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Will Circulate Road Petitions

Names of Several Thousand to Be Shown Commission

Definite Route is Planned

Shortest Road to Clatsop Beach Is Most Desirable, Says O. W. Taylor of Gearhart.

Proponents of the proposed new route from Portland to the Clatsop beaches through Vernonia plan to circulate petitions to be signed by local folk as well as those living in the other localities adjacent to the road mapped out, in the belief that petitions signed by several thousand persons favoring the new route will have considerable weight with the state highway commission.

In the interest of checking up on the route and making arrangements for support of the project in the various sections it will pass through, O. W. Taylor of Gearhart was in Vernonia Saturday and conferred with Secretary Lester Sheeley, of the local Chamber of Commerce, concerning the matter. Mr. Sheeley assured him of unqualified support from this section, and pointed out that Vernonia's present record for road building was ample proof of this section's policy in that respect.

While objections have been offered by some that the state now has so many new highways under construction, it is unlikely that the commission or legislature would consider this for a number of years yet, Mr. Taylor stated that the present congestion on the Columbia river highway is so great that a necessity for either widening that road or building a new highway has arisen.

In Mr. Taylor's opinion this new route could be finished at a less cost than the widening of the present Columbia highway would result in, and the route from Portland to the beaches would be less by about 40 miles.

It is not the present plan to include Hillsboro and Forest Grove in the new route because that would entail greater distance and the present state highway between Portland and those cities is considerably crowded at present. A suggestion that the route be made from Scappoose to Vernonia and across to the coast was also discarded because of the crowded condition of the highway between Portland and Scappoose.

A count has been made of the cars traveling the Columbia highway at various times this summer and it was found that seldom less than 5000 cars per day pass a given point on the highway and as many as 20,000 have passed over one place in a single day.

For this reason it is thought best not to duplicate the route any of the distance between Portland and the coast, but to give everyone a chance to travel both ways if they desire. It is not expected that travel on the Columbia highway will decrease because of the new route, but there will be an appreciable increase in the amount of travel and that in a few years it will be doubled.

Chinese Pheasants Released

Six hundred Chinese pheasants were released in several sections of Columbia county Wednesday of last week, according to Game Warden Wm. Brown. They were brought from the pheasant farm at Eugene.

Potato Certification Gaining Popularity

More potato fields are entered for certification than ever before, according to G. R. Hyslop, chief in farm crops at Oregon Agricultural college, who has just returned from an extensive tour of potato districts throughout Oregon. Some of the fields were turned down because of too much disease or weak plants. Some of these fields failing to pass are from poor seed sorted out of certified seed while others are from good certified seed but the buyer failed to pull out the diseased plants in time.

E. N. Jolley Home Is Destroyed by Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Jolley was totally destroyed by fire late Sunday afternoon, which broke out with such fury that but few effects were saved. Mr. Jolley stated that he was working in the rear of the house, which is near the north end of Second avenue, when fire was observed breaking from several places in the structure.

He and Mr. Holtham, who lives nearby, rushed in to bring out what they could, but after making one trip the heat was so intense that further effort was impossible, according to those present. The cause of the fire was believed by Mr. Jolley to have been an overheated electric iron, which he remembers having been used some time previously. Most of the loss was covered by insurance.

Department Makes Record At Small Fire Saturday

The local fire department made what is believed to have been a record in getting the water turned on at a small fire Saturday afternoon when a small shack south of the railroad tracks on Second street, unoccupied, burned. In less than four minutes from the time the alarm was turned in there was water on the blaze.

International Livestock Show Premium Lists Now Being Distributed

The premium list of the seventeenth annual Pacific International Livestock exposition, to be held at Portland, October 29 to November 5 inclusive, is now being distributed. Extra copies may be had from General Manager O. M. Plummer, 211 N. W. Bank Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

The total amount of cash prizes offered in all the various departments approximately \$100,000 and is divided about as follows: \$11,000 in the beef division, to which the breed associations from the various parts of the country have added \$7,000; the dairy department \$11,800 in addition to about \$2,000 by the breed associations; the sheep classification carries \$6,500 of our money and about \$2,000 additional of breed association money; the draft horse class \$3,750; the fat classes, roughly around \$5,000; in the horse show department which is second to none in the country, \$12,500 of Pacific International's money and \$22,500 in stakes and in entry fees, making a total of roughly \$35,000 for the horse show, which again makes it lead the world. In the land products department \$4,500; dairy products show about \$1,000 for boy and girl club work \$5,000 judging contests of various kinds \$3,250. There will also be a divisional show of the American National Fox Breeders' association with prizes aggregating several thousand dollars given by the association itself. The district this year will probably comprise Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska, with perhaps some other territory taken in.

The same superintendents, practically, have been selected for the coming show. As a matter of fact, the heads of departments of the Pacific International are changed very little, which assures a smooth, splendid show year after year. The various department heads are as follows: A. P. Fleming, manager of the Pacific International horse show. Mr. Fleming is known all over the country as the manager, not only of the Pacific International horse show, but of the Oakland, Stockton and Palo Alto shows in California. His handling of these four big shows on the coast insures him a splendid entry list in every case.

E. J. Fjeldsted of Idaho has charge of the beef division; D. L. Fourt of Idaho, of the dairy division; Ray Fox, one of our directors, has charge of the swine section; Professor O. M. Nelson of O. A. C. with the sheep; C. D. Minton in charge of the manufacturing and land products show; Professor Chappell of O. A. C. has the dairy products show; R. H. Thomas, Portland, is in charge of the industrial section; H. C. Seymour in charge of boy and girl club work at camp plummer; Dr. Lytle of Oregon, in co-operation with his fellow associates from Washington and Idaho, will enforce the sanitary arrangement.

With bumper crops all over the country, and livestock people beginning to feel the increase which

Sheeley's Grove Scene Of Good Time at Legion Auxiliary Picnic Sunday

Winner of Races and Contests Presented With Joke Prizes; Many Visiting Legionnaires.

A crowd estimated at 150 attended the Legion and Auxiliary picnic given by the Vernonia unit of the American Legion Auxiliary Sunday at Sheeley's grove. Many started coming before noon and the last of the merry group did not leave the camp fire until 10:30 p.m. that evening.

After the picnic lunch, races and contests were enjoyed by those present. Because of the great number of children present a number of impromptu races were run for their benefit which had not been previously planned. Races and contests were as follows:

Boys race, Micky O'Donnell, first; Dan O'Donnell, second; first prize was a pocket knife.

Girls race, the name of the winner was not learned; she received a baby doll.

Race for children under five, won by Conway Wilson.

Married womens race, won by Mrs. Kenneth Caldwell of Timber, prize was a candle stick.

Married mens race, Clarence Nance, ash tray.

Fat mans race, Clarence Nance, toy rhinoceros balloon.

Three legged race, Wane Lappe and Percy Hughes.

Running on all fours, Henning Fieberg, pair of gloves.

Heal and toe walking, H. Fieldberg, package of darning cotton.

Ladies heal and toe walking, Ida Mae Hawkins, package of darning cotton.

Hopping stick, Mildred Hawkins, J. E. Covington and H. Fieldberg tied, later won by Miss Hawkins, who received a stick of candy.

Foot race, Mildred Hawkins, J. E. Covington and Dr. M. D. Cole tied. Miss Hawkins was declared winner.

The pie eating was won by a visitor whose name was not learned. He was presented with another pie.

Teams were organized for horse-shoe pitching and indoor baseball was also played later in the afternoon. Mrs. Harry Wilson and Mrs. Wayne Lapp were chairmen of committees for the day.

Many Automobiles Are Damaged While Parking

One form of courtesy that motorists as a group well might display is that involved in protecting the other man's car when pulling in to or out of a narrow parking space, says Dr. R. G. Moss, director for this district of the Oregon State Motor association. Thousands of dollars of damage to automobiles is done in this way monthly, says Mr. Moss.

"It unfortunately is true that the careless motorist can 'get by' with a great deal of the damage he does to the machines parked alongside of his own," says Mr. Moss. "Owners of the machines so injured cannot stand beside them all day to check up on the inconsiderate driver but with the acute dearth of parking space existing, it is becoming almost necessary to do just that if one wants to make certain that his car will be undamaged."

"As an exhibition of poor driving and worse sportsmanship, striking a parked car and failing to notify its owner, tops them all. The good driver does not have to experiment. He can measure a space with his eye and if it is too narrow for his car, he is not foolish enough to attempt to enter it. Some drivers, however, will try to get into a space that is too small. They will damage the fenders of the cars parked beside the space and then, turn around and flee when they have made certain no one has seen them."

"They are responsible only to themselves for the harm thus done to their own automobiles but mangling the fenders of another man's car is quite another thing."

"Of course, there are many accidents of this kind that are forgivable. These are the one where the offending motorist takes the damage. It is the only courteous thing to do under the circumstances and it is one form of courtesy that well might be participated by every motorist in the country."

Woodmen of the World Picnic at Parker's Grove Draws Big Crowd

Estimated Crowd of 500 Gathered to Celebrate With Local W. O. W. Camp 655; Races Featured.

Favored with good weather and a larger crowd than was expected, the Woodmen of the World picnic Sunday at Parker's grove was pronounced a huge success by the members of Vernonia Camp 655.

An address by Rev. Teddy Leavitt, pastor of the Vernonia Church of Christ, at 1 p.m. started the afternoon's program. Although delivered in the open, and with a large crowd of listeners, those present are said to have enjoyed the talk to the fullest extent.

The horseshoe pitching contest then started the afternoon's entertainment, which followed by foot races, sack races, a three-legged race and a potato race. The tug of war was also featured and had been very exciting but was overshadowed by the women's tug of war. There were many other races and contests for both children and adults.

One race between men over 50 years of age, resulted in a tie between Dr. R. I. Hall of Vernonia and Wm. Cooper of Warren. These two ran again to decide the winner, but the tape was again broken simultaneously. Between puffs they agreed to call it quits then, and divided the prize.

The ladies raffled off a cake that netted them \$8.30, and announced that their concession booth also was a success; as was also the booth of J. C. Lincoln. At the meeting of the Woodmen Monday night the following resolution was passed:

"We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all who attended the picnic; to Albert Parker for the use of his grounds; to Reverend Leavitt for the splendid address he gave; and to the Vernonia Eagle for the advance publicity."

(Signed)
Vernonia Camp 655, W. O. W.

Movies of Club Work In This County Will Be Taken at Fair

H. C. Seymour, state club leader, made the announcement at the club picnic held at the fair grounds, Thursday, August 11, that the Southern Pacific Motion Picture People of Hollywood, would be at the Columbia county fair, September 8, to take several reels of club work in this county. Every boy and girl that demonstrates at the county fair will have an opportunity to face the camera. This is the first time Columbia county has had an opportunity to get a film record of their work. Pictures have been taken for several years of other counties.

Plenty of electricity will aid the display of the work. The P. E. P. Company has promised an electric stove for electric cookery for the home demonstration people. The Crown Flour and various other companies of Portland will furnish materials for all the cooking demonstrations. Mrs. L. A. Humphreys, of the Crown mills, will be in the school building all four days of the fair and will demonstrate the making of angel food cake and other delicacies.

Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leader, will spend Thursday in Columbia county assisting the various clubs and club members to perfect their demonstrations. Each club should have a representative team. The best in each section will be sent on to the state fair or to the International.

25 New Settlers in Oregon During First Half of This Month

Portland, Special—The first 15 days of August have registered 25 new settlers on the records of the land settlement department of the Portland and state Chambers of Commerce. These recent newcomers, according to the real estate men and local committees, have invested over \$82,000 in the lands which they have purchased since coming to Oregon from other states.

Interest in Oregon lands continues active with daily arrivals in the state of farmers who have been in correspondence with the

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Logger Killed at East Side by Falling Logs

The upper part of his body badly crushed by falling logs at the camp of the East Side Logging company at 8 a. m. Monday, H. W. Victorson, 35, was instantly killed. He had been working at the camp but three days, it was said, when the accident occurred.

The body was brought to the Brown Undertaking establishment Monday morning. The funeral was held at the chapel yesterday afternoon, with interment in the local cemetery. Rev. Teddy Leavitt officiated.

Henning Warrier Victorson was born in Sweden May 22, 1892. He came to the United States five years ago. He was known to have been thrifty and hard working, and his loss was mourned by many friends he had made during his short stay in this country. Beside his father and mother, he was known to have a number of brothers and sisters in Sweden, to whom he often sent money.

A small estate was left which was sufficient to cover funeral expenses.

Clean Up of Weeds Necessary to Hold Insurance Rates

Unless the great amounts of dried grass and weeds on many vacant Vernonia lots, and some that are occupied, are cleaned up soon insurance companies threaten to raise local rates, was the word given out at the Chamber of Commerce meeting at the R. R. Lunch Thursday noon of last week.

Notices have been served by Marshal Kelly on a number of places close to the business district in the past month, and most of these have been cleared already, but many lots remain, the owners of which have not been notified, and the warning is issued that they should not wait for official notice, but cut the weeds and grass immediately, as an economic measure and to reduce the fire hazard.

No action was taken at the meeting upon an invitation of the Scappoose Chamber of Commerce for a joint picnic between residents of that place and Vernonia in the near future.

County Roadmaster G. G. Hall, who was present, was asked for his opinion of the practicability of Scappoose Vernonia road. He replied that the cost was so great it should not be attempted by this district until the present road program is completed.

When asked concerning a direct road from Rainier to Vernonia through the Apiary district, he replied that there is insufficient demand for such a road at present to warrant its being built, that there are but a dozen families now living in that district who would be affected by the new route and that there is insufficient tax income from those residents to raise the money necessary for the project.

Secretary Lester Sheeley pointed out that Vernonia should have a representative on the budget committee of the county so that this district could receive its proper share of the market road fund. He pointed out that in the past this district has paid about half of the county taxes and with no representative on the budget committee this section has received none of the market road fund.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be September 1.

Returns Wrestling Match Friday

A return wrestling match between Earle Harper of Vernonia and Ted Brown of Los Angeles has been announced for Friday at the Rose theatre here. The match held Wednesday of last week was won by Brown, who had lost to Harper on two previous occasions.

It has been announced that the winner of this bout will be matched with Harry Kuehne, who wrestled twice here last winter. Saturday, Brown will leave for Ogden, Utah, where he will meet Jack Reynolds, world's welterweight champion, August 29.

W.R.C. Will Picnic Friday

The Womens Relief Corps met at their regular meeting in the Grange hall August 18. There was a good turnout for the business meeting, which was enjoyed by all present.

The former president was at the meeting and gave a very interesting talk. A vote was cast for a picnic to be held at Sheeley's grove August 26. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Hodge.

Grade School Being Repaired

Remodeling to be Finished When School Opens September 6

New School Board Acts

First Floor Rooms Will Be Put In Good Condition At A Nominal Cost

Work started this week at the Washington school repairing the first floor rooms so that they would be in good condition by the opening of school for the housing of pupils during the coming school year.

More and larger windows are being put in the first floor, which will also show an amount of light on a par with the other rooms of the building. The heating system is being changed to supply heat to the floors of the rooms instead of the ceilings, which has been unsatisfactory heretofore. A new ventilating system is also being installed which will insure the proper circulation of air to the first floor rooms, according to members of the school board.

Although there was some agitation on the part of local parents to start the first unit of a new building, by using the \$20,000 already appropriated, the board pointed out that it is too late in the year to start any construction, and there is not sufficient room on the grounds for such a building without removing part of the present structure, which is impracticable during the school year due to the crowded condition of the classrooms.

Noble Dunlap is in charge of the inside construction work at the Washington school. J. A. Miller is in charge of the building of new cement walks and curbing in front of the school property on Bridge street.

The school board expects no greater number of pupils this year than last.

Billboards and Hot-Dog Stands Disappearing From Oregon Highways

The State Motor association points out that almost unnoticed a reform is taking place in the elimination of billboards and hot-dog stands from Oregon highways. Slowly but surely the highway department is acquiring land along the right-of-way bordering on scenic and historical sections. This automatically eliminates the hot-dog stand and the billboard two of the greatest detractors from the beauties of the state.

The highway commission has gone about the acquiring of these properties quietly and unobtrusively and while others have complained of the nuisance along the highways, the commission has sought to correct the evil by acquiring the property rights in scenic sections.

Every motorist in the State of Oregon approves of this action of the commission as it retains for posterity the same beauties of nature that the present day motorist enjoys.

Wool and Mohair Growers To Compete for Prizes

A new feature of the Pacific International Livestock exposition to be held at Portland, on October 29 to November 5, is the Pacific International wool show. This exhibit will be held under the auspices of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers, with C. E. Grelle, member of that association and director of the Pacific International in direct charge.

"This show is open to every wool and mohair grower, whether a member of the wool growers association or not. All growers will receive the same consideration," announces Mr. Grelle. "Rules and shipping tags may be secured by writing to the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers, 461 Davis Street, Portland, Oregon. Fleeces may be sent to their warehouse at any time, where they will be taken care of and held for the show."

"This is a real opportunity for wool and mohair growers to have

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