

The First Passenger Train to Enter Vernonia, September 9, 1922.

unkind thing about anyone, whether true or untrue." Every New Year's Day the pledge must be renewed. The society already has a million members.

Dr. Armstrong Smith, the founder, says that it is "A World League of Sealed Lips," to stop cheap, thoughtless gossip that causes so much heartache in the world.

Certainly there could be no more worthy task than to increase the number of those who will guard their tongues against unkindness.—Lebanon Criterion.

The estimated budget of total expense for the City of St. Helens for 1923 is \$15,070.

Some important courtesies mentioned by St. Helens Mist are:

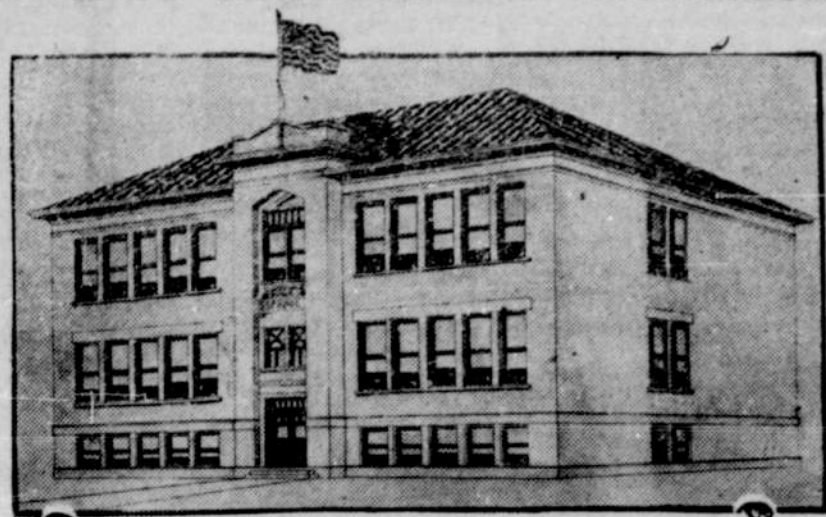
The nicest courtesy you can show guests in your home is to have their visit mentioned in the home newspaper.

The nicest courtesy you can show your friends is to let them know of your comings and goings through the columns of your home newspaper.

To do either of these will also be a courtesy to your home newspaper.



Bank of Vernonia.



Vernonia High School.



Cadets Take Provisions to Poor Families



JUNIOR NOBLE AND JOE HILL

In addition to their training in regular school courses of study the younger cadets of Hill Military Academy, Portland, are given military drill and lessons in service to others. Paul Noble and Joe Hill (both Juniors) are among the small boys of the academy who joined the basket brigade on a recent expedition made by the young pupils of the school and who took baskets of provisions to poor and deserving families. When the fall term opened recently, the first thing these lads asked was, "May we save our allowances up for a basket shower?" Saving allowances means no candy for several weeks and that takes courage when one is only 12 years old.

OUR FUTURE TIMBER PROBLEM

The recent meeting of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association in Portland advocated legislation regulating the use of private timber lands on the principle that "the public has the right to demand that the loggers leave their deforested land in useful condition." The term "useful condition" is so ambiguous that it might mean most anything.

Practical timber men agree that it is to the interest of the state as well as themselves to leave their land in the most usable condition after logging operations, for growing either pure timber crops or for agricultural purposes.

But they fear that the present tendency to apply European methods in regard to our forestry policy in a country where conditions are entirely different will seriously handicap lumber manufacturers by eventually increasing the price of their product to a point which will put it out of the

market.

A governmental overhead of gigantic proportions would easily be developed by creating an official timber bureaucracy in state and national governments.

Over-regulation has sapped the life out of our railroads and the West can ill afford to sanction any policy which means the beginning of "petrification" of any of its basic industries.

Let us protect our forests but not in a manner that merely leaves the trees to die of old age and sawmills to rot down from inability to operate.

The schools, offices, every residence and all places of business of any importance should have a telephone installed at once. Your merchandise can be ordered by phone and in hundreds of ways it will pay for itself. A directory card will be prepared with your name and number, to hang by your phone. Get your number on it, so people can find it quick.

ONE OF THE BEST ON THE LINE

Work is progressing rapidly on the new depot for Vernonia. It will be the only standard depot on the line between here and Portland. Dimensions are 30x100 feet and the same type and plans of the fine East Morrison depot in Portland. The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce is entitled to credit for its persistent work in getting the railroad company to build such a splendid building. The Chamber members stayed with the job and their urging had much effect. If it hadn't been for the work and trips to Portland of certain members the old building that is now moved off the ground would have been used as Vernonia's depot.

THE PADLOCK SOCIETY.

An organization known as The Padlock Society has been started in London. Those joining it unlock a padlock, make a pledge and then lock the padlock. This is the pledge: "I promise to try my utmost never to say an

CALAMITY WILL BE FOR THE BEST

To a weekly newspaper being late with an issue, is the greatest worry the editor has. The Eagle has sure been worried for a couple of weeks, and will be for another week. Our big new press didn't prove an easy job, as it took over a week's time to install it. After getting "fixed up," our two-horse engine proved too light to operate it, and it called for extra expense and time of installing a larger engine. The calamity will, we hope, be pardoned, and it will assure us from now on of a better paper. The Eagle will grow and will herald the good tidings of Vernonia from shore to shore.

All kinds of Christmas decorations and toys at Mrs. Lee's, in Vernonia Hotel building.

