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COLUMBIA COUNTY

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EEL LAKE CAMP MAN IS DROWNED

Lyle R. Wells, of Vernonia, Falls from Log.

Lyle Raymond Wells, aged about 20, of Vernonia, Ore., was drowned in Eel Lake yesterday afternoon as he was about to go for a boat ride with his brother, Lloyd Wells. The body was recovered about two hours after he fell in.

Wells and his brother had but recently come here, being employed at the Stout Lumber Co. camp only a day or two. They motored here in a small car.

About 4 o'clock yesterday they prepared to go for a boat ride. Lyle Wells had a pike pole and walked out on a log that served as a float and with a pike pole was pushing the boat out into the clear. The log turned and he fell in and never came to the surface.

The body was brought to the Wilson chapel here and the funeral arrangements will not be made until word is received from Wells' mother and sister, who reside at Vernonia.

The Wells boys were employed as choker setters at Alsea and arrived here the last of the week. W. J. Rust sent them to Eel Lake, where they started work Saturday.—Coos Bay Times.

BALL TEAM WINNERS

Labor Day base ball was the drawing card. Vernonia was there with bells on. We played the Hawthorn team of Portland. Two games, a double-header in the afternoon. The first game ended in a rush and wild program of scores for Vernonia, as we made all of them in the last inning. The Portland visitors were getting one every inning and the grandstand began to doubt Vernonia's chances. Then the boys turned the tables, and kept hitting them until the game ended in a score of 7 to 6, in Vernonia's favor. The second game was perhaps better playing than the first, if that was possible. It was a closer game. The score was 3 to 4 in favor of the Hawthorn team. Between the games a horse race was on the program, won by Mrs. Rochet, riding the big gray. In the 100 yd. dash foot race, Loyal Roberts won.

Word comes to us, this week, that a "poker table", or gambling place, that has been running in Vernonia, has closed up tight and for good. We also hear that the proprietor has given out the information that he will hereafter allow no gambling whatever connected with any business he may be engaged in. The news is good, and the gentleman a good citizen.

DID THEY SEE THE GAME? WE'LL SAY THEY DID

By actual count 102 automobiles were on the ball grounds last Sunday at the doubleheader games. Vancouver played Vernonia first, the game ending in a score of 10 to 3 in favor of Vernonia. Then came St. Helens. St. Helens, the roaring county seat bunch. And the way Vernonia trimmed them was a caution. Eleven to a goose egg. Vernon pitched the entire nine innings for Vernonia in the best and prettiest shut-out game ever played in the county. His support was exceptionally good, every player being at his best and on his toes at every turn. Vernonia now can wear the county championship badge. Between the games Sunday some foot races were run. Ruth Conners won the girls under 13 race; Myrtle Van Blaricom won the girls over 13 race and Vern Osborn won the boys under 13 race. In the Vancouver-Vernonia game the visitors only got 5 hits off of our pitcher, Deeter, while we secured 11 hits off of them.

A Very Orderly Town

Five days of celebration closed in Vernonia last Monday with only three arrests for mild cases of "drunks." No moonshine in evidence. Not a fight. The carnival, the ball games, the crowds were orderly, sociable and full of fun. The dances on three nights were splendid and well attended, and they have good management that assures order and a good time. Vernonia is a clean moral city, and it proves for the better in every way. It don't take booze and a rough-neck element to make business good. Them days are gone forever.

IMPORTANT

Masonic meeting in Grange Hall next Tuesday night, all Master Masons requested to be present. Refreshments will be served.

K. P. LODGE

E. S. Ballagh, of St. Helens, was in Vernonia last week in the interest of organizing a Knights of Pythias lodge here. We believe the charter fee is about \$15, and understand there will be no trouble in securing a full charter membership. There are several K. P.s in Vernonia now who are interested in securing a charter for a lodge.

Mike Miller, the barber, donated shower baths to all ball players, Sunday and Monday. He also handed out a few dollars at the ball grounds for two-base hits and home runs. Mike is a ball fan.

One hundred thousand Japanese killed in Tokio and Yokohama in last Saturday's earthquake disaster. A dozen smaller cities were wiped off the map by tidal wave.

IS THIS YOU?

\$1.00 Cash will be paid you by the Eagle if you recognize yourself.

You are a woman, about five feet six inches in height. On Tuesday at 4 p. m. you were in Brown & Brown's store looking at a "Vanity Dreeser." You wore gray stockings, black shoes and a tan dress. Gray hair, wear glasses and carried a purple parasol.

If this was you, call at the Eagle office and we will pay you \$1.00 in cash. Watch the Eagle next week and see if you are described.

VERNONIA STAGES SECOND BIG ANNUAL RAIL-MAIL FESTIVAL

VERNONIA, Aug. 31.—The second annual celebration of the advent of the S. P. & S. railroad into the Nehalem valley and the locating here of one of the largest sawmills in the world, is in progress. Sports on the new Vernonia Athletic Association grounds featured the first day. The streets are gaily decorated with bunting, streamers and flags. The 210-acre site of the giant mill of the Central Coal & Coke Company is virtually cleared, new grade and high schools have been built, a new water system, at a cost of \$40,000 has been installed and grading and surfacing of streets are being pushed before the rainy season begins. Five new additions have been platted and sold. Vernonia has now about 1500 inhabitants, having trebled in population in a year.—Journal.

VERNONIA'S RE-BIRTH

For years Vernonia slept like Rip Van Winkle, only she slept twice as long as he did; slept in the midst of resources that will eventually double the value of Columbia county when they are fully developed. For forty years this little city remained a "burg" hidden in the Nehalem valley, un-reached by railroads (or any other roads, for that matter); unaccessible except by a long, winding road that was improved in spots only, and at certain times of the year left the little town almost out of touch with her neighbors.

Then somebody came along and whispered something about a wealth of resources and some industrial activity to develop them, and the little village woke up and rubbed her eyes, if we may be allowed the use of figurative speech. That was a year ago. Today Vernonia is celebrating her re-birth day.

VERNONIA'S CELEBRATION IN HANDS OF BALL BOYS

The Vernonia day celebration this year turned out to be a baseball jubilee, enjoyed by ball fans generally. The attractions were pulled on the ball grounds. Saturday, Sunday and Monday baseball was played. On Labor day two games were played. Large crowds were in town, but the town is crowded every day, hence it was difficult to decide whether the crowd was celebrating or attending their daily pursuits.

A carnival company held forth on the lots near the postoffice, and as usual with carnival companies, it didn't amount to anything, and probably took out a few stray nickles. The merry-go-round was a good one and afforded lots of sports for the kiddies. Races and sports on the ball ground were enjoyed by a large crowd, Sunday probably being the biggest day. The ladies of the church served a dinner and lunch in the Pringle building on Friday that was a drawing card and that netted a nice sum that will go to the new church fund. The Klan put on a parade and lecture Friday night that might be counted as one of the attractions. The streets were decorated with flags and bunting and automobiles were as thick as the street would accommodate.

Big news items for daily papers the past week have been the Italian-Greek war, and the quake and fire in Japan. The Dagoes and Greeks are hard at it and a new European war may result. It starts off about the same as the late world war. Let 'em fight, if it's all the sense they have, but keep out and keep still. In Japan the cities of Tokio and Yokohama were practically destroyed last week by earthquake and fire, similar to the San Francisco fire in 1906.

OPEN-AIR KLAN LECTURE

Last Friday night, the first day of "Vernonia Day," on the vacant chautauqua lot, Rev. V. K. Allison spoke for two hours on "Americanism." It was a Ku Klux Klan lecture, strong in Americanism and strong for the ideas of the Klan. Some 500 citizens attended the lecture, and the applause frequently heard from all parts of the lot indicated that the speaker had, not only the attention, but the majority of sentiment, with him in every word. Allison is a noted lecturer that has dates for nearly every night in the week. He is speaking all over Oregon, and the majority of cities have had the honor of hearing him talk. He went after the bootleggers, after all law violators and after the system of the Catholic church officials in America. He stated that his was not a personal talk or individual matter, but as a whole, a patriotic question that had to be solved. He spoke for the public school as the most important of American institutions and read from Catholic papers paragraphs to cinch his argument.

Many visitors from adjoining towns were present, and the Klan marched to the meeting with their lodge robes on, a 26 months in service man leading the march.

They say that the Klan has a large membership in Vernonia. We hope they accomplish good. But, let the Eagle editor remark that he is misinformed if he is to believe that the Klan or its Vernonia lodge has anything against the individual because that individual happens to be a member of a Catholic church, or a Catholic by birth. The Eagle editor admires a man or woman that stands up squarely for his honest convictions, be he Catholic or Protestant. We have as friends, Catholics, that all the lodges in the world can't convince us are at heart personally against the American ideals or the constitution of the beloved United States. Personally we happened to be raised a Protestant, and, thank God, an American. We don't believe in the political teachings of the Catholic heads in Rome. We don't believe the same conditions can exist in America that exist in Rome. To the old saying: "When in Rome do as the Romans do," let us add "When in America do as the Americans do."

We were raised neighbors to a Catholic family that were very dear people, and it is a fact that these good people, friends of ours, were un-schooled in American ideals to the extent that they did not know any of the patriotic or political maneuvers of their church in Rome. They were sincere, but ignorant to the extent that they thought they were right before and their father's father. There are many men now-a-days who stop to invoice themselves and ask themselves the questions, "Am I wrong?" Of course we believe in Americanism. Of course we believe in white supremacy. And we believe in many men and women, that we know, and that we know to be raised Catholics. Good, honest, fair, square Catholics. They are right in so many ways that we regret that their belief and their church doctrines in America are not operated strictly along American ideas. We also know many Catholics that believe that way themselves. Catholics right here in Vernonia. If your mother is a Catholic you are a scoundrel if you don't believe in your mother. Her religious belief, if sincere, was her comfort and life. She, or you, personally, are not to blame for the edicts of the church or of the Pope. We would not make this a personal matter. Every man can worship according to the dictates of his own conscience. If we had the power, however, and the Pope has that power, we would have no secret confessions in America; we would have the public school system only in America and "a little red school house on every hill," and we would have every citizen an American to the extent that all first allegiance was to the United States, and all orders would come from the head of the American government before that of any other country, city or church head. We know white men that we count as friends that are Catholics by birth and training who believe the same way. They are to be congratulated.

Mrs. Brown requests that all old members of the Saturday Embroidery Class and any new ones between ages of 8 and 16 years, be present this Saturday. New business to come before the class.

The Bank of Vernonia has their Burglar Proof system installed. This is one of the best on the market, and makes our bank a 100 per cent safe bank.

"BROWN-EYED BETTY"
At the High School Auditorium, Saturday, Sept. 8, 8:00 P. M.

A drama full of action, mystery and romance. Cast of characters: Jonas Hutchins.....Elbert Kelley Hazel Malmsten.....Miranda Hutchins, his granddaughter housekeeper.....Gladys Malmsten Rev. Cyrus Hardy.....M. Donald Hiram Whitcomb, constable.....Odus Laramore Harry Leon, actor.....Clarence Danley Jim Blinn, a Boston detective.....Elmo Jory Sam Mason.....Harold Leech Letitia Starbird, village seamstress,.....Bessie McDonald Lucinda Mason, Sam's wife.....Lora Smith Hulda Griffin.....Julia Keasey Betty.....Benita Parker Given by the Evangelical Christian Endeavor Society in the interests of the Church Building Fund. Admission, 15c and 35c.

200,000 DEAD 1,000,000 HOMELESS

Several towns wiped out, and 200,000 dead as the result of the earthquake in Japan, Saturday. The Red Cross was immediately to the front with \$100,000 contribution for aid to the suffering. In the three larger cities the reports say it is easier to count the living than the dead. The disaster is the worst in history.

Vernonia ball team came out victorious in the five-day ball carnival that closed on Labor day. Labor day in Vernonia was a big day. All places of business were closed in the afternoon.

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