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LEAGUE MAKES ENDORSEMENTS

Good Government Body is Active; Representative, Sheriff, Assessor Race Warms Up

A little pep and pepper was injected in the Columbia county political game Tuesday evening when the executive committee of the Oregon Good Government League met in St. Helens and endorsed certain candidates for office in the coming primary election.

The Good Government League is made up of certain lodge organizations, chief of which are the Ku Klux Klan, Masons, Odd Fellows, K. of P., and kindred organizations of Protestant faith.

The list of candidates who will receive the support of the Good Government people is as follows:

For United States Senator, Geo. L. Baker, republican; and C. G. Strayer, democrat.

For state representative, W. A. Hall, republican; and W. D. Dillard, democrat.

For sheriff, Joseph L. Copeland, republican.

For county judge, A. L. Clark, republican.

For county assessor, W. S. Roberts, republican.

For county commissioner, Bert Mills, republican.

For county superintendent, Elizabeth Perry, republican.

For county treasurer, Bessie Hattan, democrat.

For county surveyor, J. E. Eilertsen, republican.

With the endorsement of the Good Government League of the candidates above named it may be expected that the campaign will be a warm one from now until primary election which occurs on May 16. The representative, sheriff and assessor fights are already interesting and may be expected to occupy the center of the stage.—Rainier Review.

W. C. HALLEY

Congressman Hawley who is a candidate for re-election is the universal favorite. There is little doubt of his election. We need him.

He is said to have put the Roosevelt Highway on the road map, to be effective in securing public funds for its construction, and is working for its early completion.

He has the well-earned and deserved reputation of being one of the most useful, far-seeing and trusted members of Congress, and is a statesman and legislator of great ability.

He gives prompt and effective attention to all the needs of his District and its people, taking pleasure in serving all who desire his assistance. It is well-known in Washington that no District is better cared for, or receives greater consideration from Congress and the federal government.

He is ranking member in the great committee of the house,—the committee on Ways and Means,—which he has rendered invaluable services to his constituents and to the American people.

Other Senators and Congressmen may lay claim to what they have done when Hawley made it possible.

He has been one of the most important factors in securing the reductions made in the Federal taxes, which during the past two years have amounted to \$850,000,000 annually, and when the pending revision bill is enacted will further reduce taxes over \$350,000,000; this bill as it passed the House will relieve millions of all taxes, reduce taxes on small taxpayers in the lower-income tax brackets 50 per cent, and give material relief to all. It will cause no deficit in the Treasury, but will supply funds sufficient for all useful purposes. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a record vote on roll-call of 408 yeas to 8 noes.

PUT IN ROAD SIGNS

A road sign is greatly needed at the east end of the Nehalem river bridge. Hardly a day passes but what several machines, St. Helens way bound, turn to the right and a properly placed sign would avoid much confusion.

Words are things; and a small drop of ink, falling like the dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands think.

TO HELP BUILD CITY OF VERNONIA

At Last a Large Gravel Pit Within Three Miles of Town Has Been Discovered

Ray Reasoner and John Nag, of Hillsboro and Salem, called last Saturday to tell us of their wonderful find. The lack of gravel for paving and new buildings has been a great drawback in Vernonia for some time. Like hidden coal, oil, or any new discovery, people walk over fortunes for generations until the day some lucky man stumbles onto it. So with the big gravel pit that Mr. Reasoner tells us he has acquired within three miles of Vernonia and on a good road. He states that he has 100,000 yards in sight; has his trucks and machinery enroute and will be screening gravel here within 15 days. Sand, too, enough for all Vernonia building. He says he can deliver as good a gravel as was ever screened to our streets at a larger saving in cost than the present freight amounts to. This is certainly a money making proposition and will save many dollars to the builders if the pit proves as good as the owners are positive it will. They are rapidly getting ready to go.

PREMIUM LIST OUT

The premium list for the 1924 Columbia County Fair is now off the press and ready for distribution. Many new classes have been formed and additional premium money has been offered in various divisions. The premium lists will be mailed out this week, but anyone wishing a list can secure one by calling on the County Agent or any member of the Fair Board: R. N. Lovelace, Rainier; Ray Tarbell, Yankton; Miss Elizabeth Perry, St. Helens; Paul C. Adams, Warren.

Since many exhibits must be planned early in the year, many farmers are anxious to secure the list in order to make for a bigger exhibit this year.

EVERGREEN ADDITION OPENED AT VERNONIA

According to Charles T. Early, a fifth addition to be known as Evergreen addition to Vernonia, has been platted from the original 77 acres of land purchased by Charles T. Early from the Spencer. B. Rose homestead and will be placed on the market in the near future. The addition consists of about 15 acres of slightly rolling ground to the west of Vernonia residence section. This has long been considered one of the best residence sections of the city and many have been interested in its development.—Rainier Review.

VERNONIA DISTRICT TO HAVE BETTER ROADS IN 1924

About \$63,000 will be spent on roads in the Vernonia district this year, according to reports from there. This, it is said, is due to the fact that the district comprises practically all the Nehalem watershed. It is assessed at valuation of approximately \$4,500,000, to be increased to about \$6,000,000 when the Oregon-American Lumber company mill is completed.

A 7-mill special road tax was voted for this year, and with the general road levy about \$63,000 will be expended in this district for road improvement this year. This will consist of the relocation of some of the old roadways and the macadamizing of parts of the present grades.

Because no special taxes have been voted for this purpose for the last two years, the roads are in bad condition, and repairs are needed more than new construction.—Rainier Review.

ANOTHER GOOD ONE FOR BENTON COUNTY

The Benton Independent is the name of a new eight-page weekly paper just established in the College City of Corvallis. Each of our Exchanges has a peculiar "something" that distinguishes it from any other paper. Each one we know before unwrapping. From now on, the Benton Independent will be known to us as the "Perfect Print Paper" of live ads columns of "Country News" and deep editorials.

Dr. Boyd Whyte is preparing to build a new modern residence on West Bridge and Third avenue.

TOTAL REGISTRATION FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

Total registration for Columbia county, Oregon, for 1924 is as follows: Republican—Male, 2258; Female, 1128; Total 3386.
Democrat—Male, 716; Female, 412; Total 1128.
Prohibition—Male, 24; Female, 36; Total 60.
Socialist—Male, 46; Female, 16; Total 62.
Miscellaneous—Male, 127; Female, 34; Total 161.
Progressive, Nonpartisan, Independent, Refused to State.
Total Registration—Male, 3171; Female, 1626; Total 4797.

PROCLAMATION

At the recent Sewer Bond Election for Vernonia, held April 24, 1924, at Vernonia, the canvass of the vote shows 87 votes for the bonds and 5 votes against. I hereby proclaim and declare said Sewer Bonds carried.
Dr. B. L. Sears, Mayor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Services of the Christian church will be held in the auditorium of the high school next Sunday morning and evening. At 10 a. m., the Bible school convenes, and at 11 a. m. the preaching services. The sermon for the morning will be on the subject: "Overcoming the World". Sunday evening session at 7:30, the sermon subject being: "Finding the Lost".

Everybody invited to every service. W. A. Gressman, minister.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday, May 4, will be the last Sunday we meet in the old church. The Sunday school will commence promptly at 10 a. m. At the 11 o'clock services Rev. Heverling will speak which will be the last sermon in the old building. The Christian Endeavor meets at seven o'clock in the evening. At eight o'clock there will be a pioneer service. Instead of having the regular preaching service the older members will give us some of their reminiscences of bygone days. The evening will undoubtedly close with a forward look. Old songs will be sung that everybody can sing.

The new church will be dedicated Sunday, May 11, by bishop S. P. Spreng of Naperville, Ill. We extend an invitation to the public to all of our services. H. G. H.

COUNCIL MEETS

At a special meeting Monday night the City Council went over all plans for the purification plant with Mr. Shipley, of the California Filtering Co. The plant will be installed at once, work to be completed in about 30 days. The sewer system is being rushed as fast as the legal end of the job will permit and water extensions are being made in various parts of the city. In fact the Council is busy, and they are doing some good work that might seem slow to some not acquainted with all the little details necessary. Marshal Smith was present to make reports as to the city police department. Mr. Smith is a good man on his end of the job. The Council is back of him and the good citizens are back of the Council. We believe the city is progressing today better and faster than in its history, and if one will visit any other town in Oregon or Washington and then land home in Vernonia, he will at once form the opinion that this city is indeed prosperous.

MARRIED

Mr. Purcell Cline and Miss Mable Boone, both Vernonia young people, were united in marriage, at Vancouver, last Thursday. Best wishes are extended to the newly weds for a successful life's voyage.

WANT A KEASEY ROAD

Much talk is heard around the Keasey camps regarding the Vernonia-Keasey road and hope is expressed that work will be started at an early date to put this road in good condition and a stage line established.

NEW FIRE PROOF HOTEL

We hear, and it is good news, that Dave McDonald contemplates building immediately, a new 30 room fire proof hotel on the splendid location just west of the Nehalem, on Bridge street and Rock Creek. With a large veranda around the front and west side the guests will have the prettiest corner that Mr. McDonald could choose. "Mac" is known all over western Oregon as one of the best cooks and hotel men in the business. We predict for Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, in the new hotel, a splendid success. We understand the plans are all made and work to start right away.

BASE BALL SEASON OPENS IN VERNONIA WITH A BIG VICTORY

Last Sunday was the official base ball opening for Vernonia. The grounds, one of the best in the state, newly fixed up by the Vernonia Athletic Association, were in fine condition. The grand stands were crowded and the day a fine one. The game was started at 3 o'clock by Mr. E. E. Hayes, Supt. of the Oregon-American Co., in the box, Mayor Sears as catcher and Mrs. Walter Coyle at the bat. The opposing team was a Portland nine of known worth as good players. The Pacific Fruit Co. The home boys were dressed in their new cream colored suits that were furnished by the big mill company, and on the breast of the jacket were the words "Vernonia" and "4 C." which stands for Central Coal & Coke Co., the parent company of Vernonia's big industry. Our players were at their best and surely played good ball. Coyle and Ellis drew extra applause from their splendid field work. Rawlands pitched seven innings before relived by Vernon, and both held the visitors down to a nothing level. The score at the close of the game stood 3 for the Portland team and 9 for Vernonia. Vernonia is on the base ball map this year in earnest and we will see some splendid games.

LARGE NEW HOTEL

We are told by Mr. F. E. Malmsten that the corner at Keasey road and Bridge will be occupied by a new brick, 60 room, modern hotel. It will be a stock proposition we hear and it is hoped to get the actual construction under way by July first. Particulars later, as we get them.

RIGHT ON THE JOB

City Marshal and Fire Chief, Earl Smith, is one of the citizens that always has the City's best interest at heart. He is one man always ready for duty and always there among the first to aid a neighbor in sickness or distress. It was Earl Smith first there Sunday when a report came in that Mrs. North's home was threatened by near brush fires. He is careful, cautious and safe. On Wednesday night at 9:30 the streets were crowded; the town busy when a bursted main to the city water supply left the town without fire protection or water. Mr. Smith acting wisely, didn't wait until morning or wait to be "instructed" He immediately rounded up a crew of pipe men, lanterns and tools and before midnight thousands of gallons of water was ready and running to be used, should the need happen in any emergency.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Harrison Rose, while working at the Haines camp just out of town met with a serious accident Wednesday. A swinging log, we hear, in some manner struck him, breaking a leg and causing a long severe cut on the head. He was taken by train to a Portland hospital.

LOCAL NEWS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry De Buque, April 30, a boy.

Earl Dial and family spent Sunday at Longview.

Oscar Johnson of Portland is spending a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. Asa Smith.

Miss Sadie Christensen is helping at the telephone office in the absence of Mrs. Smith.

J. P. McDonald was laid up with lumbago this week.

Miss Betty Jane Coyle and Veda Webster are spending a week with Mrs. Goodnight at Berkenfeld.

Mrs. Earl Smith spent a few days in Portland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush were in Portland the first of the week.

The Majestic theatre is installing five more exhaust style electric fans to make the theatre as cool as an ice berg. This system guarantees fresh air and a constant change of air throughout the building.

30 PIECE ORCHESTRA; CONVENTION ARRANGING

Fine Musical Program, Show and Dance To Be Enjoyed By All

Among the attractions for the day of May 10 is the Dokkie band, pat of and drum corps from Portland. The Phalanx orchestra will furnish music for the ball given in the evening in Coyle's hall. For lovers of the dance this is an opportunity to enjoy a treat since the orchestra will number around 30 pieces.

The minstrel of Saturday will appear first earlier in the week (Tuesday) at the Majestic and then again in full regalia for Saturday at the grand finale. The locals will be assisted at that time by the Dokkie quartette, a whistler, a dancer and a reader in scotch costume.

Convention May Ten

The bulletins for the K. P. Convention of May 10 have already been posted over the territory covered that has promised assistance in this work. The lodge of Portland have become very enthusiastic over the program as announced for the afternoon and evening of the above date and are coming two hundred strong. That with delegations from Rainier, St. Helens, North Plains and prospective visitors from Forest Grove, Cornelius and Hillsboro will probably swell the attendance to twice the above figures.

The afternoon session will begin as soon after one o'clock as possible and will close about five. One address may be given at that time but the principal speakers will be at the banquet served at six.

The other bands that will provide entertainment for the day is the noted Lumberians of St. Helens and our beloved high school band under the leadership of Mr. Willings.

A convention and gala day combined such as this is to be means much to the town as this will be the occasion when a name may be made as an entertainer or the reverse.

COUNTY AHEAD MANY DOLLARS

Long distance wire from County Judge Phillips tells of some of the splendid work accomplished recently by the County Court, and work that is surely appreciated by the tax payers. Without any cost to the tax payers and by agreeable arrangements with the timber owners, the County Court has finished cruising 65,440 acres of Columbia County Timber. The original owners cruise was something over 2,856,000, while the new county cruise was better than 1,852,151,000 all accepted and agreeable to all concerned, as we understand at this writing. This is an increase of better than 984 million feet. A lasting and very appreciative saving to all tax payers, and work worthy of praise to our County Court members.

NO ENDORSEMENT

We were told today that a paper in Rainier published the news that with other lodges of the county the K. P. had endorsed certain candidates for various county and state offices, as will be seen elsewhere. A member of the K. P. informs us such is not the case as the lodge as a society is not in politics, and was not endorsing any one for anything.

THE NEXT GAME

The boys are going to Clatskanie next Sunday to play the team of the river town. All ball boosters and rooters want to go. If you have no way of going see Larison—ways will be found. A basket lunch is planned. If Hank Akins, the first baseman or Homer Hicks, the Center Fielder, hits the ball like they did Sunday we will sure bring home the bacon. To Clatskanie Sunday.

Several members of Harding lodge K. P. visited the Avon lodge, at St. Helens Tuesday night. A splendid time reported.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass and Sermon on the third Sunday of each month, at 11:30 a. m. Week day communion Mass to be announced. Jos. P. Clancy, Pastor.