

County Graves Comment

Columbia County, which is the best county financially, in Oregon, is preparing to tell the world more of her good points. At a meeting called by the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce, last Monday, each town in the County was represented. At the luncheon table were twenty seven men, each having a part in helping to put our County to the front. R. H. Crozier, A. G. P. A. of the S. P. & S., made a splendid talk on what our railroads were doing in a publicity campaign for the Northwest for the coming spring and promised to aid in any way he could on the work of Columbia County. Dan C. Freeman, who is manager of the Associated Industries, explained ways and means of various publicity campaigns, and offered valuable information in regards to the book the County is getting out. A "County Book Board" was formed with one member from each town. Dr. Flynn is President, F. C. Holibaugh is Secretary and Judge Philip is Treasurer. By a unanimous vote Dan C. Freeman was appointed editor of the book and will arrange all matter, pass on the articles and edit what information is to be used. Mr. Freeman is donating his service and the County surely is fortunate in having Mr. Freeman for its friend. His work is greatly appreciated and no man in Oregon is better posted on such matter. Mr. Freeman has been over every road in Columbia County and knows all good points. The book will be of 32 pages with a two color cover. The center pages will be devoted to a picture map of the county 8x16 inches. Twenty thousand of the books will be printed. The Board will meet again shortly for final arrangements and the books will be out by May 1.

New Office Building

We met Editor Morton, of the St. Helens Mist, last Monday, in his well-equipped printing and newspaper office. Friend Morton is prospering in the County Seat town, as evidenced by a splendid new hollow tile office building he is erecting. It is large, light, and a modern office building in every respect. While there, Brother Morton kindly lent us the cut of the newly appointed County Judge.

Mr. McCormick of St. Helens, was transacting business in Vernonia Wednesday and visiting with Judge Harris.

County Judge John Philip



Judge John Philip has been appointed County Judge, by Gov. Pierce, to fill the unexpired term of Judge White, who recently resigned. Vernonia and the Nehalem Valley are pleased with the appointment. Judge Philip informs us that he expects to visit our city as soon as convenient for him to do so.

Orchards Not Cared For

F. E. DePue, who arrived several weeks ago from Michigan, is again a guest at the home of his brother, Bert DePue of near this place. He is an expert orchardist, and is desirous of locating upon a farm in this vicinity. Mr. DePue is willing to pay the price, providing a suitable place presents itself, but all the places containing orchards he has seen thus far fall far below the demands. In company with his brother he has covered this entire valley during the past few days, and says that he failed to find a single orchard which is not infected to a menacing degree with "grubs." This is a condition which should not exist. Farmers, will you not examine your trees, and administer a dose of lime-sulphur spray if it is needed? We cannot afford to allow our reputation for fruit to go glimmering through neglect or oversight.

Passenger Trains

The P. A. & P. will put on regular service, at greatly reduced rates, on and after next Monday. See their ad in another part of this issue. It behooves us to patronize these trains, as the railroad means much to Vernonia.

HOW TO HAVE AN ATTRACTIVE LAWN

Frequent Seeding, With Use of Suitable Fertilizers Will Give Results.

When there is a partial stand of grass on a lawn, even though the ground is not more than one-fourth covered, the best plan is to seed freely about twice a year and apply suitable fertilizers at frequent intervals, the United States Department of Agriculture advises. If soil is composed partially of clay or is a clay subsoil, then Kentucky blue grass and redtop would be suitable to use in equal quantities, by weight. If in shade as much red fescue as either of the other grasses should be added. If, however, the soil



Lawn and Shrubbery.

is largely sand, redtop, red fescue, and, if obtainable, creeping bent or Rhode Island bent should be used in equal parts by weight. For Kentucky blue grass the soil needs to be alkaline. This can be assured by applying lime or unleached wood ashes at the rate of one to three tons per acre. If there is half a stand of grass one would use seed at the rate of 50 pounds per acre or one pound for every 1,000 square feet of surface. With less grass, one would use more seed.

It is well to seed in March and the last of August or first of September. To stimulate as vigorous a growth of grass as possible a liberal application of either ground bone or one of the prepared stock yard manures, like prepared sheep manure or prepared cow manure, should be broadcast on the surface. From one to one and one-half tons of bone per acre is required, and of the prepared manures an even larger quantity. After the grass has well started, nitrate of soda could be used to advantage at the rate of 50 pounds per acre. This could be repeated a month later, although as a rule it is not advisable to use this material after the beginning of September. It should be applied when the ground is wet either from rain or from watering.

Bone or stock yard manure should be applied late each fall and nitrate of soda could be used as a stimulant from June to September at intervals of a month. Reseeding is desirable each March and August until a really good lawn is secured, when the August seeding may be omitted.

Clipping the lawn should begin as soon as the lawn mower will cut the tops when set high. It should be repeated at intervals of five days or a week. The clippings should be permitted to remain about the roots of the grass.

Watering should not be oftener than once in five days but should wet the soil to a depth of four inches when applied. Usually watering is too light and too frequent.

Mrs. Sitts has bought the up-to-date hen house and flock of S. C. Anconas hens of C. R. Watts and has moved them to her home on Rose Ave. When speaking to B. F. Lane of these hens, he said they are the best hens in the world. That means a lot; but Mrs. Sitts thinks she has a nice flock fowls and will enjoy showing them to any one who calls, and will hold the eggs at a reasonable price for setting, and now is the time to get your eggs for setting.

Good Hotel building, doing good business, central location; a real buy at \$2500.—G. B. Richmond.

Water System Ordered

The city council met Monday at 1:00 p. m. in pursuance to notice published in last week's Eagle, for the purpose of opening bids on the construction of the Vernonia Water System.

City Recorder Owens reported that six bids had been received on the work from as many separate concerns which were anxious to undertake the job, and upon opening and investigating the various proposals it was found that the Vernonia Construction Company were the lowest, with a bid of \$26,278.20, being \$866.65 under their nearest competitors. The council proceeded at once to the formalities of awarding the local company the contract, and thus is our long spell of "watchful waiting" brought to a favorable termination.

The Vernonia Construction Co. is composed of C. A. Mills, C. U. Enstrom and Fred Overton, all of whom have made good, and have a sufficient amount of "know how" to guarantee success in any undertaking to which they may turn their hands. They expect to have everything in readiness to start active operations within a week, and time limit for completion is 120 days.

It is planned to use a deep well for the present supply, which will be pumped to a large elevated reservoir to give at least 85 pounds' pressure to all parts of the city. The well will be sunk deep enough to guard against any possible contamination and will be walled with cement concrete to a depth sufficient to exclude all possibilities of the entrance of surface water.

The work of laying the mains and excavating for the reservoir will be commenced at the earliest possible moment and the job rushed with all possible speed.

TO HAVE FINE ROSE BLOOMS

Cut Away All Surplus Wood When Trimming the Bush Early in the Spring.

In the spring, dormant roses which were set in the fall should be cut back, leaving only two or three stems with four or five eyes on each. This will leave them 6 inches or less in length. When dormant roses are planted in the spring they should be pruned at the time of planting, leaving four or five on a stem.

After the first year, the pruning should be done as soon as freezing weather is over, says the United States Department of Agriculture. In regions where roses never suffer from cold it may be done in the fall. All weak wood and crossing branches should be removed every year. For greatest mass of bloom only one-third to one-half of the shoots should be cut away.

—One great trouble with the country is that 9 out of 10 pairs of pants wear out in the seat first.

Child Fatally Burned

Last Thursday evening about 9:30 o'clock a heartrending accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Balhorn, on what is known as the Wright ranch. Their little six year old daughter Ione was fatally burned by a spark from an open fireplace igniting her clothing as she lay sleeping in front of it, near her mother who was making a lunch box for the play, "Mr. Bob," and box social the teachers of Mist school were to give Saturday evening. Mr. Balhorn was at Westport lumber camp. The oldest daughter, Mrs. Kingsella and her husband were at the old Mist school house engaged in the last rehearsal of the play. The second daughter was in bed, and was awakened by the screams of the mother, who frantically dragged the child onto the front porch and called to John Bashman's for help. When help arrived the sister had nearly subdued the flames. Mr. Bachman and Clyde Johnson hurried to Mist where they got Mrs. Smith to unlock the Central office and call a doctor and the father, and then on to tell the sister and brother-in-law The Melis car took several to the house at once and Florence Melis and Jimmy Kingsella faithfully worked putting oil on the little sufferer, whose poor little body was charred from the knees up. Dr. Sears came quickly and told them the child could not live long. Mr. Balhorn who had by that time reached home was wild with grief and anxiety. "If he only had Dr. Wooden, the doctor he was used to, surely he could do something for Ione." Father Rymal Johnson, unable to resist the plea of the parents, went to Clatskanie and brought Dr. Wooden who saw at a glance that life would soon be gone. Realizing the feelings of the parents he melted wax and bandaged the little sufferer until the last fluttering breath left the body at 5:30 a. m., and the soul returned to God. The neighbors feel grateful to Dr. Wooden for staying by the child until the last, and so giving to the family the comfort of knowing that all that possibly could be done was done. Neighbors did all in their power to show their sympathy in practical ways. Funeral was conducted by Mr. Anderson at the Presbyterian church at Clatskanie at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dr. Benson preaching the sermon. Several floral offerings were made by friends here among which we noticed one from the Mist school and one from the Mist Garage. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the sorrowing family, father, mother, two brothers and two sisters.

Base Ball Boys Busy

The ball team is starting with flags flying. Money is secured to launch the organization with all promise of success. When it comes to getting the money—Leave it to Smith. Mr. Smith collected \$127 this week for the team and this Thursday night a big dance and basket social is being held in the dance hall for the Vernonia Ball Team.

Let Everybody Get In On This

Here is a puzzle that has been going the rounds at some of the country parties that other folks may be interested in too. This is how it goes: Put down the year in which you were born, to which add 4; then add the age your next birthday will make you, provided you have not had a birthday since the first of last January, otherwise your age at your last birthday. Multiply the result by 1000, and deduct from this 712,423; substitute for the figures corresponding letters of the alphabet, A for 1, B for 2, C for 3, and so on. The result will give the name by which you are popularly known.

Eagle Editor Invited To Speak

State editors will meet at the annual "Conference" at University at Eugene this month. The Eagle editor generally attends these important gatherings and has been on the program in years gone. Sorry we can't answer favorably the following invitation this year:

University of Oregon School of Journalism Feb. 27, 1923.

Dear Mr. Robinson: Can I not put your name down to lead off with the discussion of one of the topics at the coming Conference? I should like to see your name on the program; won't you please glance at Oregon Exchanges and tell me which topic you are most interested in? Write it on this postal and mail it back to me. Please do.

Yours very sincerely,
Eric W. Allen, Dean.

Effects of the recent snowstorm which held up logging operations and resulted in a slowing up in lumber production are being felt by steamship operators, and several carriers will leave the Columbia river with smaller cargoes than were anticipated.

Plans have been completed for the holding of a series of four big district conferences of the American Legion posts in the department of Oregon during the month of March, according to announcement by Harry Nelson, state adjutant. These gatherings will be held in The Dalles, March 3; La Grande, March 10; Eugene, March 17, and Medford, March 24. A fifth conference for Portland is to be arranged, the date for this having not yet been set.



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