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Knights of Pythias Convention is Held

Columbia County Lodges Meet In Local Castle Monday

High Officials are Present

Fourteen Candidates Initiated at Large Gathering; Pythian Sisters Serve Banquet

Nine candidates from St. Helens and five from Vernonia were initiated into the Page rank at the convention of the 14th district, comprising Columbia county, Monday night at the Castle hall in Vernonia. More than 100 attended the meeting from Portland, St. Helens, Rainier and Vernonia. It was said that seldom, if ever, has a district convention gone over so big and everyone voted it the outstanding success of the year in Pythian circles.

The meeting was opened by District Deputy Wm. J. Fullerton, of silver-tongued orator from St. Helens, who very skillfully sidetracked his responsibilities by introducing Grand Chancellor Ed. Ballagh of St. Helens and asking the privilege of seeing how grand lodge officers conducted a district convention, saddled Mr. Ballagh with the work.

To show that he knew his "gavel," Ed. brought up reinforcements in the person of City Attorney Frank Grant of Portland, who has been supreme representative for a number of years, and once again the onerous duties were placed on another pair of broad shoulders. Having finally gotten steam up, the convention started with a bang.

Tucker Given Jewel

Rainier brought along their favorite son, Brother Tucker, who had just completed his 25th year as a member of Rainier lodge No. 58, and Brother Grant made the presentation speech of a veteran's 25-year jewel, with which the lodge had surprised Brother Tucker. Being overwhelmed with his unexpected gift, the brother could only muster a few words of thanks, reserving his oratory for a more elaborate speech late in the evening.

Class Named Ed. Ballagh

The decks being cleared for action, the serious part of the convention began. A class of 14 candidates for the Page rank, nine from St. Helens and five from Vernonia, known as the Grand Chancellor Ed. Ballagh class, was then brought in and Brother Grant, assisted by Brother Morris as vice-chancellor, Brother George as prelate, Brother Ralph Clem as master-at-arms, then proceeded to initiate the candidates in the mysteries of the Page rank. Brother Walter Gleason of Portland was thoughtfully brought along his stereopticon machine and the work was beautifully depicted not only in words by the various officers, but was brought more vividly to the candidates' minds by the beautiful slides shown on the screen as the ritualistic part of the rank was put on.

After the candidates received their instructions Brother Grant gave them a brief outline of the history of the order in one of the most touching speeches that has ever been heard in a Castle hall, a speech that will linger in their memories for years to come, according to those present.

Sisters Give Banquet

Not to be outdone by his predecessors, Grand Chancellor Ballagh then gave his version of the Pythian belief and a speech, if somewhat short, was very much to the point. After a few more speeches from prominent visitors, the meeting was brought to a close by Brother Fullerton and all adjourned to the banquet hall where the Pythian Sisters had prepared

Need of Headlight Adjustment is Shown

"Attention has been focused upon the automobile lighting law which recently became effective," said Mr. Brandenburg, secretary of the Oregon State Motor association. "Motorists who find night-driving one of summer's greatest pleasures owe it to themselves and to others to see that the headlights on their cars are adjusted so as not to be glaring and yet, at the same time, present adequate illumination of the highway," said Mr. Brandenburg. "And with thousands of motorists indulging nightly in this pleasant pastime, the poorly focused and inadequate headlight becomes a graver menace than at any other season."

"The headlight evil about which there has been so much discussion of recent years is entering the season in which it makes itself most seriously felt. The cool countryside will call to everyone during the coming months. When the days are hot and sultry, the entire family looks forward to gliding through the evening breeze and the automobile becomes well nigh indispensable.

"But a great deal of the joy of such short journeys is lost in the discomfort, if not actual danger of proceeding with exasperating slowness into an avalanche of glaring headlights. The tragedy of the fatal, and scores upon scores of minor, accidents that are due to such a cause is that they are so easily preventable. At one time headlights adjustment was difficult because headlight equipment was imperfectly developed, some types being so inefficient that adjustment was virtually impossible.

"This is not true today. Motor car manufacturers, lamp makers and the American Automobile association, with which this club is affiliated, have been cooperating for several years in an effort to solve the headlight problem. Such progress has been made that if the individual car owner will make the effort, he will find it very simple to put his headlights into proper adjustment or have them so adjusted. Summer's greatest pleasure demands that he act for the safety of his family and all other highway users."

Delegates To Legion Convention Elected

Vernonia post, American Legion elected five delegates and five alternates to the American Legion convention for the department of Oregon at La Grande July 21, 22 and 23. The following were elected delegates: H. E. McGraw, Harry Zimmerman, E. M. Murphy, Clarence Nance, M. E. Carkin, chairman. Alternates are: A. L. Kullander, L. H. Schultz, E. H. Washburn, Harry Wilson and R. La Rocque.

It is expected that a number of others will attend the convention, which is always promised as "something different" in conventions. The coming meeting at La Grande has been labeled the "Battle of 1927" by that post and it is said that they have ample facilities for the entertainment of all who wish to come. Although Vernonia post lost the large Stewart trophy they won last year, they have retained the district cup, which will again be presented at the convention. It is also expected that M. E. Carkin will win the personal cup for signing up the greatest number of any member in the state. His record is 291 for 1927.

Auxiliary Delegates Named

The local Auxiliary post of the American Legion named the following delegates to attend the convention at La Grande which is held simultaneously with the Legion convention: Mrs. Harry Wilson, Mrs. Ethel Nance and Mrs. E. H. McGraw.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Malmsten who recently purchased a new Buick sedan of the Thomas garage, plan to leave soon for a motor trip to Minnesota, a splendid repast. The banquet ended about 12:30 a. m.

This third convention of district 14 for the year was voted one of the best and most successful on record and the thought was everywhere expressed that the order had received a benefit by the convention and all were looking forward to the continuation of the good work.—Contributed.

Both State and City Licenses Required to Deal in Real Estate

Local Realtor Points Out Pertinent Provisions of New Law, With Warning to Those not Authorized

Under the provisions of the Oregon real estate law, recently passed, it is now unlawful for any person to negotiate any real estate deal who is not the owner of the property unless he is duly licensed by both the state and city, according to J. M. Clark, Vernonia realtor.

A real estate broker, within the meaning of this act, is any person, firm, partnership, co-partnership, association, or corporation, who for a valuable consideration sells lists or offers for sale, buys or offers to buy, or negotiates the purchase listing sale or exchange of real estate, or who leases or offers to lease, or rent or offers for rent, any real estate or the improvements thereon, for others as a whole or partial vocation. The penalty for violation is not more than \$500 and six months in jail.

Mr. Clark stated that it has been brought to his attention in the past that a number of local persons, have engaged in such practice, probably in many cases without knowledge of the law that in response to a number of queries he wished the matter given some publicity.

Malmsten-Knauss Wedding In Evangelical Church On Tuesday Was Pretty Affair

A large crowd of friends and relatives were present for the wedding solemnized in the Evangelical church Tuesday evening at 8 p. m., when Gladys E. Malmsten became the bride of Archibald C. Knauss, Dr. C. C. Poling, of Portland, presiding elder of this district of the Evangelical church, officiated.

Louise Malmsten, sister of the bride, played Lohengrin's Wedding March. The groom accompanied by Le Roy Malmsten, best man, marched in from the rear of the pulpit, which was beautifully decorated with ferns and boughs. Ruth Knauss, sister of the groom, and maid of honor, led the bridal procession to the altar. She was followed by little Irma Kent and Mapiorie Sawyer, flower girls, who strewed rose petals in the path of the bride.

The bride, accompanied by her father, Elon E. Malmsten, then marched to the altar. Just previous to the wedding march, Mrs. W. W. Wolff sang "Because," and immediately after the ceremony was solemnized and just before the recessional, she sang "I Love You Truly." Ushers at the wedding were Marshall Malmsten, Leonard Malmsten, Veldon Parker, and Burford Wilkerson.

A banquet was held in the social rooms of the church after the ceremony. Wednesday morning the young couple left by motor for a honeymoon trip to San Francisco and Yosemite park.

Mrs. Knauss is a graduate of Vernonia high school and the state normal at Monmouth. She has been teaching school the past two years at Clatskanie. Mr. Knauss graduated in civil engineering at the University of Minnesota in 1916. For eight years thereafter he was in the United States forest service at Madison, Wis. He came to Vernonia in October, 1925, and now holds the position of foreman in charge of kiln drying at the Oregon-American Lumber company.

Motor Association Compares Vehicles With Expenditures on Roads

Funds expended by the state highway department in building the present network of major roadways which binds together the counties of Oregon, is graphically illustrated in a chart prepared by the engineer department of the Oregon State Motor association. Automobile registrations for 1926 are also shown by counties, and then compared with the funds spent on roads. Last year the state registered 234,134 cars.

Since the state highway program went into effect in 1917, the state has expended \$49,375,339 on its 4467 miles of highways, the chart shows. The largest amount was expended in Douglas county, \$5,443,437, and represents the heavy construction cost of the Pacific highway.—Contributed.

Chamber of Commerce Discusses Need of New Cemetery in Vernonia

Hope Expressed That Rates in New Cemetery Will be High Enough to Take Care of Perpetual Upkeep

The need of a new cemetery in Vernonia was discussed by members of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting in the Horseshoe cafe Thursday noon. It was reported that the cemetery now in use is completely filled and that there is an immediate need for a new, suitable burial ground.

The opinion was expressed by some that such a venture would be a good private enterprise, but none yet have announced their intention of going into it. A committee composed of Brown, Smith and Lincoln was appointed by President R. M. Aldrich to confer with local lodge committees on the matter and report at the next meeting of the chamber. The next meeting of the chamber will be Thursday, July 7.

Miss Emma Schmidlin and Harry Condit Married Here on Saturday

Harry Condit and Miss Emma Catherine Schmidlin were married in St. Mary's Catholic church here on Saturday, June 25. Antone Smejkal was best man and Louise Schmidlin sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Little Florence Ohler was flower girl and Harry Ohler was ring bearer, while Frank Schmidlin acted as usher.

The bride was charming in white satin back crepe, trimmed with crystal beads and deep point lace. She carried white carnations and lilies of the valley. She entered on the arm of her father, as Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played by Miss Kathleen Caldwell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jos. P. Clancy, pastor of St. Fredrick's church at St. Helens, who gave the young couple good counsel in his sermon that followed.

Miss Louise Schmidlin, as bridesmaid, wore blue charmeuse satin with silver lace and carried delphiniums and opelia roses.

The church was beautifully decorated with white and red roses. During the services Mrs. Fred Caldwell and Miss Kathleen Caldwell sang. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Schmidlin, early pioneers in the Beaver creek section and is a very efficient and capable young woman, while the groom has been employed for several years by the Koster Products company, and is highly esteemed. After a honeymoon trip, the young couple will make their home at Treharne, where they will give a reception to their many friends on their return.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served by Mrs. Lucy Uhlin at her attractive home, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Stanton. Beside the bridal party the guests were: Rev. Jos. P. Clancy, Richard Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Schmidlin, Mrs. Herbert Condit, Miss Lillian Condit, Mrs. Fred Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Crue Ohler, Mr. and Mrs. George Ohler, Gregory, Frank and Joseph Schmidlin, Ralph and Marjorie Ohler, Misses Pauline Smejkal, Kathleen Caldwell, Margaret Hamilton, Mary Caldwell.

Those attending the wedding from out of town were Mrs. John Boos and Mrs. Martin Gindhart of Buxton, Miss Emily Schmidlin and Mrs. Jensen of Portland, Mrs. Fred Caldwell and daughters Kathleen and Mary of Hillsboro, Miss Louisa Schmidlin of Monmouth.

40 at 8 Hosts at Picnic

The local vulture of 40 et 8 were hosts Sunday at a picnic attended by about 200 members of the American Legion and Auxiliary posts of Columbia county at Big Eddy on the Nehalem river.

There were many present from Clatskanie, Rainier, St. Helens and Vernonia. The picnic was fostered in the interest of creating a feeling of more cooperation between the ex-service men's and women's organizations of the county.

The social meeting of the Mountain Heart club will be held at the home of Mrs. Curtis John on July 12. All Rebekahs are welcome to this meeting. Come and get acquainted.

Mrs. Chas. Mellinger Is Called By Death

The many friends and relatives of Mrs. Chas. Mellinger were shocked Sunday to learn of her death in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland late Saturday evening, after having been ill for a short time with typhoid fever. The funeral was held in the Evangelical church at 2 p. m. yesterday afternoon, Rev. G. W. Plumer officiating.

Ida May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson, was born in Missouri in 1873. They migrated to the west in 1876, settling on a homestead two and one-half miles north of the present townsite of Vernonia. Miss Wilkinson was married to Chas. Mellinger in 1893. They had one child, now Mrs. Agness Hall of Weiser, Idaho.

Those left to mourn her loss are her husband, Charles Mellinger, their daughter and two grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Elma Brough and Mrs. Saffrona Joseph of Rainier, and one brother, Sigal Wilkinson of Phoenix, Oregon. All but the latter were present for the funeral yesterday. Interment was in the Vernonia cemetery. W. J. Brown had charge of the funeral.

OPPOSING PASTEURIZATION

Judging by articles recently published in the Eagle, one would be led to believe that an effort is being made to prevent the sale of any milk in the city of Vernonia unless the milk be pasteurized.

Such an action would be both an injustice to the consumers of milk in the city and to the producers supplying a high grade of raw milk to their customers in the city.

There are very valid objections to the pasteurization of milk. The temperature necessary in pasteurization changes the character of the milk and destroys some properties so necessary to the development of the body. Milk contains all of the vitamins, and some of these very important ones, it is thought, are destroyed by pasteurization.

Milk from healthy cows, which is kept clean from the time it is taken from the cow until it is delivered to the customers, is far more nourishing and healthful than pasteurized milk.

O. G. WEED, of Weed's Dairy.

Vernonia Turns in Fourth Straight Win

The Vernonia All-Stars made it four wins in as many starts here Sunday by shutting out the Davidson Bakery team of Portland by the close score of 2 to 0. The game was a pitchers battle from start to finish. Kotula for the All-Stars getting 15 strikeouts and allowing but one hit. While Junker for Davidson Bakery struck out five and allowed four hits.

The locals scored their only two runs of the game by bunching hits in the fifth inning. McGregor started the attack by singling to center and was advanced to second by Linn's scratch hit, Linn beating out the throw to first. Graven then came up and smashed a wicked single over when Peeler made a wild throw to the plate.

Davidson Bakery got several men on base but they were stopped by Kotula's masterly pitching. Brown, center fielder for the visitors, drew a hand from the crowd by his running catch of McKillop's liner. Two fast double plays thrilled the fans who handed this as good a game as one could wish to see outside of a league park.

For the benefit of the supporters of the team, there will be free transportation on the streets for those who have no other way of getting to the grounds. Credit is due the business men who closed their places during the time of the game and assurance is given that if this kind of support can be had most of the games will be played in the local park.

The Vernonia All-Stars have a game scheduled here with Astoria Sunday, July 3. From all reports Astoria has a very fast team and is likely to give the home boys some hard playing. Everyone is asked to come to see this game.

Monday, July 4, the All-Stars are scheduled to play Jewell at Jewell. The Jewell team has beaten the O-A. Giants twice so this promises to be a real game. The town will have a big celebration for the fourth and has asked Vernonia to bring all its rooters along to en-

All Tax Laws Defeated Here

Income Tax Loses in Vernonia By Eleven Votes

Small Vote is Polled Here

The Nestucca Bay Fish Closing Bill Carried in Vernonia by Small Majority of Eight Votes

The often-voted income tax bill received about the same support in Tuesday's election here as formerly with a vote of 72 for and 83 against, although in precinct 2 on the east side of Rock creek, the vote carried 40 to 36. Only 15 per cent of those registered used their voting privilege Tuesday, but this was said to have been expected in view of the fact that the election consisted entirely of measures to be voted on and many persons did not feel well enough informed to vote intelligently on the questions, or else were indifferent concerning the measures to be voted on.

By voting down the legislator's pay amendment, the state tax limitation amendment, the income tax bill, and the property assessment and taxation enforcement bill, it was plain that the people expressed their sentiment in favor of a reduction of taxes if it is possible. If these bills are defeated it is apparent that the legislators will have to devise other means of paying off the state indebtedness than by asking the people to vote in favor of paying any kind of tax.

The repeal of the negro, chinaman and mulatto suffrage section of the constitution carried 92 to 53.

The Portland school district tax levy amendment carried 72 to 50. The criminal information amendment carried 94 to 42.

The legislators' pay amendment was defeated by the large majority of 44 to 90.

The voters' registration amendment easily carried 88 to 44.

The state and county officers salary amendment carried by the narrow majority of 76 to 63.

The city and county consolidation amendment carried by a small majority of 57 to 53. The vote in precinct 1 was tied.

The veterans memorial and armory amendment lost heavily in Vernonia 53 to 78.

The state tax limitation amendment was a heavy loser at 34 to 93.

The income tax bill lost in Vernonia 72 to 83. It carried in precinct 2 by 40 to 36 and lost in precinct 1 by 32 to 47.

The property assessment and taxation enforcement bill lost 50 to 71.

The Nestucca bay fish closing bill carried 64 to 60. The vote was tied in precinct 1.

Wm. Folger received word Tuesday that his father and mother, who live in Fargo, N. D., had been seriously injured in an automobile accident. He left for Fargo on the same day.

Joy the picnicking, the baseball game, races, and dancing.

THE LINEUP:

Vernonia All-Stars:	AB	RH	PO	A	E
Laird ss	4	0	0	2	1
Nance 2B	4	0	1	2	0
Gordon 3B	2	0	0	2	1
Kotula p	3	0	0	0	0
McGregor lf	3	1	2	0	0
McKillop cf	3	0	1	0	1
Linn rf	3	1	1	0	0
Drorbaugh lb	2	0	0	7	0
Graven c	3	0	1	16	0
Davidson Bakery AB RH PO A E					
Squires 3b	4	0	2	2	0
Bert c	4	0	1	6	0
Peeler 2b	4	0	0	3	2
Brown cf	4	0	2	0	0
LaBelle ss	4	0	0	3	0
Junker p	4	0	0	0	0
Elfers lb	3	0	0	11	0
Johns lf	3	0	0	0	0
Randall rf	3	0	0	0	0

Summary: Struck out by Kotula, 15; by Junker, 5. Base on balls off Kotula, 1; off Junker, 1. Double plays, Gordon to Nance to Drorbaugh; Peeler to Elfers. Stolen bases, McGregor, Gordon. Passed balls, Graven 2. Umpires, Duvall.