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EARLY MORNING BLAZE

BRIDGE STREETS FIRE PLAYS HAVOC TO BUILDING

Building Occupied by C. R. Coyle Burns From Undetermined Origin With Some Insurance Carried

Shortly before two o'clock Thursday morning, citizens were awakened by the fire alarm to see the bright blaze shooting fifty feet high from the "Betty Jane," or C. R. Coyle building on Bridge street.

Having no "night man" on duty at that time, it was luck that the stage depot waffle house was open and the cook there awakened a few and G. C. Mellinger ran to give the general alarm.

The entire upper floor of the Coyle building was gutted and the rear and one side burned out. The down stairs was practically ruined, by water. Mr. Coyle lost all furniture, fixtures and even clothes from their upstairs apartment and managed to escape without stopping to dress.

Adjoining buildings occupied by the Variety store caught and the roof destroyed, but was saved with very little damage being done. Much praise was given the firemen and we have never known or any large city department doing any better or quicker work or making any fewer mistakes than the Vernonia fire department. They certainly deserve support and more of it than they are getting. Firemen went into the building without masks or protection and took chances in the smoke and dark that a larger city fighter wouldn't have to take. It hardly seems possible to check and control the fires that our boys do.

Mr. Coyle carried insurance on the building and stock, but the loss on household effects will be quite large.

GOOD BLAZE REPORTED

Clear Creek Fire Near Vernonia of Serious Proportions.

The first serious forest fire following the Fourth holidays broke loose in the Clear creek district eight miles southwest of here, early Tuesday morning. The fire is covering an estimated width of a quarter mile and is burning in old logged-off land. Coupled with a high wind blowing in that section and dry ground, fire fighting is thought to be serious, as the flames are near green timber on holding owned by the McPherson claim. It is thought that the fire was started by careless berry pickers or hunters, as no logging camps are situated within the immediate vicinity where the fire is burning. A number of fighters are on the ground.

CELEBRATION LOOKS GOOD

Many citizens and business men have spoken to us in enthused terms concerning our idea of a monster "Vernonia Day" celebration the fore part of September. We are surprised and disappointed that the Chamber of Commerce have so far ignored the subject, but one organization at least, in the city, is willing to boost and support the proposition, if all the business men are willing and desirous of seeing the event successfully staged. Time is getting shorter and we will know within a few days whether the celebration is a go or a fizzle.

NOTICE TO K. P's.

Every Knight of Pythias and every Pythian Sister will want to go to Vancouver Sunday to the picnic dinner and for the visit through the K. P. home. All members with cars meet at the bank corner at 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Those without cars meet at 7:30 also. Plenty of cars will be provided and an early start is necessary. Bring a picnic lunch and coffee will be given at the grounds.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

It was glorious—we witnessed a man killed, seen another get his skull fractured, observed a half dozen wrecked cars on the highway walked about twenty miles in big crowds, jumped from firecrackers, got sick smelling "hot dogs" on every side, spent a dozen dollars that we owed for other purposes, and became completely tired out—it was a g-l-o-r-i-o-u-s Fourth.

If you are still here, you are lucky. Lots of 'em got killed.

NEW ARRIVALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brady, Friday, July 2, 1928 a six pound boy, Patrick Earl Brady.

FUNDAMENTALS OF AMERICA

Christian Faith, Interpreted and Defended by Norman Wayne Phelps...

This able preacher-lecturer will deliver a series of 16 sermon-lectures in Vernonia, July 12 to 25th. Every night in the First Evangelical church, beginning Monday night, July 12. The sermon lectures for the 16 days are as follows: July 12, "Is the gospel worth preaching?" July 13, "Seven Christs I do not believe in." July 14, "The Bible and creation." July 15, "The Bible and the fulfillment of prophecy." July 16, "Redemption's rock-rendering cry—was it scientific?" July 17, "The Bible and its history." July 18, "Is it reasonable to believe in a per-



sonal God." Women and girls of high school age only, 2:30 p. m. "Are women losing their grip on morality—why?" July 19, "Getting acquainted with the lamb of God." July 20, "The way to Christ made plain." July 21, "The way to Christ made plain." July 22, "If—and Christ." July 23, "The seven last words." July 24, "Difficult Bible questions answered." July 25, "The force that succeeds." 8 p. m. At 3 p. m. for men and boys of high school age only, "What a man found out in hell." Dr. Phelps says: "The joy of our smile is measured by the depths of our pain." He is a straight shooter, but fair; he gives reasons. A man of experience, culture, courage, faith and platform ability. All night meetings begin at 8 p. m.

TOURIST TRAVEL WAS HEAVY

Hundreds on Itinerary Pass Through Town on Vacation Trip.

Hundreds of tourists, campers and sight-seeing motorists, passed through Vernonia Monday. It makes a splendid drive from Portland coming through St. Helens and going out by Forest Grove. Many of the cars stopped to admire our city and leave a few dollars for refreshments. Adjacent to town the creek and river banks were thickly dotted with picnic parties, many choosing that method of celebrating the Fourth.

BEST TIME IN YEARS

Real Fourth of July for Three Days With More Money Spent.

It was a real Fourth of July for three days. There was more money spent than ever before on a Fourth celebration, there were thousands of new autos on all the roads, the big time was general at beach resorts, town ceremonies, mountain retreats and in town and city. Everybody was on the go. As usual, accidents marred the event for many and probably more this year on account of the many machines and speed demons on the go. In Oregon there were several deaths over the Fourth, by wrecks, drowning and other accidents. But lots of people had a splendid time.

BALL FANS DISAPPOINTED

Goble Team Fails to Show Up For Last Sundays Game.

The Oregon-American Giants, ball team were very sorry to disappoint the people the 4th, but they never received word from the Goble team until early Sunday morning that there would be no game. But they are playing Birkenfield this coming Sunday, July 11, at the Vernonia ball park.

Making Progress Against His Will



Nearly every town has a few citizens whose positions are similar to that of the man shown above, hopelessly trying to run things his way. As in this man's case, it is usually fortunate for them as well as everybody else that they do not have the power to guide the destinies of the home town.

The unfair critic and the man who finds fault with everything in town are better off not running its affairs. They had better leave that to the men and women of broad vision who are able to show the way to progress.

And all the while the fault-finder fumes and battles against the way the town is going, it is really towing him safely along, while otherwise his craft doubtless would be wrecked on some reef.

FORECLOSURE SALE OF COLUMBIA CITY PLANT ORDERED

Order of foreclosure on the plant of the Wespar Logging company and the Western Spar company of Columbia City was signed Friday by Federal Judge Wolverton in behalf of Hiram W. Sibley of New York, plaintiff in the suit against the two companies and H. B. Murphy and George E. Murphy.

Sale by United States marshals at the court house of Columbia county at St. Helens will be conducted at noon, August 10, of the entire holdings of the Columbia City organizations. Debts of \$288,641.46 and attorney's fees amounting to \$13,750 must be satisfied by the sale.

Action was brought on mortgages obtained by Sibley on September 26, 1925 and on December 31, 1925, which constitute a lien to the estates of any of the defendants on property at Columbia City, according to the holdings of the court. The notes fell due May 17.

Capital stock of Midway Logging company, 127 1/2 shares, is included in the assets to be sold under the hammer. Other things to go will be land at Columbia City, sawmill plant with all machinery and equipment, spar plant and veneer plant, docks, booms and roofways, logging roads, and incline in Skamania county, Wash., three engines, cottages, lighting plants, franchises, cook houses, contracts for sale covering timber lands, railway spurs and all equipment.—Oregon Journal.

OLD TIMER VISITS

Former Editor of Old Nehalem Sentinel Visits Old Haunts

L. W. Van Dyke, who lives in northern California, called Tuesday. Thirty years have passed since Mr. Van Dyke has been in this county, and he visited for a day looking for old land marks. In 1891 he owned the old Nehalem Sentinel here, was justice of the peace and previous to then taught school near Keasey. He related many of the early day happenings to us, and told some interesting history.

The friends and sister members of the W. B. A. gave Mrs. Myrtle Daoust and Mrs. Hazel Graven a surprise party and handkerchief shower as a farewell before they left for St. Helens where they are going to live. About twenty-five were present at Graven's hall and games and dancing as well as a big supper was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wahlater entertained the Shipley's with a 6 o'clock dinner and invited numerous former friends of the Shipley's in, for cards and music.

Davis wins eighth straight game, when he downed Clatskanie last Sunday 4 to 5. Although he was given poor support from his team mates he held the Clatskanie boys to five hits. He fanned 14 and only walked one. For the third time this season Davis struck out three in a row.

Woll, who was imported from Astoria to do the chucking for Clatskanie received some mighty fine instructions on how to pitch from Davis. The fans were given more thrills than there is in Ringlands circus, all through the game. Each ball that was pitched carried the message of defeat or victory.

Chief Norwest returned to the line up Sunday a much different man than when he left. It seems that he has lost that old speed and accuracy that he carried with him before.

The Ducks have a wonderful ball team, this they have proven by winning eight straight games. This is fine, but danger is near. Like all champions, they are over-loaded with too much confidence. By this we mean, they are not taking things serious enough. It is a case of "let Davis do it." Davis is a glutton for work and you can bet he will do more than his share, but he must have help to continue his wonderful work.

Next Sunday the Ducks will get a test when they journey to Kalama. There will be no baskets of roses waiting for them. The Kalama game is going to be a junior war and remember folks that they and the Ducks are tied for second place. That's just a starter after Kalama comes Clatskanie, Camas, St. Helens and Ryderwood. To win these remaining games Vernonia must use everything in her power. There is no time to loose, so why not start now? The Ducks are the best team in the league, there is only one thing that is lacking and that is just a little practice now and then, and Davis will take care of the rest.

SUNDAY IN CLATSKANIE

Vernonia Team Plays in Highway Town With Visitors Present

Vernonia's crack baseball team went to Clatskanie Sunday and beat the fast Clatskanie players. There was a crowd in the river city and many from the Nehalem metropolis spent the day there. On Monday the Clatskanie program was continued, with sports and the main event of the speech of Senator I. L. Patterson.

Oliver A. Apple and son, George, drove over from Salem and joined the Black's on a trip to the beaches. Mr. Apple is an old time acquaintance of years standing to the Black family.

MOST FIR CAMPS IDLE; MILLS RESUME CUTTING

Portland, July 6.—The fir logging industry is marking time over the July repair shutdown period, according to the 4-L employment letter published here today. A few logging crews are returning to camp today, the letter said, but logging will not be generally under way in the fir districts until July 12, or after. Several large operations will remain closed during July and August.

A majority of the larger fir sawmills resumed cutting today, according to the 4-L letter, and those now closed will for the most part be in operation by next Monday.

The shutdown of woods operations and sawmills in the pine districts just east of the Cascades was brief, the letter said, virtually all camps and mills there resuming work today.

The wheat harvest in the Inland Empire and eastern Oregon districts will be in full swing by July 15, the letter said.

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

Vernonia Pupils Make Showing by School Record

The following named pupils of the grade school of Vernonia, not having been absent or tardy during the last school year have been awarded a certificate signed by the state and county superintendent of schols.

Virgie Urie, Margaret McDonald, Marion Miller, Marvin Porterfield, Mildred Touseley, Junior Aldrich, Maxine Elliott, Jewel Solomon, Ivan Reed, Dorothy Throop, Roy New, Leona New, Olive Olsen, Robert Petey Vilma Petty, Leonard Perry, Violet Phelps, Velma Veal, Clifford Solomon, Dorothy Overson, Seanlye Overson, Velda Mellinger, Neal Bush Kenneth Lewis, Anna Hamblin, Cleo Hall, Chester Hall, Lewis Graves, Mike Emmons, Carl Dempsey, Cyrus Creasey, Grace Condit, Leone Brock, Ford Berg, Margaret McNutt, Chas McNutt and Ethel Christensen.

IMPOSSIBLE TO NAME ALL

Personal Mention Paragraphs Can Not Tell All Names.

It is impossible for us to write personal mention paragraphs of the Vernonia people who went elsewhere to celebrate. We would miss many names, as hundreds went out of town to some resort, some beach, some city celebrations, some mountain camp or some picnic ground. Everybody went some place or celebrated near home.

IN HILLSBORO

Washington County Town Claimed Largest Crowd in Oregon

Hillsboro claimed the largest crowds for three days and put on the largest and best celebration staged in Oregon. They do it every year. In Hillsboro the city makes it their business and they all co-operate to a successful end. The city sold bonds at one time to build their big dance hall, one of the best in the state, and the city runs the dances with no trouble, thus solving the dance question. There were 30,000 people there during the three days and not a drunken man observed at the grounds or on the street.

At Schute park they had their events, refreshment stands, merry-go-round, ferris wheels, crazy houses, doll racks, cane racks, snake shows, wrestling, dancing, ten pin and ball, blanket booths and dozens of attractions. Everybody spent all the money they wanted to and nobody spent any more money than they wanted to. The shows were not bothered or stopped and no one was kicking. It was a mighty clean and orderly bunch of carnival sports.

The McMinnville American Legion drum corps was on duty day and night and drew much applause. The G. A. R. drum corps kept it up continually as well as two or three bands. Yes, it was a glorious Fourth.

A very enjoyable party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cooper, Saturday afternoon, July 3, from 1 to 3 p. m. Among those present were Mesdames McGillory, Dissmore, Tiny Blakenship, Patton, J. R. Cooper Misses Betty Gene Dissmore, Barbara Lue Dissmore Helca Alexandaria, Mildred Rogers, Audrea Austin, Eleanor Fialla, Clifford Fialla Weston Crow and John Patton. Those winning prizes were Weston Crow and Mildred Rogers. Lunch was served and everyone reported a splendid time.

LEGION CONTEST KEEN

MANY POSTS TRYING ARE FOR JOURNAL STATUE.

Trophy Award to Winning Post Brings Much Response to State Posts.

Portland, Or., July 9.—(Special.)—To that Post of the American Legion which has accomplished the most outstanding achievement in community service during the year 1925, is the basis for the award of a handsome bronze statue which will be presented at the American Legion convention at Coos Bay, August 7th.

This unusual trophy is offered as a perpetual award to be striven for each year by legion posts of the state. It is a gift to the American Legion of Philip L. Jackson, publisher of the Portland Oregon Journal and is offered in memory of his father, founder of that newspaper, and will be known as the Sam Jackson Memorial trophy.

The award at Coos Bay will be made to the post which has contributed the most for the benefit of its local community during 1925. Such records of achievement must be attested to by the mayor of the city, post commander and post adjutant, in which post is located.

There is keen rivalry already exhibited for this splendid award, many legion organizations having thrown their hats into the ring pointing to such accomplishments as the constructing of a community swimming pool, donation of a public ambulance to the city; the improvement of play ground facilities for the community, etc.

THE OIL ROADS

Investigation of Vernonia People Take Trip in other Counties

Several from Vernonia recently took a trip of investigation through Washington county and over the Mt. Hood loop, where the oil process of road making has been followed. The idea is to use the process on the Inland highway going out of Vernonia in both directions, as well as other county roads. The main argument in favor of the system is the cost. About five miles of road can be built under the oil, gravel and clay process to one mile of concrete pavement. In the making very little crown is needed.

The first year, about five inches of small gravel is used, this gone over with an even sprinkling of clay then rolled and let stand until the following year when it is thoroughly oiled. The new roads thus constructed have so far proven very satisfactory and it is claimed that the maintenance is not very expensive. Of course it isn't as solid or as lasting as good concrete, but that comparison is met with the difference in the price. In all probability Columbia county will adopt the plan on her roads.

Roads in road district No. 9, of which Vernonia is a part, will be improved this year with clay process macadam, finished with oil. The work will begin at once. The district having \$17,000 for the road work.

The district voted that amount last fall and it was the intention to put in concrete paving, G. G. Hall, county roadmaster pointed out to officials the economy of improving their market roads with the clay process macadam.

The "Laff-a-Lot" club met at Mrs. Marie Adam's home Wednesday, June 30. Mrs. Sarah Dorobough was elected president and Marie Adams treasurer and secretary. It was decided to meet every two weeks on Tuesdays at 1 o'clock p. m. making the next meeting at Mrs. Carrie Drakes, the former home of Mrs. Daoust. Twelve charter members were present. The next meeting is July 13. Every member come.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued recently in Vancouver, Wash., to Anthony E. Buck, 26, of Vernonia, and Hattie B. Turner, 21, of Mist, Or.

Among those securing Vancouver marriage licenses were:

Eugene W. Sharp, 23, of Keasey, and Josephine Stoop, 18, of Keasey, Or.