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Council Sets Election Date

Amendment to City Charter to Be Voted On

February 14 is Date Set

Amendment to Charter Will Enable Council to Pass Ordinance Requiring Sidewalks

The city council passed a resolution Monday night at the regular meeting to call a special city election in Vernonia February 14 to vote on an amendment to the charter which will enable the council to pass ordinances requiring sidewalks to be constructed, without the necessity of forming an improvement district or bonding to pay off the indebtedness of such work.

The charter amendment, which will be published in the Eagle next week, proposes to give the council the power, by ordinance, to compel the owners of lots, blocks or parcels of land adjacent to and abutting upon any street or alley in the city of Vernonia to construct or repair sidewalks, within 60 days of the passage of the ordinance, under the supervision of the city engineer on the established grade.

In case the owner fails to comply with the ordinance, the city council shall cause the sidewalks or repairs to be constructed by the city engineer and enter the expense as a lien against the property adjoining.

The proposed amendment will also state that the city will not be responsible to damages to any person for injury sustained because of defective sidewalk whenever the marshal has posted notices upon such places of its unsafe condition.

The reason for the sudden action on the part of the council to get this charter amendment is to provide Vernonia with a good system of sidewalks to be assured of free mail delivery within the city limits, as asked for recently by the chamber of commerce.

Anniversary of 18th Amendment Observed

The W. C. T. U. sponsored an banquet Monday night in the social hall of the Evangelical church on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of the passing of the 18th amendment. Both churches cooperated.

After the banquet Rev. G. W. Plumer spoke on conditions in the days of the open saloon. He showed that before prohibition Portland alone had 450 saloons and that on many cross streets down town there were four saloons, one on each corner.

He also stated that one located at the corner of Burnside and Third streets sold more drinks than all the bootleggers put together today.

F. E. Malmsten next spoke on Vernonia in saloon days and now. Oscar Weed next gave a talk on law enforcement, showing the need of having persons to help in every way possible.

Rev. Mr. Dunn, evangelist at the Christian church, next gave a talk on the value of prohibition to youth and those who are weak.

Rev. Teddy Leavitt then gave a book review on "Prohibition at Its Worst," by Irwin. Mrs. Mills and the ladies of the W. C. T. U. then gave a number of songs.

The motto, "Prohibition is the Best Method," was placed upon the wall of the social hall.

House Burns Saturday

The Hoffacre house on C street, east of State, burned to the ground Saturday morning. Fire broke out at 1:30 a.m. and had apparently been extinguished. The firemen were recalled at 8:30, but the flames had gone too far to save the building, which had been unoccupied for a month.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Insurance was carried.

Marshfield—Last grading done on Roosevelt Highway south of Winchester Bay.

Firemen to Sponsor Movie Here January 30

In order that the dangerous, heroic life of a big city's firemen could be faithfully reproduced in an unexaggerated manner, the Los Angeles fire department placed every facility at the disposal of the F. B. O. Pictures corporation during the recent filming of "Hook and Ladder No. 9," to be shown at the Rose theatre Monday, January 30. The moving picture company received every assistance and the full co-operation of the department in turning out the film.

The supervision of the Los Angeles department was of material help. The resulting picture is said to be the most accurate portrayal of the every-day activities of the fire-fighters ever turned out. Not only is "Hook and Ladder No. 9" an intensely interesting and human picture, but it also is of great value in teaching the lesson of fire prevention.

The sweetest of love stories is woven around the thrilling action of the picture, providing a tender theme of romance. The plot concerns the breaking up of a life-long friendship between two young firefighters who are in love with the same girl. The most dramatic of climaxes, in which sense of duty takes supercedence over both love and hate, gives an unusual turn to the theme.

A thoroughly capable cast is featured in "Hook and Ladder No. 9," including such favorites as Cornelius Keef, Edward Hearn, Dione Ellis, Lucy Beaumont, Mary Gordon and Thomas L. Brower.

The Vernonia Volunteer Fire department will sponsor this show, the proceeds of which will be used to help the department funds.

Kelly Resigns as Marshal

H. G. Phelps Appointed by City Council Monday Night

The resignation of W. J. Kelly as city marshal Saturday was accepted by the council Monday night at the regular meeting. H. G. Phelps, who has been deputy marshal for some time was appointed immediately by Acting Mayor G. C. Mellinger, and the appointment unanimously approved by the council. Mr. Phelps was forthwith sworn in as marshal.

The matter of appointing the park board for 1928 was brought up for discussion. Mr. Mellinger stated that he preferred to wait until the return of Mayor Guy Mills from his visit in California, which is expected before the next meeting of the council on February 6.

City treasurer J. C. Lindley made his annual report to the council of the finances of the city of Vernonia. The report was accepted.

Portland Man Gets Joy Theatre Contract

J. H. Bush has announced that the bids for the Joy theatre, which is to be built at the corner of First and Bridge streets, were opened at the office of the architect in Portland Friday, when the contract for the building was awarded to Mr. Saddleberger of Portland.

The old building at the rear of the lots has been moved back and work of excavating for the basement under the stage to hold the heating plant started this week.

Mr. Bush has announced that all labor possible will be hired from Vernonia.

Truck Line To Have A Local Depot February 1

It is the plan of the Portland-Vernonia Truck line to have a local depot by February 1, according to C. L. Bateman, who has purchased two lots from C. C. Clay and is building a freight depot next to the Standard Oil plant on Rose avenue, which he has leased to the truck line.

Appleton Brothers, present owners of the truck line, plan to give the best of service in handling freight. All material brought to Vernonia will be left at the terminal, from which place a city truck will make deliveries.

It is the plan of the company to have a man in the local office at all times to receive freight any time during the day, make adjustments, and generally give an improved service. Mr. Bateman states that the truck line has signed a four-year lease for the property.

Annual Report Of Extension Work Made By County Agent Nelson

Summary of Work Accomplished in All Departments of Agriculture Outlined; Also Proposed Program

Geo. A. Nelson of St. Helens, county agent, has issued his annual report covering the work of his office from December 1, 1926, to November 30, 1927 in soil improvement, crop improvement, horticulture, dairying, general livestock, poultry, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, rodents, boys and girls club work entomology and plant pathology, and miscellaneous work.

The communities served are: Scappoose, Chapman, Warren, Yankton, Deer Island, Goble, Fern Hill, Delena and Hudson, Mayer, Quincy, Clatskanie, Marshland, Vernonia, Mist, Birkenfeld and St. Helens.

The county agent made a total of 534 farm visits. There were a total of 1278 office calls and 1194 telephone calls in regard to extension work during the year. There were 2230 individual letters written which are 329 more than were written last year. There were 79 circular letters written with a total of 10,312 copies mailed. There were 178 meetings held during the year, with a total attendance of 7671 which were 51 more than were held the year before and a greater attendance of 2252.

In the soil fertility work there were two drainage plans laid out that covered about 10 acres of ground with estimates made of the cost of draining. There was a total of 100 tons of lime from the state lime plant shipped into the county, which was distributed to 38 farmers for use on their farms.

Three commercial fertilizer tests were conducted; one on late potatoes, one on early potatoes, and one on root crops. This was done to check up on the value of using commercial fertilizers.

In the crop work there have been demonstrations and observations carried on in connection with the growing of white winter wheat, which has proved to be a satisfactory variety for Columbia county. One field of this was certified this year.

Treble barley seems to be proving a satisfactory variety to grow on tidelands and low lands, as it is an irrigated barley and requires considerable moisture for successful production. A number of plantings have been made of this variety of barley this year and have proven satisfactory.

Work has been conducted in connection with the promotion of the alfalfa crop, which is increasing quite rapidly at the present time. Demonstrations have been made on the advantages of seeding clover during the month of February with oats and vetch. Landino clover was planted for the first time on three different places. Japanese barnyard millet has been demonstrated on seven different places this year and is proving a valuable soiling crop.

The Imperial Green Globe turnip, which has proven successful in demonstrations carried on last year and this year, is a heavy yielder of good quality turnips. Considerable work has been done with the potato crop, which is one of the main cash crops for Columbia county farmers.

Special investigations have been made of the growing of cherries this year, for some of the farmers. The matter of raising vegetables in the home garden for an all the year supply was discussed with a number of communities. The main points stressed were, the raising of early vegetables and winter vegetables, and the proper storing of vegetables for winter use.

Dairying, represented by nearly 10,000 head of cattle, is one of the most important agricultural industries in the county. Problems in connection with the feeding of dairy cattle by home grown feeds and the providing of these crops in the way of alfalfa and other leguminous crops, as well as roots and other crops, have been given attention during the past year, as well as balancing these rations with the proper milk feeds.

Two dairy tours were accompanied. Also advised with those interested in the establishing of a creamery in Vernonia. Three boys and girls calf clubs were organized and stock judging teams trained. Also assisted with the work of

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Voters Must Register To Participate in Ore- gon Primaries May 18

Registration Books Will Close 30 Days Before Election; No "Swearing In" This Year.

This year being an election year, with the probability of the usual number of persons failing to register and depending upon having their votes sworn in, the warning is being issued by county clerks in Oregon that there will be no "swearing in" of voters, since a law was passed at the last legislature which does away with this practice.

The third Friday in May is election day, which falls on May 18 this year. This leaves April 17 as the last day when voters may register for the primaries.

The county clerk urges that all voters who have sworn in their votes at previous elections make sure that their names are in proper precincts. The registration cards that are made out on election day very frequently either do not reach county clerk's office or are improperly filled out so that they are not entitled to record on the permanent registration record.

Very frequently these cards do not state any address, so it is impossible to notify the elector that the card is not entitled to record. Also electors who have moved into adjoining precincts and have not corrected their registration, may have trouble on election day.

At the primary election next May those who are registered as republicans and democrats may vote. If any are registered under a party name that does not conform to the ticket they desire to vote next May, the law denies the privilege of changing their registration on election day.

Judge D. B. Reasoner is the registrar for electors in this district, and the books are open to registration at the city hall.

Hubbard—Fruit association sells 500 tons 1928 fruit to Libby, McNeil & Libby.

Modern Highways Federal Aid in Danger

By E. J. Adams
Approximately fifteen years ago congress realizing the need for modern highways to meet the growing motor traffic, provided funds to establish a bureau of public roads in the department of agriculture.

At first the efforts were directed to building short sections of road, of different materials, under varying conditions of climate, soil, drainage and traffic, then observe test, and experiment to ascertain the best types for the several purposes under the various conditions and develop standard specifications.

Passing from horse drawn vehicles to motor cars involved the expenditure of thousands instead of hundreds of dollars per mile for roads and the problem was too much for local road builders.

Finding it impossible to induce the states and counties to build adequate roads for motor traffic without financial co-operation, congress provided funds for this and the bureau of public roads were enabled to offer half the cost if the roads were built according to standard specifications under the supervision of the bureau. This inspired the states and counties to provide money and build roads under the federal specifications intended to be of sufficient strength to endure and of proper width, grade, drainage and curvature to serve the needs of the time and locality. The result is seen in all the states.

When we look at some of the roads that were first built by the states, roads that at the time seemed sufficient to endure forever, but were crushed and destroyed under the traffic in a few years, we hesitate to contemplate the terrific waste of public funds had not better standards been adopted under the urge of the Bureau of Public Roads.

Congress has appropriated the aggregate sum of \$840,000,000 to aid the states in building highways as follows: under the act of 1916, \$75,000,000 for a five year program; act of 1919, \$200,000,000
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Charles Hoffman Chosen On College Orchestra

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis.—Charles Hoffman of Vernonia, sophomore in the school of commerce, has been chosen a member of the Oregon State college orchestra, which opened its season Sunday afternoon, January 15. Hoffman plays the clarinet in the ensemble. Only those who are proficient enough in the use of their instruments and have the proper sense of interpretation of the classics played are chosen to remain as a part of the organization. For this reason, not until after a period of trial were the final selections made, the entire fall term having been devoted to this purpose.

The orchestra this year, with 74 members, is not only the largest in the history of the school, but is also the largest student musical organization ever heard on the campus. At the opening concert Sunday the program included selections from Tschalkowski, Vollstedt, Weber's "Oberon", Grieg's "Peer Gynt" and Gounod's "Faust."

Chamber Meets Today.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon today at the Horseshoe cafe. Announcement of committees for the year will be made by President R. M. Aldrich.

Appointed on Fair Board

O. G. Weed of Vernonia was appointed to serve as a member of the county fair board for a term of three years by the county court last week. He succeeds R. N. Lovelace of Hudson.

Club Work Interests Many

During 1927 County Had 547 Boys And Girls Actively Engaged

With a total of 547 boys and girls in Columbia county active engaged in 4-H club work, a great many homes are now represented, according to Elizabeth Murray, county school superintendent.

"The attention that the United States government gives to it seems to me a sufficient reason," states Miss Murray, "that we should devote more time to these projects. Senator McNary wired the state superintendent recently that a bill was being considered favorable that was to make a large appropriation for club work throughout the various states.

"Miss Emma Shallop, of the Clatskanie grade school last year, and this year of the St. Helens grade school, completed the largest club project in the state. This year Miss Shallop has organized two large sewing clubs. A great deal of interest in being shown and no doubt she will have the same honor again this year.

"Mrs. Sylvia Archibald of Wilark has the honor of being the first club leader in the state who completed the first project in the year twice in succession."

Boys and girls 4-H club work is a part of the national agricultural extension system. Through it, rural boys and girls 10 to 20 years of age, in school and out of school, are taught better agricultural and home economics practices and the finer and more significant things of rural life. It builds men and women.

These boys and girls are demonstrators—they learn and teach better ways on the farm, in the home, and in the community. They work, earn money, and acquire property. They do the needful, the wholesome, the helpful thing. They become leaders. They play the game fairly. They meet together, work together, play together, cooperate, achieve. They build up their bodies and health through right living.

There are about 11,000,000 rural boys and girls 10 to 18 years of age in the United States. There are now enrolled in 4-H club work about 600,000 rural boys and girls, or about one out of each 18. The aim is so to develop the work that every boy or girl who reaches maturity and takes up farm life shall have had the opportunity in youth to take part in 4-H club work.

To find out more about 4-H club work, ask the club member or local club leader, the county extension agent, the extension director of the Oregon Agricultural college, the extension service of the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., or write Elizabeth Murray or George Nelson St. Helens, Oregon.

Expects More Dairying Here

County Agent Speaks at Meet- ing January 11

Cow Population is Small

Benefits of Breeding Good Cattle Pointed Out By George A. Nelson At Dairy Meeting

With a good representation of local dairymen present, Geo. A. Nelson of St. Helens, county agent, spoke at a meeting in the Grange hall Wednesday of last week on "Development of Dairying in the Nehalem Valley." The meeting was arranged under the auspices of Vernonia Grange. A. L. Parker presided.

There has been a gradual development here of all industries in the past few years, which has brought about better conditions and a good local market, which is due to the long haul, according to Mr. Nelson. He stated that dairying now forms approximately 42 per cent of Columbia county agriculture, with an income of \$517,000 a year.

"Columbia county now has 7,700 cows, and the Nehalem valley has from 300 to 400 of these, giving it the smallest proportion of any section of the county, considering the natural advantages which make it the best dairying section of the county," said Mr. Nelson. "Even the smaller number of cows here at present brings in \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year to the valley with cream checks.

"Lumbering has been the main industry for some time in this locality, but farming will be the main business in the future, although this in an industry which is slow to build up. As all the other coast districts of Oregon which have had the natural advantages for dairying have built up that business, the same will happen here. In all the district of Oregon the per capita population averages 12 cows to a farm, while in the Nehalem the average will only amount to 3 or 4 cows to the farm. If this section is built up in the same proportion as other dairying centers, the Nehalem could and should have 2000 cows here, which would bring an income of about \$200,000 a year to the valley."

Breed Good Cattle

Mr. Nelson pointed out the advantages of breeding good cattle, showing the greater profits derived from a little more investment. He discussed the feeds suitable to dairy cows and pointed out the savings effected in growing as much of the feed consumed as possible. Legume crops, such as clover, vetch and alfalfa was especially recommended.

The need for better pasturage was pointed out, as this is said to be a detail often overlooked. He recommended the raising of kale and root crops as well as silage, saying that by having plenty of these, which should be supplemented with mill feed rations, there would not be the necessity of having to feed so heavy a ration with expensive feeds. This will result in the giving of good production with less costs.

The proper methods of mixing feeds were explained and the savings effected and better feeds secured pointed out. He stated that he will be glad to furnish anyone with bulletins on this or any other subject upon request.

The many sidelines of dairying, such as the production of pork to utilize cheap and waste feeds were explained. And on farms having logged off lands, sheep will work in very nicely to use this space, according to Mr. Nelson.

After the lecture, a general round table discussion was held which lasted another hour. Questions were asked on how to get new cows. Mr. Nelson stated that there is no surplus of cows in Columbia county at present and that an attempt is being made to secure heifer calves from Tillamook, where the only calves sold are from stock producing 300
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