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Bond Election This Saturday

Question of Remodeling Wash- ington School, Issue

New Classrooms Needed

Election Will Be Held in The
Washington School; Polls
Open From 2 to 7 P. M.

The much discussed \$75,000 bond issue to be voted Saturday by taxpayers of school district 47, is scheduled to be a close election. Arguments pro and con have been heard daily on Vernonia streets and the issue is much in doubt.

No one denies the need for more classroom facilities in the Washington school. The use of a part of the basement for classrooms is acknowledged to be unsanitary and a condition that should be reminded.

It has been pointed out by many opposed to the approval of this bond issue that much of the new taxable timber will be gone long before the bonds are paid off, and the burden will then fall largely on the local folk residing in Vernonia and nearby. In case this bond issue passes timber owners might be more inclined to cut the timber sooner than otherwise to escape paying the high taxes, while lower taxes may be collected from them over a much longer period and thus greater revenue derived to the school district.

The polls will be open in the Washington school from 2 to 7 p. m. and all persons who are taxpayers or liable to be taxpayers are eligible to vote. No registration is required.

New Restaurant Opened Sunday

The Wellfed cafe is the name of the new restaurant which opened Sunday in the place formerly known as the White Lunch. It is owned by Chas. McFarland, who has been conducting the restaurant at Sulphur Springs hotel at Dolph, Ore., for some time.

Mr. McFarland, who has seen many years experience as a cook, will preside in the kitchen in the new cafe. He was the steward at the Lakeside club in Chicago for three years; hotel steward at Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, Calif., four years, and has seen 22 years service in the profession.

Mrs. McFarland, with the two children will come to Vernonia later. She will remain at the restaurant at Dolph for a short time.

Mr. McFarland announces that the chamber of commerce luncheons will be held at the Wellfed cafe.

Nutrition Meeting Held

A nutrition meeting was held at Birkenfeld, last Friday, under the auspices of the Winema Grange, at which Miss Lucy A. Case, Nutrition specialist, from the O. A. C. Extension Service, gave a very interesting demonstration in the forenoon on salads, and talks in the afternoon on "How to eat and grow fat," "How to eat and grow thin" and "Plan on Balanced meals for the family."

There were about 22 ladies present that took part in the demonstration and considerable interest was taken in the subjects discussed.

Another meeting by Miss Lucy A. Case will be held later in the year along similar lines.

Squirrel Poison Made.

Ira N. Gabrielson was in the county last Friday, mixing another supply of ground squirrel poison to be distributed from the county agent's office for the use of the farmers in destroying the ground squirrels in the county.

This makes the second mixture of 500 pounds that Mr. Gabrielson has made for Columbia county this year the first being entirely used up, as the farmers are making good use of the poison in destroying the ground squirrels.

Contract let for new \$32,500 Knights of Pythias hall at St. Helens.

Monmouth to have city mail delivery service.

Republican Party Founded at Ripon

(By A. D. Moe)
Ripon, Wis., April 14, 1927.

Ripon, Wisconsin, claims to be the birthplace of the Republican party. A small building on the campus of Ripon college, moved from its original place in the city, bears the inscription, "Birthplace of the Republican Party," and is used as a sort of museum for the depository of old relics. The following data was furnished by the Ripon Commercial club:

"Pursuant to a call published in the Ripon Herald, a meeting was held by men of all parties at the Congregational church, March 1, 1854, to discuss the 'Nebraska Swindle,' and vigorous resolutions were passed against the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill by Congress, and for a new party to be organized, such a one as the country has not hitherto seen, composed of Whigs, Democrats and Free Soilers, to accomplish its repeal if passed. Three days previous the moving spirit, Alvan E. Bovay, wrote to Horace Greeley, of the New York Tribune, suggesting a new party under the name 'Republican.' It becoming evident that the bill would pass a second meeting was held March 20, 1854, at the school house, where steps were taken, cutting loose from the established parties; but, acting under the advice of Mr. Bovay no name was adopted, it being thought that while the name Republican seemed most suitable a formal christening should not be by so small a body of men. See Wilson's History of the Rise and fall of the Slave Power in America, and Flower's History of the Republican Party for full recognition of the claims of Ripon, Wisconsin, as the birthplace of the party. Also Rhodes' History of U. S. (Vol. XI); Commercial Adviser, June 16, 1897; Leslie's Weekly, June 18, 1897; Chautauquan, Nov. 1897; St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 1899; Official History of Republican National Convention, 1896; Platt's History of the Republican Party."

We are enjoying a visit of a week with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Haigh and making trips around this part of the country. We visited the old homestead near the shores of Green lake, where my grandfather, Enos Moe, settled about 1854, driving with his family from New York state. On their way they camped in Chicago, then a city about the size of Hood River, finally landing here. We saw the old schoolhouse where he was the first teacher, first having taught the few children in the neighborhood at his home. Near the close of the Civil war he moved to Princeton, and after my father returned from the war he drove the stage from Princeton to Ripon before the building of the railroad.

On our visit to Princeton we found a few of the old pioneers still living there and enjoyed meeting them again. The old pioneer merchant, Silas Eggleston, now 92 years old, is still living, and recalls the time when both Mrs. Moe and myself were clerks in his store for a short time.

There have been but few changes in either of these cities since we left here nearly 40 years ago. Improvements have been made, of course, and for the better, but the population has grown but little. In the heart of a prosperous farming community, business of these cities maintains about the same volume as in years gone by.

Ripon college has about 400 students, with no material increase in many years. The city has three canneries, peas being the principal product. A knitting factory and creamery also add to the industries of the place. It is a home city, quite a few retired farmers making their homes here, and is a very pretty place.

Dairying is the principal output of the farms, most of the milk being shipped direct to Chicago, but some going to local creameries. Libby, McNeill & Libby are now operating tank trucks between here and Waupun to their condensed milk factory. The trucks are similar to those used by oil companies, and they collect fresh milk every day from the farmers, filling the huge tanks and driving to Waupun, a distance of 18 miles from Ripon. Farmers are now busy plowing and seeding their grain. Corn will not be planted for a month yet. Not much wheat is raised around here, the grain being mostly oats and barley for feeding stock, while corn is used to fill silos for the cattle.

T. C. Hall Passes In Forest Grove After Long Illness

T. C. Hall of this place, after an illness of several months passed away at Forest Grove April 22, where he was taken a few days prior to his death. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery on the ranch of W. L. Hall near Vernonia. Rev. Marshall Ingold of Rainier preached the funeral service from the Christian church, after which the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs took charge.

T. C. Hall was born in Morehead, Ky., September 21, 1865. At the age of 17 Tom moved to Missouri with his mother and later came west, settling in Rainier in 1920. He was married to Rhoda Tipton four years ago. They moved to Vernonia, where they have lived happily ever since. He was known as a devoted Christian, a loving husband and a useful neighbor; loved by all who knew him and always doing as he would have others do unto him.

Near relatives who survive him are: Rhoda Hall and Riley Hall of Vernonia, Ruben Hall of Weiser, Ida, Henry Hall of Eatonville, Wash., Alfred Hall of Olivehill, Ky., Aise Hall of Yale, Ida, Mrs. Anna Nelson of Arkansas, Mrs. Polly Tabor of Olivehill, Ky., and Mrs. Eliza Dykes of Oklahoma.

Last Parent-Teacher Meeting Next Monday

The last meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held next Monday night at 7:30 in the Washington school.

The school children will have several numbers on the program and a speaker is expected from Portland who will address the meeting on the subject of Americanization at Home.

The president is anxious for all members to be present as there is some important business to be done. The new officers for the coming year will be elected also. Cake and punch will be served during the social hour.

Rainier Cannery Sold

H. J. Barbey of the Barbey Packing company of Flavel, Oregon closed negotiations with the Allen & Hendrickson Packing company for their plant located at Rainier, Oregon on April 22 of this month.

The plant is to be in full operation as usual with Mr. A. E. Allen as general manager of the new company.

Fish and vegetables are to be packed as usual and bean grower's contracts are being signed in a limited way this season. All other contracts, for berries and cherries, will be handled as usual and packing will proceed the same as in the past.

Evangelist Leavitt Has Helped Vernonia

(By Leea Enos)

What is the world looking for today? I find most people whom I have come in contact with, looking for something better than they have found. Something real, something true and strong, and fine; something worth fighting for, living and striving for. A true religion is a help to any man or woman and do not leave the child out, for we should teach them truth, loving kindness, and real fellowship from the start, if we wish to lead them right. Do not cover up their mistakes. Unfold them rather so they can see the wrong; then point out the right in a kind firm way. This is our part as parents and teachers in the home or elsewhere.

Religion cannot be abolished, for by it, and through it, come salvation. Without it we are lost.

I am for truth and right, and dear citizens of Vernonia I am thankful with all my heart and mind that God has let Brother Leavitt come to this town to tell us the truth. I have prayed for that very thing many times, and believe some other dear souls have done the same.

I believe as Brother Leavitt says, "The way of the cross leads Home." I have said several times, "I do not like Vernonia," but I believe God meant for me to be here, and I am here, and now I say, "I do love Vernonia and want to help more than ever to make it a good clean town." I am with you dear old Vernonia!

Hiram Van Blaricom First City Marshal Of Vernonia, 1891

While looking through some of his old papers recently, Hiram D. Van Blaricom, Nehalem valley pioneer, found a slip of paper upon which was printed the ballot of the first city election ever held in Vernonia. The town was incorporated in 1890 and this election was held in 1891. The small ballot was as follows:

For president of the council,
Dr. C. H. Newth.
For councilmen,
Joseph Van Blaricom
Spencer B. Rose
Robert U. McNutt
Thomas H. Lavender.
For Recorder,
Geo. W. Dow.
For Treasurer
F. A. Zillgitt.
For Marshal,
Hiram D. Van Blaricom.

Everyone named on the ticket was elected, stated Mr. Van Blaricom, and he showed on the back of the ballot the following written message: Vernonia, Oregon, May 18, 1891. This is to certify that Hiram Van Blaricom is duly elected.

There was apparently no question about the office he was elected to, as that was not stated. Robert U. McNutt, who now lives in Vancouver, Wash., is the only living survivor beside Mr. Van Blaricom, of those honored gentlemen who first conducted the affairs of this municipality.

Vernonia had a population at that time of about 200, and the land around here was held by homesteaders. The precinct surrounding Vernonia was known as Aurban, and during general elections the number of votes polled were about equal to the number recorded at the last election. Interest in elections at that time was said to be much stronger than at present. It must also be remembered that only the men voted.

In commenting on early days in Vernonia, Mr. Van Blaricom stated that at the time of that election here in 1891 Vernonia had three newspapers. The first paper was established in 1890, owned by Wm. Braden and Gus Binan. It was called the Sentinel. The next year a populist paper and a Jeffersonian-Democrat paper were started. The names of these could not be recalled. The latter, which was owned by a Mr. Mitchell, later moved to Pittsburg.

Two attempts were made in 1891 to build a railroad to Vernonia. One company started construction for a railroad in from Forest Grove and another from Astoria. The operations boosted land values here at the time and caused considerable population influx and general business activity here, which ceased when the projects failed.

The first wagon road linking Vernonia with outside towns was started in 1874, and was known as the Green Mountain road. An appropriation of \$10,000 was received from the state legislature for the purpose, but this only built part of it. It was completed to Cornelius, from where roads led to other parts of the state.

Before the road was built a winding trail followed much the same route. It was blazed out through the timber and to save time notches were cut through some of the larger logs to enable the horses to jump them. This trail crossed Pebble creek 13 times.

Mr. Van Blaricom, who has lived in the Nehalem valley longer than anyone else, has been prevailed upon by his friends to write a series of articles for publication concerning pioneer days. He has agreed to do this in the near future.

The Pattie Cake Cooking club under the leadership of Mrs. Mabel Graves served lunch last Thursday noon to the teachers at Washington school. Miss Elizabeth Murray county Supt. of schools and Miss Helen Cawgill of the O. A. C. were guests of honor. All the food served was prepared by the girls themselves and the quality of it won warm praise from the guests.

The menu consisted of potato and tuna fish salads, baked beans, deviled eggs, layer cake, fruit salad, sandwiches and cocoa.

Smith's Point highway, at Astoria to be widened and resurfaced with asphalt.

699 Cows Tested During Past Month

A total of 699 cows were tested during the month of March, according to the report of L. J. Bartholomy, tester for the Columbia Cow Testing association. Their average production was 785 pounds of milk and 22.8 pounds of fat. 144 cows produced more than 40 pounds of fat for the month.

Four new members were secured in March, making a total of 34 herds now in the association. Several more dairymen have expressed their desire to start testing in April or May.

For pure bred herds under 11 cows, Jack Anliker of Goble, was first with an average production of 1321 pounds of milk and 52.6 pounds of fat for his 7 registered Holsteins. Fritz Anliker, of Goble, was second with an average production of 1448 pounds of milk and 49.4 pounds of fat for 4 registered Holsteins. Rudy Anliker, of Goble, was third with an average production of 1121 pounds of milk and 36.4 pounds of fat for his three registered Holsteins.

For the grade herds of less than 11 cows, Dave Hodge, of Sauvies Island, was first with an average production of 298 pounds of milk and 36.6 pounds of fat for 7 grade Holsteins. E. J. Brocks, of South Tualatin, was second with an average production of 674 pounds of milk and 35.5 pounds of fat for 9 grade Jerseys. B. S. Golden, of Goble, was third with an average production of 663 pounds of milk and 27.8 pounds of fat for 4 grade Jerseys.

Among the pure bred herds of more than 10 cows, Behrman & Burbank, of South Tualatin, were first with an average production of 744 pounds of milk and 39.01 pounds of fat for 29 registered Jerseys. Lyons & Dimick, of Sauvies Island, were second with an average production of 1190 pounds of milk and 38.9 pounds of fat for 28 registered Holsteins. Hammar Bros., of Deer Island, were third with an average production of 1066 pounds of milk and 38.4 pounds of fat for 21 registered Holsteins.

Among the grade herds of more than 10 cows, Paul Welter, of Goble, was first with an average production of 1139 pounds of milk and 45.7 pounds of fat for 14 grade Holsteins. Beeson Brothers of Clatskanie, were second with an average production of 912 pounds of milk and 41.1 pounds of fat for 27 grade Guernseys and grade Jerseys. Fred Uhlman, of Scappoose, was third with an average production of 858 pounds of milk and 35.9 pounds of fat for 20 grade Holsteins and grade Guernseys.

The high pure bred cow for the month of March is Tee Hee, a 7 year old registered Holstein. She produced 2766 pounds of milk and 92.7 pounds of fat. The Holbrook Dairy Farm, near Burlington, is the owner of this wonderful cow. Honorable mention must be made of Tillie, a three year old registered Holstein, owned by Jack Anliker, of Goble. She produced 1801 pounds of milk and 90.1 pounds of fat in March.

The high grade cow for March is No. 33, a grade brown Swiss, owned by Geo. A. Johnson, of Sauvies Island. She produced 1395 pounds of milk and 93.5 pounds of fat, which is also the highest butter fat record for any cow during March.

Geo. P. Mills Dies At Keasey Friday

Geo. P. Mills, watchman and engine tender of the United Railway line, died of heart trouble Friday evening at 8:30 while starting a fire in an engine. Deputy Sheriff Leach and J. M. Brown brought the body to the local undertaking establishment, where it was prepared for shipment to Garner, Ill.

Geo. P. Mills was born January 6, 1871 at New Boston, Ill., and was 56 years, 3 months and 15 days old at the time of his death. He was not married. Three sisters survive him: Mrs. J. G. Pitts of Gardiner, Ore., Mrs. Addie Grout of Blue Earth, Minn., and Mrs. F. H. Smith of Webster City, Iowa.

It was believed that the deceased had made a will before his death, but relatives were unable to locate it at last reports. He leaves an estate believed to be valued at about \$7000 in securities.

Oregon Telephone Company will spend \$20,000 on new service at Cornelius.

Red Cross To Raise Funds

Benefit of Juvenile Hospital For Girls

Pencils Will Be Sold

Junior Red Cross Members Will
Sell Pencils May 5 In Ver-
nonia, Announced

May 5 is the date set for selling pencils in Columbia county for the benefit of the Juvenile Hospital for girls, which is located at Elwood station out of Portland. Nina H. Little, county health nurse and chairman of the Junior Red Cross organization in Columbia county, states that this is the first county in the state to sell these pencils.

This work will be carried on by the Junior Red cross and it devolves upon this section to set a philanthropic precedent that will be an inspiration to others. The Juvenile hospital erected under the auspices of the Pacific Protective society is primarily for the purpose of giving curative and sheltering care to delinquent girls, and when complete will contain a dining room, surgery, convalescent ward, etc., with accommodations for 50 girls at a time. The frame of the building is erected now, but the furnishings are lacking.

The legislature gave an appropriation of \$17,000 which started the building, but it is up to the public to help by purchasing these pencils at 10 cents each from the school children on May 5. Any school selling 100 per cent, or one pencil to each child, will have its name engraved on a tablet on the walls of the building.

This county has 500 of the 300,000 pencils to be sold, and on next Thursday it is hoped this amount will be sold. \$15,000 is needed for the completion of this project, and it is hoped the public will see fit to support this worthy cause, as the only hospital of this kind in the state is a small inadequate frame-structure located on the same grounds with this new hospital building. That there is a crying need for this type of hospital is obvious to any social worker, and education on this matter is to be given to everyone.

Editorial

DEFEAT THE BOND ISSUE

Saturday is the date set for the school election in district 47 on the question of voting \$75,000 in bonds for the construction of an addition to the Washington school, which it was stated would permit the use of more classrooms, an auditorium and a gymnasium.

While no one denies the need for more classroom space, with an already over-crowded school, the need for such an enormous expenditure as \$75,000, which would be added to \$25,000 which was previously voted and not used, would be an excessive amount of indebtedness for the taxpayers to bear.

Although the taxes are high because of a mistake made two years ago in the matter of an appropriation for the school, this does not alter the fact that taxes are high, and the present is not the time for the school district to indulge in luxuries.

It is necessary to have more classroom space. It is luxury to have the gymnasium and auditorium. In times of high taxes it is the essence of good business to forego luxuries. Many who are familiar with building have stated that it would be impossible to have the building ready for occupancy by the time school convenes in the fall. Therefore, it behooves local folk to defeat this bond issue, have several persons confer with the school board, who could appoint a committee to thoroughly investigate the situation and report at a mass meeting of the people, where a definite idea can be obtained as to what the needs and future needs of the grade schools are and what indebtedness the residents of district 47 are willing to bear for the school.