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**MOUTHPIECE**  
Of the  
**NEHALEM VALLEY**

Advertising Medium  
Of a Big  
Pay Roll Community

## SATURDAY NIGHT' SEPT. 5, ENDS BIG VOTE SCHEDULE

**New Schedule of Vote Goes Into Effect  
for Next Two Weeks--Candidates May  
Win or Lose in Next Two Days.**

Saturday night, September 5th marks the close of the "first period" in the Vernonia Eagle's big prize automobile campaign. After this time and for the next two weeks, the "second period" schedule of votes will be in effect which means a material reduction in the voting power of all subscriptions, while the third and last "period" will see the scale of votes cut practically in half. Leading candidates are seething with the bustle of preparation for the final dash, and with one accord are fighting valiantly and determinedly to reach the goal where the big grand prize automobile awaits.

### Speed Will Win.

The crucial test is now at hand. If you ever intend to do anything big in this race, do it now. Instead of being in second, third, fourth or fifth place, get up to the top and stay there. Now is the time to secure an insurmountable reserve vote. Now is the time to make reasonably certain of the prize you most desire. Never again after this Saturday night will it be possible to get the full voting power on all subscriptions. This is final and fair warning. If you intend winning the big Overland Sedan or one of the other valuable rewards to be awarded by the Eagle on September 26—just three weeks from this Saturday

night—do not fail to turn in every available subscription to your account before the close of the "first period." Not to do so means you will have to redouble your efforts during the remainder of the race to make up for lost ground. A few long term subscriptions now may be the very ones needed to "cinch" one of the big prizes. They could hardly help winning one of the major awards.

### Counts on Facts Only.

As a timely warning, don't try to figure just exactly how many votes it will take to win, for you will surely fail to get enough. Don't be afraid of having too many votes; you can't have too many. It would be better to win the prize you most desire by a million votes more than enough than to get left by a few thousand votes, representing a mere handful of subscriptions. Don't let this happen to you. You would never forgive yourself the fatal error. There will be no cause for regrets if you but heed expert advice and back it up with a goodly number of subscriptions. You can't win to a considerable extent, tell the story. We can help you only by telling you how. Your fate is in your own hands. You can sweeten or embitter it yourself. Your own subscription counts.

## DITCH CAVES IN ON STREET WORKER

Street workers connected with the paving job are digging storm sewer ditches on the side streets from Bridge to Bear creek. On Weed avenue opposite the depot, Thursday noon, the ditch caved in, covering Mr. C. Rainard, a worker. He was down about seven feet, when the fall came. Mr. Watts noticed the cave in as it happened, and hastily called help. By fast digging the volunteers rescued Mr. Rainard. No serious effects are expected from the experience, although it was a mighty tight squeeze and narrow escape.

## MISS THELMA OLSEN GOOD SALESLADY

Miss Olsen is certainly an energetic worker in the Eagle auto contest. She is making many friends who are very determined that Thelma will ride in the new Overland Six Sedan. This week she tells us she will visit the towns on the Columbia river in addition to a few camps. She is proving quite popular over the county and feeling confident.

Labor Day Monday. The American Legion and also Mayor G. R. Mills urge and suggest that all places of business close on Monday for Labor Day. Good suggestion and we believe it will be generally complied with in Vernonia.

## BAND BOYS HOLD BUSINESS MEETING

At a meeting of the band on Wednesday evening, it was decided that in order to keep the band going through the winter, so as to be in good shape to give outdoor concerts, and in other ways provide Vernonia with a musical organization that can be called on at all times for musical entertainment in the future, a request will be made that the business men of Vernonia contribute at least \$1 per month towards the upkeep of the band. This will enable them to meet current expense and pay off the indebtedness on the instruments taken over by the band and that do not belong to individual members. At the present time each member of the band pays \$1.50 per month besides spending their time for rehearsals twice a week. A committee has been appointed to wait on the people for this subscription and it is hoped that they will meet with smiling willingness to do their bit for a bigger and better band. It is a crucial moment that will decide the future of the band. Volunteer donations may be made to Mr. Watt's, the band's secretary, by any one that believes a band is a good thing for our city.

## MRS. GRAHAM IS ONE THAT NEVER STOPS

Mrs. E. E. Graham believes in perseverance and is making every day and every hour count in her campaign to get votes in the big auto contest being conducted by the Eagle. Mrs. Graham is visiting many people of the entire county and before it is over she intends to spend some time in every camp and town of the Nehalem valley.

Say it with the printed word.

### STANDING OF CANDIDATES

Mrs. Alice Burch, Vernonia	308,510
Thelma Olsen, Vernonia	308,020
Mrs. E. E. Graham, Vernonia	307,890
Winifred Mecklen, Vernonia	276,040
Mrs. A. A. Dowling, Mist	15,430
Miss Mable Bowworth, Vernonia	8,610
Miss Irene Smith, Vernonia	8,050

## PAVING GANG ENERGETIC WORKERS

About fifty men are working on street and walk jobs in Vernonia. The paving of Bridge street is the biggest job and is the one thing now that will make the town. It is the great improvement that we have waited these long months to see accomplished. Cummings and LaPoint have the contract and they are rushing the work. The men, all of them on the job, from power digger to steam roller down to the many men with the shovel are all a jolly bunch and their work and presence is giving the town a busy appearance. The boys work like they meant it and when play time comes they play with as much energy as they put in the work. The paving job is giving us a business like appearance, and not appearance alone as business is good in Vernonia. The laborers are all Vernonia Eagle readers too, and that helps a whole lot.

## VERNONIA W. C. T. U. GROWING FAST

The recently organized Women's Christian Temperance Union of Vernonia held a membership drive last week and now has 40 paid up members and is in a position to do some real construction work. They are planning to have the temperance essay and oratorical contest work in the schools this winter and have a committee to confer with the school officers so that the work can be made a part of the school year program.

Five of the Vernonia teachers are members of the union. Mrs. H. S. Strong is president, Mrs. Bert Crowley, secretary, and Mrs. Alma Mills, treasurer.

One more union in this county and a county institute can be held and plans are being made toward that end.

### A. J. DAVIDSON CALLS

A. J. Davidson, of the S. P. & S., and P. A. & P., railways, with offices in Portland, called at the Eagle office Thursday. There were two or three official cars here, with high officials looking over the line. Mr. Davidson is very much interested in Vernonia's progress as are the officials of our railroad. Vernonia looks to them as the "City Dads of their best little town." The Eagle is extremely glad to class this railroad bunch of officials as its particular friends, and Mr. Davidson generally stops to chat a minute whenever he is in our city.

## MRS. ALICE BURCH ONE OF HIGH ONES

Mrs. Alice Burch is now putting more efforts to win in the auto contest and is making many acquaintances over the county. Mrs. Burch is meeting many people and gaining more votes every day. She has several good friends who are helping her and say they intend to pull her way all they can. It's the right spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keating and son Donald, and Mr. and Mrs. Stone and daughter Helen of St. Helens were in Vernonia for a few minutes Sunday paying a visit to the Eagle office. This is the first time that they have been in the valley and are very much impressed with the many scenic wonders that it has. Later in the day they went to the Natal grove where they enjoyed a very bountiful picnic dinner. Both Mr. Keating and Mr. Stone are employed in the mechanical department of the St. Helens Mill.

The K. P. lodge went to St. Helens Tuesday night for some Third degree work. The St. Helens lodge are royal entertainers. Vernonia Harding lodge and St. Helens Avra lodge are almost as one organization. The county seat members are the most socialable ones we have met and they each have their lodge work down to perfection.

Mrs. Paul Schooley visited this week in Portland.

## VERNONIA MAN MAKING VIOLINS

W. C. Repass is in a quiet, modest way doing something that will most likely make the town of Vernonia and also Columbia county famous.

Mr. Repass is making wonderful violins that have been pronounced by experts the equal of the famous violins of the former masters of this art.

The wood used is the native wood of Oregon. One is made from the myrtle wood of the coast country; another called "Columbia" is made of Columbia county wood—maple and spruce. The violins are exquisite in workmanship and musical experts claim the resonance and tone are of the best. Mr. Repass is being urged to have a display at the county fair so that our people may see and appreciate the production of these beautiful instruments by one of our Columbia county citizens from our own Oregon trees.

Mr. Robinson, now of Longview, Wash., but for many years with the Wiley B. Allen company of Portland says the Repass violins are the equal and even the superior of violins that sell readily for \$1000.

A friend of Mr. Repass, who recently has returned from Europe with one of those \$1000 instruments, was so dissatisfied with it after trying the "Columbia" that he commissioned Mr. Repass to work over his purchase.

Columbia county may well be proud of the Repass violin.—Rainier Review.

## LARGE NUMBER AT FAREWELL SERMON

A large audience attended both the "breaking ground for the new church" ceremony, and the evening services at the Christian church last Sunday. It was the farewell sermon of Rev. Mathis, and the only regret of the congregation is the fact that Rev. Mathis has left for his new home in the south. A new pastor will take up the work here in a few days, we are told.

### Upper Nehalem

The rain of last week done every ones potatoes a lot of good up this way.

Mr. and Mrs. Ornduff and family returned from the coast recently. They visited Newport and all the other principal coast beaches and reported a splendid time. While there they gathered a splendid bunch of agates which they brought home with them.

Mrs. Bert Ohler and son Carl called on Mrs. Ornduff and spent the evening Wednesday.

Claude Miller took a motor trip to Berkenfeld last Sunday, accompanied by Miss Sybal Ornduff, to visit Mrs. Louis Nelson.

Mrs. Haggerman has a baby girl that weighs six and three-quarters pounds.

James Griffin has gone over to Newberg to pick hops.

Mrs. Martin Rainwater and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rainwater were transacting business in Hillsboro Saturday.

Mrs. May Ohler and Mrs. Oscar Smith called on Mrs. Ora Smith at Glenwood Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willing from Vernonia spent the evening with her cousin Mrs. Ornduff one day recently.

Mrs. and Mrs. Alvin Deitz and son Raymond, is home again after a spell of absence. He has been thrashing at Aurora.

Ernest Worthington made a business trip to Vernonia Monday.

Toney Vanderhie was a guest at the Worthington home recently.

Excitement is running high in the Eagle auto contest. Who will get the new car? Bets are about even, and all the girls certainly getting in some good work. Three hundred new readers have been added to the Eagle subscription list at this writing.

## "VIEWS OF VERNONIA BY NOTED STATE EDITOR"

### C. W. BLAKESLEY IN CRITICAL CONDITION

NO HOPE IS HELD FOR HIS  
RECOVERY

(St. Helens Mist)

All hope for C. W. Blakesley has been abandoned and his death is momentarily expected, though it is possible he might linger for several days. Since he has been unconscious and each hour indicates that the end is drawing closer.

Mr. Blakesley resigned his position as county assessor because of failing health and since that time has been confined to his home. For more than a year he has been bed-ridden and almost helpless and for the past four months, it was seen that he was rapidly failing. The malady appears to be creeping paralysis.

Probably no man in Columbia county is better known or more universally liked than Charles W. Blakesley. During his quarter of a century service at the courthouse, in various capacities, he made hundreds of friends, and his long residence, about a half a century in the county, afforded him an opportunity to become acquainted with practically all of the old timers who sorrow that their friend, and companion of former days, is about to pass on.

### PRETTY SOCAIL AFFAIR IS HELD

Just a few of the close friends and neighbors of Dr. C. J. Wight and Dr. Ella Wight called, as a surprise on them, last Friday night at their beautiful home on Third Ave. Dr. Wight had recently returned from his Alaska trip and the pictures of the north country and the description given by him was indeed interesting and entertaining. Mrs. Wight is the proud possessor of one of the finest bear skin rugs ever brought to the states, and the bear fell to the rifle shot of Mrs. Wight when she lived at Ankerage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wight are royal entertainers; their home is lovely and it was an early hour in the morning when the guests departed. Cards and refreshments, together with conversation and music whiled away the pleasant hours. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Esselsteyne, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McGee, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Drorbaugh, Mrs. J. P. McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.

### WINIFRED MECKLIN GAINING IN CONTEST

When one makes up their mind to do a thing they find the work easy, and that is just what Winifred Mecklin is doing this week. She finds more friends and helps in the auto contest every day, and says she is getting to know lots of people. Mrs. Mecklin is a vote getter, and very popular.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist recently returned from a weeks vacation trip through southern and western Washington. They drove from Conrallia over to South Bend and beach resorts. Mr. Gilchrist says they went to isolated points but found perfect roads. In spots where there was no timber and apparently little taxable property, they found roads that would put the St. Helens-Vernonia road to shame.

### NOT A VERY PLEASANT THOUGHT

School book buying time is here, and school books in the state of Oregon will cost at least a third more this year. All high and grade school books will be higher. It isn't a pleasant thought, but it can't be helped.

Newspaper advertising talks.

The editor was over in the southern part of Columbia county last week and invaded the sanctum sanctorium of Editor Robinson, publisher of the Vernonia Eagle, who extended us the glad hand and offered us the freedom of the city. He did more than that, he took the time and showed us all the attractive industrial and other features of that city and surrounding country, so we are now better informed as to its future prosperity. One of the most interesting things about Vernonia is the extensive lumbering plant of the Oregon-American Lumber company one of the largest milling industries in the northwest, cutting 500,000 feet of fir lumber daily. The mill is substantially built, a great deal of iron and cement being used in its construction to avoid fire risk. The entire equipment is modern in every respect, and the splendid system of cutting up logs and handling the lumber is all done in the most skillful and scientific manner, the management being deserving of a great deal of credit for operating the mill so successfully and profitably. Some 400 men are employed in the sawmill. Of course, this is Vernonia's largest industry, and it means a big pay roll every month. There are other industries springing up in the vicinity of that city. Our first impression of Vernonia compared with Tillamook city some 20 years ago, only that Vernonia is growing more rapidly, for it is only about three years ago that it began to grow from the ground up and in this short space of time it has a population of 2000 persons, with a gravity water system, a sewer system, electric light system and will commence paying its main business street and sidewalks this week. Like all new towns, for the most part there are frame buildings, of a fire trap character, containing large and valuable stocks of goods, with a brick, tile and cement buildings here and there. There are some 600 pupils attending the grade and high school, in modern buildings. Of course in the natural course of time the frame buildings will disappear and modern, up-to-date structures will take their place, for Vernonia just now is in the making. The city has a good bank and the right kind of people back of it and the business men as a whole are most optimistic as to the future development of that city, and are pulling together, in a conservative manner, for the upbuilding of the city. They realize the value of the home newspaper and Editor Robinson being one of our early boosters of that city, he has

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