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J. C. LINDLEY NEW RECEIVER

Will Be in Active Charge
November 4.

GOOD SHOWING MADE

Vernonia Light & Power
Co. Now Headed by
Local Man.

Judge Stevenson of the circuit court in Portland appointed J. C. Lindley, cashier of the Bank of the Bank of Vernonia, as receiver of the Vernonia Light & Power company and of the Northwestern Trust company on Monday to relieve Clyde E. Lewis, present receiver.

Mr. Lindley will be in full charge November 4. The books have been sent to him, with all the documents and records of the companies, and he will make an audit of them in the intervening time to see what plan can be formulated in regard to putting the light and power company on its feet again.

Seymour Bell of Portland was appointed trustee of the bondholders of the Vernonia Light & power company, but was prohibited by the court from foreclosing on the property on account of non-payment of interest coupons which have been due for some months, until the new receiver could work out some plan for payment of outstanding indebtedness against the company.

Mr. Lindley will have an office here and also a part time office in Portland. This work will not interfere with his duties as cashier of the local bank. Elton Watkins, ex-congressman—is reported to be the new attorney for the receiver.

The recent action of the court has grown out of a suit of five months standing in which numerous creditors, bondholders and others interested in securing the plant of the Vernonia Light & Power company participated.

The city of Vernonia intervened in the suit in September. An attempt was being made to sell the company at private sale. City Attorney Sheeley filed a suit of intervention and stopped that. The city attorney also intervened in the suit to have Lewis discharged from his receivership for the reason of the unsatisfactory service he claimed was being given, and was successful in having the local man appointed.

The importance of the case can be realized from the fact that 14 lawyers were actively engaged in the litigation.

The court allowed Mr. Lewis \$500 on account of his services as receiver. His attorney received \$750 as attorney for the receiver.

Local folk consider the city fortunate in having the receivership here, where practically all of the remaining property of both companies is located.

When interviewed on what plans he had made for the company under the new receivership, Mr. Lindley said, "I have not yet received the books, and a careful audit must be made to see whether anything constructive can be done." Mr. Lindley said it is very likely, however, that the service of the company will be improved in the near future.

A bond of \$20,000 covers the receiver of the Vernonia Light & Power company.

Carkin Visits Astoria Legion

M. E. Carkin, district committee man of the American Legion, paid an official visit to Astoria post Monday night. He reports that they have a large membership, and 77 have already paid up for 1927. He said it was one of the best Legion meetings he had ever attended, 75 being present.

Mr. Carkin was accompanied by Thos. Graham, adjutant of Vernonia post, on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Moe of Hood River were here the past week end visiting their son, Mark E. Moe, and Mrs. Moe.

EMPLOYMENT HOLD- ING HIGH POINT

Portland, Oct. 21—Employment in the Pacific Northwest is holding at a higher point than is usual at this time of year, according to the 4L employment service letter. Logging, both east and west of the Cascades, is well into the fall stride and there is a much greater amount of general construction work being done than during October of last year.

Fir sawmills are operating on schedules that have held since mid-summer. The pine sawmill industry is gradually tapering off for the season.

Apple picking and potato digging are nearly finished in most districts. Calls for laborers have been few.

A report from Grays Harbor states that one large logging concern closed down two sides last week, but that other camps in the district were running with normal-sized crews.

Tacoma reports a small surplus of common labor, low turnover and high average employment.

Seattle and North Puget Sound logging is very active, reports state, and there is no or little surplus of experienced loggers.

Spokane reports less unemployment at this time than is usual in October. Jobs there are not plentiful, and neither is there a great number of men seeking work.

SAYS MR. STRATTON IS GRANGE CANDIDATE

In reply to Mr. Morris we wish to state some real facts:

On Saturday, February 6, 1926, at a regular meeting of the Pomona grange, Mr. Stratton was asked to run for representative of the 20th district. The cheers that greeted the announcement of his name is proof that he is endorsed by the Pomona grange members. Again at Birkenfeld on August 1, when there were more than 200 members present, the Independent club (of which Mr. Morris is said to be the leader) advertised to hold a mass-meeting. If the grange did not endorse Mr. Stratton, why wasn't the independent club meeting held? Can Mr. Morris tell, or did he leave too early in the day?

Mr. Stratton did not accept for six weeks after his endorsement by Pomona grange members, giving ample time for any grange or any member of the grange to protest if they desired. Not one protest was received.

Mr. Stratton has been a national grange member for more than 20 years. He has always worked for the grange and for the people of Columbia county, giving his time freely. He has stated his platform to the voters of Columbia county and they know he always stands behind what he says.

While Mrs. M. J. Mills, at a meeting held in Vernonia October 9, said that she could not state her reasons for being a candidate, in the meeting, that she would have to go outside to give them, as it was very dark at the time, it looked to the voters as if her reasons would not bear the light of day.

(Signed) Warren M. Young,
Master of Pomona;
A. H. Tarbell.

Legion To Have Pro- gram Armistice Day

Believing that November 11 is "their day," Vernonia post, American Legion, has made extensive plans for the observance of the armistice of the world war.

The regular American Legion patriotic Armistice day program will commence at 10:30 a. m. on November 11. The public is cordially invited to attend. It will be held in the majestic theatre, which is being donated by the management for the occasion.

Judson Weed, Civil war veteran, will be one of the speakers. Others have not been definitely engaged yet.

At 12 noon the Womens Relief corps will serve a dinner to all ex-service men in the Evangelical church.

A football game is expected to be played by the high school in the afternoon, and the big Legion dance will be held in Coyle's hall in the evening.

First log drive of the year, is made on North Fork of Coquille River.

CITY BUSINESS SHOWS SURPLUS

(To the Taxpayers and citizens of the city of Vernonia—

It has come to our attention that certain independent nominees for city offices are using slanderous and untruthful statements in order to garner a few votes for themselves, and their ticket. The truth regarding the conduct of the city hall may be found in a report published by the city recorder in this issue, showing a surplus of \$341.50 above expenses, and this without touching a cent of city tax money.

Further, this amount would be even more if all business houses had paid their occupation taxes, instead of trying to foist it off onto the general taxpayer. Among those who have refused to pay may be found some of the more prominent independent nominees and supporters, namely: Vernonia Mercantile, (Gillchrest); Brown Furniture, H. Culbertson, King's Grocery, Reither Clothing, Keller Confectionery, Western Oregon Telephone Co.

These concerns seem to feel that because their business is not specifically named in the ordinance that they may refuse to pay. They had rather the general taxpayer foot their bill. You will therefore find an amendment to Section 49 submitted on your ballot which makes this section operative and forces him to pay who justly should. Kindly notice that good citizens do not refuse this tax, and also under the law of Oregon—no one who has refused to pay any tax or fine is eligible to vote or hold office and this note may be challenged at the polls.

In ending let us say that this is not a bid for votes but simply to place before the voters a true statement of facts and to show them the standard of some of those people who would like to hold city office, and who yet refuse to pay their just protection of the city upkeep.

G. C. Mellinger,
Councilman and member financial committee.

BELIEVE TRUCK AND BUS BILL INOPERATIVE

With the predicted entanglement in the legal status of existing and proposed Oregon truck and bus legislation, having come to a head, it is apparent that the average voter will approach the November polls with considerable question in his mind as to how to vote on the truck and bus bills, states the Oregon Automotive Conference in a recent discussion of its investigation.

"It is manifest now that neither the bill sponsored principally by the state highway commission, nor that initiated by the bus and truck men gets at the results that either anticipated when their measures are framed" states Ralph J. Staehli, secretary of the conference.

The upsetting factors are the two decisions by high courts which affect existing legislation and would affect either of the two bills on the ballot in the event that they were made laws.

The United States supreme court rendered one far-reaching decision on a case brought in from California. The Oregon supreme court brought in a similar case known now as the "Purple Truck Case." Both involved similar points and questioned the right of states to attempt to control and regulate private carriers or trucks in the same category as common carrier trucks.

It was found in both cases that the state's attempt to control private trucks engaged in work under contract was a violation of the constitutional contract rights.

Football Trophy Offered.

The trophy offered by Fred Herman and Dr. F. R. Davis of Rainier to the champion football team of Columbia county has arrived, and has been on display in Rosebraugh's window. It is a handsome replica of a football in silver, mounted on a beautiful ebony base. It will go to the championship team of this county, and the team that wins it three successive years will have the privilege of keeping the trophy permanently.—Rainier Review.

Northwest District prune yield set at 60,000,000 pounds.

In two weeks, four eastern wood-working concerns have inquired for Portland location, 26 firms rated above \$100,000 each.

INDEPENDENTS STATE PLATFORM

In response to the many inquiries from various voters as to the principles of the candidates on the Independent ticket for mayor and councilmen, we wish to make the following brief statement:

Apply Business Principles

We believe that the same business principles should be applied to running a city as would be applied to any business organization. Our present form of legal expenditure is that the suggestions of the budget committee be submitted to the voters and after they have approved of the figures therein, that the city council are limited by law not to exceed the amounts named for the respective departments. Since the adoption of the last budget by the citizens of Vernonia, practically every amount allowed has been greatly exceeded by the council. In other words, your representatives have illegally spent the taxpayers' money by paying out greater sums than they were authorized to by the vote of the citizens when they adopted the budget. Only by a policy of "robbing Peter to pay Paul" have we been able to keep going financially. The absolute proof of the foregoing statements will be seen when the recommendations of the budget committee recently appointed by the mayor, are published for your inspection.

On June 1, 1926, there were \$13,000 city warrants outstanding. Of these but about \$1000 have been retired to October 1, 1926. But, warrants that have been issued at a much later date than these, are being paid in cash upon presentation, leaving about \$12,000 to lay and draw interest. We believe, in common with any business principle, that the old warrants should be retired as fast as possible with available funds, before the later warrants are cashed.

Better Law Enforcement.

We believe as all good citizens should, that the various city, state, county and national laws should be enforced. Not however in an arbitrary manner, but in a way that will meet the ends of justice without persecution. Above all, the laws should apply equally to everyone, irrespective of position, and no favorites should be excepted.

A greater interest should be shown in the city as a city. The mayor and council should not consider their duty done when they have passed or not passed ordinances and allowed warrants, etc. They still owe the city their best thoughts and efforts towards its progress and betterment.

A large number of citizens have passed the remark that the Independent ticket is the "hand-picked child" of Jim Culbertson. We want to go on record as denying this "in toto." Mr. Culbertson has never at any time had any connection with the ticket, and if elected the nominees will not seek to place him in any office whatsoever in the city.

Keep Down Taxes.

We realize that it is easy to say that we will lower the taxes, but it is another matter entirely to do this, and yet take care of the ordinary indebtedness of the city. We will, however, if elected use every business expedient to keep within the bound of our city income consistent with the upkeep of the city as one of the leading cities of the county. As taxpayers ourselves we too know the burden we are at present under, and will apply ourselves intelligently to this, perhaps one of the most important of all considerations.

In conclusion, in appealing for your vote, let us assure you that we have no ulterior motives in seeking the respective offices we have been nominated for. We will not resign in favor of anyone else if elected, so that perhaps someone who was not your choice may be appointed, but will stick with our job until our allotted time expires, and will serve you through thick and thin, for the betterment and prosperity of our city and your city—Vernonia.

(Signed)
L. R. Gillchrest,
N. Soden,
C. Hoffman,
Edw. Salmosen,
Dr. Ella Wight.

The Phytian Sisters will give a Halloween party to a number of children of the community tonight at the grange hall.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPENS ESSAY CONTEST

The Oregon Historical society has selected "The Joint Occupation of the Oregon Country" as the subject for the 1927 C. C. Beekman history prizes and medals. The prizes are four in number, viz., first, \$60; second, \$50; third, \$40; and fourth, \$30; and will be awarded for the four original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over 15 years of age and under 18 years of age, attending any public or private school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other educational institution within the state of Oregon. Each of the four prize winners will also receive a handsome bronze medal.

The conditions governing the competition are as follows:

The essay submitted in competition must not exceed 2000 words in length.

The essay must be in handwriting or in typewritten form, preferably upon paper of commercial letter size either ruled or unruled, the several sheets being numbered consecutively and written on one side only, with blank space of about one and one-quarter inches at top and left-hand margins.

The essay shall be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the name and postoffice address of the writer, the date of his or her birth, and the name of the school attended.

There shall be also delivered with the essay a certificate signed by a teacher or instructor of the educational institution attended, stating that the writer of the essay is a pupil or student attending the same.

In order to be considered in competition the essay must be delivered, by mail or in person, to the Oregon Historical society room C, Public auditorium, 253 Market street, Portland, not later than March 15, 1927.

All essays submitted in competition will be numbered and submitted, without the names of the writers or other identifying marks, to three judges selected by the undersigned committee.

All competitive essays will be judged according to their general merit and excellence; but the judges will also take into consideration, in passing thereon, neatness of manuscript, accurate orthography, correct grammar and composition, and clarity of diction.

The Oregon state library in Salem has a reading list or bibliography upon the above named subject which will be sent to any Oregon student on request. Books pertaining to the subject are obtainable in most public libraries. Oregon has a system of local libraries, supplemented in many cases by county library systems, and in all cases by the state library. Students desiring such books should apply first to the local library, which, if not having the books should secure them from the county and state libraries.

Pomona Grange To Meet.

Columbia County Pomona grange will meet with Fern Hill grange on Saturday, November 6, beginning at 10:30 a. m. The election of officers for the coming two years will be held.

Secretaries of subordinate granges are urged to send or bring reports. —Maud Mills, Secretary.

Eagle To Change Date Of Publication

Starting with the next issue, the Vernonia Eagle will be published one day earlier in the week, which will be Thursday instead of Friday, as at present.

The change is being effected at the instigation of local merchants, many of whom prefer the earlier date because of better results they believe can be gained for week-end sales.

The next issue will be dated November 4, instead of November 5, and will be in the local postoffice the morning of November 4 and each succeeding Thursday thereafter until further notice.

A number of members of the St. Helens Odd Fellows lodge were in attendance at the meeting of the local lodge Tuesday night, when the second degree work was given. Fifty-one were present.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet in the Legion hall at 8:00 Monday night. A large turnout is expected.

ACQUINAS IS BEATEN 27-6

Vernonia Easy Winner in
Game Saturday.

TO AUDIT ALL BOOKS

Vernonia is Favorite in To-
morrow's Game at
Scappoose.

Vernonia defeated Aquinas high school of Portland Saturday by a score of 27 to 6. The local boys were not in prime condition for the game, it is said, owing to the long ride to the city and showed signs of weakness during the first half.

Aquinas won the flip and chose to receive. Vernonia kicked off to Aquinas' 10-yard line. Their flashy quarter received the ball and returned it to Vernonia's 30-yard line. Here Aquinas was held for downs and Vernonia gained the ball. Vernonia punted on first down, past midfield, where it was held.

Aquinas was held for no gain for three downs and on the fourth, attempted a punt. Wardle broke through and blocked the punt, Vernonia recovering the ball. Wardle was injured on this play and was forced from the game.

Vernonia now started the march to her first touchdown. Fake reverses and end runs carried the ball to Aquinas' 8-yard line. Three attempted bucks failed. On the fourth down Vernonia completed a beautiful pass, Hawkins to Malmsten over the goal line for the first touchdown. Bell converted the extra point.

Vernonia kicked off and after an exchange of punts gained the ball in midfield. Fake reverses and gains through the line by Hawkins and Hodges carried the ball to the opponents' 3-yard line, where Bennett bucked it over. Bell again converted the extra point.

Aquinas again chose to receive and Vernonia kicked off. Aquinas was held for a small gain in three downs and was forced to punt. Vernonia received the ball deep in her own territory. On the first play an attempted punt by Bennett was blocked, Vernonia recovering the ball on her own 5-yard line. Whitsell was called back for the next punt and kicked the ball past midfield. Aquinas' flashy quarterback received the ball and straight-armed and side stepped his way through the Vernonia team to their only score. They failed to convert.

Vernonia received at the beginning of the second half and by end runs and two long passes carried the ball to Aquinas' 8-yard line. Hodges was called on to carry the ball and he bucked it over. Bell converted.

Vernonia kicked off and after an exchange of kicks received the ball past mid-field and started another march. Line bucks and end runs put the ball on Aquinas' 25-yard line. On a fake run, Hawkins carried the ball, cut his way through tackle and wormed his way to the last touchdown. Bell was blocked on an attempted kick.

Several substitutions were made during the game, Mellinger relieving Wardle in the first half and Spencer relieving Laramore. Olsen received a back injury and was relieved by Mellinger in the last few minutes of the game.

The lineup: Hawkins, Q; Hodges, F; Bennett and Malmsten, halves; Whitsell, LE; Bell, LT; Laramore, LG; Hill, C; Olsen, RG; Wardle, RT; Mills, RE.

Clarence Wardle has been coaching the second team for their game with St. Helens second team tomorrow.

Vernonia will play Scappoose tomorrow at Scappoose. The local boys are the favorites for this game.

BIRKENFELD BABY DIES

The 11-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Birkenfeld passed away at the Doernbecker Memorial hospital in Portland Tuesday of last week. The little one had taken seriously ill on Monday morning and was rushed to the hospital, but science could not have its life. The funeral was held in the valley Wednesday.—Clatskanie Chief.