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AVALANCHE OF VOTES CLOSES BIG CAMPAIGN

Votes Running Into Millions Turned in by Contestants.

CONTEST HOT FROM START TO FINISH

Mrs. Graham Wins Overland Sedan; Miss Olsen Comes in Second, Winning Ring.

After holding the unwavering interest of the people of Vernonia and practically all of Columbia county for the past seven weeks, the Eagle's salesmanship campaign came to an official close last Saturday evening at eight o'clock. A few minutes after eight, the ballot box, which had been in the custody of the Bank of Vernonia for the last period was opened. The auditing was made by the following judges:

- Lester Sheeley, city attorney for the City of Vernonia.
- J. E. Lindley, assistant cashier of the Bank of Vernonia.
- H. E. McGraw, cashier of the Bank of Vernonia, and
- C. R. Coyle, proprietor of the Gayosa confectionery.

In exactly one hour the winner of the Eagle's Grand Prize was known and the winners of the \$2,500 worth of prizes were named. Naturally, the greatest struggle was made for the handsome Overland Sedan. The Eagle offered the best prizes obtainable and consistent with the subscription campaign of such proportions. The publisher was willing to pay for good service and the service rendered was first class, for never before in the northwest has there been such a successful circulation campaign on any weekly paper as the one just finished by the Eagle.

Mr. C. A. Dingleline, who had supervision over the campaign for the publisher, speaks in the highest terms for the candidates, for the people who joined the Eagle's army of readers and for the public in general. Each winner had plenty of ground to stand on as there was no close contests. The winners total score was far beyond the others that there was no doubt of the right of Mrs. Graham to the beautiful car. The figures speak for themselves.

Each candidate showed splendid energy and the candidates and the public in general is entitled to emphatic thanks for the splendid support accorded the Eagle. While the prizes were remarkable for their value, there are other considerations to be taken into account. The candidates have formed many new and pleasing acquaintances, and particularly have they learned and formed more correct ideas along lines and most of them have developed a sense of observation that will pay handsome dividends in the future. The publisher hopes sincerely that all the candidates will feel proud of their prizes as determined by the official count. The campaign taught all those who worked to the very end, that courage and perseverance are the two great essential elements necessary to overcome obstacles that beset this never-ending conflict called life.

Of course, it was inevitable that all candidates could not win the first big prize. That was understood at the very beginning of the campaign. Right or wrong, civilization seems to have accepted and applied nature's rule of the "survival of the fittest." To accomplish a given purpose, a great amount of energy is necessary, and fortune seems to have lavished her richest gifts upon those who are equipped with sufficient energy to carry out the mandates of ambition.

JUDGE'S FINDINGS

September 26, 1925

CORVALLIS RADIO TO BROADCAST

Friday evening, October 2, has been selected as the time for the opening of regular programs over the new 500-watt college radio station KFDJ of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis. At that time regular broadcasting three times a week will be started, to continue each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For a week at least, the old wave length of 254 meters will be used, but present plans call for the final inspection of the station by federal officials in the near future and the formal dedicatory program to inaugurate the new call letters and long wave length—about the middle of October.

Programs as now arranged are designed to be primarily educational but varied enough to appeal to a wide diversity of radio fans. Monday night will be agricultural night, when a weekly market summary dealing more with interpretation of the market trend rather than actual quotations will be given. This and a few brief farm reminders will open the program at 7:45 after a musical introduction.

October 5, the first lecture in a series on beekeeping, "Winter Management and Preparation of Bees for Winter" will be given by Professor H. A. Scullen of the college staff. The first lecture in a series on potato production will be given by Professor G. R. Hyslop—"Potato Grading and Labelling." Boys' and Girls' club work will also be given attention on this program. H. C. Seymour, state club leader, will give the first part of his regular monthly talks on "Oregon Junior's Successes at Affairs."

A weekly alumni program will be broadcast each Monday night, beginning at 8:45 and continuing as long as the material each week warrants. Orchestra music, talks by prominent students, sport news, and other campus briefs are a few of the varied items arranged for this session.

New Shingle Mill Starts Up

The large new shingle mill just completed in Vernonia, sawed its first shingles this week. No better shingles have ever been turned out which speaks wonders for the new home production. The new Johnson-McGraw Shingle company is composed of Vernonia men and Vernonia capital. It is a fire-proof mill, a five machine mill and experts pronounce it a perfect mill in construction. It means an investment of \$40,000 and a new monthly pay roll of about \$5,000 which Vernonia welcomes with her other large pay rolls. The mill starts in by shipping a car load, or 240,000 shingles a day. They are manufacturing the "Rite-Grade Shingles," the famous Red Cedar shingle of the coast and are operating a day and night shift. Charles White is the general manager and Eston Johnson is in charge of the night shift.

July sales of gasoline in Oregon were 11,277,703 gallons, paying \$346,694 tax.

We, the undersigned judges, appointed to make the final count of the votes in the Eagle's subscription campaign, after canvassing the contents of the sealed ballot box, do hereby declare, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following winners:

- Mrs. E. E. Graham, Overland "6" Sedan worth \$1095, purchased from the Gilby Motor Company, total vote, 6,250,220.
 - Miss Thelma Olson, Diamond ring, worth \$175, purchased from Kullander Jewelry Store, total vote, 4,053,480.
 - Mrs. Alice Burch, 2000 Mile Trip, or \$100 in gold, total vote, 1,218,790.
 - Mrs. Winifred Mecklen, \$25 in gold, total vote, 733,010.
- Signed this 26th day of September, 1925, Lester Sheeley, J. E. Lindley, H. E. McGraw, C. R. Coyle.

VANDALS RAISE HAVOC WITH CHURCH

Large Amount of Damage Done by Thieves

CHURCH MUSSED UP AND HAVOC RAISED

Low Degraded Mentality of Hoodlum Blamed for Dirty Work That Was Done.

Anyone with pride or even a small degree of interest in their home town will look with horror upon the degenerated and vulgar brain of the individuals who destroyed property and disgracefully mused up the Rose theatre building, used by the Christian church, last Friday night. Why or how could any right minded man do such tricks. We didn't know that Vernonia was harboring any such. It is the extreme, it is going from bad to worse. Let a hoodlum act foolish if he will; let the boisterous be as loud as they want; let the bootleggers leg—we are not complaining. But who can hold or stand by at the disgraceful willful destruction of property, and church property. What excuse could there be. The ladies of the Christian church worked hard to buy the piano that the cusses tried to destroy. We don't know of any good citizen in Vernonia that want to stand idly by and let such actions continue. Thank goodness there are not many in the valley of the type of the guilty ones. They left some evidence of their visit that is known of and will probably be found out.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR MRS SMITH

One of the social events of the week, was a shower of wedding gifts at the home of Mrs. Pattie Smith a recent bride from England.

Everyone enjoyed seeing the bride unwrap the gifts. A lunch was served, and several interesting subjects were discussed.

Those present were Mesdames Mabel Mellinger, Leona McGraw Dollie Anderson, Romona Lindley, Freda Folger, Tris Shields, Violet Miller, Velma Hurley, Catherine McNeill, Fern Kullander, Bessie Tapp Evelyn Johnson, J. C. Lincoln, E. Hall and A. C. Whittaker.

John Berg Is Suicide; Hangs

SEWARD, Alaska, Sept. 18—John Berg, aged 40 years, of Nehalem, Ore., member of the Knights of Pythias, committed suicide in a hotel here. He is said to have become despondent and had been drinking. He hung himself by a rope to a clothes hook.

Berg had just completed a contract here for Sams and Carlson. He came here from Seattle last July. —From a Seward paper.

SEEKS RUNAWAY TO GIVE BLESSING

Couple Runaway in Blue "Bug" Car.

PARENTS DESIROUS OF LOCATING COUPLE

When Last Seen Were Between Timber and Forest Grove; Parents Offer \$50 Reward.

W. T. Hatten of Vernonia wants to hear from his daughter, Ethel Hatten. He would prefer to know that she has changed her name to Mrs. Gordon Kennedy. He would like to administer the paternal blessing and take the pair back to Vernonia, where Mrs. Hatten and John Hatten, the girl's brother, wait anxiously for some word from Ethel.

Hatten is a blacksmith employed at Vernonia. His daughter is 14 years old and was in the eighth grade at school until last Tuesday when she eloped with Kennedy, who is 22 years old and employed in the Oregon-American lumber mill.

Kennedy had lived for three months at the Hatten home as a boarder. He is a nice, likeable chap, according to Hatten, and has no bad habits. A few weeks ago he asked Ethel to go to the movies and the two had been companions frequently since then.

Kennedy bought a blue "bug" car about a month ago. He had confided to one of his fellow workmen that he intended to marry Ethel Hatten. They were last seen Tuesday, half way between Timber and Forest Grove, riding toward Portland in the blue "bug" car.

Hatten came to Portland Monday. He had visited several county seat towns in Oregon and Washington, searching marriage license records for his daughter's and Kennedy's names. He is staying at the St. Charles hotel and has offered a reward of \$50 for information which will lead him to his daughter.

"I would prefer to pay the reward to Mrs. Gordon Kennedy than anyone else," he said. "She can divide it with Gordon, if she wants to, but I don't believe he'd take it." He has demonstrated his ability to take care of himself pretty well. Of course I feel badly and so does my wife. But Kennedy is a nice fellow and I like him. I hope they're married."—Oregon Journal.

The Great Employment

Northwest logging camps and mills now have 95,000 workers, according to the 4L survey. The present number is expected to be increased by the return of workers from the grain harvest fields. Later, cold weather will reduce the number employed east of the Cascades or at high altitudes.

Skilled sawmill help is well paid, the demand for loggers is heavy, and building operations still hold close to the peak.

FRIZELL TELLS WHAT IT DOES NOW

Rolled stockings, automobile joy rides, the easiness of cashing worth less checks and the lack of control over the children in the home, are the reasons given by Superintendent E. E. Frizell of the reformatory at Hutchinson, for the fact that the population of that institution has doubled within the past three years. In the older days it was not so easy for the young people to go on wild parties, and the young girls wore their dresses long enough and full enough that you could not see above their ankles at the highest, even when they got into a high buggy explained Senator Frizell. Now, with tight skirts and rolled stockings it is no wonder that it has had a bad effect on the young people all over the country.

Years ago young people could not go so far nor so quickly away from their homes because horses did not travel very fast nor so far. Then too, it has not been long since a party of young folks could not go out on a trip without taking some older person as chaperon.

Senator Frizell stated that the universal custom of having a checking account at the bank has been another temptation which is bad for young men. When a young man got in trouble years ago over some money matter, it was usually straightened up by his father, or a rich uncle or grandfather, who could not stand to see the family name disgraced. In the present time, the relatives are not so quick to dig down into their own pockets to protect some youth who has made some mistake.

Children are not given the disciplinary training at home that they did formerly, declared Senator Frizell. That results in the necessity for them to be trained in some correctional institution in many cases. Parents, who allow their sons to do as they please, should come out to the reformatory and see the other spoiled pets, who had their own way at home and then got into some kind of trouble as a result of their incorrigible disposition.—La Crosse (Kansas) Republican.

Shingle Market Has Good Prices

PORTLAND Or., Sept. 14.—Practically all shingle mills in the Columbia River district are operating and the demand is active, with prices firm. Manufacturers are booking all business that offers and order files are well filled. Dry Stars are quoted at \$2.80 to \$2.90 and green Stars \$2.90 to \$3. Clears for the eastern trade are quoted at \$3 to \$3.25.—The Timberman.

St. Helens Defeats Vernonia

The St. Helens high school played football in Vernonia last Saturday. We were disappointed in not relieving any "writeup" from the high school editor, but the first team lost 13 to 0 and the second team of Vernonia won 12 to 0.

The Mask dance near Vernonia Wednesday night was a Howling success. You could hear them howl for a mile. A few attendants, male and female, had too much hooch under their belts.

Judge John Phillip called yesterday. The judge has just returned from his vacation spent in Canada with his son. He says fishing was good and his catches were so big that he deemed it good policy to bring home a photograph of his string to prove the size.

The Willing Workers of the Christian church will hold a cooked food sale at Skaggs store, Saturday, October 3.

THREE STORES CHANGE HANDS IN VERNONIA

Three Important Changes in Vernonia Denotes Business Booming

MONEY INVOLVED IS LARGE AMOUNT

Miller Merc. Co., Purchases Kingsley's; Haltom and Petersen Changes Hands.

Kingsley's Sells to Millers

Just as we go to press, we learn that the Miller Mercantile Co., has purchased the big Kingsley store. The Millers will take possession immediately and operate the two stores. Miller Mercantile, with a chain of stores, are numbered among the best and most reliable merchants in the state. They always maintain their reputation of quality goods. Mr. Kingsley will devote his time to other business affairs and Mr. Schooley, who has been in charge of the store here, will go to Florida. Business is good in Vernonia, and men with foresight and capital can see a bright future. They are investing in Vernonia. Resident property, too, is changing hands daily and there is not a vacant house in the city.

Mercantile Men Make Big Store

Director Bros., well known mercantile men of Portland and Salem, recently purchased the Haltom store here and this week, recognized the worth and quality of the stock that is carried by A. W. Petersen, bought his store. The two will be combined into one big store, and with hundreds of pounds of new goods received this week, the newcomers will have their opening this Saturday. It is a large store.

General Outlook Very Favorable

Steady business and optimism mark the general trade situation. Buying is conservative and for immediate needs, as has been the case all the year. Sales, as a rule, are running around 20 per cent heavier than for the corresponding period in 1924. Orders for steel have increased and the iron and steel industry is in better shape. Good prices for agricultural products, together with upward trend in livestock market, are other encouraging features. Loadings of revenue freight continue to exceed the million-car-a-week total, while railroad earnings are steadily increasing. There is every indication of good, solid business during the fall. Lines of industry which do not overproduce should have satisfactory business.—The Timberman.

Yankton Grange will have the pleasure of entertaining an officer of the National Grange Saturday evening, October 3, according to word received by Clyde M. Watson, deputy for Columbia county from George M. Palmeter, state master. The official is O. L. Martin, national lecturer who will hold a number of meetings in Oregon, and he will be accompanied by Mr. Palmeter and other state officials of the grange.

Prof. and Mrs. Wilkerson were in Forest Grove over the week-end to visit with their son Berford, who is attending Pacific university at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Richardson spent the week-end in St. Helens visiting with relatives and friends.

Send in news items. The Eagle appreciates to receive them for publication.

