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DUCKS WIN SUNDAY 6-1

St. Helens Beaten in Last
Scheduled League Game.

SECOND PLACE IS WON

Davis Allows But Two Hits;
Two Postponed Games to
Be Played

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He who laughs last, laughs best, and the Ducks just roared when they gave St. Helens the short end of Sunday's game and all the glory that goes with it. Davis showed no mercy for the Saints, not once did he let up. He was so stingy with his hits that even a Scotchman would have blushed with embarrassment. Two hits were the best the Saints could get off Davis, for one run. While the Ducks attacked Spit-Ball Brown from all angles and put over a barrage of hits—totaling eight—for six runs.

Spike Brown was almost driven from the mound in the first inning when four runs were brought in by the Ducks. He recovered, however, and pitched shut-out ball till the seventh. Glen Wright, our million dollar beauty, short stop, started a batting rally in the first inning when he connected with one of Brown's spitters for a double. Down, the next batter, was hit by a pitched ball and sent to first. Jack Nance, who is the most dangerous bat slinger in the Ducks' lineup came up next and placed one of his famous Texas leaguers scoring Wright and Dowd. Nance scored on Kotula's hit. Black slammed out a two-bagger, sending Kotula home. In spite of this vicious attack, Brown showed no weakness or worry, he gritted his teeth and pitched a first-class game until the finish.

The Ducks have finished the last of their scheduled league games although there are two postponed games with Camas and Clatskanie. If it becomes necessary these games will be played here starting next Sunday. If not, Vernonia will play independent baseball for the balance of the season. Already the manager has booked games with the St. Johns Bears, Salem Senators, Ryderwood and Banks. Ryderwood is the big drawing card, in fact, the fans are demanding another Vernonia-Ryderwood game.

Summary.

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St. Helens 000 001 000—1 2 2

Two base hits, Wright, Blackman, Davis; three base hits, McDonald; stolen bases, Wright, Dowd, Kotula, Smith, Blackman, Davis 2, Calhoun; errors, Nichols, Bellville, struck out by Brown, six, by Davis, seven, hit by pitched ball, Dowd;

The Ducks have won second place in the league by defeating St. Helens, while Kalama lost to Camas, 5 to 2.

FUNERAL HOME BEING BUILT

J. W. Brown is building a funeral home south of the bank on Third street which will include both his undertaking parlors and his own residence.

The parlors will be completely furnished with an altar, choir room, family room and the large chapel. Two driveways will lead to the building, which will be finished outside with stone-tone and abylonian shell.

The building is expected to be finished on about six weeks. It is being erected by Noble Dunlap.

Rail Chiefs Inspect.

General Manager A. J. Davidson and Superintendent G. E. Votaw of the S. P. & S. railway, and party, arrived in a special car Wednesday on an inspection trip over the United railway and Gales creek line. They also investigated the feasibility of laying 2200 feet of storage track, which has been proposed for some time.

RAIL PAGEANT ATTRACTS MANY

Eugene, Ore., Aug. 10.—Thousands of visitors are expected here next week to participate in the celebration and pageant long planned by the Trail to Rail association to give state recognition of the completion of the Southern Pacific's trans-Cascade line.

The program in which national, state and railroad officials will participate will present one of the most spectacular and colorful representations of the development of the northwest according to Jos. H. Koke, president of the association.

The pageant, "Klatawa" to be presented each evening on the university athletic field will include one of the largest casts ever seen in Pacific Coast production. It will show the modes of transportation used by the pioneer in developing this country and the coming of the railroad. Ezra Meeker will play the part of pioneer around which character the pageant was written by Prof. W. F. G. Thacher of the state university. Eve Richmond, New York soloist, will represent Sacajawea, Indian maiden who befriended the pioneers and protected them from hostile tribes. Irving E. Vining, president of the state chamber of commerce, will play the part of Klatawa who depicts the spirit of transportation. The name Klatawa is taken from the Chinook Indian word meaning "to go, to progress." The pageant will include hundreds of participants some of whom will sing and dance. The costumes will be colorful and represent the garb of the periods depicted by each of the eight episodes included in the show.

August 19 has been named Pioneer day and the day following is Oregon day. The pioneer parade will be one of the major features of the celebration. Cal Young, pioneer and director of the procession announced that it will represent the largest gathering of pioneers and their household goods, farm implements, oxen and vehicles, that has ever been assembled in the west. Covered wagons which have traveled over the Oregon Trail, oxen, burros and horses will be included. The pioneers will also have an old fashioned barbecue.

COREY TO OPEN NEW STORE HERE

A. Corey, pioneer Vernonia merchant, will open a new men's and ladies' furnishing store in the Stewart building tomorrow.

Mr. Corey, who has been in business in Gales Creek the past nine months, says that he believes the prospects are good here for the clothing business.

"THE STORY OF THE RANGE"

The story of the western range from the days of Coronado to the present time, its marvelous resources in forage, how it was stocked, the meeting of the herds of the East and the West, stock raising, past and present, the cause of erosion and range deterioration, and other problems of the range and of range management, are discussed in a publication just issued by the Department of Agriculture under the title of "The Story of the Range." This booklet is obtainable free so long as the supply last upon application to U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

"The Story of the Range" is based on a part of the hearings before the committee on public lands and surveys of the United States senate investigating the grazing use of the public domain lands, the Indian reservations, and the national forests, held in 1925. It was written by Will C. Barnes who for nearly half a century has been in close touch with range conditions throughout the far western country, first as a practical western range stockman and later as inspector of grazing and assistant forester in charge of the grazing work of the United States forest service, which supervises and controls the use of the national forest ranges by approximately million head of livestock.

Buyers Gold Hill Market

Charles D. White, formerly of Vernonia, bought the Pickard meat market at Gold Hill, Oregon, Monday of last week, and is now in possession.

SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 6

The Vernonia grade schools will open Monday, September 6, according to Mrs. Lillian Brown, clerk of the school board.

The following teachers have signed contracts for this year: O. A. Anderson, principal; H. L. Ingraham, Mrs. Elsa Knowles, Mrs. L. F. Auspin, Miss Kathleen Mitchell, Mrs. Pearl Wilkerson, Miss Lenora Kizer, Mrs. Alta Neil, Miss Pearl Krause, Mrs. Mabel Nichol, Mrs. Mabel Graves, Mrs. Ethel Ray and Mrs. Lenora Green.

Only two positions remain to be definitely decided yet, according to Mrs. Brown.

Forest Service Reports Thousand Fires

Nine hundred and ninety-nine forest fires have been reported by the twenty-two national forests of Oregon and Washington for the present fire season, up to July 31. These fires have burned 69,699 acres of national forest land, 3,396 acres of private land inside national forest boundaries, and 26,609 acres of private land outside and adjacent to national forest boundaries. Only 131 of the fires burned over ten acres each; 295 were held under ten acres and over one quarter acre; while 573 fires were held under one quarter of an acre each. Estimates of the damage or loss are not available as yet.

Over half of the fires were caused by lightning. The forest service report calls attention to the fact that the lightning hazard has been unusually severe this year; at the same time it expresses appreciation of the fact that many forest visitors have cooperated by being careful. The report shows 561 lightning fires, as against 438 man-caused.

Analyzing the man-caused fires, however, the forest service finds that smokers and campers are still the prime offenders. There is a total of 134 smokers fires and 124 campers fires. This is 59 per cent of the total number of man-caused fires due to the camper-smoker hazard. Forest officers point out that there is still a careless minority of forest visitors who menace the welfare of the forest, as well as the pleasure of others, and who must be brought to realize that it takes only one spark to start a forest fire.

Other man-causes listed in the forest service report for the two states are: railroads 65; brush burning 32; lumbering 14; miscellaneous 45.

RALPH RODGERS DIES SATURDAY

Ralph Rogers, Nehalem valley pioneer, died Saturday in Vernonia of heart disease. The funeral was held at the cemetery Monday afternoon, and was conducted by the Masonic lodge. More than 100 were in attendance at the services.

Ralph Rogers, 78 years 6 months of age, was born in Gainsboro, Jackson county, Tennessee, January 25, 1848. He moved to the Nehalem valley 38 years ago, settling on Pebble creek, six miles south of here in May, 1889.

He is survived by his widow, Lou Anna Rogers, Vernonia; one daughter, Mrs. Henry Beaver of Treharne, and three sons, N. S. Rogers of Condon and Frank and Lee Rogers of Vernonia. Ten grandchildren and other relatives also survive.

MOTORISTS BE- COMING CARELESS

"Constant association with objects in which there is sometimes a great degree of hazard, is conducive to carelessness that eventually passes to a point of danger. Even the worker in a powder factory; the dynamite jockey and a score of others working in hazardous employments or positions become so accustomed to the deadly commodities they continually tamper with that they feel invulnerable to the deadly aspects of the same. The motorist comes in this category of operators," says George O. Brandenburg, general manager of the Oregon State Motor association.

According to Mr. Brandenburg, the motorist, like those handling dynamite or other deadly items, has become careless through years of close affiliation and contact with the automobile. Today we find motorists whizzing through traffic, speeding down highways and around curves as though going to a fire. Time seems to be exceedingly valuable to most motorists, even to the point of endangering their own lives as well as the lives of those about them.

In contrast one must look back but a few years when the auto was new. Then there were many who refused to even ride in one. They threatened to rule them off the streets in many of our large cities. Ordinances were passed placing the speed limit at ridiculously low paces all because they were considered a menace on the streets and highways.

Miss Georgia Fairbanks is on the sick list.

POMONA GRANGE HELD SATURDAY

The 92nd Columbia County Pomona Grange was held in the Birkfeld high school gymnasium, Saturday, August 7.

The Armstrong home economics committee gave a social and raised enough money to send their club boys and girls together with their leader, Ms. Pearl Becker, to the recent Gresham fair.

Beaver Valley reported a juvenile entertainment to be given soon. Yankton and Clatskanie are preparing exhibits for the county fair. Warren and Winema are preparing for public meeting at which Governor Pierce and some other of the candidates for state offices will be present.

Clatskanie grange reported being busy making sashes, robes and other regalia for the degree and general work. Also Clatskanie grange is sponsoring the Clatskanie fair which will be held September 3.

The grange park committee reported placing the \$955.45 which has been collected in a savings account until such time as the Fir Tree Timber company is ready to complete the transaction.

Brother James G. Kelly, grange insurance director, for this district, was present and explained many perplexing questions and gave a talk about the benefits of grange insurance. Mr. Kelly is putting on an active campaign to build up grange insurance and he asks the hearty cooperation of all grangers in this important work. He spoke also on the importance of the grange adopting a program that will fit in with community activities, the school, church, good roads or other projects. He especially stressed the value of boys' and girls' club work and said that six years ago \$50.00 was appropriated by Multnomah county for premiums for this, while this year so great has been the growth of club work \$1500 was given for premiums for boys' and girls' club work.

County Agent Nelson had obtained special leave from the Citizens Military Training camp at Vancouver to attend the session. He read a letter from the Skamokawa Farmers' Creamery association asking for prices on 30 tons of gray oats. Any one having these for sale should notify the county agent's office giving the price asked. Mr. Nelson also spoke briefly on the necessity of the farmer studying conditions and being ready to take advantage of them as big business takes advantage of their foresight.

W. J. Fullerton spoke briefly but emphatically on the importance of the hydro-electric bill and urged grangers to work and vote for this bill.

County Roadmaster Hall gave an interesting talk on the clay process road which is to be given a trial in this county. He said that this kind of road was not an experiment but had been thoroughly tested and their value and durability proven.

The degree of Pomona was exemplified for 45 candidates.

The next meeting will be with Fern Hill on Saturday, November 16.

BLANKENSHIP-LILLY

A quiet wedding was solemnized Saturday, August 7, at the Christian church, when Miss Lillian Delphine Blankenship, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Blankenship, became the bride of Russell Vaniford Lilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lilly.

The Reverend Oliver L. Curtis officiated, using the impressive ring ceremony. Only the immediate families of the young couple were present.

The bride, who has resided in Vernonia the past year, is a very popular member of the younger set. Mr. Lilly, who holds a responsible position with the Oregon-American Lumber company, has been with the company several years, having been employed at one of their southern mills prior to the establishment of this plant.

Following a brief honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. Lilly will be at home in Vernonia.

No Legion Meeting in August.

Commander Folger of Vernonia post, American Legion, announces that there will be no meetings of the local post in August. The next regular meeting will be September 14. Every Legionnaire is expected to be present at that time.

LEGIONNAIRES ENJOY TRIP

Nine From Local Post Go
to Coos Bay.

AWARDED TWO CUPS

Snappy Business Meeting and Varied Entertainment Given
The Visitors.

Nine Legionnaires of Vernonia post returned home from the Marshfield state convention trip with loud praises for that community. A varied four-day program combining convention business with pleasure left no want unfulfilled in the minds of those who came, according to those who went from here.

Those who made the trip from Vernonia were Mr. and Mrs. William H. Folger, A. L. Kullander, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Hurley, A. W. Alexander, Dudley Nixon, Guy Shields, Pat Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fenner and M. E. Carkin.

Two Cups Awarded.

Vernonia post was awarded two handsome loving cups. One given by the department of Oregon to the post making the greatest increase in membership over the four-year average. The district trophy was also awarded the local post for the greatest increase over the four-year average to July 1.

According to Commander Folger, Vernonia post received more publicity in Legion circles at this convention than any other post in the state.

M. E. Carkin came out a close second in the Pacific Legion trophy contest offered. The legionnaire obtaining the greatest number of members prior to the convention this year. Raymond Bassett of Salem was first with 137 members, and Carkin was second with 117 members.

The sea food banquet was a novelty remembered and talked about by all. The menus were printed on wood veneer, and consisted of many different kinds of sea food. Commander Folger said, "Yes, and there was seconds," too.

Carkin Elected.

In the 40 and 8 "Jack" Carkin was honored by being elected grande garde de la porte. He was also appointed district committeeman of the first district of Oregon, to which position he has aspired for some time.

Mrs. Dorilda Deming was chosen a national convention Auxiliary delegate.

Record Land Settlement in July

July set a record in land settlement activities which August bids fair to surpass. The momentum of the settler movement seems to be cumulative bringing homeseekers from far and near to establish themselves on diversified and specialty farms in Oregon.

During the first ten days of August the Portland office of the Land Settlement department of the state and Portland chambers of commerce has been the mecca of many who have availed themselves of the services of this state-wide committee system.

Results in land settlement work have never been better, and with the splendid class of farmers who arrive daily, not only in the Portland office but in every section of the state, prospects are bright for a banner year in increasing the utilization of Oregon's fertile agricultural acreage, in both the eastern and western sections of the state.

Bankers Visit Here

Andrew Miller, secretary of the Oregon State Bankers association, whose home is in Portland, was here Tuesday with H. A. Childs of the State Bank of Rainier and R. L. Shreves, cashier of the First National bank of Scappoose, visiting the local bank.

Mr. Miller is paying a visit to all of the banks in Columbia county with the view of perfecting a closer association of interests.

DEFECTIVE VISION

Pessimism clings to its victims tenaciously, but if the patient is willing, he can free himself of it just as easily as the man in the picture could exchange his glasses for a pair which would enable him to see better.

No town the modest size has room enough for the chronic critic who sees good in nothing. All available space is needed for the men and women who have a brighter outlook on life, and who are working to make it a bigger and better town in which to live. Idle dreamers block the way to progress.

Since the boosters are greatly in the majority, it ought to be a simple matter to corral the minority of dissatisfied residents of Vernonia and present to each of them a pair of the rose-colored spectacles of optimism.