

VERNONIA'S FUTURE SEEMS CERTAIN

Building of Railroad, Logging and Lumbering Sure to Bring Development to Town and Surrounding Section—Town Shows Activity.

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That the big mill of the Central & Coke company will be located at Vernonia seems assured. Friday morning and just before the writer in the town parties representing the company had made the final payment on the property and deeds had been acknowledged. The company is situated about 220 acres which is the heart of the town and the purchase price was around \$30,000. The acreage selling as high as \$475 per acre. It was rumored that construction work would soon be on the mill the capacity of which will be about 200,000 feet of lumber in an 8-hour shift.

The Utah Construction company has a force of 110 to 120 men widening the railroad grade and making other grade for several side-tracks which will be used for the storage of lumber and making up of trains. The P. & S. tracks, proper, run only Vernonia and the 16 to 20 miles track which extends into the forest will be operated and owned by lumber companies, so we were informed. On several portions of the line between Wilkesboro and Vernonia a contracting concern is building ties and steel and it appears that the road will be finished and Vernonia within sixty or ninety days.

The railroad company will build a depot at the corner of Weed Avenue and Bridge street and having in the development of the section the future importance of Vernonia, erect a substantial structure, it is stated on good authority.

Mayor White called the attention of the writer to a much-needed improvement. The county road follows bridge street, makes a sharp turn when it crosses the railroad grade. The idea of the mayor and council is that the county road should be extended on Bridge street, and making one turn, connect with Rose avenue and the county road. This would improve what will be a dangerous crossing. The matter has been taken up with the county court and they have it under consideration.

The writer was informed that the contractors who secured the job of building the new \$25,000 Union school, had arrived and that school work would begin the next day, so by the time this article is published no doubt the work will be well under way.

While Vernonia looks to the future, it is not the only section in that part of the country which is being talked of for Turkish for almost a half century known as Pittsburg. It is certain that the Nehalem Timber company will extend its logging railroad to that place. The road now goes on the Willamette slough, crosses the P. & S. tracks and the highway near Seapoose and extends some 12 or 15 miles westward. The logging railroad, so it is understood, is an independent company which operates under the title of Portland and Southwestern Railroad company. It is owned by the Turkish interests. The logging company has cut over the timber lands for eight or ten miles west of Seapoose and last year completed a tunnel about 1850 feet long through the divide or the mountain ridge between the Columbia and Nehalem rivers. The road now taps a fine body of standing timber on the Nehalem side of the divide and has millions of feet tributary to and easily reached by its trucks.

The company proposes to extend the line to Turkish (or Pittsburg), a distance of approximately 8 1/2 miles and it is rumored will put in a saw mill at the terminus of the railroad. How true this may be, cannot be said, but this one thing is known to be true, grading for the railroad has commenced and it is started at Turkish (or Pittsburg) and will extend up the north fork of the Nehalem river to where the Portland & Southwestern tracks now end. Last Friday thirty men were at work and E. F. Sullivan who has a sub-contract stated he would have sixty men at work this week and twenty-five men doing grading work. He intended to rush the work and if possible have it completed on or before the first of the year. His contract calls for clearing and grading. We had a pleasant visit with Mr. Sullivan who is one of the old time railroad contractors and built many miles of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines.

At Turkish we turned our car eastward and headed for St. Helens via the St. Helens-Pittsburg road. For the first three miles the going was comparatively easy and the grade is in good condition. For the next two miles and over the dreaded Sixteen through though it was easy to make 10 to 12 miles per hour and seldom before reaching the old Soboski place there is a stretch of about five hundred feet of the new grade incomplete and it is necessary to take the old puncheon road. This is the roughest strip on the road although from the Soboski place to the Clatskanie river the roadbed in many places has been badly cut up and while it is not comfortable riding it is not hard on a car if the driver uses ordinary precaution.

From Vernonia to Turkish (or Pittsburg) is 5.1 miles by the speedometer and when the Clatskanie is reached the speedometer registered 16.1. Thenholm is another three miles further towards St. Helens. The roadbed, under the supervision of

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT YANKTON

Neighbors of Yankton Settlement Gather at Grange Hall for Community Meeting and Stock Judging Contest—Fine Cattle Exhibited.

Many residents of the Yankton country gathered at the grange hall and grounds at Yankton Saturday morning for their annual community meeting and stock judging show. A number of fine cattle were on exhibit and H. A. Lindgren of the animal husbandry department of the Oregon Agricultural college did the judging.

In the Yankton country there are many breeders of good stock and the Jersey men and Shorthorn raisers vie in carrying off honors, and the show last Saturday was no exception to the established friendly rivalry.

After a community gathering in the morning a fine dinner was served in the grange hall, the ladies of the community having brought well filled baskets. After dinner was served F. C. Hollibaugh, county agricultural agent, acting as toastmaster, called on several for short talks. L. G. Smith, president of the Columbia County farm bureau spoke of the important work being done by the farm bureau in this county and of the work throughout the country. More legislation beneficial to the farmer had been enacted since the farm bloc made itself felt in the legislature than at any time previous, Mr. Smith said.

G. L. Tarbell, in a short and happy speech, extended a cordial welcome to the guests and spoke of the early days in the Yankton country. He noted with pride the great change and development in the section and praised the community spirit which was manifest.

A. H. Tarbell, master of Pomona grange, told of some of the important work the grange had accomplished and also of the work of the farm bureau. He thought that the farmers should support the work and reap the benefit sure to come. He told of savings made for the farmers through the work of the organization mentioned and of the ability and purpose of the bureau to effect still further savings in the buying of machinery and farm supplies.

S. C. Morton of The St. Helens Mist responded to Mr. Hollibaugh's invitation and made a brief talk. He was followed by Mr. H. A. Lindgren whose subject dealt with the community idea and spirit and he cited what could be accomplished along this line.

The Boys' and Girls' Club had a splendid record of pure bred calves. The club, under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Briggs, takes much interest in cattle raising and are setting a good example for the older people. There are six members of the club, five boys and one girl.

An exhibit which attracted much attention was twin Jersey heifers.

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSN.

The Columbia County Sunday School association elected the following officers during the convention held in St. Helens, June 15-16: President, Grant Watts, Seapoose; vice president, Dr. Edwin Ross, St. Helens; secretary, Miss Bertha Lewison, Clatskanie.

The following resolution was adopted: Because of the good spirit, the harmony and uplift of this convention and the real profit all delegates and visitors have gained, be it resolved, that we tender our heartfelt thanks to the Sunday schools of St. Helens for their splendid entertainment and hospitality, to the musicians of St. Helens and all other singers who have been such an inspiration to us; to Miss Parker for her tactful leadership; to Rev. McCoughy for his stirring, practical and inspiring address; to the president, Mrs. Watts for her loyalty; to all other officers of the organization for their faithfulness. On behalf of those present we express our appreciation.

MRS. R. P. NIBLOCK,
MR. TARRELL,
MRS. PERRY.

GEORGE

: Our Boy Reporter :

Fare a warmer. The chief he used I could quit riting enny more about the wether till winter commences cause they ain't no change in the summer. Mister Charlie Graham whats hed Republican in the county he told me to keep up riting a bout the wether cause its the 1st thing he sees in the Mist an nose it will be thare evry time so I will.

Jim dash

Mister Jacob Jacobsen wich is a brasher to Mrs. White's here from Oklahoma wich is ware they have Indians an oil. He makes parks an things like that an's goin to stay here if he wants to. He's marrid Jess like Mister White.

Jim dash

Mister Rutherford's back an Raymond an Mrs. Rutherford from goin 18 hundred miles in thare car seen the sites. They had lots of blow outs. Nobuddy was hurt jess the same.

Jim dash

Mister Wellington and Mister Foote's goin to throw the rest of it in the river. The licker I meen wich Mister Page brought here an Mister Harry Hadfield got a way frim him that time.

Jim dash

Mister Thomas from Goide was here all by his self agen.

Jim dash

Margery Gilby's back agen. Frim Portland I meen.

Jim dash

Any George had campeny but she's gone I gess.

Jim dash

Catherine Davis is marrid what used to be teacher here an Earl Jackson also.

Jim dash

Mister Lake's gone to Monmouth to turn sutm more to teach an Mrs. Lake's gone also.

Jim dash

Gladys Masten had her berth daut but I didn't get to go. I gess she jess forgot but I dont care cause protty soon I am goin to have a berth day also an a party less my Mother forgets a bout it but I bet she won't cause I keep astin her evrythink a bout when I was a baby an things like that. It was most all girls ennyways.

Jim dash

Will Perry' home an's got a sheep skin frim Corvallis. Sheep is lams when they are little. My fother he's when they are wich is made from lam got a apron wich is made from lam skins. Its a Mason apron to ware when you get ded an berried in your grave an go to lodge an funrals an things like that.

Jim dash

Mister Larsen up to Warren's got sum cows to sell whats fresh. We had a fresh cow wan time an she wood kick over the pale an upset the milk and switch her tale in my fother's face an make him mad as the dickens. Nobuddy was hurt.

There is no mistake about it. The man who thinks well of his neighbors is thought well of by them.

The white man's burden is to keep other white men frim acting yellow.

DRINK AND CANDY.

Prohibition's effect upon the candy industry was explained at the session of the Associated Retail Confectioners, one of the four branches of the industry holding simultaneous gatherings in Chicago recently, by Vincent L. Price of St. Louis.

"There are three kinds of drinking men," he said. "The one who drank because he had to have it, the other who drank to quench his thirst and the third who imbided for sociability. The two latter classes are the ones who have been the greatest benefit to the candy business. This is especially true in the smaller towns, where the candy store is a sort of social center. The whole family par-

takes of drinks, and more candy is sold.

"The savings bank was the greatest gainer by the closing of the saloons, the soft drink next, ice cream third, movies and theatres fourth and our industry fifth."

Mr. Price told the retailers that the consumption of confectionery last year was 14 pounds per capita, compared with 10 pounds in the pre-war period.

Dull times begin to disappear as soon as people quit talking about them.

Sometimes a man is a victim of circumstances, and again he is just a horn goat.

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