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Few Registered To Vote In City

All Not Voting in Last Election Must Re-register

February 9 Is Last Date

Only Those Registered Will Be Entitled to Vote in Special City Election February 14

With a special city election set for February 14, when the voters of Vernonia will decide whether they want a charter amendment to permit the council to pass ordinances compelling property owners to construct or repair sidewalks in the city, the warning is issued by City Recorder D. B. Baasoner that but few are entitled to vote at present.

Since less than 300 voted at the city election in the fall of 1924, all others automatically cancelled their registration, according to the law. It will be necessary for these persons to re-register to vote at this coming election as a law passed recently no longer permits the swearing in of voters on election day in Oregon.

February 9 Last Day

Judge Reasoner has set February 9 as the last day when he will accept registrations for the special election, as he must have time to prepare the poll books and other material for the election on February 14. He also states that it would be advisable for all persons who were sworn in the last time registered, as mistakes sometimes they voted to check up with his records to see if they are properly occurred at such times which would void the registration.

With the move recently made by the local Chamber of Commerce in asking for free postal delivery within the city limits, it was found that there is a scarcity of sidewalks in this locality. Among other things, the post office department requires continuous sidewalks to all places where mail is to be delivered. With the need so apparent the city council quickly passed a resolution putting up the charter amendment to the people to be passed on. Little opposition has been heard to the proposed amendment, and it is believed that it will pass, however, it is said that some property owners do not want to pay for this small improvement at this time and will work to have the measure defeated.

After the amendment is passed, the council may then proceed to pass ordinances requiring the building of sidewalks. It is expected that they will merely require wood sidewalks in the majority of cases, as even the repairing of some now is expensive. The cost of having the grade established in each case will probably be deferred until such a time as the city wishes to build only cement walks.

Publication of the full proposed charter amendment may be found on another page of this issue.

Portfolio From France

Mrs. Nichol, who teaches in the Washington school, has received through the Red Cross, a portfolio from Ecole des Postes, Bournonville, France. This is in exchange for one the Vernonia schools sent there last year. It is said to be a beautiful portfolio and contains among other things a text book on "Methods of Reading," such as is used in their own school. It also contains pen and mechanical drawings and paintings by the children and some interesting views of the town. Another interesting feature is some letters from the children which are written in both French and English.

The school is also in receipt of a letter from Volkshaus, Freiburg, Germany, saying that they have received a portfolio from Vernonia and are sending one in return. Enclosed were a number of views of the town. According to the letter it is "a small town of about 18,000."

H. B. Gates of Los Angeles, J. H. Roberts, J. M. McKeen, J. H. Fisher and J. E. Smith of Portland,

American Legion Auxiliary Installs Officers for 1928

Mrs. H. E. McGraw, retiring president, acted as installing officer at the special meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Monday night, when the following members were placed in office.

Mrs. M. E. Moe, president; Mrs. Harry Wilson, vice president; Mrs. J. C. Lindley, secretary; Mrs. E. H. Washburn, treasurer; Mrs. R. F. Nance, treasurer Mrs. Emmett Crow, chaplain; Mrs. W. S. Eason, historian; Mrs. W. W. Jackson, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. E. J. Tomley, Mrs. W. H. Hurley and Mrs. V. Powell, executive committee.

After the installation Mrs. H. E. McGraw was presented with a past president's jewel.

Pomona Grange Meets Feb. 4

Columbia County Pomona Grange will have their 98th regular session with Beaver Valley Grange 306 on Saturday, February 4. The secretaries are asked to send in Pomona reports in ample time for the meeting.

Magazines Will Be Furnished High School By P.-T. Association

The Parent-Teacher association which met at the high school Friday with the vice-president, Mrs. E. A. Green in the chair, plans to furnish the high school with magazines and the high school teachers have been asked to make a list of the magazines that would be most suitable.

Each of the three schools were asked to make a list of the things that are needed most in the school. Each list is to approximate \$25. Mrs. Judd Greenman gave a very interesting talk on "Books." She pointed out that there are suitable books for every age and she urged the parents to have as many books as possible in the home, from the nursery rhymes for the little tots to good magazines for the older children.

She also remarked that she thought the stories which the young people read today are much better than the dime novels which were read so extensively a generation ago.

At the next meeting of the P.-T. A. a new president will be elected as Mrs. Madge Rogers has resigned this office.

In Our National Forests

(By E. J. Adams)

One hundred and fifty years ago, a time well within the memory of our grandfathers, this country seemed to be one vast, boundless, unlimited, unexplored, unsurveyed, uncrucified, inexhaustible forest, apparently sufficient to supply the needs of the world for all time.

The prevailing means of transportation was by man-fashioned vessels propelled over the natural waterways by wind or man power.

Along the banks of the navigable streams grew sturdy oak trees suitable for building the vessels. The only concern of the fathers was the preservation of these oak trees for use in ship building and so it came about that they were preserved by statute and ordinance for shipbuilding.

Steam railroads were then unknown and undreamed of, but they soon followed, as the second great transportation system, and opened up the interior to settlement and development. The railroads decreased the passing need for ships and also brought within easy reach of the shipbuilders and abundance of timber suitable for shipbuilding and all other purposes.

As our fathers moved inland to new homes for their families, they sought tillable and productive land. The finest oak and walnut trees were cut down, rolled together and burned, that wheat, oats, corn, hay and potatoes might grow in their place.

During later but still the early years of this republic, and within the memory of men now living, the forests in the great lakes region seemed sufficient to supply the needs of our people forever, but within a very few years they were cut and removed. The lumbermen went south and west for more trees to cut.

Not until we saw the forests of the east and middle west, and

Annual Report Made By Park Commission On Last Year's Work

Park Has Been Graded, Cleared, and Trees Trimmed; Tentative Plans for 1928 Outlined

(By Mrs. Judd Greenman)

The park commission was appointed by the mayor last March and held their first meeting on the 9th of that month. Since then there has been eight meetings of the board and a great deal has been accomplished.

The city council allowed the park \$100, and \$141.66 was taken in on Vernonia day. This money has been used for grading, clearing away brush and trimming trees in the park.

This year the city council voted the park \$500 and some of this sum has been spent for digging a ditch and grading with a tractor. Several huge stumps were burned and now the ground is in fine shape.

As soon as the weather is settled enough there will be more grading done and the ground will be leveled and seeded to grass. A number of people have offered to donate plants and shrubs and these will be collected and planted.

Water will be piped into the park and a camp stove built so it can be used for picnics. Some tables and benches have already been donated and the park commission hopes to have a well established city park functioning by early summer.

There are plans for tennis courts and play grounds for the children and some money is now available for playground apparatus as soon as the ground is in shape.

The board is feeling very optimistic and are looking forward to a summer when the people of Vernonia will have a real park in which to play.

The products of the forest. The spirit of conservation seized the people of the east. The president was authorized by acts of congress to withdraw from entry, and set aside in forest reserves, large areas of the public domain, now called national forests. Later congress repealed this law and reserved that right unto itself.

The forest lands of the east, however, had already passed into private ownership. The trees had been harvested and the lands were being devoted to agriculture. Tillable fields and buildings were fast taking place of the stumps, and the lands, and the improvements thereon, together with the personal property necessary to operate the farms, were listed on the tax roll where they contributed annually to the cost of the government and education.

Our national forests now consist of about one hundred and fifty seven million acres located in 27 different states and the territories of Alaska and Porto Rico. Over one hundred and thirty-two million acres, eighty-four per cent of the whole are located in the eleven western states of Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico, and occupy about eighteen per cent of the aggregate area of these states.

If the national forests within these eleven states were transferred to Atlantic coast it would require the entire area of the twelve states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and West Virginia to hold them.

It is estimated that about seven hundred billion feet of merchantable timber is standing in these national forests, and one hundred and ten million acres are suitable for grazing purposes.

Many people have the mistaken notion that to conserve our timber we must entirely stop the cutting and keep it as it stands for some future need greater than now exists, but we must remember that timber like grain is a crop and to keep it standing after it is ripe is not conservation, but waste.

Conservation consists of utilizing the products of the land. Cut the timber, use it without waste, and

Basketball Team Climbs To Second Position In Columbia County League

One Point Defeat by St. Helens in First Game Marred Perfect Record For Season.

The Vernonia high school basketball team has now reached second place in the Columbia county league, in which St. Helens, Scappoose, Rainier and Clatskanie are also competing. Vernonia's two point defeat of Rainier here last Friday makes the situation look favorable for a chance at the championship pennant, according to local fans.

A nervousness in playing was evident in the game with St. Helens at the first of the season, which has been partly overcome. In the first half of the Rainier game, Vernonia lead 18 to 10. During Rainier's rally in the second half, the Vernonia team made more shots at the basket than Rainier, but nervousness again crept over them, and but few were netted.

The game in Portland Friday night with Hill Military academy, is expected to give the local team a good workout, inasmuch as it does not figure in the county league results. January 31 the local team will journey to Clatskanie where local fans hope they will even the score against that team, when the chance for the county championship was lost on that floor.

Late Farm Market Review

Review of Commodity Market Trends For Past Week

Grain. The market for the principal grains held generally firm during the week just past. Sharp competition for high protein qualities of spring wheat advanced the market somewhat for the best quality. There was a fair demand for exports for both red and white wheats at Portland, Oregon. Wet wheats in the Pacific northwest are finding a ready outlet through feeding channels. The barley market is generally firm with receipts light in all markets. There is a good demand for feeding barley. Oats ruled firm all over the country.

Hay and feed. Higher grain prices during the past week have strengthened feed prices. Cotton seed products again ruled irregularly higher. Alfalfa meal was generally firm. Hay market generally was firm to a little higher.

Potatoes. The potato market seemed somewhat weaker, at the end of last week, all over the country. California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho shipped 1,242 cars during the week of January 8 to 14, as compared with 799 cars the week before. The total movement for the United States during the first week mentioned was 5,344 cars compared with 4,217 the previous week.

Apples. Apples are moving actively from storage. Compared with previous seasons the shortage in cold storage stocks is becoming greater and greater. Few changes occurred in apple prices during the week just passed altho prices on European markets declined somewhat.

Butter. A firm tone to the butter market at San Francisco prevailed. In the Eastern markets the price declined somewhat. Production is still increasing. The storage withdrawals are light. Foreign prices are lower. There were 46,309,000 pounds of creamery butter in storage January first compared with 34,847,000 pounds a year ago, and a five year average of 41,289,000 pounds.

Wool and mohair. There has been an active demand for wool with some contracting during the last two weeks. There has been a considerable advance in prices. Buyers are active in western Oregon counties. A few sales were reported during the last week of Australian wools, with generally stronger tone. Mohair prices are firm.

Livestock. Cattle prices still continue to advance. A strong demand in the country and a weaker supply is tending to increase values in cattle. Cattle are feeding seasonally well throughout the state with a single bad storm.

1928 Jury List Drawn Here For Justice Court

The 1928 jury list for district 4 of Columbia county, of which P. Hill is justice of the peace, has been drawn as follows:

R. M. Aldrich, Frank Allen, A. J. Austin, A. Bennett, Cass Bergeron, Chas. Bergeron, Peter Bergeron, L. Boeck Sr., J. W. Brown, Louis Brown, C. Bruce, J. H. Bush, D. C. Cason, Albert Childs, H. Christenson, J. M. Clark, B. J. Cline, H. M. Condit, A. B. Counts, B. Crowley, C. Dubendorf, R. Duncan, J. Emmons, R. Emmott, J. A. Erickson.

A. Ponda, L. L. Graven, C. P. Hieber, G. Henkle, R. Hammack, P. Hartwick, A. R. Holmes, W. H. Hurley, G. C. Johns, H. Johns, M. Jolley, J. Kranick, A. L. Kullander, J. R. Lee, Chas. Malmsten, H. E. McGraw, B. McDonald, J. A. McDonald, J. P. McDonald, John Miller, Geo. McDonald, Chas. Mellinger, Perry Mellinger, Mike Miller, G. A. Mills, G. R. Mills.

Alex. Morton, Mike O'Conner, P. Overson, Andrew Parker, N. J. Parker, W. O. Porterfield, C. W. Reithner, Thos. Riggles, J. W. Rose, R. Sasseman, Earl Snider, Dan Steiner, A. Sword, R. Spencer, J. E. Tapp, E. S. Thompson, C. O. Thomas, Roy Tucker, Evan Treharne, C. A. Van Alstine, Harry Wilson, Albert Wood, Bert Wood, Dave Dubendorf.

Womens Relief Corps Installs Officers For 1928; All Day Meeting

The Womens Relief Corps installed the newly elected officers for 1928 at an all day meeting Thursday. Mrs. Horseman came over from Portland to install the officers. After the installation a luncheon was served in the social room of the Evangelical church.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Nannie B. Hall; senior vice president, Ruth Reese; junior vice president, Alma Mills; treasurer, Lenia Stanton; chaplain, Minnie John; conductor, May Mellinger; grand, Laura Sauer; secretary, Eula John Stanton; patriotic inst., Sarah A. Spencer; press correspondent, Mrs. A. J. Sitts; musician, Alta E. John; assistant conductress, Irene Spencer; assistant guard, Ida Johnson; color bearers, No. 1, Emma Miller; No. 2, Violet Miller; No. 3, Beulah Basington; No. 4, Attie Cameron.

Proceeds of "Hook and Ladder No. 9" To Go To Fire Department

The proceeds of the "Hook and Ladder No. 9" will go to the Vernonia Volunteer Fire department, who is sponsoring the picture, which will be shown at the Rose theatre Monday, January 30.

That the portrayal of life in the fire department might be as accurate as possible, the City of Los Angeles placed the entire resources of its firefighting forces at the disposal of the F. B. O. studios for the filming of "Hook and Ladder No. 9."

All the fire-house scenes were actually taken in the engine headquarters at the corner of Second and Western avenues in Hollywood, and the many shots of the big red trucks in action were filmed with the local smoke-esters handling their own equipment.

While this participation of real firemen in the picture lent a touch of realism found impossible to obtain in any other way, it necessitated the use of extremely delicate care in lighting and filming the action, as all of the men steadfastly refused to do make-up. "Hook and Ladder No. 9" is a screen story based upon the rivalry of two young firemen who love the same girl. Their adventures and hair-raising escapes in the course of their duty and love forms what is said to be one of the most dramatically realistic pictures of fire department life ever shown on the screen.

Among the featured members of the cast are such well known names as Cornelius Keefe, Edward Hearn, Diane Ellis, Mary Gordon, Lucy Beaumont, Thomas L. Brower, Johnny Cough and others.

Mrs. O. T. Williams has been

Chamber Expects Year Of Activity

A Novel Method of Choosing Committees Evolved

Membership Drive to Start

Goal of 300 Members is Set For 1928; Past Year Was First in Which Active All Year.

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce has set a goal of 300 members for 1928, according to R. M. Aldrich, president, who states that the past year was the most successful in its history, having been the first year that the chamber was active the whole time.

An office has been maintained, where general information is given out to travelers and settlers, both from personal inquiry and through the mails. Many inquiries come every week from persons interested in this section of Oregon, who want to go into the dairy, sheep, poultry, general farming or other businesses.

With a larger membership, the scope of work of the secretary's office will be enlarged, according to Mr. Aldrich, who states that the amount of work that can be done to advertise this valley is limited only by the funds available.

A circular letter has recently been sent to all the members asking them to state their preference as to the committee on which they wish to serve, in order that better results will be obtained this way, as the arbitrary placing of some members on certain committees in which they are not interested is a waste of time.

The committees listed are: Roads, industries, fish and game, agriculture, transportation, publicity, membership, land settlement, and civic improvement.

Luncheons are held at noon every two weeks by the local chamber at the Horseshoe cafe. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 2. All persons interested in the affairs of the chamber, whether members or not, are invited to attend these meetings.

40 Local Pupils Pass State Examinations

State examinations were held on Friday in Oregon history and geography for students in the sixth and seventh grades. The following students were successful: Oregon history: Reba Adams, Aubrey Austin, Gilew Bennett, Lois Beveridge, Mildred Cason, Robert Cline, Robert Dickerson, Chester Evans, Virginia Fielding, Delmar George, Marion Gray, Thelma Johnston, Wilma Johnston, Celesta McDonald, Bert Mills, Beatrice Morris, John McKee, Ruby Palmer, May Pendleton, Jewel Smith, Arnold Trade, Alice Watts.

Geography: Junior Aldrich, Margaret Bennett, Delphine Cates, Leroy Christensen, Lewis Davis, Nellie Green, Lawrence Jacobard, Desmond Laird, George Laird, Marion Lindley, Irene Moore, Wesley Northup, Dale Osborne, Edna Owens, Christine Rainey, Louise Roberson, Glenn Urie, Russell Whittell.

Grange School Planned

The second annual grange lecturers school designed to assist officers of the local organizations in preparing literary and recreation programs has been scheduled for February 1-2-3 on the campus of the state college. The three-day program featuring demonstrations of community drama, recreational games and musicals will be held at the state college.