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### WHY THEY CAME

"Angry knots of farmers," a news item in a Portland paper says regarding the close of the budget meeting Friday in St. Helens, "stood on the court house steps wondering why they came."

As to the accuracy of the item this newspaper is not informed. The article may have been colored somewhat by the opinion of the reporter. Assuming, however, that there were angry men, whether farmers or not, who at the abrupt conclusion of the budget meeting, foregathered on the steps to say some uncomplimentary things about the county court, the conclusion follows that, if as irritated as the article implies, the men failed to understand the true purpose of budget hearings as established by law. Taxpayers to be affected by the proposed tax are given the opportunity of being heard in favor of or against any of the items contained in the budget, and the levying board is supposed to give due consideration to the arguments thus presented. The decision of the board is based, in theory at least, on the soundness of the reasoning and the presentation of facts rather than on the counting of ayes and noes. Because fifty of the taxpayers present may want a county agent, a home demonstration agent or what have you, and forty do not, it is foolish to hire them merely for that reason—and it is as foolish to do away with them merely because the majority happens to be the other way. Fifty to forty in the budget meeting does not by any means indicate a proportion of fifty to forty throughout the county.

The men came, then, or should have come, to present their views and ask, not command. Such meetings have no mandatory power, and deserve none. For this there are a number of reasons.

For one thing, a county budget meeting can never be adequately representative, because any considerable number of taxpayers could not crowd within the doors if they tried. Two hundred at a meeting, at most, and how many thousand taxpayers with a right to vote? Several, in a county of 20,000 population.

Again a budget meeting can be easily packed by any aggressive group, and if occasion should arise it could be packed as readily by a selfish and extravagant clique as by a group urging economy and consideration of the rights of the poor. Give a budget meeting mandatory powers, and you throw the doors wide open to schemers who can get their own crowd out.

Furthermore, a mandatory budget meeting is unfair because it gives the power to vote only to those so situated that they can be in the county seat on the day of the meeting and have the leisure to spend four to eight hours there. If there is to be a popular vote, it should be in convenient polling places, and not in some one spot convenient for a hundred or so and inconvenient for thousands.

Last year the chairman of the budget hearing allowed a ballot in the matter of retaining the county agent, but the county court wisely did not regard the vote as mandatory. That combination led to the recall effort, an experience that naturally the members of the court do not care to repeat. Why should they?

### THREE FROM VERNONIA

Concerning E. H. Condit one of his fellow teachers

remarked several months ago, "I have never served under any one else who is as fine to work with as Mr. Condit." That attitude of high admiration is reflected in many another of his friends, for those who know Eddie Condit the best respect him the most. That he will be equally well liked in his new duties as county superintendent of schools may be confidently expected.

Another from Vernonia—or so close to Vernonia that he is one of us—who is assuming a county office this week is Wm. Pringle, Sr., the new county commissioner. By his election the Nehalem valley is assured of a continuance of representation on the county court, to which it is entitled. Bill Pringle will be certain to look after the needs of the valley, and he has the interests of the common people at heart.

T. B. Mills, the third man from Vernonia, is traveling in reverse direction, out instead of in. Columbia county is losing in him an experienced and conscientious official with a background of training and experience for his job that very few commissioners ever get. Before becoming commissioner he was road patrolman and then county roadmaster, and he knew his stuff as few know it when he was elected to the higher office. Moreover he took his job seriously, devoting to it hours upon hours, often at the expense of his own private interests. He has served his county superlatively well, and it is to be earnestly hoped that he will have the opportunity to serve it again, in a public way.

Three from Vernonia, two in and one out—and all of them a distinct credit to the community.

Portland's share in the new deal appears to be the wrong hand when it drew Commissioner Bennett.

### What Other Editors . . . Think . . .

for more responsibility in government and should result in lower costs.—Hillsboro Argus.

### TURNIPS REPLACE GRAIN FOR COWS

TILLAMOOK — Bortfield turnips have replaced grain in the dairy ration on the John Kominoth farm from late August through November with no falling off in the milk flow as compared with a year ago. Kominoth cooperated with County Agent Bergstrom in conducting a fertilizer trial with his root crop this year with the result that on a plot given 400 pounds of super phosphate per acre the yield was 41 tons to the acre compared with 34 tons on the check plot. This extra seven tons of roots represented a gain of \$17.50 an acre when figured in the equivalent of grain at \$25 a ton.

### HAS RECORD YIELD OF CORN

NEWBERG — The best yield of corn he has ever grown was obtained by H. Nelson this year on his farm here on one of the trial plantings conducted in cooperation with the McMinnville grange and the county agent's office. The yield from selected Minnesota 13 seed was nearly 70 bushels green weight or about 50 bushels dry weight. Some of this corn took second place at the Pacific International Livestock show.

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### Among Our Neighbors . .

The Portland General Electric Co. has granted to St. Helens Co. has granted to St. Helens rates amounting to 18 per cent.

The tie for the mayorship of Columbia City, wherein S. J. Eulrich and Harvey Jordan each received 49 votes, was settled in the county clerk's office by the drawing of straws. Eulrich won.

Four veteran members of the Knights of Pythias, Thos. H. Timoney, Enos M. Fluhrer, H. G. Witham and Earl Ball, were scheduled to receive 25 year jewels at the installation ceremonies of the lodge in Rainier yesterday.

John Coles of Rainier was burned about the hair and eyebrows while helping his mother out of their burning home Dec. 23. She was unharmed.

Lyle N. Riggs, teacher of history in the Clatskanie high school, was married to Miss Florence Emmons, and Arthur J. Charlton, sixth grade teacher in Clatskanie, to Miss Janice M. Strickland during the Christmas holidays.

E. B. Tonne, district attorney of Washington county for 24 years, E. B. Sappington, county treasurer for 21 years, W. F. Ealey, county assessor for 16 years, and J. M. Hiatt, commissioner for 8 years, retired from office Tuesday. They were succeeded by G. Russell Morgan, W. W. Boscow, J. E. Carpenter and James Lewis respectively.

F. M. Kelsey, 87, noted as Oregon's oldest native son, died at his home near Hillsboro December 27.

### SMITH-HUGHES STUDENTS ATTEND COLLEGE BY RADIO

The first attempt to use radio as a supplement to classroom instruction has been started the first week in January by the agricultural engineering department at Oregon State college working in cooperation with the Smith-Hughes agricultural teachers in 12 high schools of the state, using station KOAC, the state owned station at Corvallis.

The course is in rural electrification, and while broadcast primarily for the students enrolled, will doubtless prove instructive to others who may care to "aud-

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it" the course, say those in charge. Under the plan devised two lessons a week will be broadcast, Monday and Wednesday at 2 o'clock, these to be repeated Tuesday and Thursday respectively at 9:30 a. m. Classes enrolled are at Amity, Bandon, Coquille, Cottage Grove, Gresham, Coos River, Grants Pass, Lebanon, Silverton, McMinnville, Woodburn and Redmond. College lecturers will be Clyde Walker, F. E. Price and C. J. Hurd.

### Ten Years Ago . . .

Vernonia Eagle, Jan. 5, 1923.

Mayor White, Councilman Sears, Marshal Fowler and Treasurer McGraw were sworn in at the council meeting Monday night. An ordinance was presented by Judge Harris permitting the city to lease or buy the light and power company. The council authorized a call for bids for the purchase of \$35,000 water bonds maturing serially from 1933 to 1943.

The new electric lights in the Mellinger and Corey stores show off like the real business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown entertained at a New Year's watch party Sunday evening in their apartments over the furniture store.

Hon. Judson Weed retired from the county commissioner-

ship at the end of the year. During his public career he served also as county assessor, clerk, school superintendent and member of the legislature.

A skin disease has appeared among some of the inhabitants in sudden and very contagious form during the past week. Some lay it to the water, others to contagion. Because of the fear that it may be smallpox the schools were closed Thursday until a more thorough investigation may be had.

### MITCHAMS ARE PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitcham are the parents of an eight pound baby girl, born Dec. 31. The baby has been named Florence Carolle and was born on the second birthday of her brother, Jay Rouley. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely.

### PRINTING RESULTS

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 Dentist  
 Vernonia, Oregon

**Marvin R. Eby, M. D.**  
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 902 Medical Dental Bldg.  
 SAN DIEGO, CAL.

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 Walnut 7586 Walnut 2911  
**Willard H. Hurley, D. M. D.**  
 DENTISTRY  
 1729 Denver Ave. at Kilpatrick St., Portland, Ore.

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 General Contractor  
 Mason Work, Building

**Roland D. Eby, M. D.**  
 Physican and Surgeon  
 Town Office 891

**Portland-Vernonia Truck Line**  
 W. A. DAVIS, Proprietor  
 Daily Service  
 Office with Crawford Motor Co.  
 Telephones 611, 1041

**BAFFORD BROS.**  
 General Plumbing  
 Vernonia

**DR. J. A. HUGHES**  
 Physician and Surgeon  
 Office Phone 663 Vernonia,  
 Res. Phone 664 Oregon

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