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SPECIAL ELECTION CARRIED

The city special election carried off on the two propositions of raising the necessary extra taxes to meet our obligations. There were 178 votes polled, carrying nearly two to one.

VANPETE MINE STRIKE IS GREAT BOOST

Rich Ore in Quantity Found With Tunnel Far From Complete.

From the Gold Hill News

That the driving of the 800-foot tunnel on the Kelmar-Vanpete mine at Gold Hill is one of the large coming assets of Jackson county, is evidenced by the recent striking of an 8-foot vein, which Dr. Hirschel C. Parker, world famous geologist and mine expert now in the district, and mining men generally, announce is of far more importance than the rich strike made in the Greenback mine in the Grants Pass district. This importance is due to the size of the vein and the richness of the ore in "granite" the new metal recently discovered by Dr. Parker in the local mines, which carry gold values.

Dr. Parker has been in the Gold Hill and Grants Pass districts for several weeks, and says, "I have made a most careful examination of the geology of this district and many of the mines and have found great bodies of copper ore which may be directly smelted, associated with great values of gold and platinum, but especially rich in ore which is usually known as arsenopyrite," he further says, "this ore, I believe, is a pyrite carrying the telluride gold and it is usually associated with chlorite rather than quartz. An enormous rich deposit of this ore has recently been found in the Greenback mine, which has shown actual smelting values of \$1400 to \$3700 a ton in gold. While this ore has been reported as a telluride, it actually appears to be telluride carried by the white sulphide of iron, known as arsenopyrite. Ores of this nature in which Gold Hill and Grants Pass districts seem to abound, I have named "Granite" after the town of Grants Pass."

Dr. Parker is also credited with saying: "When the deposits of this ore have been developed, it is almost a certainty that it will mean a yield of many millions in gold, with a proper smelting or chlorination process. This ore is well distributed in extensive veins, which will go to great depths, with occasional rich ore shoots running into thousands of dollars in gold to the ton."

The Kelmar Vanpete mine property consists of an 80 acre tract of patented land, adjoining the city limits of Gold Hill on the north and extends from near the waters edge of Rogue River to the summit of the high mountain back of Gold Hill. The Kelmar Vanpete company also claims adjoining the patent land on the north which is cut by the vein system extending through the main property north-south.

The original plans of the project commenced last May on the property was for a tunnel of 830 feet to crosscut an iron and nickel vein at 638 feet on the tunnel; a copper vein 60 feet beyond; and a telluride gold vein at 830 feet on the tunnel.

The tunnel was fortunately started into the mountain on an east-west fault vein, probably an extension of a vein extending from Gold Hill pocket strike on the opposite side of the Rogue river, which at 300 feet in on the tunnel developed into a five-foot vein with good values. The portal of the tunnel is near the waters edge of Rogue river and adjoining the Gold Hill-Sams Valley highway.

The tunnel is now driven 425 feet and at a depth of 325 feet from the surface. The first strike on the tunnel several hundred feet from the portal crosscut an eight-foot vein, and following that three 24 inch veins have been crosscut. In 290 feet on the tunnel a five foot vein was crosscut, and twenty feet beyond a very important vein of six feet was crosscut. All the ores of these several veins are of the same nature and classed in the telluride rank and runs in value from \$9 to \$26 per ton in gold.

The recent strike of an eight foot vein in at 420 feet on the tunnel is the most important strike yet made at the mine. It is a calcite vein and gives a gold value of \$51 per ton, average eight feet across the face of the vein. The values all come from the "granite" contents of the vein filling in the form of cubes and flasks of the metal. The hanging wall is of a dioritic formation while the foot wall is limestone. It is apparent that the last 225 feet of the tunnel has been crosscutting an extremely hard dike of altered dikes made up of blocky masses,

cut with small seams, made up of telluride, quartz, quartzite, limestone, talc and other vein filler which gives evidence of a value of at least from \$3 to \$5 in gold, computing the entire mass. All the veins crosscut range nearly north-south and dip east, except the last upright.

The Kelmar Vanpete mine is situated in that large area of southwest Oregon and northwestern California, which has been by the U. S. geological department, designated as an island in the ocean during cretaceous times, long before the Cascade mountains rose above the surface of the water and by Winchell termed the "great Siskiyou batholith." It is, perhaps one of the oldest pieces of terra firma on the western continent, and compares favorably in age with the Alps mountains in Europe. The major part of this mass is granite or granitic in character, accompanied with other intrusions, igneous rocks, such as diorite, porphyry and other intrusions of ancient origin; such intrusions having lifted from the depth of the ocean the sediments that had settled there. These elevations have in places reached an altitude in some places of seven and eight thousand feet. The sediments thus lifted were changed from their original horizontal character, to various angles of inclination, accommodating easy erosion. Hence we find how now, only fragments of these early sediments at the tops of the higher elevations, such as limestone, often metamorphosed into marble. These sediments were originally very deep and erosion carried them away; some back to the ocean, while others were deposited in the valleys as they have been formed.

These intrusions and the necessarily broken fissured condition in which they and their bedding have been left, facilitated the settling of such minerals as were held in position, or suspension, and all other matter susceptible of being carried downward into seams and fissures as the mass slowly rose. After the whole had risen above the ocean water and valleys were formed, or in the process of forming, much of the residue resulting from this disintegration was deposited around the shore line of this old Siskiyou island, resulting in the heavy placer deposits, which employed the pioneer placer miners. Observation will show that all these placer deposits were formed along the shore line of this old island and that the gold came from it. Hence, into these mountains, judgement dictates that we must look for the source of the gold. The searches thus prompted have proved correctly and the heavy mineral deposits are found in the seams and fissures of this old island.

Rogue river valley lies to the east and northeast of the Siskiyou mts., and the more recent Cascade range of mountains lie to the east of this valley and the placer mines have been and are along the shore line of the old island, and are not found along the Cascade side of the valley. The finding of such great variety of mineral contents in these old fissures and seams is attributed to and accounted for, by the early uplift and fissuring of the "Siskiyou batholith."

The tunnel project has been so far above the expectations of the promoters, is evidenced by the large bodies of ore crosscut by the tunnel. It is several hundred feet yet to the first known vein system on the proposed tunnel. All of the vast bodies of ores crosscut, include the fault vein running east-west were uncovered running blind in driving the tunnel to the first known vein in the mountain 638 feet in on the tunnel. It is estimated that there is now 100,000 tons of ore in the vein value at \$51 per ton in gold, and there is every evidence that there are many pay shoots in the vein which will run into hundreds of dollars per ton in gold similar to those in the Greenback mine. No attempt has been made by the owners of the mine to develop any of the several bodies of ore, but having in mind to drive the tunnel the full 830 feet, cutting the three objective vein systems on the property. Since making the last strike the tunnel has cut ten feet of very high grade limestone after leaving the vein and then passing into a very hard quartzite. The management of the mine has concluded to prospect the ground north of the tunnel and is drifting on the new strike vein to ascertain if east-west vein are paralleling the tunnel, and the ore is being dumped on the work for future milling.

No plans have been yet announced for equipment to mill or smelt the ore on the property, but a meeting of the local and non-resident owners of the mine property was held in Gold Hill during the first of the week and a proposition was made to the Kelmar Vanpete company by the Sunset Smelting company, who proposes to erect the smelter at Gold Hill, to assist in financing the smelter project and handle the whole output of the Kelmar Vanpete mine which has a present outlook of a possible capacity of 100 tons of ore per day, with present development. But little of the Kelmar Vanpete ore will require smelting, yet with its limestone contents, is an ideal fluxing ore and will be required in smelting the refractory ore in the Gold Hill district.

The Kelmar Vanpete mine is owned

OFFICIAL FIGURES FROM CITY RECORDER

Vernonia, Oregon, November 19, 1925

Mr. Paul Robinson,
Editor Vernonia Eagle.

Dear Sir:

As per your request of November 18th, I hereby give you the information requested as shown by the records in my office.

The amount of fines paid to the Recorder from January 1st, 1924 to December 31st, 1924 \$1,905.75
Number of arrests in the above period 51
The amount paid to the Recorder for licenses, permits, dog tax, pound fees and occupation tax 755.42

Total for 12 months in 1924 \$2,661.17

The amount of fines paid to the Recorder from January 1st, 1925 to November 10th, 1925 \$1,375.50
Number of arrests, 72
License permits, dog tax pound fees 339.75
Occupation Tax 1,820.15

Total for 10 months and 10 days of 1925 \$3,535.40
\$85.50 of the above amount was collected by the former Recorder.

Respectfully yours,
D. B. REASONER, City Recorder.

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CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The carnival committee is making plans and getting down to actual preparatory work. Mrs. Cole has obtained some more material and several students have been given parts.

UNNECESSARY BOYS

The boys are unnecessary! The girls, to prove their utter aversion to the bothersome things, are giving an "All Girls" party next Friday evening. Yes, boys, you are NOT invited!

VACATION

Last week's vacation was thoroughly appreciated. Every student will tell you that teachers' institute is a blessing.

FOOTBALL

Next Friday the Vernonia second team will play St. Helens.

PARTY IS GIVEN

Last Thursday evening, Louise Lester gave a real taffy pull party. Those attending were: Dane Brady, Margaret Shipley, Cornelia Smith, Mildred Bergerson, Lena Gibson,

RAYMER—HANKLE

Joe Raymer and Miss Alitha Hankle were married in Vancouver, Wn., last Saturday. The young people are Vernonia residents. Mr. Raymer formerly employed at the O.A. mill Miss Hankle is a Vernonia school girl, well liked by all her acquaintances. May their wedding be crowded with success.

Did you know that the Eagle has considerably over three thousand readers?

ed by the Kelmar Vanpete Mining company, a closed corporation, is managed by A. E. Kellogg, and W. W. Martineau, local members of the company, while the balance of the interests are held by a small body of Vernonia, Or., business men.

Florie Kelso, Louise Lester, Donald Brady, Charles Hoffman, Glen Hawkins and Aide Lester. They proceeded to get all stuck up, even the house. After the candy was pulled, coffee and cake was served. The boys got most of the cake.

NEW STUDENT ENROLLS

Luther McFarland enrolled as a freshman this week. He has attended the Laurelwood Academy near Gaston.

VISIT AT LOGGING CAMP

Cornelia Smith, Margaret Shipley and Anna Rea Webster visited the Birkinfield Logging camp Thursday afternoon.

VISITOR FROM FOREST GROVE

Murdo Hickox, a senior of the Forest Grove high school visited Lynn Bert over the week-end.

SALMON FISHING

Several high school boys went salmon fishing during last week's vacation.

GIVES DANCE

Hale Greenman gave a dance at his home on Friday evening last. Refreshments were served at 10 o'clock. The guests departed at 11.

COURT UPHOLD VERNONIA WIDOW'S AWARD OF DAMAGES

Portland—The jury verdict, returned in federal court here recently, allowing Mrs. Mabel Simpson \$15,000 damages against the Oregon American Lumber company of Vernonia, has been affirmed by the circuit court of appeals at San Francisco, according to word received here.

Mrs. Simpson asked the damages for personal injuries suffered by her husband, while working for the lumber company, which caused his death over a year ago. The case was tried in Federal Judge Bean's court. —Tuesday's Journal.

DRY KILN OF SHINGLE MILL BURNS

Last Tuesday night the fire alarm told us that the dry kiln of the Johnston-McGraw shingle mill was on fire. The large new kiln was full to its capacity containing 2,000,000 shingles, valued at about \$8,000. The citizens responded to the call and probably fifty men worked for twenty-four hours in trying to put out the fire. It was a slow fire as the doors had to be kept closed to confine the blaze. The kiln is new, as is the entire mill, and at this writing it is hoped that the walls of tile can be saved. The building is valued at \$8,000. The loss to the shingle company is probably \$16,000 fully covered by insurance. This is a loss that insurance cannot fully cover, however, as it will take time to rebuild and dry the product. A two or three day shut down will bring the big mill up to capacity again. The night of the fire was ideal with no wind and the helpers worked untiringly. Mr. Greenman, superintendent of the Oregon-American mill, was there with a rubber coat, leading the hose men on to the thickest of the steam and smoke. The Vernonia fire department responded and as individuals did grand service. At midnight, the mill people had coffee and sandwiches ready for the crowd, which helped to renew energy.

LET US THINK OF THE FUTURE

More Homes, More People and More Farmers

Good things are slow in arriving and Vernonia has been patient in her wait for a united effort to build up her surrounding country. The city has grown fast from 200 to about 2500 in three years; much has been accomplished in the way of industry and the business has built up to all that is demanded of a city this size. Little has been done in a cooperative way. Everyone seemingly has worked for their individual business and for the big round dollar. Our chamber of commerce is not active and we are lacking a real leader in civic betterment and country boosting as it should be. We have plenty of stores, plenty of business institutions, need more people. We need a good off land adjacent in cultivation, we need farmers, chicken raisers and dairymen. There is room here for hundreds of milk cows with a good market for the dairy products. We need a creamery. Work for the chamber of commerce. Thousands of dollars go out of Vernonia every month for butter and eggs, as well. We have a belief that the first few months of an operating creamery here would not be a big financial success. But if the creamery was established, the cows would follow in quick time. There is a waist of energy for four or five farmers to drive several miles each day delivering milk. We need a central collective point, at a creamery and the daily milk deliveries made from one headquarters. Think this over citizens and let us strive for more farmers and more people. It will pay in the long run to put a little effort and cash into such a proposition.

TIMBER DEAL WILL HASTEN GALES CREEK R. R.

A timber deal of such magnitude as to have no parallel in this county in recent years was closed in the east Monday by the purchase of approximately 1,000,000,000 feet of yellow fir timber from the W. H. White Lumber company by John W. Blodgett of Grand Rapids, Mich., and his associates. Consideration is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

The timber was acquired by the White Lumber company, a Michigan concern, from the Tillamook Yellow Fir company several years ago. White visited the tract recently on an inspection trip. Blodgett had been financially interested in the property for about 10 years.

Transfer of the tract and operation of logging camps would be followed by extension of the Gales Creek & Wilson River railway, a branch of the S. P. & S. system, to handle the output.—Garibaldi News.

Mrs. Anna Shultz returned home Monday, from a several days stay in Portland, where she was under a surgeons care at a hospital. Mrs. Shultz is feeling considerably better and improving daily and glad to be home again.

BIG CROWDS ATTEND REVIVAL

150 Present Sunday Night; 160 on Wednesday Night—Good Attendance all Week.

The revival meeting, which began Sunday, November 8, under the leadership of Rev. Wm. F. Rademacher, local pastor, and J. G. Minton, singing evangelist from Albany, Or., has been grown in interest and power. During the entire series of meetings the messages on Sunday morning and Monday evening were being brought by Mr. Minton. The messages on all other evenings are brought by Rev. Rademacher. Every evening's service is opened by a trumpet solo by Mr. Minton, using the old sacred melodies. This is followed by a thirty minute song service of unusual interest, in which the choir of mixed voices and the audience join in an inspiring way. Many special numbers in solos, duets and quartettes are being rendered during the opening services. Last Sunday evening Mr. Minton sang "I've a Wonderful Saviour," as a solo. Both the words and music of this piece were composed by him, and were rendered in public for the first time in Vernonia. This song will be sung again next Sunday evening, either as a solo, a duet, or a quartette. Also a few trumpet solos of sacred hymns are being broadcasted nearly every evening from the top of the church tower, at 7:00 o'clock.

The evangelistic messages brought by Rev. Rademacher, have been preached with conviction and power. Last Sunday night's sermon on "The Great I Am," was particularly gripping. He quoted from the Scripture that, "God is the same, yesterday, today and forever," declaring that God answers prayer, saves sinners, sanctifies believers, heals the sick and works wonders his will to perform, today just the same as he did in the olden days, and that he has the same power and love and mercy that he always had. He also declared his belief in the Scriptural doctrines of the Pre-millennial Second coming to Jesus Christ. Last Tuesday evening's subject was "Entire Sanctification." Rev. Rademacher stated that although the experience of Sanctification was often ridiculed and even laughed at today, yet it is Scriptural and is the possible experience of every believing child of God. Several persons have been converted and accepted Christ as their Saviour, some of them being brought to the altar by personal workers after the meeting has been dismissed and most of the crowd gone. Christians are also being blessed in a wonderful way. In fact, Vernonia is having a good old fashioned revival of faith and love and power.

Wednesday night of this week was "Children's Night," and drew the largest crowd of any night so far, during the meeting, there being 160 people present. The choir was made up of 41 children. The following group of revival songs were sung by them: "Constantly Abiding," "I've Pitched my Tent in Beulah," "My Soul is Filled With Glory," and "Come Over into Canaan Land." Miss Evelyn Peterson briefly told the story of the coming of the Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt into the land of Canaan. Miss Alice and Pablene Dubendorf sang "The Old Rugged Cross," as a soprano and alto duet. Then the song service closed with the children and audience singing together "The Glory Song" with the choruses of "Sweet Bye and Bye," and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," used in between. Rev. Rademacher then followed with a stirring sermon on "The Heavenly Stranger." The whole service was an inspiration to the large number of people present.

The meetings will continue until next Wednesday evening, Nov. 25. The subjects for the remaining services are as follows: Thursday evening, "Life in a Look"; Friday, "The Passions of Jesus"; Saturday "The Meeting of a Saviour and a Sinner"; Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, "Divine Healing"; Sunday evening at 7:30, "The Betrayer"; Monday, "The Second Coming of Christ"; Tuesday, "The Goads"; Wednesday "The Unanswerable Question."

Everybody is welcome and invited to come and participate in the song services and enjoy the messages that follow.

PIANO RECITAL GREATLY ENJOYED BY LARGE AUDIENCE

Mrs. Nancy Halley Culver, assisted by Mrs. John Gardner, soprano and F. McBarron, violinist, presented fourteen of her piano pupils in a recital Wednesday evening at the high school auditorium before a packed house. The first on the program was a piano number played by Margaret McDonald and sung by Betty Jane Coyle, Robert Culver played "Uncle Rufe's Trombone," "The Little Prince" was played in a duet by Joy Bush and Mildred Canon. Among the rest who played were Edith Brady, Beatrice Veal, Wilton White, Billy Culver, Margaret Bennett, Marion Forman, Merle Mills, Thelma Spencer, Phoebe Greenman, Betty Culver and Thelma Spencer. Heartly applause was responded to the little artists who showed meritorious training in their musical ability.

He Eats Best Who Eats Last

