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## Metschan States Plan For Lumber

### He Advocates Legislative Aid, Development, Research

The speech delivered by Phil Metschan, republican nominee for governor, at the Chamber of Commerce meeting August 28, is in part as follows:

In the course of my talk here today I want to take advantage of the opportunity to say a word on lumbering and the lumber industry. I am interested in lumbering because lumbering and forest products are responsible for 60% of our annual wealth. When the mills are operating full time and selling in a favorable market it enables the operators to pay good wages and brings a flood of outside money into the state. With the exception of lumbering, we are not a manufacturing state in the accepted sense of the term, and must import the bulk of our necessities. We are sending fifty million dollars out of the state every year for automobiles, gas and oil alone. This represents only a small volume of our outside purchases. To strike a trade balance we must look to the returns from sales of lumber and timber products and to the sale of agricultural products in markets beyond our borders.

The lumber industry has a slow pulse today. This condition, in part, has been brought about by backward business conditions throughout the United States, but recovery will be rapid and we can, with reason, look forward to a marked improvement in our markets if the United States is not permitted to become a dumping ground for lumber and lumber products from those countries which maintain a low standard of living and resorts to convict labor for the purpose of cutting production costs.

Washington and Oregon mill men are conversant with the danger of the Russian invasion. They are organizing to fight attempts which are being made to open our American markets to imports of Russian lumber, pulp and veneers. The people of the two states must be organized to help carry on this fight, and the government at Washington must be impressed with the economic disaster that threatens to engulf us.

Lumber mills throughout the Pacific northwest are running on part time.

The pulp and paper mills, with a capital investment of \$75,000,000 and employing nearly 7,500 men are being forced to close because they cannot compete with Russia's cheap convict-made pulp and paper. Soon the venerable mills will be compelled to follow suit.

We can't depend upon legislation alone for protection. We must conduct an aggressive campaign to educate the American people to the advantages of wood as a building material, and we must find new uses for wood.

Oregon is, and always will be a lumbering state. We need sane, far-seeing legislation which will enable us to keep our mills running after the present stands of timber have been exhausted.

I believe it is the duty of the state to take the lead in finding new markets for our lumber and timber products and I believe it is the duty of the state to take the lead in finding new uses for wood, and in encouraging Americans to demand lumber in preference to substitutes.

If elected governor I shall ask the legislature for an appropriation with which to establish a lumber lobby at Washington to assist us in obtaining relief from the Russians.

I shall ask the legislature to create a market research bureau for the express purpose of carrying on research work in the interest of new uses for lumber.

My interest in lumbering and timber products is not new, nor is it born in my candidacy for governor, because, as many of you no doubt know, I am financially interested in lumbering and in pulp and paper.

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PHIL METSCHAN  
Republican nominee for governor, who addressed the Chamber of Commerce Meeting August 28.

## Council Decides To Pave 2 Streets

The city council at its meeting Monday decided to allow not to exceed \$1,000 for the paving of Bridge street from the Gilby Motor Company's garage to the city limits, and Rose Avenue from the railroad crossing south to the city limits.

A section of C street near the Rock Creek road will be improved by macadam taken from the crossing now being improved by the S. P. and S. company. Residents of the district will contribute the labor.

Miss Helen Heiber was elected water collector in place of Miss Merle Mills, who has resigned to enter Oregon State College. The change will take place September 15.

## Decision Postponed As To Boundaries

Decision as to the boundaries of the Vernonia-coast superhighway district, now before the state highway commission for consideration, has been postponed for one month to give the commission opportunity to report its own recommendation for a short cut to the sea. Surveys are now being conducted under the direction of Roy Klein, state highway engineer. Among the routes considered are the Trask river, Wilson river, Salmonberry, and Vernonia-Elsie and Nehalem river.

Judge John Philip has written a letter to the commission urging completion of the present Nehalem road from Vernonia through Mist and Jewell to Astoria. His letter is as follows:

"At the meeting of the commissioners held at Jewell recently Commissioner Gates asked the contending parties to submit the selection of a road to the Highway commission for their consideration as to cost, convenience to the greatest number and availability to the coast.

"The county court of Columbia county submits for your consideration the Nehalem highway as we firmly believe it is the most available as nearly 20 miles of it is hard surfaced already and almost all graded to a high standard of grade and alignment. We believe the completion of this road will relieve the congestion on the present Columbia River highway to a great extent besides opening up a rich and beautiful country."

Argument on the demurrer of Columbia county to the Clark-Wilson suit to enjoin the collection of the 10 mill special road tax in District 9 is expected to be hard in circuit court at St. Helens next week.

**4-H Club Meeting**  
There will be a meeting of all 4-H club members in the city park Saturday, September 6, at ten o'clock. Miss Taylor will help the members prepare their exhibits for the fair and make arrangements for transporting the exhibits to the fair grounds.

## Humidity Helps To Control Fires

Humidity of 60, on Thursday brought a vast improvement in the forest fire situation, which on Tuesday was menacing because of the extremely low humidity, 15.

By far the worst fire in the Vernonia district is on Clark and Wilson land south east of town. The edge of this fire is only three miles distant. It has extended over 5000 acres, 300 or 400 of which were in green timber. Fortunately there was only a ground fire in the green timber, so that the damage was not serious. About 200 men were fighting it Thursday, but earlier in the week, when the situation was critical, there were 450, furnished by the Clark-Wilson company.

During the past two weeks a dozen or so other fires have started. One at Deep creek burned about 200 acres, and is now under control. There were three new fires at Buxton, the last of which was under control Thursday morning at 1 a. m.

Fire warden Lode McDonald cautions the public to be extremely careful as a lower humidity or an east wind might spread the flames beyond control.

"The fire on the Clark-Wilson property could have caused \$100,000 worth of damage," he remarked, "all due to carelessness."

The company deserves credit, he states for their cooperation in furnishing large numbers of men to fight the fires. Besides available men from the camps, they sent out about 200 special recruits from Portland.

## High School Begins Monday, September 8

Union high school No. 1, at Vernonia, begins Monday, September 8. The grade schools, organized under a purely local district, start one week later. Superintendent J. B. Wilkerson and the teachers are in attendance at the annual county institute in St. Helens Thursday and Friday of this week.

### Congdon Goes to Colfax

W. H. Congdon, night watchman of the O. A. mill for the past seven years, left Friday for Colfax, California, where he intends to make home with his daughter.

Mr. Congdon stated that he was reluctant to leave Vernonia and his many friends, but owing to his health, was necessary other than holding a grudge against Ed Green "because he wouldn't let me take any more pitch", he leaves with the best wishes to all.

## Mrs. Culbertson Dies in Clatskanie Sept. 1

Funeral services were conducted at Brown's Funeral Parlors Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Kittie Culbertson, who died in Clatskanie Monday, September 1, at the age of 88 years. Mrs. Culbertson was born in Roy county, Mo., October 18, 1841, and was married December 12, 1866 to Samuel J. Culbertson, who died in Baker, Oregon, June 13, 1909. She had lived in Oregon for about 30 years, three of which were spent in Vernonia and the last three years in St. Helens. She leaves three sons J. S. of Clatskanie, Oregon H. M. of Long Pine, Nebraska, and J. L. of Los Angeles, California. Eight grandchildren and 17 great grand children. Harry, a grandson, lives in Vernonia and Mrs. W. A. McClurg of St. Helens, a granddaughter, formerly lived here.

Rev. G. W. Plumer conducted the funeral.

## Negro Fined for Striking Hindu

Ganga Ram, Hindu, was struck about the face August 30, during an argument with L. J. Davis, Negro, in the Hindu quarters. Davis was fined \$10 by Judge D. B. Reasoner.

## Boy Injured by Hitting Truck

Joe Robinson, 9, small son of Hamp Robinson, day superintendent of the O-A. mill, was injured Monday by running into a Cason Transfer company's truck while crossing Bridge street near the Robinson home. D. C. Cason, who was driving, saw the lad as he was darting into the street, and veered to the left to avoid him. The boy stopped, looked the wrong way, and started running again in time to collide with the truck just back of the cab, as nearly as can be judged. He was knocked about 15 feet.

Joe's right ankle was sprained and his scalp cut. Had it not been for the angle at which Mr. Cason was driving the boy would probably have been run over.

## Natal Ranch Buys Guernsey Bull Calf

Jake Neurer recently purchased a young registered Guernsey bull calf, Chieftain of Elmonicas land farm, son of Elmonicas Prince Cherule of Wayside, from Corvallis, which was here on the Dairy demonstration train in June.

### Vic Sorrell Transferred

Vic Sorrell was not among those laid off by the Shell Oil Company, as reported last week, but has been transferred to the St. Helens office, where he will be chief clerk. Bill Briot is now manager at the local plant.

## McCall, Roley Electrocutted

**CAMP MCGREGOR—(Special.)**  
The tragic death of John B. Roley and Samuel F. McCall occurred here Sunday morning when Mr. Roley was attempting to change his aerial. While pulling on a guy wire he came into contact with an 11,000 volt power line and was instantly electrocuted. Mr. McCall, who was summoned by a bystander, rushed to the rescue and unwittingly touched the body and wires with his hands, and met the same fate.

Both men were popular, Mr. Roley having been a cook for the Oregon-American company several years. He was a member of the Masonic lodge. He is survived by his wife and mother.

He was born in Seymour, Missouri, January 4, 1882, and the body was shipped there Tuesday for burial. His mother still resides there.

Mr. McCall, 34, was unmarried and a member of the Elks lodge. He had been master mechanic at camp for more than a year. His remains were shipped Wednesday to his old home in Friendsville, Tennessee.

Flowers in generous amount were telegraphed to the destinations by the sympathetic community here.

## 2 Men Injured Fighting Fire

N. J. Parker and Q. J. Hess are both laid up with injured knees sustained while fighting fire for the County Fire association. Mr. Parker, was hurt August 28 and Mr. Hess of Treburne, who is 70 years old, sprained his knee Tuesday.

## Ford Car To Be Tournament Prize

A Ford car from the Kerr Motor company will be among the prizes to be offered in the Legion Golf tournament this month. It is likely that the qualifying rounds will take place throughout next week, so that the tournament proper may begin Sunday, September 14.

## Schmidlin Approves Fire Control

"I want to compliment Lode McDonald on the way he handled the fire out on Beaver creek last week," remarked Gus Schmidlin Monday. "It was under control just as soon as a trailer was put on it. He made the trail right on the edge of the fire and checked it immediately."

Mr. Schmidlin, himself a warden some time ago, knows what fighting fires means.

## Auxiliary Meets Monday

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday in the Legion hall, a full attendance is desired.

## SEPTEMBER IS SCHOOL TIME

Alas for the hopes of youngsters raised by the announcement in last week's issue that school begins October 15. The additional month wasn't intended by anybody, even in the Eagle office. The item should have read September 15.

The cobwebs on the arithmetic and spelling books will have to be dusted off sooner than some may have anticipated. It won't be long now.

## Contract Awarded To Improve Course

During the next two or three weeks a great deal of cleaning up and improving is to be done on the Vernonia golf course. Holt brothers have been awarded a contract amounting to several hundred dollars for clean-up work. Number 3 tee is to be moved back about 60 yards and all the brush and stumps removed to give a nice wide fairway. The fairway on both sides of number 6 green is to be cleaned out and all logs and trees except a few which will be left for beauty, are to be removed between six and eight greens. Number 7 green is to be moved back about 70 yards and the back and sides of number 2 green are to be cleaned up.

Plans are under way for re-seeding the fairways this fall so that next year it is expected that there will be a good foundation. Moving back two of the tees will lengthen the course about 150 yards which will add to its sportiness.

The Vernonia golf course which was opened a little over a year ago has proved one of the popular playgrounds for business men of Vernonia, their wives and families. The work that is to be done on the course this fall should bring it up to a high standard and next year make it even more popular.

## Mail Plane Forced Down at Vernonia

Al Davis, pilot of Varney air mail plane NC6499 enroute from Portland to Seattle was forced to land on the Vernonia field Thursday noon because of inability to fly through the smoke and fog. He is said to have had only enough gas to have lasted 15 minutes.

Mr. Davis had dinner at the Sidney Malmsten home, and proposed to proceed on his way as soon as aviation gas could be obtained.

## T. H. King Adds Line

T. H. King, Sr., has accepted the agency of the Singer sewing machine, which he will handle in addition to his tailoring business. He will carry a full line of parts, will rent and sell machines.

## Missionary Society Meets

The Woman's Missionary society of the Evangelical church met Wednesday afternoon at the Church parlor. After the meeting refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Nicar and Mrs. Nanson.

## K. P. Banquet in Portland

A banquet and dance under the auspices of the Knights of Pthias will be held in the Multnomah hotel, Portland, Tuesday, September 9. Mayor George L. Baker will be on the program. Tickets may be obtained from U. A. Scott.

The Portland-Vernonia truck line has moved its office to Second street, next door to Jack Carlin's tailor shop. The new location will be much more convenient for patrons.

E. J. Douglas of the Miller Mercantile store expects his family here next week from McMinnville, where they have been residing. His daughter Zonnweiss will attend school here.

Mike O'Conner is having his bowling alleys shellacked, and is buying new balls and pins. The improvements will be completed by September 20, it is expected.

## County Fair Largest and Best Ever

### Amusement End Parturly Attractive This Year

Clyde M. Watson  
Next Wednesday, September 10, the nineteenth annual Columbia County fair will make its bow to a waiting populace. This annual event occurring at the time it does, towards the end of our summer labor on the farm, and after the return of our citizens from vacations and pleasure trips, comes as a fitting climax to the end of a successful year, a year blessed with a bounteous crop, peace and prosperity. The rainy season promises to hold off from all indications, and if so we can be assured that the four days entertainment and showing will be the largest and best ever had here.

The amusement end of the fair has been well provided for. There will be the usual carnival attractions, without which it is almost impossible to pull a successful fair. The boys and girls contests, the 4-H club work and judging teams will be many and varied. The track events are sure to draw a large crowd. There will be some of the wildest horses in the country. Some of the horses have never been ridden before, and promise plenty of excitement during the contest. Outside riders of note will be here to attempt to ride these outlaws. Running races, relays, roman races, chariot and other track events will be on the program each day of the four. Mulcraces every day. The pig n' Ford race that was so popular last year will again be run on all four days. Nobody barred from the pig n' Ford. The horse shoe tournament will begin on the second day, after the eliminations. The finals will be played off the next day, Friday. The dance, sponsored by the St. Helens American Legion, will be held each night. Splendid music has been obtained and the management promises a clean orderly dance, where all inclined may enjoy themselves.

Programs will be printed and handed out at the entrance gate each day. For the convenience of the people season tickets have been placed on sale in every city in the county. Get a season ticket and plan to attend each day. Airplanes will be on the ground this year. These planes are manned by government licensed pilots. A two passenger Waco biplane will take passengers up for \$1.50 apiece. They will do this each afternoon. Many other features that time nor space will permit will be had.

An arrangement has been made to have all cattle to be shown this year, abortion tested. On account of the shortness of time now, arrangement has been made to make the test on the grounds at the beginning of the fair. Permission to do this has been granted Dr. Rankin, local veterinarian, by Dr. Lytle, the state veterinarian.

Ira B. Hyde, editor of the St. Helens Mist, challenges Art Steel, shoe pitching contest 11 a. m. half mile mule race on the track Friday afternoon.

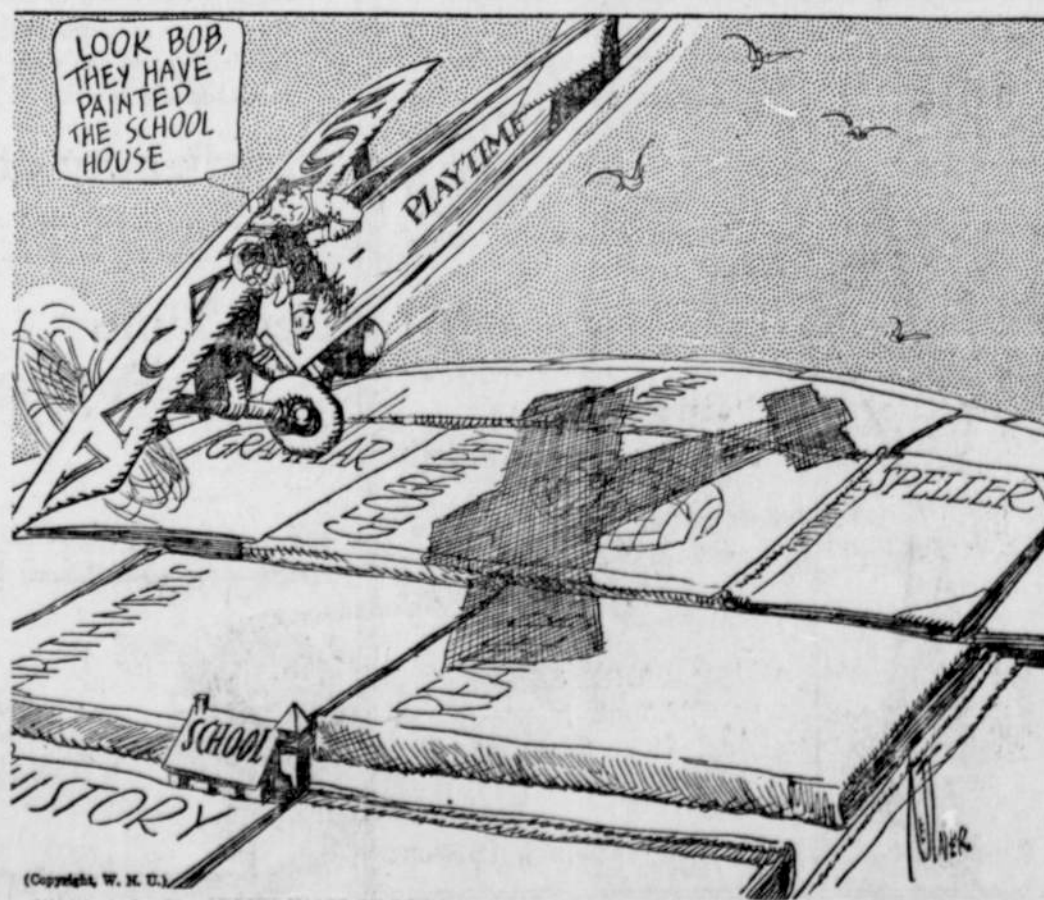
### PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 10—Opening day. 9:30 a. m., Judging school work. 10 a. m., Judging agricultural products, judging horses. 10:30 a. m., judging floral exhibits. 11 a. m., judging culinary exhibits. 1:30 p. m., cowboy parade. 1:45 to 4:30 bucking contests, Roman races, relay races, bucking steers and pig n' Ford races. 9 p. m., dancing in new pavilion.

Thursday, September 11—Vernonia-Rainier Day. 9 a. m., judging live stock exhibits. 9:30 a. m., judging poultry exhibits. 10 a. m., demonstration of 4-H culinary work in school building. 10:30 a. m., demonstration of boys' 4-H camp cookery; Horse shoe pitching contest. 11 a. m., 4-H live stock judging contest.

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## Coming Down to Earth



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