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GRANGERS HOLD BIG MEETING

The Columbia County Pomona Grange met in regular session in the M. E. church at St. Helens, Saturday, November 7th. In accordance with the instructions of the National Grange, the session opened in the fifth degree, closing in that degree before the regular order of business and opening in the fourth. All officers of the Pomona were present. Ten granges were represented and many good reports from subordinate granges given. State Overseer, M. C. Glover, Mrs. Jessie Millar and Mrs. Winnifred Ohling, members of the H. E. committee and Mrs. Betty Weatherby, matron of Juvenile granges in Clackamas county, Mr. G. Weatherby and Herman Davis of Clackamas county were much appreciated visitors. Mrs. Millar and Ohling held a H. E. conference before the afternoon session and gave many helpful suggestions and plans for the H. E. C. work.

The state grange at the last session provided for one such conference in each county during the year. Beaver Valley grange had the report of greatest interest inasmuch as they are the first grange in Columbia county to organize a Juvenile grange. H. C. Glover, state organizer of Juvenile grange work, Mrs. Betty Weatherby and C. M. Watson, district deputy, organized this juvenile at Beaver Valley Friday night with 12 members.

The juvenile officers are: Harold Womack, master; Ray Parcher, overseer, Audrey Lowe, secretary and Agnes Swoll, treasurer and all of the other offices were filled.

Mrs. Jane Armstrong, chairman of the rest room fund, reported \$172.00 paid in by subordinate granges. A. L. Morris, chairman of the park fund committee, reported \$860 paid in for the parks. He also reported that the two park sites had been surveyed, the work being donated by Mr. Ellertson and that the blue prints were in the hands of the committee. At this time an original song written by Jane Armstrong of Deer Island grange was given by a grange chorus. This song was sung at the last Pomona, but since that time it has been necessary to change two of the stanzas.

The resolution committee, Jarvis Davis, Yankton grange; Chester Parcher, Beaver Valley grange, Lillian Daniels, Fern Hill grange, recommended the following resolutions and they were adopted: one recommending that Columbia county exhibit be graded on a percentage of perfection. The following resolution was endorsed and ordered sent to the Pomona granges of Oregon and to our congressmen.

The war ridden world needs good will and the orderly processes of law and justice. The World Court needs American membership. The World Court is an American invention extended largely through the efforts of Americans. McKinley and Roosevelt, John Hay and Elihu Root, Joseph H. Choate and Woodrow Wilson and other American patriots and idealists have worked to bring that Court into being.

The world court is an American ideal fostered for many years by our government and our people. Every president since McKinley has urged and recommended our acceptance and membership.

The resolution providing for American adherence to the world court up for action in the Senate on December 17th. Public opinion seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of our country taking this step but action has been delayed for almost three years.

If action is to be secured during this session of Congress, public opinion must demand it. Therefore be it resolved; that we the Columbia County Pomona Grange, do earnestly request our senators to use their very best efforts to bring this issue to a vote.

A resolution from Gilliam and Wheeler County Pomona Grange criticizing the workings of our direct primary law and offering as a substitute a convention plan was voted down unanimously. Columbia county being unanimously opposed to any change in our direct primary system, was reported by visiting brothers Clackamas and Multnomah counties also repudiated this resolution.

The resolution recommending that the fair board lease a portion of the new county fair grounds to be used as a landing field was laid on the table until the February Pomona in order that the subordinate granges be given a chance to study the question. The Pomona recommendation of a member for the fair board was dispensed with at the Pomona because the recommendation could not be unanimous.

In the evening a class of eight was given the fifth degree after which the lecturers hour was made an open session and an interesting program given. A dialect sketch by Mrs. Zona Stora was very much enjoyed as was a character sketch by Mrs. Pearl Becker. Mrs. Lillian Daniels in a reading made it very plain that a woman never talks on any subject that she does not thoroughly understand. A duet by Harrison and Thelma Kellar also one by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Daniels and a solo by Walter Daniels were much enjoyed musical numbers.

Rev. S. Darlow Johnson gave a short address on the futility of expecting preparedness for war to be any insurance for peace. Rev. Johnson handled his subject in his usual able manner and he met with hearty applause from the audience, the granges being in complete sympathy with the views expressed.

County Agent Nelson had a fine report of the work being done by the various committees that are working to make the county economic conference a success. The committees are all doing good work and we may expect something well worth while from the conference which will be held the second week of December in Rainier.

The work of the county agent in our county was given the hearty endorsement of the Pomona and recommended to the county court by a unanimous rising vote that Geo. A. Nelson be reappointed. A rising vote of thanks was given Deer Island grange, Rev. S. Darlow Johnson and the official board of the M. E. church for the hospitality and entertainment given. Also a rising vote of thanks was given to the St. Helens chamber of commerce for the treat of ice cream which was very much enjoyed.

The next Pomona will meet with Armstrong grange the first Saturday in February.

ARMISTICE DAY IS PROPERLY CELEBRATED IN VERNONIA

Armistice Day was wet, a gentle rain falling most of the day. In Vernonia all stores were closed during the afternoon in observance of the occasion and flags adorned the building fronts. Some of the display windows carried relics of the late war in the shape of pictures, guns, gas masks, etc. At noon the W. R. C., ladies served a splendid dinner to the American Legion members and their wives at which time speeches were made and appropriate music listened to. In the afternoon the Vernonia high school boys played football with the Warrenton team. At night, in the big Coyle's hall the annual Legion dance took place. The hall was crowded, the music fine and the dancers enjoyed one of the best times of the season.

PUPILS WILL GIVE PIANO RECITAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The music pupils of Mrs. W. Culver will give a musical recital of the piano at the high school auditorium on Wednesday, November 18th, to which all are cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission charge. There are fourteen pupils who will play, which will be combined from the beginners to those who have completed the fourth grade of musical study. The program will start at eight o'clock.

ROAD TAX ELECTION WINS AT POLLS MONDAY

Last Monday the road tax meeting and elections in district No. 9 and 16 were fairly well attended. In district No. 9, which is the territory surrounding Vernonia, a ten mill tax was voted which will mean about \$57,000 and will probably be used in more pavement. In district sixteen, which is Vernonia a six mill tax was voted. Half to be expended in extending Washington street on the east side and half in extending Rose avenue on the west side of town.

Mrs. Meril Kemper was a Portland visitor Monday.

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Lena Gibson, Amy Hughes and Annie Laurie Laird, won the prize box of candy for the best name submitted for the carnival last week. The name which they proposed was the "Sob Buster."

Mrs. Cole, while she was in Portland last week-end, procured some material for the carnival to be held

Our boys defeated Knappa last Saturday on the Knappa field with a score of 13 to 7.

Lora Smith won the dollar prize offered for the best essay in the civics class last week.

Loretta Johnson is able to walk without crutches now.

George DeLoura has been driving a motorail in the mill on the night shift and attending high school in the afternoons; but he was transferred to the day shift last Friday and so has to give up school for this year at least.

VERNONIA WINS THIRD STRAIGHT GAME WEDNESDAY

Wednesday was a wet day, but it didn't interfere with the football game. Warrenton came over to play our boys and went home a defeated team. The Vernonia players beating to the tune of six to nothing. Vernonia has now won three straight games, two with Knappa and the last game, and feel like they are now getting in splendid trim.

Arthur Burt returned this week from a visit in Marion county.

The fights, drunks and yelling women, to say nothing of the vulgar language and confusion of carrying away the wounded, was not seen by any city official who was interested to the extent of interfering. This at two o'clock in the morning in front of one noodle house.

One day the past week the volunteer fire fighters of Vernonia showed quick response to the alarm and done their work with great satisfaction. The chemicals paid for themselves again and the boys showed their speed, even if it was early in the morning. In case of fire in the future when any citizen has occasion to sound the siren, it is suggested that you pull the switch three or four times in rapid succession. One blast, especially if short, is liable not to be heard.

Bridge Club Entertains.

Mrs. Whalter entertained the Bridge club at her home Thursday afternoon. Stupendous refreshments were served. Those present were Mesdames Alexander, Richardson, Nicar, Folger, Bergman, Black, Grunden and at the guest tables were Mesdames Greenman, O. Z. Brown, Marshall and A. J. Anderson. Mrs. Grunden received first prize and Mrs. Richardson consolation.

Mrs. L. B. Stewart of Portland spent the week visiting relatives and friends in town.

Miss Lesta Weed, a teacher in the grade school, has organized another Camp Fire group in the Freshman class. The club has at this time six members: Helen Petersen, Alic Rundell, Myrtle Hall, Dorothy Reasoner, LaVelle Gosa and Ellen Whitsett.

The Sophomores have eight representatives in the high school orchestra, four violinists, one who plays a clarinet, one a saxophone, one a zylaphone and one the trap drums.

The basketball girls to show their loyalty to the football squad, postponed their practice until next week thus giving the floor to the boys.

George and Gustf Hall are sick with the influenza.

The Juniors in the civics class have been making their classes very interesting with essays, debates and speeches. A few of these speeches will be delivered before the student body next week.

Mr. Elder was sick last week, but he is giving the music lessons again this week.

BOY IS DROWNED IN SLOUGH NEAR ST. HELENS MONDAY

Owen L. Hodgson, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hodgson, was drowned in the Willamette slough a short distance from St. Helens Monday afternoon. The lad returned from school about four o'clock in the afternoon, his mother said, and shortly afterwards she went to the house of a neighbor nearby. Returning to the houseboat about an hour later, she missed the lad and a search was made but none of the neighbors had seen him and the conclusion was reached that he must have fallen into the river.

The body was found about 25 feet from the houseboat. The depth of water at the place he was found is 20 feet.

The body was taken in charge by Coroner White and funeral services were conducted Wednesday.

GYMNASIUM CLASS A BIG SUCCESS

Last Friday night in Coyle's hall, 60 or more ladies were in attendance. Fifty-eight of these were prepared to go into the class work. Organized as the Ladies Athletic club, with Mrs. Thompson as president; Mrs. J. Greenman, secretary; Mrs. Walter Coyle, treasurer, Dr. Ella Wight, physical director. With the enthusiasm displayed now, the class starts off to be the biggest thing in Vernonia. Many more will turn out this Friday night for the next meeting. Big things are planned for this winter.

Handkerchief Shower Given.

A handkerchief shower was given Mrs. Lindburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland last Friday evening. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were Mesdames Gooding, Smith, Mellinger, Folger and Barnett.

Walter Repass was in Portland on business a few days last week.

Kept Busy Mending



REGISTRATION IN CO. HIGH SCHOOLS

There are 812 students enrolled and 40 teachers employed in the six high schools in Columbia county, according to figures compiled in the county school superintendent's office. Three of these schools are union high schools, and all are standard.

Rainier union high school leads in enrollment, with 232 students, and 11 teachers. St. Helens stands second with an enrollment of 181 and 10 teachers employed. Vernonia union high school is third, having a total of 157 students.

The figures for each of the schools are: Clatskanie, 130 students, six teachers; Scappoose union high school, 91 students, five teachers; Rainier union high school, 232 students, 11 teachers; St. Helens, 181 students, 40 teachers; Birkenfeld, 21 students, two teachers; Vernonia union high school, 157 students, six teachers.

Under the present system the majority of the school districts are provided with high schools, either through the union high school plan or through schools of their own. Those which are not in high school districts have high school advantages through the county high school tax fund.—Rainier Review.

GOLD MINE PROMISES RICH PAYING PROPOSITION

Probably the best, largest and most promising gold vein in the entire northwest was opened up, or encountered this week in the Kellar-Vanpet mine at Gold Hill. The company has a tunnel in about 400 feet and their several strikes have been very rich indeed. The last vein of granite ore, carrying free gold promises to be the best ever mined in the state. Vernonia people are in this closed company, comprising of about twenty men. Twelve of those interested made a trip to the mines the first of the week. They came home with a better knowledge of the wonderful resources and gold and copper deposits of southern Oregon. Those going to Gold Hill were: A. W. Petersen, Chas. D. White, C. C. Brown, Paul Robinson, J. P. McDonald, J. W. Brown, Dr. Hughes, Perry Harvey, Emil Messing, Ed. Salmonson, and R. Sessman.

Mr. Rich has been suffering with a broken arm this week and wearing it in a sling.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Richardson spent the week end visiting in Forest Grove, Portland and St. Helens.

Mrs. J. W. Brown, clerk of the Vernonia school district has finished the school census. The returns show 717 school children are here. 365 boys and 352 girls. Vernonia is rapidly growing.

Our most urgent need is a creamery.

Poor stove pipe connections nearly caused a serious fire last Tuesday in the Gayosa. The fire alarm was given and quick action extinguished the flames, which had caused about a hundred dollars damage. The partition between the store room and the kitchen caught where the pipe runs through the wall.

Several families wanted to locate here last week, only refusing because we had no creamery. Let us get a creamery.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Paque of Portland, are new Vernonia citizens. Mr. Paque is clerking at the Brown furniture store.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Whittiker were Portland visitors Monday.

Mrs. A. L. Kullander returned Sunday from a two weeks visit in Independence, with her mother.

CITY ELECTION WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 18th

City election on the 18th. Don't forget it. You probably know that at present the bank can not cash any city warrants on the General Fund. We will have to go to the polls on the 18th and vote YES for the tax questions to be submitted in order to catch up with city financial affairs. In other words, it looks like the election will have to win in order to save our pocket books.

COUNTY HAS LARGE ALFALFA ACREAGE

MORE ALFALFA IS BEING PLANTED

County Agent Nelson Makes Survey of Alfalfa Acreage in Columbia County and Finds Experiments Successful.

Within the period of a few years there will be an appreciable acreage of alfalfa in Columbia county. There as in many other districts in western Oregon where this valuable forage crop is gaining momentum, it fills a plainly defined need in the farm plan.

First, where correctly handled it will produce more hay per acre than any other crop. Second, the hay is the most valuable that can be produced. Thus, in many communities where dairying is important, there will be less necessity for purchasing alfalfa at long prices from eastern Washington, and to a lesser degree, eastern Oregon points, is now necessary nearly every year.

A third economic advantage is the fact that a seeding of alfalfa once established does not require replowing and subsequent rehandling of the soil for an indefinite period,—as long as eight or ten years where a good stand is secured and proper handling follows.

Then in Columbia county, clover, long the main dependence as a le-rum crop, has in recent years nearly passed out of the farming scheme because of short time stands caused by damage from the clover oot borer. Reference has been made several times to the necessity of "correct" "right" and "proper" methods of handling.

Therein lies the secret of alfalfa production west of the Cascades. Alfalfa cannot be grown here, they used to say. And it couldn't when seeded like clover as was the usual custom. Early attempts included sowing with a nurse crop of spring grain sowing alone later in the spring. The latter plans was approaching success but usually the seed was not inoculated—a vital step.

On the farm of Clay DeGraff, near Scappoose, three-fourths of an acre was sown with well inoculated seed and a good stand resulted. Due to an accident, the remainder of the field was sown with imperfectly inoculated seed, and a very poor stand sharply demonstrates the necessity of starting the bacteria on the seed.

Other requirements are seeding alone without a nurse crop. Seeding in May on well worked seed bed from which early weeds and all grasses have been eliminated by frequent harrowings.

An almost necessary step in the addition of lime for the new seeding. This treatment aids inoculation, and presence of bacteria on the roots and absence of grass and weeds from the stands are the two vital factors in success with alfalfa.

Once established, the crop requires but little attention. A spring tooting in spring will help hold back the weeds and grass. After such setting a spring tooting or scratching with a spike tooth is beneficial for the same reason.

An alfalfa question is only one of many slated for consideration at the coming economic conference at Rainier.

A splendid rain the first of the week was a blessing to the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bush spent Monday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coyle and family attended the Horse Show in Portland last week.

ENGINEER PLEASSED WITH ROAD WORK

State Market Road Engineer J. H. Clarke was in Clatskanie Wednesday inspecting the new work done on the Mist-Clatskanie market road and stated to the Chief that it was one of the finest pieces of work he had inspected. "When the new road is completed," said Mr. Clarke, "all your people will realize how foolish it would have been to have spent more money on the old road, which could never be fixed permanently without greater cost than that of the new road."—Chief.