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Pioneers To Have Reunion

Long-Time Residents of This Section to Meet Saturday

Birkenfeld is Designated

All Pioneers Are Invited To Attend Annual Get-together To Renew Old Acquaintances.

The annual pioneers reunion for this section of Oregon is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, and will be held in the gymnasium of the Birkenfeld school. Festivities will start at 10 o'clock in the morning. Folks will remain for dinner and a program in the afternoon.

D. W. Freeman says, "A public invitation is extended and we trust that a social good time will be had, which will serve to perpetuate the memory of the old pioneers who opened up the dismal wilderness and made it habitable to an appreciative posterity."

Many members of the original association have passed away, but it is estimated that about 80 survive, and efforts are being made to have many of these as possible attend this meeting.

Grade School Teachers Selected For Next Year

The school board of district 47 has announced that although a few of the teachers have not yet signed contracts for next year, they believe the personnel will include the following instructors:

Principal O. A. Anderson, Mrs. Elsa Knowles, Mrs. Alta Nell, Edwin Condit, Mrs. Mable Graves, Miss Alice Eaton, Mrs. Mabel Nichol, Mrs. Helen Austin, Miss Lenora Kizer, Mrs. Ethel Ray, Miss Pearl Krause, Miss Gladys Jory, Mrs. Pearl Wilkerson, Miss Bessie McDonald, Miss Ruth Taylor and Miss Beatrice Anderson. The last three will be new instructors.

Headlight is Dangerous

"The most dangerous situation facing the motorist today is the glaring headlight and spotlight" said A. E. Shearer of the Oregon State Motor association. "Visitors from all coast states comment upon the dangerous condition attending night driving in Oregon."

"The last two sessions of the legislature have attempted to correct this evil and the second effort became a law only a few days ago."

"There was a decided difference of opinion as to the advisability and efficiency of the law as passed by the 1925 session and as a consequence it was not enforced and motorists disregarded it. The law as passed by the last legislature is one on which all authorities agreed and it is highly desirable that this law be enforced by all law enforcement agencies."

"Night driving in Oregon has been given a bad name in neighboring states but if the present law is enforced, this condition should rapidly be remedied."

Mrs. Watts' Mother Passes

Mrs. C. R. Watts was called to McMinnville last Friday on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. H. K. Nissen who passed away soon after her arrival. Mrs. Nissen was a mother to William and Christina Nissen who are well known in this community. The people of Vernonia extend their sympathy to these families who have lost such a devoted and christian mother.

Robinson Sells Newspaper.

Ashland, Ore., May 27.—Paul Robinson has sold the Ashland American to C. J. Reed. Mr. Robinson was formerly editor of the Vernonia Eagle. He takes possession immediately. Mr. Robinson will enter the newspaper business elsewhere soon. Mr. Reed intends to make extensive improvements in the paper.

Oberst-Hoffman.

Miss Pauline Oberst and Henry Hoffman were married at Vancouver, Wash., June 7.

Reithners To Leave Tomorrow on Extended Trip

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reithner and son Ralph will leave tomorrow on an extended trip, which will last about two months, according to Mr. Reithner. They will travel by train, going to California first, where they will stop in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. They plan to take a short trip into Mexico and then cut across the southern part of the United States to El Paso, Texas.

From El Paso they will go to Chicago, New York, Cleveland and then to Huron, Ohio, where they formerly lived for some time. Mr. Reithner states that their plans are not definite as to stops and schedules. Ralph Reithner was a recent graduate from the Vernonia union high school. He plans to write letters to the Eagle from time to time giving descriptions of the various places they visit for the benefit of local readers.

Miss Louise M. Keppn will manage Reithner's store during the absence of Mr. Reithner.

Dr. Laraway Takes Special Training

Word has been received from Andalusia, Ala., that Dr. T. W. Laraway, formerly city health officer of Vernonia, is taking Dr. A. E. Keller's place as health officer of Covington county during Dr. Keller's absence of a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Laraway have been at Montgomery, Ala., since May 1 where Dr. Laraway has been working with the International Health board under the Rockefeller foundation. They left Portland April 16 on the Admiral Schley, stopping at San Francisco one day, and Los Angeles three days, to visit friends and see the state. They went to New Orleans via Southern Pacific and stopped for a short visit, reaching Montgomery May 1.

About July 1 they expect to return to Oregon by boat, coming through the Panama canal, and will probably be located at Roseburg in county health work.

Surprise Party on Anniversary.

A surprise party was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Spencer on the occasion of their 15th wedding anniversary Sunday by relatives and friends. A pot luck dinner was served under the beautiful maple trees at the Spencer farm.

In the afternoon the couple were re-married in a most pleasing manner by Reverend Plumer of the Evangelical church. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lindsay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Mellinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Thompson and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reese and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Webb and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Mowse and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Cameron and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stanton and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hodge, Mrs. Ella O'Connor, Mrs. L. Rogers, Mrs. Gladys Morton, Mrs. M. J. John, Mrs. A. R. Stanton, Mrs. Treharne, Miss Emerald John, Mrs. Sarah Spencer, Rev. G. W. Plumer, and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Moe of Hood River, who have recently returned from a 10,000-mile automobile tour of the United States, in which one month was spent in Florida, were accompanied by their son R. W. Moe of Hood River and John Humfeld Jr. of Parkdale on a week-end visit with their son Mark E. Moe, and Mrs. Moe. Mr. Humfeld is a brother of Mrs. Moe.

R. M. Aldrich left yesterday for Spokane, Wash., to attend a meeting of the Pacific Northwest Advisory board, which is composed of railroad representatives and shippers. At their meeting today they will discuss shipping problems. Mr. Aldrich stated that this is the first of these meetings he has been able to attend.

A Correction.

In an announcement of a marriage in last week's Eagle the names were incorrect. Evelyn Dubendorf became the bride of Leland Thompson.

Teddy Leavitt, his wife and children and his father and mother surprised the congregation at the Christian church Sunday by appearing just as the services were begun. Rev. O. L. Curtis would not allow him to be a spectator but prevailed upon him to deliver the address.

Vernonia Baseball Team Reorganized; Will Play Sunday

Statement is Made That The Team Will Play This Summer Without Solicitation of Contributions.

Vernonia baseball enthusiasts have stirred up enough interest among local players to again organize a team, which will play the first game of the season Sunday against the Oregon-American Giants. The new team will be known as the Vernonia All-Stars.

It was particularly stressed by Lewis Laird, manager, that the team this year would ask no donations from local merchants and others to pay the players. They will rely upon gate receipts alone for remuneration.

Hearty cooperation of local baseball fans is asked here for Sunday, when the game between Vernonia teams will be played on the local diamond.

It is expected that the lineup Sunday will be composed of McGregor, Kotula, Nance, Drorbaugh, Taylor, Hollyfield, Thomas, Graven and Smith.

Final Examinations For Eighth Grade Start Today

The final examinations for the eighth grade will be held today and tomorrow in the various districts of the county, with the program as follows:

Thursday morning: Arithmetic, writing, Oregon history.

Thursday afternoon: History, Spelling, agriculture.

Friday morning: Physiology, language.

Friday afternoon: Geography, civil government, reading.

College Poultry Farm Gives Hatchery Figures

Hatching results obtained, in the 1927 season, by the poultry department of the Oregon agricultural college at the experimental farm are as follows:

From 2529 barred plymouth rock eggs incubated 1374 good chicks were obtained, or 58.2 per cent of all eggs set. Fertility was 87.7 per cent, dead germs 8.1, cripples 1.2, dead in the shell 14.2.

From 2231 white leghorn eggs incubated 1478 good chicks were obtained or 66.2 per cent of all eggs set. Fertility was 91.8 per cent, dead germs 8.1, cripple 1.2, dead in the shell 15.8.

These figures do not in any sense constitute a record, says F. L. Knowlton, poultry husbandman at the college farm, but they are considered satisfactory for pedigree hatching.

Every chick was individually pedigreed and many interested family and individual characters were revealed. From a pen of barred rocks of two old hens and 13 of their 2-year-old daughters 282 eggs were incubated and 232 good chicks hatched, or 78.7 per cent. This result, Mr. Knowlton believes indicates that the two old hens, which showed good hatchability previously have passed that character on to their daughters, as it was hoped they would.

From five white leghorns and eight barred rocks a 100 per cent hatch was obtained. From 14 white leghorns and 11 barred rocks a 90 per cent or better hatch was obtained from all eggs set.

All of the chicks hatched were produced in the poultry department's main breeding experiment, to increase the profitable laying age of the hen to four or more years. To attain this rigid culling of the flock is practiced for egg record as well as hatchability and weight of the eggs, and the weight and broodiness of the fowl. All breeding hens whose eggs did not hatch 50 per cent of all eggs set during the season have been culled. The chicks that did hatch from these birds are also to be culled out because the department does not desire to continue blood of hens whose eggs will not give at least a 50 per cent hatch.

Young Couple Elope.

Josephine Corey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Corey, and Joe Elias, who has lived in Vernonia a short time, surprised their many friends here this week by announcing that they were married in Vancouver, Wash., Saturday.

Guernsey Breeders of Columbia and Clatsop to Inspect Dairy Herds

Caravan Will Start From Imperial Hotel in Portland at 9:30 This Morning; See Columbia Herds.

Guernsey breeders and enthusiasts of Columbia county have been specially invited to join with the Guernsey breeders of Clatsop county in the "Guernsey Galeties" the three-day tour in the lower Columbia section on June 9, 10, 11.

Columbia county breeders will join the tour as it passes through Clatsop county, the morning of June 9. The caravan will leave the Imperial hotel at 9:30 in the morning. Lunch will be served at the T. J. Graham farm near Marshland at 1 o'clock.

The caravan will arrive in Astoria in time to enjoy a salmon feed given by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 o'clock.

The second day will be spent visiting the Guernsey herds in Clatsop county. It will begin with a visit to the John Jacob Astor experiment station and end with a clam bake at Seaside. Noon luncheon will be served by the wives of Clatsop county dairymen at the Natal grange on the Lewis and Clark road.

The third day will be spent on a trip across the Columbia river to visit the Guernsey herds of Pacific county, Washington. At noon the caravan will be the guests of A. L. Gile of Chinook.

Charles S. Keith is Against Income Tax

Following is an extract from a letter to the Oregon Voter from Charles S. Keith, President of Central Coal & Coke Co., of Kansas City, the company which built and is operating the huge mill at Vernonia. In his letter Mr. Keith says:

"We were in the early stages of developing our investment in Oregon in 1923 when we were told that the state legislature had adopted an income tax. We were assured that public opinion was so favorable to industrial development that the bill would be rejected at the polls, and went ahead with our development, but the people ratified the measure at a special election by a small majority of a small vote. This discouraged us, but we were in so deep we could not withdraw, although we regretted we had not bought timber outside of a state resorting to the policy of laying a local tax on incomes in addition to the federal tax. However, partly as a result of our discouragement we are told, a repeal bill was initiated, and the people of the state, at a general election when a full vote turned out, rejected the tax. We felt this was to be regarded as a real expression of matured public opinion, and by that vote we were encouraged to make further investments in Oregon. Our opinion seemed to be confirmed by the general election two years later, that of November, 1926, when two income tax bills were rejected by the people by substantial majorities, this adverse vote carrying with it the defeat of the state officer whose chief issue was championship of the income tax. Imagine our surprise when we were informed that the new administration and new legislature reversed these expressions of the people of the state and enacted another state income tax law."

"It is not our proper function as outsiders to assume to influence an Oregon election. It may be regarded as our duty, as outsiders who already have been tempted into making large investments in Oregon and perhaps might be expected to make further investments, to direct the attention of the thoughtful people of Oregon to the fact that as outsiders we would have hesitated a long time before making our original investment had we suspected the danger of this state resorting to this method of taxation. The fact that a state has an income tax easily might be the determination factor in diverting a project like our own, and diverting further expansion, away from the state."

"In the pending lumber merger, the fact of income tax in Oregon of necessity must be taken into consideration. It might result in defeating our aim. It probably makes little difference to the industry as a whole whether the mer-

Vernonia Girls Become Brides in Double Wedding

On June 5, at the home of the brides' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rosa of Schofield, occurred the marriage of James W. Fest to Miss Lara W. Rosa and B. W. Barton to Miss Wilma S. Rosa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. M. Hood at 2 p.m. The bridesmaids were Misses Erma Brady and Nellie McNew, and the groomsmen were Carl Thompson and M. Sklane.

The house was beautifully decorated with sweet peas and roses and the brides carried bouquets of rose buds. After the ceremony a delightful luncheon was served, after which the young couples departed to their future homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton will make their home at Norton, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs. Fest will reside at Vernonia. The many friends of both couples joined in wishing them many happy and prosperous years. Those who attended the wedding were:

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Knewt Haney, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitaker and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miskinimus, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aglesby, Mr. and Mrs. Perl Brady and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McNew and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Duren and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Borton and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wyncore, Misses Erma Brady, Nellie McNew, Gertrude Whitaker, Leone Boggis, Hattie Sandy, Katherine Miskinimus, Katherine Wyncore, Marie Jablouski and Lillian Waddle.

Mrs. Chas. Sandy, Mrs. Geo. H. Duren, J. Cramer, D. Miskinimus, H. Miskinimus, M. Skene, C. A. Thompson, Earl C. Oglesby, Frank Sandy, Carlos Wymore, J. Graham, A. R. Cramar, J. Fest, P. Fest and C. Fest.

Evangelists Start Series of Bible Lectures Here

J. K. Fish, evangelist, will be assisted by R. M. Gardner, song leader and boy preacher, in a series of Bible lectures here, which started yesterday. A large tent has been erected at the corner of First and Maple streets, next to the Legion hall, where meetings will be held every evening for the next six weeks.

Phelps Buys Nehalem Hotel.

H. G. Phelps, who has been operating the Vernonia hotel for the past year, purchased the Nehalem hotel this week from Mrs. Ryan and will run a dining room there in connection with the added hotel space.

Mr. Phelps states that the dining room in the Vernonia hotel had become too small to handle the patronage, and with the added facilities he now expects to accommodate those desiring to eat at either place.

Mount Hood Loop Open Friday

The Oregon State Motor association advises that the Mount Hood loop road will be open about June 10. The highway department have had a rotary plow at work for the past week and the road is now clean almost to White Rim. The above date was set by the highway department as the probable date on which this road will be completed.

ger is into a Washington corporation with its headquarters offices in Washington, or into an Oregon corporation with its headquarters in Oregon. It might be regarded by the people of Oregon as making some difference to them, not only in procuring for their own state the residence of the officials and clerical help of a headquarters office, but in the prestige of having such an important headquarters located within their state. It is only fair to the people of Oregon to direct their attention to the fact and to the effect of an income tax in this state proving a factor in diverting the lumber merger headquarters from the state. A state income tax is an added charge which would have to be carried in this state and would not have to be carried in any other Pacific Coast state.

"It may be argued that an income tax will reduce property tax. Our experience and observation is it is only an added burden."

When you serve raisins with a dry cereal for breakfast, use the seedless raisins. Wash them and put them in the oven a few minutes to dry off and soften. Crisp the cereal in the oven and let each person add the raisins as he wishes to his dish of cereal.

Objections To Water Ordinance

Owner Claims \$2 Rate on Each Apartment is Excessive

City Dump Is Criticized

Grist of Monthly Bills and Hearing Complaints Fills Two-Hour Session of City Council

A heated argument between the city attorney and an apartment house owner of the new water ordinance recently passed by the city council requiring each apartment in an apartment house to pay the minimum rate for water the same as any residence ended by nothing being done except the warning that the water superintendent would turn off the water in any case where it is not paid in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance.

Where the owner of an apartment house does not have separate water connections for each apartment, then the total bill for the outlet must be paid by one person. The owner claimed that an apartment house did not use water in the same proportions that the average private residence did. He contended further that an apartment house should be on a commercial rate the same as a hotel. Figures introduced by the water clerk, however, showed that an apartment house does average about the same as a private residence for each apartment, and that a hotel falls far below that amount per room.

The owner threatened a law suit to force the city to change the ordinance. The city attorney stated that such action was welcome, and he was backed up by the city council who stated that if the ordinance could be improved they would be glad to do so.

Dr. R. I. Hall reported that he had examined the city dump ground, and that refuse was being deposited on private property. He stated that it is possible to construct a roadway into the dump at a small cost, so that persons dumping trash there could deposit it in the proper place.

Dr. Hall also asked permission to build a two-room addition to the building he is occupying, which would be of frame structure. He stated that he had bought the lot formerly owned by Mr. Sessman and wished to enlarge his quarters.

The council refused to allow the addition, on the ground that it is contrary to a city ordinance. Dr. Hall later asked if it would be permissible to move the present small structure on the lot to the rear and construct a fireproof building in front. He was given permission to do this.

The usual monthly bills were discussed and approved by the council. The next meeting of the council will be held Monday, June 20. The first meeting in July falling on a holiday, the session will be held July 5.

Teachers' Examinations Being Held in St. Helens

The state teachers' examinations, which started yesterday morning in St. Helens, will continue the rest of the week as follows:

Thursday forenoon: Arithmetic, history of education, physiology, methods in geography, mechanical drawing, domestic art, course of study for domestic art.

Thursday afternoon: Grammar, geography, stenography, American literature, physics, typewriting, methods in language, thesis for primary certificate.

Friday forenoon: Theory and practice, orthography, physical geography, English literature, chemistry.

Friday afternoon: School law, geometry, algebra, civil government.

Saturday forenoon: Geometry, botany.

Saturday afternoon: general history, bookkeeping.

Mrs. Julia McNutt and son of Forest Grove, Mrs. Rosa Kenasey and son and daughter of Roseburg, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Sessman and family of Portland visited relatives in Vernonia last Sunday.