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Referendum Is Objected to by City Council

JUDGE HARRIS EMPOWERED TO FIGHT IT

Legal Arguments Are Cited Against Proposed Measure

The city council Monday night unanimously passed a resolution empowering Judge W. A. Harris, attorney for the city in the case against H. E. McGraw, to take all necessary steps to protect the city's interests in the matter of the referendum on the ordinance authorizing settlement of the suit.

Objections Cited

Judge Harris cited two legal objections to the referendum, that it affected an act not subject to referendum and that it was not in the proper form.

He explained that only legislative acts of a city council are subject to referendum, administrative acts, such as the ordinance in question, not being subject. Even if they were, he went on to say, the petition did not follow the procedure prescribed by the 1933 legislature and hence does not comply with state law. He did not believe the referendum would stand the test in the courts.

Protest Is Late

Mayor Owens argued that it had been necessary to compromise the case because of inability of getting cash and no complaints had been received while negotiations were in progress. The protest was filed after the settlement had been made. It was the best settlement obtainable, he declared.

Members of the council expressed a similar opinion. Councilman Johnson said if the thing was not legal there was no use fooling with it. A city ordinance contrary to state law never stood, he declared, as was the case with the city's beer ordinance last winter.

Airport Deeds Accepted

The council voted to accept deeds to the Wilson and Siedelman properties included as part of the airport site, tendered by L. H. Dewey on behalf of the chamber of commerce. He explained that it took a lot of hard work by the committee to put the project over. It was worth the effort, he maintained, for the \$1200 payroll was the only thing around here for the last month or so in the way of community income.

Lester Sheeley stated that the government was to put a full time engineer on the airport job.

Transfer of John Maloney's beer license to Mrs. Ada Curtis was authorized upon vote of the council.

A proposition of the coast and geodetic survey to provide a bench mark for placing in the city was accepted, and referred to T. B. Mills for location.

Tom Medley of Salem visited in Vernonia over the week end.

New Pastor Is Expected to Be in Pulpit on Sunday

Rev. A. N. Glanville, who was appointed to the Vernonia Evangelical church at the recent annual conference session of that denomination, is expected to arrive here and will fill the pulpit of his church on Sunday, July 29.

Mr. Glanville was prevented from reaching this field sooner because of unexpected regulations governing the transfer of a minister from the Dominion of Canada to the U. S. The Glanvilles have been residents of Vancouver, B. C. for the past eight years.

The local Evangelical pulpit has been supplied since June 17 by the former appointee, Rev. D. R. Kauffman.

Koster Company To Resume Work On Next Monday

Clark and Wilson Plans Are not Yet Known

Koster Products Company will resume operations next Monday, according to announcement Wednesday. The camp has been down since the Fourth.

Up to yesterday afternoon nothing was known here as to when Clark and Wilson will resume. Delay in the longshoremen returning to work prevented the forming of any definite plans.

Boy Scouts Begin To Make Park of Airport Section

Work of transforming into a park about seven acres of land belonging to the airport site but not needed for airport purposes was begun Wednesday by a group of 15 Boy Scouts under Dr. H. M. Bigelow. They trimmed trees and built a trail to the river.

Included in the plans besides slashing and clearing up the property is the building of a cabin.

Progress will be slow, Dr. Bigelow believes, as there is a great deal to be done. Much of the clearing will have to wait till fall because of the fire hazard from slashings.

Work on the project will be done each day, it is expected. A group went out yesterday.

Petition for Nelson As City Marshal Filed Yesterday

A petition for Roy Nelson as marshal if and when the present marshal, Tom Carmen, resigns, was filed with the city recorder yesterday.

There were 55 signers.

Mr. Carmen has been given a position with the state forestry department. He assumed his new duties the first of the week.

BRUSH FIRE STARTS BEHIND BRAZING WORKS

A brush fire back of the brazing works occupied the attention of CCC men yesterday afternoon. It was soon brought under control.

Vernonia Team Wins Ball Game At Deer Island

Contest Is Close with Locals Holding Slight Edge

The Vernonia team beat the Deer Island team at Deer Island Sunday by a score of 5 to 4. The game was close throughout with Vernonia holding a slight edge. Holcomb as first man up smacked the first ball pitched for a home run only to lose it when he forgot to touch third base. He beat the throw back to third base so was credited with a triple. Dodson, the Deer Island pitcher, settled down and struck out the next two men.

Vernonia went about the win methodically. When they needed a run they went to work and got the necessary hits. The team collected 11 hits off Dodson producing five earned runs. Gordon hit well with a single and a double. The victory was made sweeter by the fact that Deer Island has never lost a game on their home field and had lost only one game this season previous to the Sunday defeat. They surely died hard. The fans and players were convinced that the home town boys couldn't lose and they worked hard to pull the game out of the fire. In the ninth they got two men on bases with two down but Holcomb erased all danger when he raced out into short left field taking Dodson's high fly and ending the game.

Vernonia played its usual steady game with the infield playing the kind of ball the fans like to see, spectacular stops and throws making them look big league. The outfield took everything coming their way with Gordon racing about taking line drives that had hits labeled all over them. Larson pitched well and was never in danger, himself collected two hits to help the cause. Hawkins went hitless the first game in the last four years.

Vernonia has some strong teams lined up for games in the near future.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

SEEN AND HEARD

Les Sheeley carrying an axe into Mac's drug store and getting kidded about helping the Boy Scouts clear land without getting a sweat up . . . Ken McNeill wondering how to fix up the airport donkey sled without any money to fix it with . . . Geo. Johnson remarking that the bank case is about as long drawn out as the longshoreman's strike . . . A Vernonia delegation killing time in Buxton by adorning the bench in front of the village grocery . . . Ase Lolley's midget light plant in the rear of his Buxton shop . . . Frank Bergstrom's red fire wagon parked on Bridge street between forest fire calls.

Enumclaw, Wn., Is Host to Loggers Union Delegates

Enumclaw, Wash., a few miles south of Seattle, was host July 21 and 22 to delegates representing many mill workers and loggers unions in the Northwest. The mayor of Enumclaw gave the speech of welcome.

James Taylor, president of the Washington State Federation of Labor, C. O. (Dad) Young, veteran labor organizer, and Rowland Watson, president of the conference, were distinguished speakers.

The Vernonia loggers were represented by Fred Lumm, G. I. Baker and R. W. Linn. They report enjoying their stay in Enumclaw.

Bernardin Made Trustee for All Central Holdings

Receivership of O.-A. Company To Be Terminated

The Central Coal and Coke company and its subsidiaries are, by order of the federal court, now under one trustee in bankruptcy, J. M. Bernardin of Kansas City, instead of being under four different receiverships.

According to this order A. R. Watzek will terminate his receivership of the Oregon-American Lumber Co. when his final report is made.

The action was brought by bondholders and stockholders of the company in order to bring it under the new bankruptcy law which facilitates reorganization of bankrupt concerns.

Fire Fighting Activities Open At CCC Camp

First Real Call Is Received Monday Afternoon

Reeher's camp, C.C.C., Westimber, July 26-(Special)-Activities of an unusually late fire fighting season finally opened with a bang this week and extended to round-the-clock hours for Civilian Conservation corps men of Company 1313 headquartered at Westimber.

First real fire call of the summer was received Monday afternoon for the suppression of a conflagration that had started south of Forest Grove as the result of road clearing activities. A crew of some 40 C.C.C. workers were sent from the Wilson river side camp and from the main site at Westimber to fight the fire.

The main crew had an opportunity to get needed rest only from 10 o'clock Monday night until 3:30 Tuesday morning, opening up suppression activities again with sunrise. A small patrol remained on duty the entire night. The 100-acre burn was brought under control Tuesday.

A second fire calling for more than "early bird" hours started (Continued from Page 6)

Proposition to Pave Highway to Pittsburg Made

BALANCE FOR USE ON BEAVER CREEK

Chairman, Engineer of State Commission Tour Roads

Suggestion that the state highway department put in an oil pavement from Al Parker's to Pittsburg, a distance of 2 1/2 miles, and use the balance of the federal money in completing the Beaver Creek highway to the Hess bridge was made by Judge L. R. Rutherford and Wm. Pringle, Sr., of the county court to Chairman Leslie M. Scott and Chief Engineer R. H. Baldock of the highway commission Tuesday and promise was given of consideration of the proposition. A meeting of the commission was held in Portland Wednesday, but whether this matter was decided at the time had not been learned in Vernonia up to time of going to press.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Baldock made a tour of the Beaver Creek road Tuesday noon, being met at Buxton by a Vernonia group consisting of F. D. Macpherson, Tom Crawford, Albert Childs, Ed Bollinger and Ray D. Fisner, together with Judge Rutherford and Commissioner Pringle.

While traversing the route Mr. Scott explained that there had been so much disappointment in Vernonia over the loss of the Scappoose-Vernonia road that the commission had tried to open up the Beaver Creek road so as to provide a convenient short route between Vernonia and Portland. North of Buxton, he maintained, the road, regardless of the county line, is essentially a Columbia county road, being used almost altogether for the benefit of Columbia county.

Improvements Estimated

Mr. Baldock estimated that re-rocking and in some places widening and realignment is necessary for 5.2 miles at a total cost of about \$26,000. This is divided into two sections, 2.8 miles north of the new grade now being constructed, and 2.4 miles south of it. The new portion when completed will be in fine shape, he said, being built according to secondary road standards.

Mr. Baldock doubted if \$5000 a mile would be sufficient to pave the Nehalem highway north of Al Parker's, as the foundation is not good enough. It might take \$8,000 or \$10,000 a mile, depending upon the amount of rock needed and the drainage.

In the afternoon the party, which was joined by a number of the engineering staff left on an inspection trip down the valley.

Pomona Grange to Meet

The Columbia County Pomona grange will meet Saturday, August 4, at Cedar Grove, near Clatskanie. Those attending are asked to bring lunches.