

## PERSONAL DOINGS IN THE LOCAL FIELD

Items Gathered From Here and There  
Sense and Nonsense.

Candies for school children, toys, fancy dishes, etc., for Xmas. Visit my store for Christmas shopping. Mrs. Lee, in Vernonia hotel building.

Mrs. Charles D. White spent a few days in Portland last week.

Mr. Jolly has been on the sick list for a few days.

Miss Evelyn Jolly spent the weekend in Portland.

Mr. L. H. Detrow went to Portland Thursday to meet Mrs. Detrow, who has been visiting in the east for some time. Mrs. Detrow was glad to get back home even if she did come in a snow storm.

Notice my windows for Christmas goods and novelties. In the Vernonia hotel building. Mrs. Sue Lee.

The Eagle sincerely wishes every one of its readers a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Nineteen twenty-three will be the banner year for Vernonia. Ride easy and let 'er go.

All eyes are on Vernonia, the coming industrial city of Oregon.

Examined stop jars, tin horns, balls, marbles, dishes, fancy Christmas presents, at Mrs. Lee's in the Vernonia hotel building.

Mr. Walter Stratton, and Mr. Bert Au tin, of Seattle were visitors at the home of the Editors family Monday and Tuesday, Mr. Stratton being a brother of Mrs. Robinson.

Mrs. Lee Hail spent a few days in Portland this week.

A nice new bungalow, close in only \$400—terms—G. B. Richmond.

Rev. Heverling spent a couple days in Portland this week.

Attorney Sheeley, has been all smiles this week, because Mrs. Sheeley and the baby have returned from a two weeks visit with her parents near Vancouver.

Think of this, fine big lots close in for \$75.00 cash, but \$10 per month. He is wise who buys one before the spring rush.—G. B. Richmond.

Dr. M. D. Cole attended a Dental Convention in Portland the first of the week. Since his return he has added equipment and a few waiting room to his dental office.

Another new arrival attracted by the progress of Vernonia is Mr. Jay, of Eche. Mr. Jay tells us they lived in Vernonia thirty years ago, but hasn't seen the town since. The family has bought property here and will make this their future home.

3 big lots near High School—only \$650 a snap—G. B. Richmond.

80 acres good land—1,000,000 cedar 500,000 feet Fir, near graveled road, only \$1500 for land and timber—terms this is a great bargain.—G. B. Richmond.

10 acres 9 cleared 5 acres rich bottom land balance hill land good room, house, barn, chicken house and fine orchard. Near the big mill. Think what a market you would have for chickens or fruit. \$3000. \$1000 cash balance good terms.—G. B. Richmond.

**Heck's Express** Light hauling, Express, trunks, baggage, Delivers any time. Leave orders at R & L barber shop. We'll haul it.

Good heavy team, wagon and harness for sale. See Weaver Clark. Vernonia.

several cases of smallpox have appeared in Wallowa, but it is of a mild form.

Ten persons were murdered in Portland during the 12 months ending November 30.

The population of the Oregon state penitentiary, which last August totaled 470, has dropped to 458.

The mill of Smith brothers, 15 miles northwest of Prineville, recently destroyed by fire, is being rebuilt.

Retail merchants of Coquille have organized a local chapter of the Oregon Retail Merchants association.

The Peacock mill at Freewater is running night and day in order to fill flour orders from foreign countries.

There are at present in the schools of Marion county 14,944 pupils. This is an increase over last year of 482.

The population of the state home for the feeble-minded at Salem has increased in the past year from 621 to 707.

Thirty-four persons were killed and 1802 injured in 14,496 traffic accidents in Portland during the year ending November 30.

A course in horticulture will be included in the winter short courses given by the Oregon Agricultural college January 2 to March 17, 1923.

The North Bend Chamber of Commerce has opened a drive for an increase in membership and for a budget of \$5000 to be expended in 1923.

More than 150 telephones were put out of commission in The Dalles as a result of the heavy snow which broke down the drops leading to homes.

The annual report of the Coos county school superintendent shows that cost of the public schools of Coos county was \$465,766 for the last year.

Although the number of cases of typhoid fever in Portland this year has largely exceeded those of 1921, the death record from this disease shows only one more death than in that year.

The Santiam Woolen mills, employing 150 persons, has built an addition to its plant and is planning further improvements. The company's mill office has been moved from Portland to Stayton.

Oregon postmasters recently nominated by the president are as follows: Irvin D. Pike, Grass Valley; Roderick A. Chisholm, Monroe; Otto G. Schneider, Powers; Russell H. Sullens, Prairie City.

There are 3356 persons of school age in the Eugene school district, according to the revised figures on the recent school census. This is an increase of 246 over the number enumerated last year.

A petition has been filed at Albany asking the division of the Harmony school district and the creation of a new district of the western half of the territory. The Harmony district was organized nearly 50 years ago.

Formal notice of appeal of the Klamath Falls court house decision recently rendered by Judge Skipworth of Lane county was served in both cases in which the court houses and the court house sites are involved.

"The state of Oregon sends more students to college in proportion to its population than any other state in the Union," declared W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college, in discussing American Education week.

C. L. Palmer, the new Baker mayor, appointed Ed Rand, who for some time has been deputy United States marshal, with headquarters in Portland, as chief of police. Frank McCulloch has been named for city attorney.

The increase in license fees received by the motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office up to and including November 30, as compared with the same period in 1921, amounted to nearly \$1,000,000, according to Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

The motor vehicle registration department of the secretary of state's office faces a serious congestion of work at the first of the year because of the tardiness with which motor vehicle owners are sending in their applications for new licenses.

Chief Justice George H. Burnett of the Oregon supreme court wrote a letter recommending Judge Charles H. Carey of Portland for appointment to the United States supreme court to fill a vacancy, which, it is said, will be made soon by resignation. Other justices of the court said they were going to write similar letters.

Sales of gasoline in Oregon during October amounted to 5,405,454.2 gallons, according to reports filed with Secretary of State Koser. The state tax on gasoline and distillate sales for the month amounted to \$112,254.69. While gasoline sales decreased 15 percent as compared to the previous month, sales of distillate show a gain of more than 30 per cent.

William H. Klepper, president of the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league, was forever barred from further participation in the affairs of the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues, in a resolution adopted by the board of arbitration of the organization. Klepper was charged with making and filling an alleged false statement relative to the capital stock of the Tacoma (Wash.) club, which he organized.

Real and personal property of the Portland Flour Mills company in Multnomah county was bid in for an aggregate of \$1,172,670 at sheriff's sales held in Portland. Wallace McCamant, on behalf of a committee holding \$3,000,000 of the company's outstanding 8 per cent mortgage bonds, acquired title at the foreclosure sale, this being the first step in the plan for turning the properties over to the Sperry Flouring company of San Francisco.

The Northwest Association of Sheriffs and Police, which convenes in Portland January 18, 19 and 20 for its second annual convention, will pay particular attention to the problem of enforcing the prohibition laws, according to word received by Chief of Police Jenkins of Portland, vice president of the association, from L. S. May, president, a noted criminologist. The organization, starting out with 100 members, has increased its membership to 400. A clear-cut resolution in favor of strict enforcement of the dry laws is expected at the session.

Five state senators met in Pendleton and agreed to continue to support Senator Jay H. Upton of Prineville for president of the state senate. The senators present were Ritner, Robertson, Dennis, Taylor and Ellis. Senators Upton and Strayer were not present. The senators comprise the Eastern Oregon delegation who had met in caucus before and agreed to support Upton. Senator Strayer of Baker, was in communication with the "sagebrush" group by long distance telephone, and is said to favor the agreement to support Upton.

Incendiarism was responsible for the conflagration which destroyed the business section of Astoria, according to both Mayor Bremner and Chief of Police Carlson, and local radicals are under suspicion. Investigation proved that the fire at the outset began in two separate places, simultaneously, according to Chief Carlson. At least a dozen citizens who were in the vicinity of the Bee-Hive department store when the conflagration started said they were certain that two restaurants—one at either side of the department store—were using furnaces, while the store showed no sign of fire.

The value of taxable property in each county in Oregon, including that equalized by county boards and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission, is \$1,009,499,160.38, according to a report prepared by the state tax commission. The value of taxable property, in each county as assessed and equalized by the state tax commission and apportioned according to the respective county ratios aggregated \$123,707,964.54, while the value of taxable property assessed by the county assessors and equalized by the county boards of equalization totaled \$885,792,095.84. The report shows a total of 10,508,027.02 acres of tillable lands in Oregon, with an aggregate assessed value of \$250,827,512. Timber lands aggregate 3,379,073.32 acres, the assessed value being fixed at \$64,436,895. The assessed value of 12,492,445.50 acres of non-tillable lands in the state is \$90,812,562.

We wish every citizen could attend every meeting of the city council, in order that we would everyone see the pull and wholeback side of affairs. Vernonia is a city, and it is time we were running things a little civilized. It takes harmony, which we have not got. The people should know just who is right and who is wrong. When the council passes a law, that is law, and if any one defies that ruling, then who is to blame? Order is another thing our council lacks, as everyone talks without addressing the chair half the time. At the last council meeting nothing was accomplished and a Babylon reigned supreme. Judge Harris made a good and sensible talk on how to proceed on sidewalks and his advice was appreciated. It is good to start improvements right and then they will remain right for all time. Your paper intends to keep you informed on doings of the council but until harmony exists and something definite is accomplished, there is nothing to report. People want sidewalks and they want them NOW. People want a curfew law and they want it NOW. People want order and speed on city affairs and they don't want any more delays than is necessary. This east side and west side is bosh. There is no east or west; it is all Vernonia, and a west-sider has just as much interest in the high school and in eastside sidewalks as an eastsider. We all believe in the majority rule, and readers, we don't blame you for getting tired of objections and the lack of harmony. Time for action.

The big snowdrift melted yesterday when the sun came out, and our new teacher floated in on some brift wood, You may not believe it, but she is here at last. We're having some trouble in getting used to the new schedule but we'll see it thru.

### VERNONIA GROWS FAST

Work on Light and Power Plant Begun; Framework is Laid for Railroad Station

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Activity is steady in every branch of progress at Vernonia and is not retarded by bad weather.

The site for the big lumber mill, across from the Nehalem river, will be ready soon for the erection of buildings. Several refuse piles resemble huge Indian tepees and are all ready for the torch. Immediately adjoining the site are a number of home plots on which residences are being constructed. The office and residences of the mill company are practically finished. The high school building is undergoing finishing work but has been occupied for several weeks.

Vernonia is growing rapidly. A leading hotel will double its capacity by an addition now under construction. A new mercantile building now under way almost adjoining the Nehalem river bridge, fills the only available space left in that block facing the main street.

Poles are being prepared for an electric power plant which will supply light and power within a short time.

The city has bonded itself for nearly \$40,000 for a water system which will supply one of the vital necessities. The city has decided that instead of taking the water from the Nehalem river, it will dig wells for the water supply as it is believed better water will be obtained in that way.

Framework has been laid for the big new depot.

### Standard Oil in Vernonia

Notice.  
The first car load of oil and gas from the Standard Co., arrived in Vernonia Wednesday. No more will we have to depend on trucks from other cities. Mr. C. I. Freese, their agent for this county was in town this week and it is rumored that in the spring we may have a Standard station with their large receiving station and tanks in our city. We need it.

When in Portland  
**STOP**

### Empress Hotel

Sixth and Stark Sts.  
Center of Business District  
Moderate Prices

Read the extra Christmas advertising in this issue. We think they are just a little better than any seen in the average weekly paper. They are good reading, and they demonstrate the fact that you can get what you want right in Vernonia. The business men with these Christmas ads are interested in you and in the town. They say, "Merry Christmas" from the heart, and mean every word they say. Read these ads, all of them and patronize the advertisers. You will save money by reading them, too. It is hard to say which ad is the best, or appears the best from a typographical standpoint. The wording is the same as your merchant would talk if you were in his store.

The judges, Mrs. Spencer, Professor Wilson and the editor, had a hard job deciding which of the many essays on the History of the Nehalem Valley, were the best. Indeed, there were a few that it was next to impossible to judge on, being about equally good. Veldon Parker, aged 12 years and in the seventh grade, was decided to be the best and Veldon will please call at the Eagle office for his first prize. Net came Dorothy Throop, Ethel Wilson and Anna Rea Webster, all three exceptionally good and hard to decide which was the best. Josephine Corey, Opal Coyle, Samuel Anderson and Percy Bergerson were all more than worthy of special mention and it was evidently a task for them to secure dates and particulars.

**NEW SERVICE STATION**  
The Vernonia Brazing and Machine Works, Inc., are installing a new gas filling station, one of the best on the market. Their new tanks have a capacity of 18 gallons to the minute and modern appliances. This firm are also now agents for the famous United States tires and tubes, and are operating a first-class service station right on the highway at their machine works.

Elsewhere in this issue is a communication from "One of the People" on a recent meeting of the Honorable City Council. The writer shows ability as a scribe and there is more truth than poetry in his ravings. Whether or not we appreciate sarcasm, we print the report as handed us by the citizen, and we vouch for the fact that said citizen is truthfully a booster at heart.

It is possible you may want to mail this and next week's Eagle to inquiring friends. Both this issue and next week's will be editions of descriptive matter and truths concerning Vernonia. Both Christmas editions, and we will have probably a few extra copies at 5 cents each while they last.

## Groceries That Please

When the woman—or man—who buys the groceries knows that the food purchased is of first quality—well, that is the most important thing.

But she or he also will find the prices here most reasonable, considering the quality of the eatables to be found here.

## Make the Home Comfortable.

The chilly winter weather is here and your home should be comfortable. Look over our line of heaters. We have them from \$3.75 to \$30.

## G. C. MELLINGER, Groceries

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