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Four Chinese Robbed of \$800

Two Filipinos Escape After Holdup in Noodle Parlor.

Also Holdup in Pool Hall

One Arrest Made; Trial in St. Helens; Bound Over To Grand Jury

Four Chinese in Ed Chin's noodle parlor were held up about 9 p.m. Friday night and robbed of about \$800 by two men whom they stated were Filipinos. One entered the restaurant and ordered all present, which included seven Filipino patrons of the place, to hold up their hands. Another immediately came in and searched the four Chinese, ignoring the Filipinos eating there. An alarm was immediately spread and Marshal Kelly started in pursuit, but they were not seen after leaving the place.

The Chinese held up were Ed Chin, Sam Lee, Frank Lee and Fred Seto. Of the Filipino robbers, one was tall and one short and stocky, the latter had a gun. No better description has been secured, although the Chinese believe they could identify the men if they see them again. The two wore bandanna handkerchiefs over their faces to hide their identity.

Sunday night Joe Quiena, a Filipino, was arrested by Marshal Kelly for carrying concealed weapons. He is alleged to have held up some men playing cards in the rear of the Vernonia billiard hall and was apprehended a few minutes later by the marshal on the bridge. He threw his gun into Rock creek, but the marshal relieved him of a large knife, and later picked the gun out of the stream. This man spent the night and the next day in the local jail and Tuesday morning the marshal took him to St. Helens, where he was bound over to the grand jury.

While Marshal Kelly was away from his home for a time Monday, two Filipinos appeared there and threatened the life of himself and his family, according to Mrs. Kelly, unless the Filipino then in the local bastille was liberated. Mr. Kelly has since posted a reward of \$25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of these men.

Parent-Teacher Assn. To Present Benefit Entertainment Monday

A varied and interesting entertainment will be presented by the Parent Teacher association in the Majestic theatre Monday night. Besides a moving picture, the following numbers have been arranged.

"Goin' Home," "My Little Banjo," high school glee club; tambourine dance, Sonoma Blair and Flora Roles; selection by the Camp Fire girls; sailor's hornpipe, Jack Taylor, Laverne Adams, Joe Magoff and Yataka Kuge; girls' drill, seventh grade; "In the Gloaming," "The Big Brown Bear," Miss Jean Mitchell, Mesdames W. Wolfe, F. Shinn, R. Holcomb, M. Moe, C. Reithner; violin solo "Meditation," Mrs. F. Shinn; "The Ghost Story," comedy in one act by Booth Tarkington, coached by Mrs. J. Greenman. The cast of the play is as follows:

George	John Wardle
Anna	Annie Laurie Laird
Linnie	Anna Rea Webster
Grace	Shella Williams
Mary	Wayne Wall
Tom	Dudley Spencer
Lynn	Russell Mills

The proceeds of the entertainment will be used entirely for public school equipment. There will be a school children's matinee Monday at 2:30 p. m., and home made candy will be for sale at both entertainments.

St. Helens Knights of Pythias will spend \$30,000 on modern lodge building.

Incidents Along Road To Florida

(By A. D. Moe)

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 27, 1927. Dallas is one of the important cities of Texas and just an hour's drive from Fort Worth. We are stopping for half a day and would stay longer to look after the place, but the weather is too cold, with occasional misty rain and fog, to enjoy outdoors. It is a surprise to us that they have so much winter in this section. On Christmas day they had six inches of snow, and last Sunday after a rain the pavement was covered with ice. The whole southland this winter is having unusual rains, which is proving disastrous to dirt roads. There seems to be no continuous paved roads in this country, and the sections of dirt roads in every direction are proving the weak link of the chain when a heavy or continuous rain occurs. Bridges are out all over the country, requiring detours over poor roads. Instead of building a temporary bridge over a small creek or ravine as they do in the coast states when a bridge goes out, they route traffic over country roads sometimes many miles.

We got information at Fort Worth about the roads to Shreveport, La., and here were given a different route. The lady in charge of the tourist information bureau here seems to be informed about all the roads out of here clear to Florida, but said that conditions are changing all the time and advised us to get additional information at Jackson, Miss. At present the roads are best by way of Mobile, Ala., and then to Tallahassee, Florida.

We are meeting tourists from every state in the Union, many from the east and middle west going to California. There are not so many camp grounds on our route as we have from Oregon to California, and but few good ones. As we notice them driving along the highway they are uninvited, many of them having a dirty appearance, with few conveniences. Even the service stations do not attempt to keep their entrances free from mud, and coming over from Fort Worth we saw several driveways to the gas tanks a slough of mud and water.

But the people here do not seem to mind it. Very few of the fairly large towns we have passed through have any paved streets in the business section, except the state highway that runs through, and often mud is six inches deep in the main streets of the town.

It is a long, rather monotonous trip from El Paso to Fort Worth, with all kinds of roads. The distance is 635 miles. The first day out we left in a fog, with 40 miles of pavement, and after the fog lifted made good time. The road winds around small mountain ranges for 100 miles, keeping at an elevation of 3,000 to 4,000 feet. At Van Horn a cross road comes down from the north and goes southeast to San Antonio, while the Fort Worth road continues east and north. In this state the road work is done by counties, with state assistance on the state highways. At each county line a new style of road appears, and we had everything from pavement to mud. We were informed at the Automobile club in El Paso that the road was all good except when it rained, and then the dirt roads were bad. For the first 350 miles the road was mostly good, with a few places a little rough. After we had gone about 200 miles we began to meet cars plastered with red clay mud, and upon inquiry at a service station were told that a seven-mile stretch of road 150 miles east was in bad shape on account of rain. When we reached there we learned that Mitchell county had refused to vote bonds for highway work and this seven-mile stretch in a low flat was in very bad condition. From then on for over 100 miles, through Mitchell and Taylor counties, we had an unimproved country road. They said the road was good except when it rained. But it had rained for three days! We would pass through a stretch of mud at 5 to 15 miles an hour, then strike a harder surface and think our troubles were over. Then would come a detour on account of washed out bridges, and back to wading through the mud. The last detour of eight miles took us an

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Local Folk Confident Of Re-appointment of Postmaster E. Messing

Confidence in the assurance of the re-appointment of Emil F. Messing as postmaster of Vernonia was felt Tuesday with the receipt by Mr. Messing of a telegram from Senator Chas. L. McNary at Washington, D. C., stating that Representative Hawley had recommended to the postmaster general the re-appointment of Mr. Messing as postmaster.

Many local persons have written Senator McNary in this connection recently, as Postmaster Messing's term expired February 13. It is generally believed his re-appointment is assured. Mr. Messing has served in his present capacity nine years.

Asserts Many Pictures an Injustice To Abraham Lincoln

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 14—John Straub, dean emeritus of men at the University, is one of the few living persons who saw the body of Abraham Lincoln after the assassination, as it lay in state. That was in the spring of 1865, at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, and so vivid was the impression Dean Straub received, that he still remembers every detail.

"My father took me to see him," Dean Straub explained. "The body was at the State House, where the Continental Congress used to meet, and where the Liberty Bell had been rung. There were two long, long lines waiting to see him that afternoon. One of the lines came from Delaware Avenue, where the river is, and reached through second, third and fourth streets, and on up to sixth, where Independence Hall is. Six blocks long, and as each block is a furlong in length, that makes three-fourths of a mile. And the other line coming from the east, was just as long."

"The doors were to close at three o'clock," Dean Straub said, "and thousands were waiting, who would not get there in time. A woman offered my father twenty-five dollars, which was a great deal of money in those days, if he would give our places in the line to her and her son. As I was just a little fellow then, and my father wanted me to see the President he refused."

Dean Straub described the position of the body as it lay in state, in the middle of a big rotunda. The occasion was one of the most solemn, as Dean Straub explains. President Lincoln's casket, as the speaker remembered it, was of the very best mahogany, with gold handles. Guards were placed about the room, and always the two lines were moving through, one on each side of the casket.

Dean Straub relates how his father impressed the sight upon him. "Look at Lincoln's face," my father told me, "and then look at the face of all these guards about the room. Now, look at his face again."

"And I looked!" Dean Straub said emphatically. "And I shall always remember it. I wish that I were an artist or sculptor, I could reproduce that face exactly from memory, such a firm, kindly mouth, and chin which receded, ever so slightly. Such a strong, fatherly face."

"What a pity that man had to die!" Professor Straub went on reminiscently. "He would have done so much for the South, welcomed them back like renegade children. And how he would have run those carpet-baggers out of there. It was a pity he had to die."

"Since that time," Dean Straub referred again to Lincoln's face, "I have never seen a picture of him which satisfies me. They all reproduce the stern, set lines, which were all smoothed out after his death. No, the pictures are unsatisfactory. Take for instance, this one which has been displayed in a store for the last few days, a horrible thing; no character to it, a regular flap-jack face. Lincoln was not like that."

The Jones shingle mill at Keasey was sold to the Snider Shingle company of Carlton Friday. John Hay and A. E. Jones will continue with their logging operations.

Legion District Convention In St. Helens Wednesday

Many Vernonia members of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary are planning on attending the district convention of the first district, department of Oregon, of the two organizations at St. Helens Wednesday, February 23.

Business sessions will begin at 11 o'clock and continue throughout the afternoon. At 6 o'clock there will be a banquet and program followed by a dance for the guests. Those who are planning on attending have been asked to give their names to Mrs. H. E. McGraw or Mrs. Earl Washburn by Saturday so that arrangements may be made at St. Helens.

The program will be held in the Congregational church at St. Helens. The first Legion district has been divided since the announcement that the convention was to be held there, so that only 13 posts will be represented at the meeting rather than 25. Portland, Astoria and all the cities in the lower Columbia river section are included in the district and will have representations present.

Mrs. Dorinda Deming, first district committeewoman, of St. Helens, will preside at the Auxiliary meeting. M. E. Carlin of Vernonia, first district committeeman will preside at the Legion meeting.

Local Postoffice is Savings Depository

Emil F. Messing received word from the postoffice department Tuesday that the Vernonia office has been designated as a postal savings depository, effective March 1.

Under this plan \$1 opens an account and persons are privileged to deposit up to \$2500. Being placed in this classification raises the prestige of the local postoffice, in the opinion of Postmaster Messing. Although it will not permit the hiring of more help, it will probably mean the extension of working time of one part-time clerk to more hours each day.

It is also announced that the new rate on air mail is 10 cents for each one-half ounce or fraction thereof any place in the United States.

Many See Art Exhibit At Washington School

The art exhibit shown at the Washington school four days last week was viewed by many local folks with interest. More than \$20 was taken in by the school from patrons of the exhibit. This money will be used to buy pictures for the school. These have not been selected yet.

More than 150 fine reproductions of the world's famous masterpieces of art were shown. The reproductions were of the finest types produced, showing the original colors and strokes of the brush, as they were produced by special new processes.

Among the famous paintings were such subjects as, "Mona Lisa," by Da Vinci, the original in the Louvre, Paris, is said to be valued at \$5,000,000; "The Song of the Lark," by Jules Breton, original in the Art Institute, Chicago; "Hope," by George Fredrick Watts, in Tate gallery, London; "The Pot of Basil," by John W. Alexander, in Boston Public museum; "Connecticut Hills," by Ben Foster, Metropolitan Art museum, New York city.

Pyrotol is Delivered

County Agent George A. Nelson was in Vernonia Saturday in connection with the distribution of a carload of Pyrotol, government powder, here to local farmers and for county road work. A total of 21,550 pounds of the blasting powder arrived, 16,000 pounds of which was a road order and 5,550 pounds going to farmers to be used in clearing land.

Mr. Nelson states that no orders will be taken for powder to be delivered this year after July 1. After that date he will start taking orders for 1928.

Big Annual Loss in County Fertilizer

Columbia county is losing at least \$50,000 worth of fertilizer on the dairy farms annually by not having manure pits for storing this material, says F. E. Price, soils specialist of the O. A. C. extension service.

Columbia county is one of the leading dairy counties of Oregon as is shown by the 1925 farm census which reports 7,177 cows in this county. This places Columbia county over Curry, Lincoln and Clatsop in the number of dairy cows.

The dairy industry brings thousands of dollars to Columbia county annually in dairy products, but there is another way in which these 7,000 cows are an asset, and that is, to aid in maintaining the fertility of the soils, according to Mr. Price. Mr. Price says that each cow will produce about one ton of fertilizer per month and probably about one-half of this amount will be produced while she is in the barn or about 6 tons per year.

This will amount to 53,062 tons of fertilizer annually. This fertilizer is easily worth \$2.00 per ton to increase crop yields. This is a conservative value as was demonstrated on the farm of J. C. Skeans at Fern Hill, on a rutabaga trial conducted by county agent, Geo. A. Nelson, where the manured plots made an increase of 7 tons per acre over the unmanured area. At least there is \$100,000 worth of fertilizer produced in the dairy barns of Columbia county annually.

The present methods of handling and storing this fertilizer during the winter months is causing a loss of one-half to three-fourths of the value of this fertilizer. This is due to the loss of nearly all the liquid and the leaching out of most of the soluble plant food during the rainy season when it is piled outside.

Concrete manure pits and water gutters in the barns, preferably concrete, will save this loss of valuable fertilizer.

County agent Nelson is arranging a series of meetings to discuss the value of manure pits with the dairymen of the county.

Founders Day To Be Observed By P.-T. Association

The Vernonia Parent-Teacher association will observe Founders day with an appropriate program at their regular meeting tomorrow afternoon in the high school. The message of the national president will be read by Mrs. Cameron.

Mrs. Sloane will read a paper on "Thirty Years of Child Welfare;" and those present will be entertained with a song by Mrs. Wolff. A birthday cake holding 30 candles will be served in observance of Founders day.

HATTIE GENEVA NICHOLS

The funeral of Hattie Geneva Nichols was held in the Brown funeral home here Sunday at 2 p. m., with relatives and many friends present. Geneva died February 10, after an illness lasting about two months, which was described as acute rheumatism fever.

Geneva was born December 13, 1919 at Jordan, Montana; and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland T. Nichols. A few months ago the family moved to Vernonia in the hope that the change would be a benefit to the little girl's health.

While here Geneva made many friends because of her sunny and cheerful disposition who mourned her loss sincerely. Relatives who survive her are one sister who lives here with Mr. and Mrs. Nichols and one sister and a brother in Montana.

Rev. O. L. Curtis of the Christian church preached the funeral sermon. Interment was in the Vernonia cemetery.

Vernonia post of the American Legion was the recent recipient of six packs of playing cards from John Roebing's Sons company of Portland. They were said to have been put to good use before and after the meeting last Tuesday night.

Chamber Is Growing Fast

Membership Committee Reported 65 Paid Up

Park To Have a Marker

Best Ways of Advertising The Nebalem Are Discussed

With the report by C. F. Heiber that the chamber of commerce membership had reached the high number of 65, and with members becoming increasingly easier to get, optimism at the chamber luncheon meeting Friday noon ran high for definite and beneficial results out of the organization's work for this year. Mr. Heiber said he had even signed up one traveling man in the Vernonia chamber.

The bronze marker that is given by Harmon foundation to every city park it helps will soon be shipped, according to Secretary Lester Sheeley, who has been communicating with them on the matter.

Much discussion arose at the meeting as to whether prospective settlers should be encouraged to come here and clear up land or whether dairy, chicken and cattle ranchers should be encouraged to come in. It was generally believed that local land could not be cleared for much less than \$200 per acre and that this cost is prohibitive. Some thought the chicken and dairy industries should be promoted here; that there is already a local demand for four or five times as much as is produced here now.

Because the country is quite rough and readily reforests itself, many believe it should be used for the raising of timber, mainly. A committee was appointed; after some discussion, to investigate the feasibility of printing circulars, preferably on one sheet of paper to be folded to fit a large envelope. Those named were Moe, Sheeley and Pringle, who will report the matter at the next meeting, one week from tomorrow.

Mourn Death of Merchant

Business houses in St. Helens closed Monday afternoon and the chamber of commerce postponed its luncheon meeting to pay last respects to Thomas H. Ray, prominent grocery and business man of the county seat, who died at the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, Saturday night. Roy was suddenly stricken last Wednesday while attending to business affairs and his death was a great shock to the community. Funeral services were held from the Congregational church and burial was in the Scappoose cemetery. He is survived by a widow and two children.

Rebekah Convention At St. Helens Big Success

The fifth annual Rebekah convention of Columbia county at St. Helens Thursday was pronounced a huge success by those attending. Many were present from Clatskanie, Rainier, St. Helens, Vernonia and other towns.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 by the chairman, Sister Maude Mills of St. Helens. The address of welcome was given by Francis Davis of St. Helens and the response by Gladice Smith of Vernonia. Many exemplifications of ceremonies were presented which were said to have been very interesting.

A dinner was served at 6 o'clock and a pageant, "Streets of Memory," was presented by Mrs. Smith later in the evening. Dora Sexton, president of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon, gave an interesting and instructive talk. The invitation to meet in Rainier next year was accepted.

Those present from Vernonia were Attie Cameron, Sarah Spencer, Nan Hall, Rhoda Hall, Gladice Smith, Mrs. Reese, Myrtle Johns, Mrs. O. H. Langfelt, Irene Spencer, Edna Kilby, May Mellinger, Emil Messing, Sumner Cameron and L. Brown.