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Vernonia Eagle Is 5 Years Old

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New Concerns Wanted

Chamber of Commerce Delegation
In Portland to Arrange
Big Celebration

The Vernonia Eagle is five years old this week.

The first issue of the newspaper was published by Paul Robinson August 4, 1922. At that time plans were being made to stage the huge celebration here in recognition of the coming of the railroad to Vernonia.

Charles D. White, mayor, Lester Sheeley, Commercial club secretary; H. E. McGraw, cashier of the bank; and B. F. Lane spent the day in Portland interviewing railway officials officers of the state and city chambers of commerce relative to the proposed celebration.

It was further stated that ground breaking for the Oregon-American mill was begun on Tuesday previous and construction work had been started by the Beaver Creek Logging company.

New Church Contracted

Plans have been laid for the construction of a new Catholic church. The building will be 28 by 48 feet and work will begin immediately.

The Eagle at that time carried two advertisements on the front page, one for the Bank of Vernonia and one for White & Siegert Hardware company. Other advertisements appearing in the first paper had the signatures of the following firms: G. B. Richmond, Columbia hotel, Sessman & Prickett, McGown & Anderson, W. T. Hatton, Forest Grove General hospital, Lane & Co., A. Corey, T. R. Throop, The Lunch Box, Vernonia Drug Co., Bergerson Bros., Drs. Kauffman & Taylor, Forest Grove; Reed-French Piano Co., Portland; Vernonia Brazing & Machine Works, Bryan Barber shop, Dr. M. D. Cole, Noble Dunlap, C. C. McLees, R. A. Sessman, Nehalem hotel, Lester Sheeley, Dillard & Dillard, John L. Foote, Dr. S. H. Russell, Dr. W. G. Parent, T. S. White, Model Barber shop, E. B. Dale & F. Hill, Vernonia Meat Market, Vernonia Shoe shop, Vernonia Woodworking Co., Vernonia Hazelwood, Vernonia Realty Co.

The Eagle at that time was all "hand set" and shows a variety of sizes of type in the main reading matter. It was not until some time later that the linotype was installed.

Vernonia Pioneer of 1886 Passes Away at Seaside

The death of Mrs. Margaret Emmons at Seaside August 4 marked the passing of another of the Vernonia pioneers. She came to Oregon in 1886 and resided in Vernonia until the death of her husband in 1906.

Margaret Stewart Emmons was born January 19, 1840, at Cleveland, Ohio. She was married to M. R. Emmons at Waukegan, Ill., in 1859. She died at Seaside August 4, at the age of 87 years, 6 months and 16 days.

She was the mother of seven children, 16 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. Three children remain: Mrs. Simon Snyder, Mrs. Chas. Ross of Seaside, and James Emmons of Vernonia. One sister, Mrs. Nancy Harwood, is living in Crescent City, Ill.

The funeral was held in Vernonia Sunday, with interment in the local cemetery.

Guy Mills, George Thayer, E. W. Holtham and D. B. Reasoner returned Tuesday evening from a two-weeks motor trip in the latter's car, which included stops at Belknap Springs, Crater Lake, Oregon Caves and as far south as Crescent City, Calif. They reported fair fishing in a number of places and having had a good time.

Many Books Donated To Library Recently

Donations of books, both new and used, form the bulk of the additions to the volumes of the Vernonia library, according to Miss Lois Malmsten, librarian. Among those which have been received lately are the following:

"Battle of the Strong," Gilbert Parker; donated by Mrs. Ira Mann.

"Bible Stories," donated by Helen Anderson.

"The Claw," Synthia Stockley; donated by Mrs. Ira Mann.

"The Empty Heart," M. Harland; donated by Mrs. Lucille Woolly.

"The Girls," Edna Ferber; donated by Mrs. H. M. Salt.

"Greek Heroes," Charles Kingsley; donated by Ralph Warner.

"Kazan," James Oliver Curwood; donated by John Laramore.

"Mary Rose of Miffin," F. R. Sterrett; donated by Mrs. Lucille Woolly.

"Nancy Stair," E. M. Lane; donated by Mrs. Lucille Woolly.

"Rise of Roscoe Paine," Joseph C. Lincoln; donated by Mrs. Leon Lewis.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate," E. D. Biggers; donated by Mrs. Lucille Woolly.

"Sofia," donated by Mrs. Lucille Woolly.

"The Seats of the Mighty," Gilbert Parker; donated by Mrs. H. M. Salt.

"A Terrible Temptation," Chas. Reade; donated by Mrs. Ira Mann.

"Ten Years of Cowboy," C. C. Post; donated by Mrs. Ira Mann.

"The Three Guardsmen," Alexander Dumas; donated by Mrs. H. M. Salt.

"The Traitor," Thos. Dixon Jr.; donated by Mrs. Lucille Woolly.

"That Fair False Woman," B. N. Clay; donated by Mrs. Lucille Woolly.

"Way of the Woman," Oliver Ramsay; donated by Mrs. Lucille Woolly.

"The White Company," Doyle; donated by Mrs. Lucille Woolly.

"Yourself and Your House Wonderful," H. A. Guerber; donated by Helen Anderson.

Miss Malmsten states that the library, which is in the city hall, is open every day but Sunday and Monday, from 2:30 p. m. to 6 p. m.

United States Has 33 Per Cent of World Railways

Chicago, Aug. 8.—With less than eight per cent of the world's area and with less than six per cent of the world's population, the United States has more than 33 per cent of the world's railway mileage. This is one of the striking facts presented in the annual railway yearbook which has just been issued by the Western Railways' Committee on Public Relations at Chicago.

As showing the magnitude of railway operations in this country this yearbook contains some interesting and illuminating information regarding the operations of the railways in an average hour. In one hour, on an average, the report states, the railways spend more than \$530,000 in operating expenses, pay more than \$336,000 in wages to their employees (much of this total being included in operating expenses) and pay more than \$44,000 in taxes to national, state and local governments. In an hour more than 6,000 cars are loaded with revenue freight on the railways' lines, the total freight loaded in this period amounting to more than 150,000 tons. Likewise, 98,000 passengers on the average, board the railways; trains each sixty minutes. When the distance which this freight and these passengers are carried is considered, it appears that the average service performed each hour by the railways is equivalent to hauling more than fifty million tons of freight for the distance of one mile and to carrying more than four million passengers for the same distance.

Rainier Woman Killed In Automobile Accident

Mrs. R. D. Studley of Rainier was almost instantly killed Thursday afternoon and her sister, Mrs. F. L. Shephard of Spokane, Wash., is in a Longview hospital with a fractured jaw and other injuries and four other persons were cut and bruised when a car driven by Mr. Studley, according to reports, struck a telephone pole after being forced over an embankment by another car which did not stop.

Local Folk Support Stage Line Seeking Service to Portland

S. P. & S. and Pacific Stage Officials Say It Would be Impracticable Run for Local Stages

To decide the feasibility of granting the petition signed by 498 local patrons of the Vernonia stage line for continuous stage service from Vernonia to Portland by way of Forest Grove and Houlton, Judge Bean represented the public service commission of Oregon at a hearing held here Thursday morning.

Fred A. Williams of Salem, attorney for H. H. Hixon, called the following local witnesses who testified to the need for continuous service: R. Sessemann, C. F. Heiber, Mrs. C. S. Hoffman, Mrs. S. Moore, M. E. Moe, A. Corey, Mrs. H. H. Hixon, and T. Gordon.

Testimony brought out the fact that there had been inconveniences experienced at various times by patrons of the local stage line, where long waits had been necessary because of a late stage. In some instances it had been necessary to wait out of doors.

R. A. Crozier, general passenger agent of the S. P. & S. system, stated that an average of three passengers daily traveled to Portland from Vernonia by way of Houlton and that this amount would not warrant the trips being made by the Vernonia stage. Mr. Crozier's figures were based upon the number of tickets sold at the Vernonia stage depot and do not include the patrons picked up en route, which is said to equal and often exceed the number who start from here.

A. E. Wager, superintendent of the S. P. & S. system, was present and testified to the schedule under which the stages are now operating. He also stated that cars are never over loaded, a statement that was questioned by Attorney Williams.

W. L. James, representing the Pacific stages, operating through Forest Grove, testified that an average of three persons from Vernonia ride to Portland each trip. But the same rule applies there as in the other case, that there are pickups in between.

Mr. Hixon feels confident that the service will be granted the local stage line. He says that in case it is granted, there will be two round trips each day to Portland each way and one other trip each way connecting with the other stages, placed on the regular schedule.

Pomona Will Meet Here With Local Grange on November 5

(By Lillian Daniels)

Natal Grange No. 302 was hostess to Columbia county Pomona at their 96th session August 6. Although a busy time of the year, we had about 200 members present, quite a few came prepared to camp out, as the weather was ideal, and the location of Natal Grange hall, near the Big Eddy on the Nehalem river made a lovely camping ground for those who could stay all night.

Session opened at 11 o'clock with worthy Master Warren in the chair and all officers present except one. We had 100 per cent reports from subordinate granges. All show a fair condition financially and growth in membership. Yankton leading with a gain of 20 and Warren next with 13 members gained; others have gained some. Lecture work appears to be interesting and instructive with varied programs of music, recitations, talks on farm topics, roll call each member responding or paying a fine, and general discussions on questions of the day.

We had for a visitor our worthy State Lecturer Sister Minnie Bond, who was warmly welcomed by the patrons, and who gave us a very fine address, speaking of the success of the state-wide debate held last year by the grangers and giving us the subject of this year's debate. "Resolved that the principle of the debenture plan of solving the agricultural surplus problem by the National Grange should be adopted by the U. S. government." This is recommended by

Motor Association Will Tour Oregon On Caravan Trip

Itinerary for Six-Day Trip Includes Seeing Many Interesting Scenic Places in Oregon.

In innovating personally conducted trips to interesting places, the Oregon State Motor association seems to have struck a popular chord. The first of these trips, which was the Mount Hood climb on July 23 and 24, was attended by approximately fifty people thirty five of whom made the ascent of the mountain.

Encouraged by the success of this trip, the association is announcing a more ambitious trip for the month of August. This trip will be in the nature of a six-day caravan, and will take in as fine a variety of scenery as America has to offer. Included in the trip will be visits to Crater Lake and the Oregon Caves, in addition to a trip across McKenzie Pass.

The innovation on this caravan trip will be the "personally conducted" feature, and arrangements have been concluded whereby the various interesting points will be described by persons intimately acquainted with the region and its history.

Stops will be made en route and opportunity given for authorities to speak to the members of the caravan on the many interesting and scenic wonders which will be on display. Overnight stops will be made at Eugene, Bend, Crater Lake, Oregon Caves and Corvallis. Members can either stay at hotels or camp out as they prefer, as arrangements have been made with the idea of providing both types of accommodations, for those who attend.

The caravan is for association members and their friends, and each person will arrange his own transportation. Wherever accommodations are desired, the association will make reservations for the members if the request is made at the time the member registers for the trip.

Following is the itinerary as worked out by the motor association, and as can be seen, persons who cannot go for the full time may make a two, three or four day trip by returning from any one of the overnight stops:

August 20—Leave Portland at 1 p. m. making the trip via the Pacific highway to Eugene, 123 miles. Overnight stop at Eugene.

August 21—McKenzie River

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Skaggs-Safeway Announce Earlier Closing Hours

Manager Richards of the local Skaggs-Safeway store announces in the store's advertisement in this week's issue of the Eagle that beginning Saturday the store will adopt a new policy of closing earlier than has been the practice heretofore. The Saturday closing hour will be 9 o'clock. All other days of the week the store will be closed at 6:30 p. m.

That the working hours are too long for a single shift are given as the reason for the change, according to Mr. Richards. While there has been some trade late in the evenings on week nights, the manager believes that the store's patrons will not be inconvenienced by doing their shopping before 6:30.

Fire at Birkenfeld Does Little Damage

Fire broke out at the Birkenfeld camp from the donkey engine located on the Backman place Wednesday of last week. It burned mostly the logged off land in the vicinity and would have done considerable damage but for the timely arrival of the crew of men that soon gathered there.

Trails were made around the conflagration to keep it from running. The fire was almost totally extinguished by Thursday evening.

Power Company's Affairs In Circuit Court Again

Creditors of the Vernonia Light & Power company are asking the circuit court to take the management of the company's affairs out of the hands of its present receiver, Lloyd R. Smith, who is also receiver for the Northwestern Trust company, which sold bonds for the local light company. The offices of both these companies are in Portland.

Payments by Smith of some \$10,000 alleged to have been wrongfully and wastefully made include \$1310 to Elton Watkins and \$285 to Johnston Wilson, attorneys, and \$5499 to Joseph Loeb, his employes and subsidiaries.

Alleged that Lloyd R. Smith, in acting as receiver for both the Vernonia Light & Power company and the trust company, has administered wastefully the income from the light and power company, applying a portion of it to payments of an allegedly invalid note held by the trust company, and that within the seven months of his receivership he has spent more than \$10,000 on his own fees and salaries, and on fees, salaries and office expenses of attorneys, business executives and others, the bondholders filed petition in court Tuesday morning asking that the court take steps to protect them against further diversion of funds that they believe should be paid to them.

Rebekah Club Meets

Mountain Heart Rebekah club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Hanson August 2. The following members answered to roll call:

Mrs. Viola Trehara, Mrs. Virgie Beaver, Mrs. Suneel, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Sarah Spencer, Mrs. N. B. Hall, Mrs. Ruby Barnett, Mrs. Pearl McCage, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Ruth Reese and Mrs. Frank Hanson. Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Searsey were visitors.

The afternoon was spent in serving and social chats. A novel feature of the afternoon's entertainment was the "fairly election of a guest of honor," planned as a little surprise for the newly elected officers of the lodge, which was much enjoyed by all.

It was also Mrs. Hall's birthday and she was the happy recipient of a beautiful birthday cake.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Pearl McCage.

Milk Test Gives Mowe's Herd High Score of 96.5

Milk from the dairy herd of Lester Mowe of Vernonia which was recently tested by the bureau of dairying of the United States department of agriculture showed the high score of 96.5 per cent out of a possible 100, which is considered by experts to be exceptionally good.

The report showed a bacteria count of 800 per cubic centimeter, which is considered nearly perfect. The percentage of fat was 4.7. The score card of Lester Mowe is printed in full on another page.

County Fair Plans Made

New Poultry and Hog Houses Will Stimulate Interest

Some Community Exhibits

Boys' and Girls' Exhibits Expected To Be Better Patronized Than in Former Years

With three new buildings and a new roof on the grandstand rapidly nearing completion, plans for a bigger and better and funnier county fair are progressing. The new poultry and hog houses will no doubt attract a full entry list and stimulate production in these lines in the county. The new baby clinic building will fill a long felt need.

Children's exhibits and boys and girls club work is attracting unusual interest this year and the school building will be crammed to the roof despite a number of improvements that will make the showing of exhibits much easier and attractive.

Several good grange and community exhibits have asked for space and there will be a good line up of cattle and horses. Judges with both local and national reputations, have been secured who are experts in their lines and everyone is assured of fair treatment in the contest for prizes.

Concessions and attractions are making applications daily for space and many manufacturers and dealers have chosen their locations for this year. Machinery and implements exhibitors have been eager to secure display space as they estimate this to be a big fair year.

Amusements, music, free vaudeville acts, and shows are rapidly being lined up and more announcements will be made about them within the next week. While some counties discontinued their fairs this year because of lack of state appropriation, Columbia county is going ahead for a better fair with a program both educational and entertaining that will appeal to all persons in the county.

In response to the wide spread demand following the successful show on the Fourth, an organization has been formed to promote and develop wild west rodeo and racing shows at the Fair Grounds near Deer Island and next Saturday and Sunday August 13 and 14 have been selected as the dates for their next big show.

Several of the local participants in the show recently spent three weeks in the Yakima Valley buying Indian horses that had never been in a corral. After a great deal of effort and expense these horses have been delivered to the fair grounds and will be used in the coming show and at the county fair. They are real unbroken cayuse broncs that have never felt the feel of leather and together with several local horses will be chute saddled and ridden, perhaps by both local and traveling cowboys.

The committee that is promoting the coming wild west event is composed of Glenn R. Metzger, Glenn Williams, Heinie Neuman, George and Chas. Olsen, Hugh Adams, Derwin Usher and Paul C. Adams. This committee has made plans for a big two day event and promises a real program for each afternoon. Musical will be furnished by a well known band and comic stunt events will be interspersed with fast running races and bronco riding.

In order to assure comfort to the throng that will attend, the present bleachers on the fair grounds will be transferred into a real grandstand by the addition of a roof. This feature has long been needed at the grounds and will be welcomed during these hot days. A large force of carpenters started on this work early this week and promise completion in time for Saturday's show.

One of the best known men in Columbia county has been selected to act as master of ceremonies and many will be surprised when they learn of his unexpected ability as a cow boy.