CITY OF VERNONIA SEEMS TO HAVE BRIGHT FUTURE

Columbia County Town Appears Logical Distribution Center for Products From Surrounding Country.

This store did not last very long and then the father of C. W. Mellinger opened a store practically on a part of the present townsite. At that time there were a good many ranchers in that part of Columbia county, but the country was mostly covared with timber and brush. The Mellinger store did not last long, and then Mr. McNutt of Cornellus took in a stock of goods from his Cornellus store. This old store building is still standing and is occupied as a residence. McNutt carried a good stock and kept it well replenished by hauling goods from Cornellus.

Townsite is Platted.

Soon after McNutt came the townsite was platted by Joseph van Blainicon. This was in 1891, 31 years ago. The little town took on a new growth and a newspaper was started, the Nehalem Journal, by Ryron & Braden. Their old office building is still standing near the west bank of Rock creek and a short block from the bridge. The place is owned and occupied by 1. B. Stuart as a drug store, but it has been worked over several times. It did not prove a bonanza for Bynon and Braden, and they only lasted a year or so. They sold the plant and good will to Van Dyke and Davison, who changed the name

1891 election there were 400 votes polled there. And, remember, the women then had no vote. (At the recent primary election 171 votes

were cast there.)

Perhaps that is enough ancient history to give about Vernonia. I was invited to go over there recently and write something about the town. As the crow flies it is about 30 miles from Portland to Vernonia, and upon inquiry I found the best route to reach there was in the town five hotels and all said to be good ones. I stopped at the Netherland the town. As the crow flies it is good place to stop; good clean to vernonia, and upon inquiry I found the best route to reach there was houses, 51 potential advertisers via the Tilliamone branch to Timbest route to reach there was the Tiliamook branch to Timr, then II miles by auto. And just a word about Timber. It is one of the most important stations on the Tillamook line and a very large amount of mail, freight and parcel post business is done there, the most of which originates or ends at Vernonia. You can get from Vernonia to Portland by leaving at 6:30 A. M. 8:20 A. M. ing at 6:30 A. M., 8:20 A. M. or

Auto Line Operating.

C. A. Mills has a lot of autos car-ling passengers and freight back and forth. Of course you can get there or away from there by wagon or auto via Buxton, and there is a fairly good road from Portland to Astoria, on which Vernonia is about the half-way point.

The polynomial is about a year ago a bank was started. It has a nice building. Its capital is \$10,000, deposits \$56.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

VERNONIA may be called a new old town or an old new town, for it is a town that was really founded by the establishment of a small country store more than 17 year ago. At least C. W. Mellinger went to Vernonia 47 years ago and the store was then doing business. This store was on Rock creek, a short distance above the present bridge that crosses that stream about one-haif mile north of its confluence with the Nehalem river. This store did not last very long and then the father of C. W. Mel-

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moved away, thus ending the history of newspapers for Vernonia up to the present. But somebody will soon drop into a good thing by starting a weekly there with a good job outfit attached. It is the best location I knew of in the northwest.

Town is incorporated.

About the time the Sentinel started the town was incorporated and there was a good deal of railroad talk. There were a good many ranchers in the vicinity and at the 1891 election there were 400 votes

Five Hotels in Town.

The main street of Vernonia has several cross streets and business houses in all of them. There are in

There are in the town 51 business houses, 51 potential advertisers for the coming newspaper proprietor and 51 job customers. As it is now the printers of Buxton, Helens, Rainler, Portland and As-toria do their fob work. (I know of 25 newspaper offices in Oregon and Washington any one of which could profitably move to Vernonia.)

Logging Road Approaching.

I think the first railroad that headed for the Vernoula country was a logging road from Scappoose, and that road will soon be in the immediate vicinity of the town. It must go that way, according to the stream flows of the section. Then the United railway that built

This is a real live body of the best citizens. Ask for information about dairying. fruit raising, farming, sawmilling, mining and berry growing. D. W. Keasey is president and J. W. Rose, B. F. Lane, H. E. Method in the United railway that built Sheeley, secretary.

1922 GARB HAS NO PLACE IN OREGON TRAIL PAGEANT

Citizens of Baker Dress Like Pioneers of '52 and Shop Windows Give Way to Log Cabin Effects Preparatory to Celebration.

HUGE SIGNBOARDS TO ADVERTISE OREGON'S SCENIC WONDERS



OREGON TOURIST AND INFORMATION BUREAU CONTRACTS FOR ERECTION OF SIX OREGON SIGNS Six immense signboards to be located at strategic points in various western states will advertise the scenic Deauties of Oregon to the traveling public.

The Oregon tourist and information bureau, with headquarters in this city, has contracted with the largest

There are all sorts of stores, garages and offices. The hig school has 200 in the lower grades and 50 in the lower grades and 50 in the high school. Three school trucks bring the scholars in from four or five neighboring districts that have no high school. Vernonia is the center of learning for a big area, as well as the center of business.

Outdoor advertising company on the coast for the effection of the sign painter's art, will be ten feet high and 50 the signs, which will be located at strategic points in California, Utah, Washington and Idaho. A sign on the time most traveled road in the vicinity of Los Angeles will show Crater lake in all its grandeur; one near San Francisco will show the Oregon caves and their magnificent mystery; a sign on the Lincoln highway east of Francisco will show the Oregon caves and their magnificent mystery; a sign on the highway east of Pocatello, will illustrate beautiful Wallowa lake, in eastern Oregon; a sign on the highway east of Pocatello, will illustrate the grandeur of the Wallowa and Blue mountains, "the American Alps"; a sign on the Yellowstone trail east of Walla Walla will illustrate in heroic ness.

there or away from there by wagon or auto via Buxton, and there is a fairly good road from Portland to Astoria, on which Vernonia is about the half-way point.

When the pioneers first settled in the limits of the present townsite they had a prophetic vision. The only trouble with their vision was that they overlooked about as many mishaps as could hole a town back. But the location, at the confidence of the Nehalem and Rock creek, was ideal, for it was in the midst of one of the Frentest timber sections in Oregon and with Vernonia con a shout the only which it could be brought out.

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in every state.

Wild Days to Be Lived Again. Consequently a representation is expected from a majority of those cities and in such expectations the affair is expected to be one of large

Salem Power Plant Gets Bigger Engines.

It is planned, and most of the It is planned, and most of the details already are completed to have, each expedition portrayed, one a 600 horsepower steam engine only by one in the order of their coming. 16 years old, says the Salem States-Citizens of Raiker Drocat Like Pioneers of '92 and Shop Windows Give Way to Log Cabin Effects Proparatory to Celebration.

B AKRER, or June 11—Geograph Liber and Shop Windows Give Shop and the Common Commo Teams of oxen, maxed teams, prairie schooners, Concord coaches and the various types of conveyances may be expected to be seen. Ordinary be expected to be seen.

THE Portland Railway, Light & Power company is "scrapping" a 600 horsepower steam engine of the oriental and the content of th low standard of living of the orientals will affect the prices of garden

Lane county's strawberry crop is very good this year and the prune erop will be tremendous, judging from present indications, J. O. Hoit, manager of the Eugene Fruit Grow-

and Corvallis. Considerable feeling exists among North Albany garden-ers over the sale as they claim the low standard of living of the orien-

for payment at the city's option will officers believe it was set by be presented. The exact amount of the bond issue had not been determined but the ordinances have been grazing for cattle, but that the dry

for marketing far in the past years.

The LaCreole Canning company will begin cauning strawberries next Monday and will operate until the close of the season.

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ats Pass Box Factory Starts. Grants Pass Box Factory Starts.

The box factory at Grants Pass owned by I. A. Robie started up Monday for the summer with a shift of 35 men. Mr. Robie tells the Oregon Observer that he has pienty of orders to keep him busy, and as soon as the new lumber begins coming in he expects to increase the number of men. The mill at present is working on orchard boxes and

The Clackamas river above Cazedero will be barred to anglers most of the summer. This is on account of the danger from blasting which is being done by the Portiand Rallway, Light & Power company in building its road from the river to Oak Grove, where its new power plant is to be located. Three hundred men are already at work on the project.—Eastern Clackamas dred men are already at work on the project.—Eastern Clackamas

Josephine County Fair Dated. Work has been started already on the Josephine county fair, to be held at Grants Pass September 13-22, according to F. S. Ireland, who was elected manager of the fair at the last meeting of the Pomona grange. Mr. Ireland tells the Grants Pass Observer that he ex-pects to give a good, live fair, and one which will be clean in every

Big Cedar Timber Being Cut. Cedar timbers for use in con-structing bridges and culverts on the new highway between Port Orford and Myers creek will be se-cured at Pistol river, there being a body of white cedar in that lo-cality. The timber will be cut en-tirely by hand and it is expected a will be established at that

School Districts Combine. The proposition of consolidating school district No. 5, which lies on the west side of the river, with Jerry's Flat, district No. 21, in Curry county, carried at the last election. The consolidated districts have a total assessed valuation of \$99,000. No. 5 having been a small district, with an assessed valua-tion of \$28,000.—Gold Beach Re-

necting the lower Columbia river highway with the Pacific highway on the Washington side, which is proving very popular, as it eliminates 11 miles of gravel highway between Kalama and Kelso.

Beginning this coming Sunday hourly service will be provided, both from Rainier and Kelso, with capacity for 35 machines. Until Sunday the ferry leaves Rainier every two hours from 7 A M. to 11 P. M.; from Kelso every two hours from 6 A. M. to 10 P. M. Until the detours between La Center and Kalama, on the Pacific highway north of Vancouver, are eliminated, motorists going north should make use of ferry service, says the state

FOREST FIRE CHECKED

Green Timber and Logged-Off Land Burned East of Kelso.

KELSO. Wash., June 10.—(Special.)—The forest fire which has been burning in green timber owned by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company in the vicinity of the big dam on the Coweeman, 25 miles east of Kelso, was checked last night by a heavy fall of rain. This fire has-raged on the divide between the Coweeman and Mulholland for several days, burning over 800 acres of green timber, much of which was killed and considerably damaged by the flames. The fire also burned over 2000 acres of logged-over lands.

weather caused it to spread into the green timber. It is in an iso-lated section and it is doubtful if the damaged timber can be logged in time to save it from serious injury.

DEE SAWMILL TO OPEN Snowdrifts Still Found in Oregon

Lumber Company Camp.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 10.— (Special)—The Dee plant of the Oregon Lumber company, operation of which has been delayed this year of which has been delayed this year because of damage to a logging road last November during the heavy sleet storm, will start the season's run Monday. The concern will employ about 175 men in the plant and the logging camps on the upper west fork of Hood river.

Heavy snowdrifts are still encountered in the highland fir forests where the logging camp is countered in the logging camp is located. The lumber tract being logged is in the Oregon national forest. The stumpage of the area was purchased by the lumber con-

JUDGE BALLINGER IS UPHELD IN CABINET OFFICE DISPUTE

Retiring Assistant Secretary of Interior During Wilson Administration Sides With Dead Seattlean in Controversy With Pinchot.

DUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, his friends would have thought him Wash, June 10.—Alexander T. less of a man than he was had he vogelsang of San Francisco made pretense of forgiveness for was assistant secretary of the interior department under the administration of the state of istrations of Woodrow Wilson. His The sting of all that had gone

ing in he expects to increase the number of men. The mili at present is working on orchard boxes and for cannery stock. The orders at present are all from Oregon, although a number of California concerns have attempted to piace orders.

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South Halet Mine Starts Work.
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known; but it seems certain that much that would have been valuable for such a work was carried in his mind to the last and is now beyond human reach.

No one who knew Judge Ballinger well ever has questioned his personal integrity or the purity of his motives in public office. But those who knew him best knew also that the sting of the injustice that he felt had been done him remained with him through the later years of his life. He was not a man embittered against all the world; but

Tuesday night Judge Ballinger died suddenly at his home in Setattle. Occasionally during the last two or three years, and more frequently after the receipt of the Vogelsang letter, he had spoken of preparing something in the nature of an autobiography, particularly covering the period of his higher public service as commissioner of the general land office and secretary of the interior. Whether he had actually begun to co-relate the data in his possession is not yet known; but it seems certain that much that would have been valuable

TRAVELERS FROM OIL CITY OF TEXAS TO LOCATE HERE

Amarilla Visitor Tells of Natural Gas Where Supplies Are Going

BY ADDISON BENNETT. ridge M. DEAVOURS, wife and son, May

Deavours claims that his home town and is now awaiting word from the is in the largest gas and oil field Phez company to get to the Salem in the world, but the natural gas is FERRY CONNECTS ROADS practically a waste, and the oil is Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kerr and one child are from the Cold Spring of wells are down from 2700 to 3000 neighborhood, about 20 miles from Dendilates where Mr. Eleven Miles of Gravel Highway feet, but few of them thus far show form. With them are Clarence Show

four small children are here from Chicago, Ill. Mr. Minium is a salesman and came to Portland as a sightseer, but expects to remain here permanently.

W. L. Clifford, Mrs. Clifford and one small son are from Twin Falls.

The number of machines arriving

W. L. Clifford, Mrs. Clifford and one small son are from Twin Falls, Idaho. Mr. Clifford is a carpenter and intends to become a citizen of Portland—in fact, is now.

Superintendation.

ridge is a clam digger, and when M. DEAVOURS, wife and son, May comes along, a month minus are from Amarillo, Tex.

are from Amarillo, Tex. The son, Pierce, yesterday was berries. For a number of years he celebrating his 21st birthday. Mr.

Is Eliminated by Boat.

VANCOUVER, Wash, June 10.—
(Special.)—The chamber of commerce has issued a statement calling attention to the new ferry service between Rainier and Kelso, conformal for the service between Rainier and Kelso, conformal feet, but few of them thus far show and fram. With them are Clarence Shaw and Frank Smith. The party is out on a little vacation "between hay and grass," and were mightly sound city, but expects to make his pleased when shown by The Oregonian that the country of nearly all eastern Oregon and Washington has just had a soaking rain.

Superintendent Keany had yesterday several loads of "pure, fresh, clean sawdust" placed on Kiwanis avenue. There is more than one way to pave a street.

F. Downridg, Mrs. Downridg and six children are from Kopalis, which is a town on Grays harbor. "In season," Mr. Down-

FRENCH MILITARY BUDGET DECLARED BELOW AVERAGE

Expenditure for 1922 Said to Have Increased by Smaller Percentage Over 1913 Than Has Cost of United States Army.

Former French High Commissioner to America.

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ARIS, June 10.—(Special by 213; Swifzanland 122; Creat Britain, 274; Italy, 272; Denmark, 259; Norway, 225; The Netherlands, 213; Swifzanland 122

ARIS, June 10.—(Special by Wireless.)—Figures make The figures really show that Wireless.)—Figures make tough reading, but in these serious times, especially among friends, the need for sound knowledge on which to base mutual understanding is imperative. I desire today to discuss our financial commission, particularly the reduction for military purposes. Our ordinary budget appropriately the reduction for military purposes. Our ordinary budget also have been reduced.

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My final table will show that the france of the need for sound knowledge on for pensions and reconstruction to-tais 23,084,000,000 francs. Fifty-two per cent of the ordinary budget represents a service of debt, and if represents a service of deet, and it we continue to borrow to pay Germany's obligations, this enormous proportion will grow larger.

It often is said that our army and navy absorb the greater part of our 1921, 21,423,060,000; 1922, 23,084,1921, 21,423,060,000; 1922,

navy absorb the greater part of our resources, but the truth is that compared with our pre-war record, our military increases are smaller than other countries, as the following table shows; thus our military expenditures, including the gendarmerle, which is really a police and not a military force, have stead'ly decreased since the armistice:

100,000,000 is 0,001 be worse than superfluous, so I will only add, first, we cannot greatly increase our taxes, which have mounted from the pendarment of the property of the cannot be controlled to the property of the property decreased since the armistics:
1912, 1.087,000,000; 1918, 26.120,000,000; 1920, 7.648,000,000; 1921, 6;912,000,000; 1922, 4,910,000,000; 1923,
1800,000,000 4.890,000,000.000.
In other words, compared with 1913, our military expenditures increased 266 per cent, whereas the general cost of living increased more than 300 per cent.

Camp Meeting Permit Asked.

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The Oregon State Holiness assoorest. The stumpage of the area was purchased by the lumber contern several years ago.

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