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Recommends Direct Seat In Senate

Columbia County to Gain If Norblad Measure Is Adopted

Columbia county will have direct representation in the senate if a measure advocated by Governor Norblad and embodied in his message to the legislature is adopted. According to his recommendation, every county will have at least one representative in each house. Columbia county, of which he makes special mention, already has one representative in the lower house, but its only senatorial district is shared with Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

That part of the message which following an enumeration of the following:

Reapportionment of Senators and Representatives

Section 6 of Article IV of the constitution requires that at the next session of the legislature following an enumeration of the inhabitants of this state by the United States, the State shall be divided into representative and senatorial districts. I deem it proper at this time to call your attention to the question of submitting to the people a proposed amendment to the constitution by which each county shall have at least one member in each house. Under our present constitutional arrangement, our counties have no direct representation in either branch of the legislature. Inasmuch as the county is the unit with which the state deals in matters of taxation and other affairs of government, it is highly desirable proper and justice demands that each county be represented directly by at least one representative in each house of the legislature. As an example of the present injustice let me cite the case of Columbia county, one of the most substantial and fairly large counties of this state whose senatorial representation always has come indirectly through Multnomah county. There are other counties similarly affected. It is unfair to tax and legislate for the people of our county without having some citizen of that county take part in the law making body. It is detrimental not only to the people of these counties but also to the public generally to permit the present conditions to continue.

Class Visits Vernonia Mill

Prof. Ben L. Grundel, of the University of Washington forestry department, brought a class of twelve here Saturday to inspect the Oregon-American mill. They were making a tour of the larger mills in Oregon and Washington.

Prof. Grundel was here on a similar errand last year.

Feathers And . . . Talons . . .

George Ford's suggestion for a slogan for Vernonia is a mighty good one: "Where chin and chest never meet."

Les Sheeley figures he got some real results on the gas differential proposition. The day after he interviewed some of the oil company managers in Portland, the price there was raised two and a half cents.

'Tis rumored that the news of a reduction in round trip rates on the Longview bridge causes much rejoicing on the part of a few steady patrons from Vernonia.

Some folks are unhappy because times are hard, and others, we take it, moan because New Jersey, where they say the 18th amendment is illegal, is so far away.

Mrs. Hanson Resigns From Library Board

Mrs. F. G. Hanson has resigned as a member of the library board, and Mrs. Van Peebley has been elected in her place. The change was confirmed by the city council at its meeting Monday night.

Mrs. William Culver becomes chairman of the board.

Mrs. Hanson has served for a number of years, and was made chairman in September upon the resignation of Mrs. Gordon R. Watt.

Rebekah Convention Held in St. Helens

The Rebekah District convention was held at St. Helens last Thursday, December 11, at 10:30 a. m., with Mrs. Orleans Gardner, chairman, presiding. Honored guests who were present were Mrs. Leona Thiel, president of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon, Ethyl Mildreum, vice-president, and Mrs. Edith Keyvel, past president and vice-president of the America Rebekah Assembly.

The degree work was exemplified by Mountain Heart Rebekah Lodge No. 243 of Vernonia. Mrs. Simmeral of Salem, assistant secretary to Ora L. Cosper, secretary of Rebekah Assembly, sang several vocal solos. A delicious six o'clock dinner was served to the visitors by St. Helens Lodge No. 217, in the Methodist church and after the evening session a lunch was enjoyed in their own dining room.

LONGVIEW BRIDGE REDUCES RATES

Complying with urgent requests made by business men of the lower river district officials of Columbia River Longview Bridge company announced that round trip rates would be put in to effect immediately. The new schedule also reduced toll charges for half ton and three-quarter ton trucks and eliminated entirely any charge for two wheel trailer. It is believed and expected that the inauguration of this new 24 hour round trip rate, and the lower rate for light trucks, will greatly benefit all the people living on both sides of the river in the Lower Columbia River district.

Bridge company officials announce since opening of bridge (not including opening day) from March 30, 1930 to December 1, 1930, in a period of 8 months time 267,895 people have crossed over the bridge. That during the week from November 15 to November 21 inclusive of the total number of cars crossing 45.6 per cent were Washington 46.4 per cent were Oregon and eight per cent from other states. Also during the same week 46.4 per cent of cars were on business and 55.7 per cent on pleasure trips. For the same period 72.8 per cent of the trucks were from Washington and 27.2 per cent from Oregon.

Turkey Shoot To Be Held By Golfers

A golf match turkey shoot will be held Sunday by the Vernonia Golf club. It will be a handicap match, giving everybody a chance. Handicaps assigned last spring will be used. There will be nine holes and medal scoring, the handicap being subtracted from the medal score and the lowest gross score winning the trophy.

Any who may not have a spring handicap may arrange with M. E. Ulshoeffer who will fix a handicap before playing.

The match for the first turkey will start at 9 a. m. Players may compete as often as they wish.

The state game commission will hold a meeting in Portland October 29. Sportsmen in this section intend to represent the interests of the Nehalem valley.

He's at the Door



Local Band Holds Regular Practice

The Vernonia band, under the leadership of Ray Charlesworth, now consists of 14 pieces, and is practicing once a week and sometimes oftener in the grange hall.

The first public appearance of the band will be at the dedication of the Washington school, the date for which is yet to be arranged.

Grade School Wins First Game of Season

The Vernonia grade school basketball team got off to a good start by winning their first game of the season at Timber last Friday night. The score was 26 to 17. Two full teams were used, the entire second team going in when Vernonia had taken a safe lead in the third period.

Timber started off as though they would make short work of the local boys and at the end of the first quarter, Timber was leading 9 to 6. When the Vernonia boys got used to the unusually small floor they soon went into the lead and at half time led 12 to 9, and from then on they were never headed. The scoring was evenly divided among the regulars with each one of the first team getting at least one field goal.

The regular line-up is as follows: Forwards, Holly Holcomb, Paul Jepson; center Paul Cummings; guards, Lewis Graven, Ward Plumer. Second team, Harold and Earl King, Floyd Smith, Roy Barnes, Robert Culver. Three games are scheduled, January 9 with Quincy, January 16 with Forest Grove, and February 6 with Mayger, all to be played in Vernonia. The team hopes to get a game with Clatskanie January 23 or 30.

Vernonia Grange To Have Christmas Tree

The Vernonia Grange will have a Christmas tree and entertainment Saturday evening, December 20, at the grange hall.

All Grangers are requested to come and bring their children, as there will be toys and treats for all the little folks.

Hurts Arm in Saw

Jack Johnson, while cutting wood at the end of C street December 12, caught his arm in the teeth of his saw, tearing it badly. He was able to be back on the job Thursday.

A state traffic officer was in town Wednesday checking up on automobile licenses.

C. of C. Picks New Directors

Carl Davidson, George Ford, Jack Kerr, J. L. Kullander and Emil Messing were unanimously elected directors of the chamber of commerce for 1931 at the meeting Wednesday noon. They will name the officers of the organization.

The theme of the meeting, in charge of Rev. F. Claude Stephens, was "My Christmas Gift to Vernonia." Those who participated were Earl Smith, Harry Kerns, C. G. Whitlock, Emil Messing, D. A. Kramer, W. W. Wolff, J. C. Lindley, Ray D. Fisher, W. H. Quinn, Charles E. Mace, the latter two visitors from Portland. The note was optimistic despite the period of business depression, and there were suggestions for betterment in 1931. Among these was the promotion of rural good will, made by President J. C. Lindley.

There will be no meeting next week. C. G. Whitlock was named as chairman for the meeting of December 31.

County Delegation Makes Road Request

A delegation from Columbia county consisting of J. H. Wellington, county judge elect, T. B. Mills, and J. N. Miller, commissioners, H. E. McGraw, representative elect, Geo. W. Ford, of the Vernonia chamber of commerce, W. A. Wood, Fred Hermand and J. A. Schunesen of Rainier and Charles T. Early, Vernonia property owner, appeared before the state highway commission in Portland Thursday of last week in behalf of the Pittsburg-Apiary road project. The request made to the commission was either for the furnishing of sufficient funds on some terms to be worked out as a market road, or make it a state highway.

The commission has the matter under consideration, and further conferences will be held, states Mr. Ford. "The commission seemed to be in a receptive mood for doing something for Columbia county, and no doubt some solution will be worked out," he declared.

Thinks Vernonia Well Off

"Take it from me," declared N. W. Hunter, bond salesman with Smith and Camp of Portland, "you are in pretty fine shape here. I make all the towns and know them all."

Mr. Hunter was here Thursday in the interest of his firm.

White Eagles Feted By Black Hawks

Last Friday evening the winning side in the Bible school contest at the Christian Church for new members closed with no other regrets than that all those who had part in the drive were not able to attend.

The occasion was spent in a pot luck dinner, and a short program following the splendid meal. Just now the main activity, apart from the regular activity of the school is Christmas.

Breeders Re-elect Association Head

J. W. Todd of Rainier was re-elected president of the Columbia County Sheep and Goat Breeders association at the meeting in the court house at St. Helens, December 11. F. B. Warfield of Vernonia was chosen vice-president, C. McClintock of St. Helens secretary-treasurer, Elmer Bergerson of Vernonia and Rudy Anliker of Goble executive committeemen.

Luncheon of lamb and chevon was served at the Orcadia cafe. Mrs. Sarah V. Case, home demonstration agent for the county, talked at the luncheon regarding the preparation of these meats.

Addresses were given by George A. Nelson, county agent, Edgar Ludwig, assistant manager of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers' association, R. L. Clark of Bodine and Clark, Portland, and others. Subjects discussed were the production, grading and selling of wool, marketing of lambs, feeding, predatory animal control, bounty, etc.

The organization was invited to Vernonia for its next annual meeting.

Mill Shuts Down For Holiday Season

The Oregon-American mill closed down Saturday for the holidays, but expects to resume immediately thereafter. Employees have been instructed to report Monday, January 5.

Barring extreme cold, making operation impossible, the mill will continue on the basis already established.

Bob Carland Improving

Bob Carland, who underwent an operation recently in Portland, is rapidly recovering after his return home, and will soon be able to return to work.

He spent a few days last week with Harry Williquette on a farm near Independence. Mr. Williquette is a former resident of Vernonia, having been employed for a while in Kullander's jewelry store.

St. Helens and Local Grade Schools to Play

A basketball game will be played Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Washington school auditorium between St. Helens and Vernonia grade school teams. Only a very small admission will be charged. The St. Helens team won the county championship last year and this should be a fast game as the local boys are out after the championship this year. This will be the first game to be played in the new gymnasium.

Santa Claus Not To Pass Kiddies By

Vernonia children are not to be overlooked by Santa Claus this year, for on Christmas eve from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Legion hall there will be Christmas gifts for all children up to the age of 12.

Contributions that make the tree possible were given by the Vernonia Study club, employees of the Oregon-American Lumber company, individual members of the chamber of commerce and the American Legion. There will be no program, that part of the festivities being left to the schools and the churches.

The seventh grade of the Washington school is to present a couple of one-act plays and other numbers Wednesday afternoon at a school assembly, and there will be a Christmas assembly at the high school. Each of the churches is giving a Christmas program for Sunday school pupils.

MIST DEFEATS LOCAL TEAM

MIST—(Special)—The Mist basketball team defeated the Vernonia town team December 10 on the Birkenfeld floor. At the end of the game the score was 32 to 20 in favor of Mist.

At the beginning of the game was slow. No field goals were made during the first minutes of play. Vernonia made the first point on a foul shot. The Mist boys then made a basket and they remained in the lead throughout the game. The score at the half was 13 to 9.

Vernonia started the scoring in the second half but was not able to gain the lead. The Vernonia boys showed up well on the defense but on account of the low ceiling they were unable to put the ball in the basket.

Ralph George was high point man of the game, scoring 12 points. The line-up was as follows:

Mist	Vernonia
O. Jones	F. Nanson
George	F. Culver
Taylor	C. Nelson
Knowles	G. Hixson
E. Jones	G. Linn
Substitutes were Mist, Melis; Vernonia, Malmsten.	

A return game will be played soon.

16 Turn Out For Town Basketball

16 men turned out for basketball practice at the grade school gymnasium Tuesday night in response to call for organization of a town team. Practice will be held two nights a week until some time in January, when games will be scheduled.

The team is being coached by Carl Davidson. He was a member of the Lowe and Campbell team which won the national amateur championship some years ago, and before coming to Vernonia played on the Multnomah team of Portland.

Definite plans for the season will be announced later.

Drops Shovel, Hurts Toe

Ed Holgate, who works for the Van Vleet Logging company, dropped a shovel on his foot Tuesday and cut the tendon of his big toe quite badly. He will be laid off for a week or so.

Conference For County Needs Called

Chambers of Commerce to Meet in St. Helens Dec. 29

That Columbia county may be a unit in requesting legislation and mapping out of a road program, the different chambers of commerce will hold a get-together meeting in St. Helens Monday, December 29. Senator Joe Dunne and Representatives H. E. McGraw will be present to talk legislation and find out what is needed.

The meeting affords one of the most promising opportunities that has fallen to the lot of the county for some time. As it has been, each community has promoted what it deems to be its own interests without regard to the others, with the result that little has been accomplished, and legislators like Mr. Dunne have been handicapped in promoting the good of the county because of the lack of unified backing.

The meeting will be held in the basement of the Congregational church, beginning at noon. Invitation is extended to all, that there may be as full a representation as possible from all sections of the county.

There will be no special delegations.

Public Levy Carries 93 to 88

The tax levy of \$846.00 for advertising and publicity of the city of Vernonia voted upon in a special election Thursday carried 93 to 88.

The vote was considerably less than in the regular election, when 146 voters expressed their disapproval and 125 favored the measure.

The opposition to the levy became much less pronounced when its friends made the point clear that the money would be spent under the direction of the council for advertising and publicity only, and could not be used for paying past obligations or indebtedness of any kind, or for anybody's private use or personal gain.

FEWER VETERAN LOANS LAST MONTH

SALEM, Ore.—(UP)—The state veterans aid commission approved fewer loans during November as compared to October, according to figures compiled by Frank Moore, secretary.

Only 36 veterans received \$79,300 in loans last month as compared to 49 representing \$110,700 in October.

No loans were made Columbia county veterans while repayments in principal and interest on previous loans totalled \$3723.22.

Total repayments during November were \$149,025.55 as compared to \$171,398.20 in October.

EAGLE TO APPEAR EARLY NEXT WEEK

Next week's Vernonia Eagle will be a Christmas greeting edition printed on Tuesday and mailed on Wednesday in order to reach subscribers in time.

That the paper may be out promptly it is urgently requested of correspondents and advertisers that copy be in the hands of the editor not later than Monday. All copy not received prior to Tuesday noon will have to be held over for a week.