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Grange Opposes Change In Bill

Would Not Eliminate the Price-Fixing Features

Suggests Debenture Bond

Also Approves Norris Resolution To Abolish "Lame Duck" Session of Congress

Deer Island Grange has notified Senator Chas. L. McNary that they are opposed to the movement on foot to eliminate the price-fixing feature of his farm relief bill as introduced this session of congress. In a communication recently sent him they stated that "we would rather have the bill defeated, as to eliminate this part would only create a lot of high salaried officials and be of no material benefit to the farmer.

"The National Grange stands for the debenture bond plan and we would suggest this plan as a substitute for the price-fixing plan of your bill. The debenture bond plan creates no new offices or high salaried officials as the enlargement of a few existing agencies is all that is needed for its administration."

Approve Norris Resolution

Deer Island Grange sent a resolution to the three representatives stating that they approved the Norris resolution for a constitutional amendment which would abolish the "lame duck" session of congress which has been passed by the United States senate several times only to be defeated by the house.

J. M. Clark has purchased two lots at the corner of D and East streets on the east side from A. E. Wright of Portland. Mark Cameron, formerly of Hood River, but who now resides in California, was here over the week end visiting his brothers, who are employed at the Gilby Motor company.

Registrations For City Election Have Been Few

City Recorder Reasoner states that registrations for the coming city election on February 14 have been coming in very slowly. The last date on which these will be received is February 9.

The election has been called for the purpose of voting a charter amendment to enable the council to pass ordinances requiring the lighting of sidewalks.

W. C. T. U. Will Meet Feb. 7

The W. C. T. U. will meet February 7 instead of February 14 at the home of Mrs. Franklin Malmsten. All members are asked to be present as this is to be an important meeting. Friends are always welcome to attend all meetings.

W. C. T. U. Institute to Start

The W. C. T. U. of Columbia will start their series of institutes February 7. The one to be held in Vernonia will occur on February 10, and will be an all-day session. It is said that the evening meeting will be of especial interest to the public. There will be pictures of the Corvallis Farm Home shown, also a lecture by Miss Maude Aldrich, national movie director of the W. C. T. U., who is a noted speaker. No admission will be charged, but a collection taken to help defray expenses. The public is cordially invited.

Economic Conference Feb. 28-29

Plans for the Columbia County Economic Conference for February 28-29, are rapidly being formulated. The various commodity committees are being appointed to outline the important items to be considered at the meeting.

When this conference convenes, the first day will be given over to the committee work and for the committees to formulate a report to present at the general conference on the second day of the meeting.

Astoria. Lower Columbia Co-operative Dairy Association will build big condensary and powdered milk plant.

Hood River. Negotiations begin for 50-ton pulp, and perhaps a paper mill.

Cabin Is Planned For Vernonia Camp Fire Girls

The need for a cabin as a meeting place for the five Camp Fire groups of Vernonia was stressed at a meeting held in the Washington school by representatives of different organizations in town.

A committee to act as a ways and means, and also as a building committee was appointed as follows: C. F. Hieber, Rev. G. W. Plumer, Mrs. Fred Brewer, Miss Hazel Malmsten, Mrs. Black and Miss Bessie McDonald.

A location for the building has not been selected yet, but it is thought that one measuring 44 by 30 feet would suit the needs of the girls. This would provide a place for their meetings which now presents a serious problem, according to the guardians.

An advisory council was elected by the guardians last week as follows: Mrs. Judd, Greenman, Mrs. Mark E. Moe, and Mrs. M. D. Cole. The guardians of the five groups are: Mrs. A. C. Knauss, Miss Melba Laramore, Miss Hazel Malmsten, Mrs. Fred Brewer and Miss Bessie McDonald.

Mass Meeting Is Called For All Ex-Service Men

A mass meeting for all ex-service men and their families will be held in St. Helens February 11, when the various benefits for all veterans will be explained, according to J. W. Valiant, service officer of the American Legion, department of Oregon.

There will be a conference of post officers of the county the same day at 11 a.m.

Robert Hoffman Pledged To Phi Lambda Upsilon

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 30. Robert Hoffman of Vernonia, junior in chemical engineering, has been pledged to Phi Lambda Upsilon, national honorary fraternity in chemistry. The pledging was a feature at a meeting of faculty and students assembled to hear a lecture by Dr. Niel Gordon, editor of chemical education. Selection is based on scholarship, character and leadership.

Information on Future Is Gathered For Farms

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 1. Knowledge is power, so says the sage. And knowledge is profit, says the farmer, especially if that knowledge includes information about what "the other fellow" is going to raise.

Such knowledge for use of Oregon farmers in 1928 is the object of a state economic-outlook conference scheduled here February 8-11 which will be followed by a series of 10 county conferences later in the month. These local conferences under the auspices of the extension service are an outgrowth of the former economic conferences and will re-state the agricultural programs in the light of new conditions and later and more complete information based on federal and state outlook reports and local data.

County agents here in annual conference, together with extension specialists and college department heads, will prepare the statewide outlook report containing conclusions on all Oregon farm enterprises as they appear for the coming year. The federal outlook report released January 28 containing latest "intentions to plant" information will be available for use along with more complete state data than ever before. G. R. Hyslop, chief in farm crops, is chairman of this committee.

With the state report prepared, conferences in 10 counties will be held on the following dates: Lane, February 17-18; Malheur, Polk, Clackamas, February 21-22; Columbia, Josephine and Deschutes, February 28-29. Farmers, business men and bankers will take part in these local meetings in order best to adapt the state outlook reports to local needs.

Avoidance of ruinous surpluses and unnecessary shortages in farm production has been found possible in a measure through widespread information on farm outlook early in the year. While it is not presumed that a successful farmer will jump around from one type of farming to another constantly, adjustments can be made to materialize increase profits, experience has shown.

G. W. Ford Appointed Receiver of Vernonia Light & Power Co.

The Company's Only Office Will Be Maintained Here; All Portland Connections Severed.

G. W. Ford was appointed receiver of the Vernonia Light & Power company by Judge Eakin of the circuit court at St. Helens Tuesday. He has stated that the only office that will be maintained by the company will be the one used at present in Vernonia.

The bondholders in Columbia county requested that the custody of the company property be turned over to this county, and this was ordered done Saturday by Circuit Judges Tucker and Stevenson of Multnomah county.

For more than a year Lloyd R. Smith in Portland had been the receiver for both the Vernonia Light & Power company and also the Northwestern Trust company, due to the companies being allied because of \$125,000 bond issue. The light and power company has now severed connections with the trust company.

Mr. Ford states that he intends to put on a flannel shirt and help "Frenchy" La Roque, local manager, put the equipment and affairs of the power company in shape. No radical changes in rates, service or methods will take place for some time, he states, but an honest effort will be made to build up the plant until it is in the best possible condition. After that, he stated, an attempt will be made to sell it to the best advantage of the bondholders, when it can again be operated as such a concern should. Mr. Ford has had experience with receiverships of public service concerns before, and has met with marked success in rebuilding them to their proper status and taking them out of the hands of the courts.

Dog Licenses Must Be Purchased by March 1 Warns County Clerk

With March 1 of each year set as the last day, according to the Oregon laws, on which licenses for dogs may be purchased without penalty, County Clerk J. W. Hunt of St. Helens warns all dog owners to secure their licenses in the near future.

The law relating to dog license and penalties, which is reprinted on another page of this issue, states that any owner or keeper of a dog who fails to procure a license shall be subject to a fine of \$10. Another section of the law is that relating to claims for damages inflicted by dogs, in which it states that the owner of sheep or goats may file claims for damages inflicted by dogs with the county court.

Ex-Kaiser's Tub For Sale

The offering for sale in Essen, Germany, of an ornate copper gas-heated bathtub bearing the imperial arms of the Hohenzollerns and once used by former Kaiser Wilhelm recalls the unique and humorous early history of that now indispensable fixture.

When bathtubs were first introduced into the United States in 1840, newspapers condemned them, politicians made eloquent speeches against them, and doctors held them up as a menace to health. In 1843 Virginia levied an annual tax of \$30 on every bath tub. A Boston ordinance forbade the use of them except when ordered by a physician.

The Kaiser's old tub which now approaches the auction block was constructed in 1891 when gas stoves were a novelty and gas was used exclusively for lighting.

Keep Farm Accounts

The keeping of farm accounts is an important item in connection with good farm management. This helps to keep account of the expenditures and receipts of the different projects of the farm, in order to return net profits on each undertaking.

The county agent's office has a book that is well adapted to the keeping of farm accounts in a simple form that is easy to keep and gives the maximum amount of information. These books may be obtained at the county agent's office at the cost of printing, which is 15c each.

Los Angeles Again Extends Limits Of City Several Miles

Foggy and Cold Weather Causes Intense Gloom Among Northern California Folk; Business Quiet.

(By A. D. Moe of Hood River, father of the editor of the Eagle) Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 14, 1928.

We left Yuba City Thursday morning in a fog and it lasted all day. While it was not heavy enough to interfere with traffic, yet the roads were wet part of the time. We took the route over the Garden highway to Sacramento, where we spent an hour greasing and oiling the car and getting an auto permit. The office of the Division of Motor Vehicles is now in a new building on P street. The same girl was the boss in the office who caused me so much trouble the first time we went through seven years ago, but she has apparently calmed down since and we got the label without delay.

The fog lasted all day. We expected to run out of it near Fresno, but it got worse and at Tulare, where we spent the night, they said the sun had not been seen for ten days.

California is sure "in the dumps" without sun. Everybody complains, and when the sun doesn't shine it is cold.

The next morning the fog was worse than ever and lasted until we reached the Grapevine station at the foot of the Tehachipe mountains. Then the weather turned from winter to summer.

The roads were good all the way however, and the new car got quite a kick out of its first trip to California. The old car was so familiar with the road that we did not have to pay much attention to road signs, but had to show the road to the new Commander. It made better time than the old one, however.

Through the grape country between Stockton and Fresno we saw grapes still hanging on the vines, where many fields had not been picked, so the grape growers must be having their troubles.

Nearly all the towns we went through, especially the larger places, show improvements, and the roads are being improved all along the way. The entire Pacific coast is growing, from the Canadian border to Mexico. The 28 miles of curves on the Ridge route are being widened and straightened, but there are several miles still uncompleted. The drive is a very picturesque one, but requires slow and careful driving.

Los Angeles is still expanding. Nearly every year we see the first Los Angeles sign on the highway moved farther north. This year, about two miles south of the county line, and 75 miles from the center of the city, a large sign read: "You are now entering Los Angeles." When we went through 79 miles of a continuous city last spring as we passed through Chicago, we thought it the longest city in the United States, but Los Angeles is making room for the largest city in the world, if it can build up solid in the great expanse of country now annexed. The city limits have surrounded several of the smaller suburban towns, with the hope of compelling them to surrender, and some of them have, while others are still holding out.

Los Angeles, Jan. 17, 1928.

While Mrs. Moe is enjoying a visit with her sister, Mrs. Otis, at her country home in the San Fernando valley, 26 miles from Broadway, (in the city of Los Angeles, of course) I am calling on old friends in the business district. The last three days have been cold, with frost every morning and the tops of the Sierras showing white with a new storm. We got through the Ridge route over the Tehachipe mountains just in time as the next day a snow storm covered the pavement a couple of inches deep, with fog in places that froze on the wind shields of the cars. C. W. Hooker, at the Wholesale Terminal, said the cool weather is helping to improve the apple market. They they have had several weeks of very warm weather here up to the present time that has caused many of the apples to go down, especially those which were overripe and affected by the submerged washing.

Mr. Hooker says that there are less Hood River apples in Los Angeles. Please turn to page 6

1927 Was Active Year For Pythian Sisters

Vernonia Temple No. 6 is still very much alive. Our meetings are well attended as our members always have something interesting for us to work on. The past year has been a very successful one for us.

Emil Messing, one of our knights, made and donated a cedar chest, (with the Pythian Sister emblem carved and painted on it,) to the sisters. All sisters took very active part in filling the chest with very beautiful fancy work. Five hundred tickets were sold, at fifty cents each, which brought a total of two hundred and fifty dollars. The chest was raffled off just before Thanksgiving Day. First and second prizes were given. Our M. E. C., Mrs. Mildred Black was fortunate enough to get the lucky number for the chest, and it was presented to her at Christmas time. In return for the chest, the sisters presented Mr. Messing with a very beautiful Knights of Pythias ring for Christmas.

We are quietly doing a great deal of altruistic work. We helped needy families at Christmas time. We are always ready to help at any time when necessary. We also sent a barrel of fruit to the children's home at Vancouver, just after Christmas.

On Wednesday, January 11, at our regular meeting, the following officers were installed: M. E. C., Adela Soden; M. of R. C., Pearl Wilkerson; E. S. Theo Emmott; E. J. Freeda Van Doran; M. of F., Lorita Bateman; manager, Minnie Aspland; protector, Isabel Culbertson; guard, Loreta Lamping; P. C., Mildred Black. Mrs. Katherine Hoffman is our pianist and Lola Nance press correspondent. A light lunch of ice cream and cake and coffee was served afterward.

We hope our coming year will be just as successful as in the past one.

Clover Seeding Time Is February or March

Clover is one of the most cheaply produced short lived legume forage crops, especially when planted with fall grain. February is usually the best time for sowing in western Oregon, while March is best in the irrigated section of eastern Oregon.

The seed is broadcast on the grain field at the rate of 10 to 12 pounds of red clover or 6 to 8 pounds of alsike clover per acre. Freezing and thawing weather or a good rain will cover the seed but if sown at a dry time it is harrowed in. Losses sometimes occur when sowing is followed by a light rain and seed sprouts fail to get rooted. Land of good tilth gives best results, but where a stand is difficult to obtain, sowing alone later in the season is recommended.

P.-T. Assn. To Meet Monday

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held in the Washington school Monday evening. Dr. R. I. Hall will speak on "Contagious Diseases," and an interesting program is planned. Everyone interested in the schools is urged to attend.

Plans are progressing for the bazaar and food sale to be held February 25.

Purney-Holcomb

Mrs. Pearl Purney and Herman Holcomb were married in Vancouver, Wash., Monday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McDaniel. Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb who are well known here, will reside in Vernonia.

Installs 12-Hole Frigidaire

The Lincoln Candy Kitchen installed a new 12-hole Frigidaire yesterday, which Mr. Lincoln states will now enable him to give a greater variety of service in ice creams and sherbets than formerly. This is in line with improvements contemplated upon moving into the new location. Mr. Lincoln is especially optimistic concerning business prospects for 1928, stating that he looks forward to a particularly good year for all retail and service trade.

The day of barter and exchange is not past. Offer an article for trade and you will be surprised at the replies.

McMinnville. J. C. Penney Company will have larger, modern home.

Forest Grove. Carnation Lumber Co. rushes work on new electric sawmill.

County Fire Loss Heaviest

Report of Oregon State Forester Gives Statistics

\$81,467 Is 1927 Loss

Columbia Suffers Greatest Loss Of Any County in the State During the Past Year

The state forester has issued his 1927 report to the governor of Oregon relative to receipts and expenditures and fires and fire losses for the season. Columbia county suffered the greatest monetary loss with a total of \$81,467 only \$20 of which was of unsalvageable timber, the rest being in logs and logging equipment destroyed. Seventeen fires were reported in the county.

Tillamook county came second with a loss of \$26,180, and Clatsop third with \$21,885. The greatest number of fires was reported in Jackson county, where there were 155. Douglas county was second with 132. During the season a total of 778 fires were reported as occurring on lands coming under the jurisdiction of the state forester.

Fire fighting costs were reduced to a minimum, the total expended being \$53,966. Of this amount \$43,203 was spent in the suppression of fires in logging camps, the expenses being borne by the operations in which the fires occurred.

Causes of Fires Given

In the causes of fires, lightning was responsible for 162. The small number of lightning fires in the state area as compared with the national forests, where the percentage of fires from this cause runs over 50 per cent, is due to the fact that practically all lands patrolled under the administration of the state forester are at the lower elevations where thunder storms are infrequent.

The total number of man-caused fires was 616 and the incendiary heads the list with 203 fires. This represents a large percentage of the fires and at first glance would appear excessive in comparison with other causes. However, the incendiary seldom sets a single fire but usually sets from 20 to 30 fires. Hence it will be seen that a single individual can be responsible for many fires. Other causes were smokers 125, campers 99, logging 58, land clearing 59, railroads 4, slashing 2, and miscellaneous 68.

Rebekah Lodge Installs Officers For This Year

Mountain Heart Rebekah lodge 243 recently installed the following officers for this year: Mesdames Ruth Reese, N. G.; Hazel Thompson, secretary; Attie Cameron, treasurer.

After the installation a delicious luncheon was served in the hall. About 35 were present for the occasion.

Boys and Girls Clubs To Split \$1525 in Cash

An appropriation of \$1525 for boys' and girls' 4-H club contests at the Pacific International Livestock exposition in 1928 has been made by the Portland Union Stock Yards company according to word received by the state college club office from George A. Pearson, president.

Of the total, \$1075 is for the pig feeding contest and \$450 for the corn growing division, both open to members in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. In the first division, four pigs from the same litter entered at weaning time are judged on individuality, greatest gain in weight, lowest cost, and completeness of report. Corn growers must enter by August 1 and later exhibit 25 ears. Judging is 75 per cent on the exhibit and 25 per cent on the record book.

In the past many contestants have reaped added financial profits by raising corn for one contest to feed to pigs in the other.

Turn useless goods into money by advertising them for sale in the classified column. The Eagle classifieds are eagerly read for bargains every week.