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### MAYOR CARSON'S DIFFICULT JOB

Mayor Joe Carson of Portland is giving every indication of being equal to the job that awaits him, but the task will by no means be a simple one. To be a mayor now is hard enough anywhere, and especially so in Portland.

For one thing, he is the successor to Mayor Geo. L. Baker. Throughout his sixteen years in the office Mayor Baker fitted admirably into the picture. What the people expected of its mayor, "our George" fulfilled. He rose to every occasion, whether it was welcoming the soldiers returned from the war, greeting an Elks convention or a Methodist conference, entertaining distinguished guests, journeying to France on a junket with other mayors of big cities and stealing the show. Conspicuous, forceful, picturesque, he formed a sort of pattern of mayorality in the public mind. Mayor Carson could not be a Mayor Baker if he tried—and he is wise not to try. He must be himself. Many, however, will tend to make comparisons with their idol.

Another difficulty pertains not merely to Portland, but to municipalities, counties and states everywhere throughout the nation—actual fulfillment of an economy pledge. Economy in administration is very easily promised by aspiring candidates, and extremely difficult to accomplish. It is like a new tight-fitting shoe attractive in a window display, but certain to pinch when it is put on. Whenever there is any considerable reduction in government expenses, some one feels the pinch—and complains. Economy, in the public mind, is a wonderful thing if applied to the other fellow's interests, but if to your own. . . . Mayor Carson gives promise of sincere effort to carry out his economy program, and in so doing it is inevitable that he should encounter determined and powerful opposition.

He has many personal friends in Vernonia, and many who are political admirers. His success in tackling a difficult job will be watched with interest here.

### The Open Forum - -

#### REGARDING THE UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL

Editor, Vernonia Eagle: As regards the Unemployed council of Vernonia, not many people understand its aims and purposes. We were unemployed when organized but now are the busiest people in Vernonia and vicinity, and the name Unemployed council does not give the proper facts as to what we are doing and propose to do. Our purpose is to create or produce a . . . and get it.

We propose to do this by producing something the other fellow wants and sell direct, and each man gets full value for what he produces. Take hop posts, for instance. Under the present system one man takes a contract to get out so many posts for a certain price. He will hire you and me to do the cutting, yarding and hauling, do all the work for which the contractor will allow us about half. Say the contract price is about 35 cents a post under our plan. After the stumpage, yarding and hauling is taken out the cutter is left about 14 cents a post. Under the other plan the contractor allows the cutter eight cents and keeps six. See any difference? Besides, you are working for yourself. The wood deal works the same way. The profit you give the other fellow you keep for your own use. There is no middle-

man profit in our plan. Each gets full value for what he or she produces.

Under our exchange plan we can exchange wood for groceries or clothing, and exchange fence posts to farmers for wheat and hay, and consumers can exchange labor for necessities, or some of them can. There is nothing free under our plan. We exchange the surplus of what we produce for the surplus of what others produce. You do not get anything out of the exchange unless you put something in of equal value. Say spuds are worth \$1.00 a sack and apples a dollar a box. Bring in the spuds, take out the apples, plus ten per cent for handling charge. Trade fence posts and shingles to a farmer for wheat and hay, and trade the wheat and hay for milk, butter and eggs. Trade milk, butter and eggs, for flour and other necessities, and so on down the line.

When the farmers of this community understand our plan they will join in with us. We are not an unemployed bunch but a progressive organization of producers under a direct trade and barter system, which leaves the non-producer out in the cold where he will stay unless he wants to get in and produce his living.

J. H. Sell

#### FAMOUS FRIGATE TO ANCHOR OUT IN RIVER

(St. Helens Sentinel-Mist)  
It is probable that "Old Ironsides," famous fighting ship of the nation's young days, will stop for only a few hours at St. Hel-

ens, and will anchor in the main channel of the Columbia across from the city. Efforts of the chamber of commerce to secure permission of the Navy department to have the old vessel tied up at the McCormick docks were proved fruitless when Barney Garrett and Joe Nauman went to Olympia Monday to interview Commander Gulliver of the Constitution.

Gulliver could not be reached, but the frigate's navigator told Garrett and Nauman that there is not sufficient turning room in the inside channel. The plea that the largest freighters have had no trouble in the past had no effect on the officer, who insisted that he could not sanction the visit.

The navigator also said that the ship might even pass the city under slow bell, instead of stopping. He added that there is reasonable doubt that she could pass under the Longview bridge.

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

The European countries always want to be on the receiving end in these international conferences, but the idea of giving has never occurred to them. Uncle Sam has played the good fellow too long in these sessions. He must let the other nations know that the most important thing to us is the welfare of our own people. If France were a child her actions would merit a good spanking.—Hillsboro Argus.

The Methodist conference is reported to have been 96.8 per cent behind President Roosevelt and his program.—Forest Grove News-Times.

News reports from Medford state that the district attorney's office, with confessions and supporting evidence on hand in the Baucom slaying case, "hopes" to obtain conviction on first degree murder charges. That "hopes" is an indicative comment on our legal system. No matter how clear the evidence, our legal percentage is always in favor of the criminal. However, with public sentiment at its present pitch, any attempt at that type of technical defense, which has saved many murderers from just punishment, will have to rely, as a first step, on invocation of all of the many possible avenues for delay in the procedure. In time sentiment will die down and the usual legal hocus pocus can be put under way.—Astorian-Budget.

#### LUMBER WORKERS TO ORGANIZE UNDER A. F. L.

(Rainier Review)  
A meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. Longview, Monday night at which plans were laid for an organization of lumber workers under an American Federation of Labor charter.

Speakers of note addressed the 1,400 workers who crowded the auditorium to capacity, on the advantages of an A. F. of L. organization over the already-established 4-L's. Support by the workers in the lumber industry of the Federation program is fairly general, and it is confidently expected by organizers and local leaders in the movement that the organization will begin to function with-

### LODGES

#### A. F. & A. M.

Vernonia Lodge No. 184 A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple, Stated Communication First Thursday of each month. Special called meetings on all other Thursday nights 7:30 p.m. Visitors most cordially welcome.  
Emil F. Messing, W. M.  
F. D. Macpherson, Secretary

#### Order of Eastern Star

Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S. Regular communication first and third Wednesdays of each month, at Masonic Temple. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.  
Mrs. A. J. Hughes, W. M.  
Leona McGraw, Sec.

#### Pythian Sisters

Vernonia Temple 61 meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in W.O.W. hall.  
Florence Nanson, M. E. C.  
Clara Kerns, M. or R. & C.

### Ten Years Ago . . .

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Water is turned on. The system is not completed yet, but the fire plugs are mostly in and the work will be completed rapidly.

Bridge street in Vernonia is the worst little strip of road between Timber and Clatskanie.

A committee of the chamber of commerce was appointed at the last meeting to present to the council the need for all possible speed in getting a sewer system in the city.

O. G. Weed has purchased Mr. Snyder's milk route in Vernonia and began delivering milk daily to local homes last Saturday.

Mrs. F. E. Malmsten, Marshall and Kathryn left Monday on a summer's trip to visit relatives in South Dakota and Iowa, returning via the Canadian route early in the fall.

Ted Soule of Port Angeles, Wash., visited this week with his mother, Mrs. Soule, and sister, Mrs. C. A. Malmsten, in Vernonia.

Three carloads of Vernonians drove to the V. Farnsworth place up Beaver creek last Thursday evening. The neighbors said they were crazy. Mr. Brown, of the Brown Furniture store, is some wild man. He wears spurs, and it is hard for him to forget the days of cowboy life, when he was king of the bull-doggers. The ladies "hog-tied" him, however, and put him in the creek out of harm's way. He wouldn't sink, as he had his pockets stuffed with

out noticeable friction between the two organizations in the near future.

Announcements of further meetings will be made through the press from time to time, until organization can be completed.

Delegates from most mills, and other interested people in this and surrounding communities, were present Monday evening.

wieners stolen from the grub basket. Lum Brown was another wild one that had to be tamed. Cole, Nelson and Lindley all ate so much they declared they couldn't hold another drop.

The county court awarded last Wednesday to John Overson the contract for building a wooden bridge over the Nehalem a short distance from Vernonia.

This week contractors will begin pouring cement for the main building of the big mill. 30 acres on Spencer hill are now being cleared for building homes for officials.

E. E. Hayes, superintendent of the O.-A. mill, has rented the Sidney Malmsten home.

Archbishop Christie of Portland will arrive in Vernonia next Sunday by special train to dedicate the new Catholic church.

F. E. Malmsten is building a fine new residence.

Over two dozen families are living in tents in and around Vernonia waiting for houses.

A new barber shop is being made by Mike L. Miller, who has purchased the R. and L. shop. Mr. Miller has purchased property in Vernonia and is one of our real peppy citizens.

Frank Hartwick and Miss Erma Walker spent the Fourth in Vernonia with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Walker.

Eight citizens braved the mud, rain and a 130 mile drive Thursday to consult the county court regarding the delapidated condition of Bridge street. Messrs. Messing and Hoffman furnished the cars.

At a meeting held Thursday night a Masonic club was organized in Vernonia and arrangements are now being made to secure club rooms. Arrangements are also being made, we understand, towards organization of a Masonic lodge in this place.

O. M. Safford, city treasurer of Forest Grove for 14 years, has resigned and his place has been taken by E. B. Sappington, for more than 20 years Washington county treasurer.

### Among Our Neighbors . .

St. Helens' proposed community hall was approved by Governor Meier's committee last week. Final approval will be certain, Caly Stanwood, head of the chamber of commerce committee in charge of arrangements, believes.

Charles Deblebower, a resident of Rainier for thirty years, died June 29.

Petitions calling for an election July 21 in Forest Grove on the question of licensing 3.2 per cent beer were rejected by City Recorder H. G. Bond on the grounds that the petitions did not allow sufficient time for advertising the election in accordance with the requirements of the charter, and that the maximum fine of \$500 for violation of the licensing law exceeds the \$200 limit set by the charter.

### LOCALS

Mr. Lines, Geo. Baslington and Mr. Kellar of Treharne, who are working at Jewell, were home for the holidays.

Roy Nelson visited in Vernonia over the Fourth. He is driving a truck for the Cascade Investment company, a Portland firm of contractors.

A party was given at the home of Miss Ethel Kelly on Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Virgil Beaver's son Herman and daughter Ida.

Mrs. Chance of Treharne entertained her 4-H club members at the Treharne hall one day last week.

Mrs. Chas. Justice and two small sons Glen and Lonnie, who have been vacationing the last two weeks at Buxton with her parents, are home again.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armitage were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Armitage of La Center, Wash., O. N. McManus of Longview, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Seger of Camas, Wash.

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