. The judge pleaded for co-operation between the people and the railroads.

The speech of Judge Cornelius, of Clatsop county, who declared himself a "plain, blunt man," resembled the crackling of fireworks on the Fourth of July. He said what he meant and meant what he said, and his oratory seemed to be directed to the Portland delegates especially, to the effect that if they did not help Clatsop county to build roads, there would be no fair in Portland.

The Hon. Martin White followed the gentleman from Clatsop. He insisted upon the need of improving our roads now, before the immense riches represented by the standing forests are gone; after that it will be too late.

Omar Spencer, a native son of Vernonia, now practicing law with Judge Carey, was the last but not the least of the speakers. He spoke on behalf of Vernonia and the Nehalem Valley telling his hearers that they were now in a time of transition, passing from the days of the ox team to the days of the locomotive. He urged them not to forget the traditions of the old days, but to welcome the advantages of the new.

The day closed in a blaze of glory. The visitors, tired but well content with Vernonia's charming hospitality, departed by rail and auto. The sun went down and twilight fell upon the valley. From a hill apart I saw the lights of the town appear out of the darkness one by one. The lights of the carnival, red and green and blue, twinkled merrily as if to the tune of the merry-go-round, and rockets spurted brilliant streamers into the skies. Standing on the same hill a year from now we may not see rockets or the multicolored glow of a carnival, but instead, we shall doubtless behold the arclights of a fair sized city, the cluster lights of great mill yards, the flaming glow of forges, and hear the haritone of big steel saws.

We cannot conclude this sketch without advertising the remarkable thing achieved by the Chamber of Commerce—the preparation and passage of the first train into the Nehalem Valley, Portland with all her population, her wealth and her countless speculators sent out a train with only a handful more of passengers than we had on board. A body of unpaid public officials who were able to accomplish such a task so successfully are capable of placing St. Helens in the vanguard of Oregon cities.

## WARREN

W. J. Fullerton is jubilant over the publicity given in last week's Mist by his "pear ad". The ad read he would sell pears for \$50.00 per box, the highest price ever asked for a box of that fruit. The people flocked to buy as they thought the price indicated a very superior article.

A. H. Carlson, Carl Rylander, Albert Anderson, W. J. Fullerton, A. L. Morris, Mrs. A. L. Morris and Mrs. L. Snider were visitors on the Vernonia special to the Nehalem Valley metropolis. They report an exceptionally good time and a hearty reception.

Larson & Sons are threshing for the Egger Bros. on the slough road near Portland.

About twenty-five pupils are attending the Scappoose High school from this district.

F. H. Taylor, who has been gathering vegetables in this section, has returned from a Portland hospital where he underwent an operation.

The farm exhibits at the county fair from this section promises to surpass anything yet displayed in Columbia county. The livestock exhibits already have more entries than at any past event.

## DEER ISLAND

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lovell, who have been working for the Deer Island Livestock company the last year, have left the farm and are living in Portland at present.

Mrs. Johns returned to her home in Portland after visiting the past two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Adams.

Mrs. Otto Judisch and Mrs. Roscoe Loyd returned Sunday from Seaside after a stay of two weeks.

There will be church services at the school house Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Mrs. Frank Daily of Seaside was on our streets last week.

Sunday evening about 10:30 two cars collided one-fourth mile north of Deer Island. Four colored men driving an Oldsmobile 8 struck an Overland bound for Prescott and demolished it. Fortunately no one was injured. The colored men were taken to St. Helens but have not learned their fate yet. Too much moonshine.

Mrs. Leo Lowenstein and daughter, June Larned, of Seattle, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Adams last week.

Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. English, Mrs. A. Galtiers and Mrs. Dan Dodson were visitors at the Vernonia celebration last Saturday and all report an enjoyable trip.

Much interest is being taken in the county fair which will be held at St. Helens next week, and as usual, a number of Deer Island people will attend.

A number of residents of this community are planning to go to St. Helens Friday to see the Ford caravan.

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