

MOUTHPIECE of the NEHALEM VALLEY

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## IT IS COMING

### Portland-Astoria Highway

Last Saturday the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce entertained a delegation of enthusiastic citizens from Astoria, Vernonia, Forest Grove, Timber and points along the Portland-Astoria Inland route. The meeting was called to form plans and to prevail upon the Highway Commission, if possible, their early action in designating this route as a State Highway. It is likely that little will be attempted until after Jan. 1. when it is expected a new Commission will be appointed. Thousands of people are vitally interested in this most important of all Oregon roads. We have coast highways a plenty, until the actual farmers, mill men, and townsmen can secure a route out of the mud. Besides the great importance of this route from Portland to Astoria via Vernonia as a necessity to farmers and home owners, it is, in addition, a route of scenic beauty equalling the Columbia Highway. It is also needed badly on account of the present congested condition of the Columbia Highway, and the Inland route will be cheaper to construct and a "year round" route.

At the St Helens meet about thirty guests were

seated at the banquet table. The Chicken Dinner was certainly appreciated after the long rough drive. The St. Helens Club is awake. Dr. Flynn, the Pres., and a splendid live wire, called the meeting to order. Chas. D. White, Vernonia's Mayor, was chosen Chairman. Good speeches were made by Judge Cornelius of Astoria, Rep. Miles of St. Helens, Rep. Mott of Astoria, Mr. Bangs of Timber, Attorney Sheeley of Vernonia, Claude Smith of Forest Grove, and about twenty others in attendance. A committee composed of Judge White and the Columbia county court, Judge Cornelius and court of Clatsop county, Judge Goodin and the court of Washington county and the secretaries of the various commercial clubs was appointed to present the matter to the present Highway Commission and to urge them to at least recommend this highway to the incoming administration.

It was the prevailing belief that the Governor-elect would favor the early building of this Inland Highway, and it was the opinion that the new highway commission would be composed of men with the same opinion. The Inland Highway will be a reality. Aid will be asked from the State hotel Association, the State

## The Letter to Santa Claus



Motor Association and the Tourist Association. We will keep everlastingly at it, and we will win.

### Vernonia High School

ALICE ENYARTS, Editor

A splendid program is to be given by the Delphine Literary Society Friday, December 22. Everybody welcome.

After the end of this semester Harry Kealey of Vernonia High School, will not be on the basket ball team any more, because he will be over age.

Miss Louise Lester went to Portland December 19 to undergo some examinations by doctors.

The City Council met Monday night. It was decided that the city water reservoir should be located on the T. B. Mills hill which has an elevation of 200 feet higher than Bridge street. No more drone hall permits will be granted unless the operators can guarantee order. At an adjourned meeting the vote of Nov. 7 was canvassed and found that both the water and light measures carried by a handsome majority and that Guy R. Mills, C. W. Mellinger, R. M. Hall and Dr. B. L. Sears were elected as Councilmen and C. D. White as Mayor.

Mrs. Folger has gone to Salem to visit relatives until after Christmas.

### PLAYING POLITICS IN INDUSTRY

A peculiar situation exists in the Northwest. The lumber industry of this section is the greatest employer of labor.

Canadian shingles are imported into the United States free of duty but if the American shingle manufacturers wish to buy Canadian logs for making shingles they are faced with a prohibitive duty on the raw material.

With cheap, foreign labor, Canada can produce both logs and shingles for less than the American manufacturer. Control of shingle production by reason of tariff on logs and free shingles is passing into British Columbia hands.

The inconsistency of the situation is apparent. American lumbermen are expected to pay high wages to American citizens and meet cheap labor foreign production with no tariff protection on a finished product, but a prohibitive tariff on the raw material, which they could buy to advantage.

This is politics, and even though it crucify an industry, some politicians prefer to "play politics" rather than consider the science of government as a matter of business for the development of their own country.

We hear a report that Marshal Fowler intends to resign. We really hope it is unfounded or that Mr. Fowler will reconsider. We realize his job is a hard one, in that he is sure to make enemies as well as friends—it being impossible to please everybody. He is probably blamed if he don't and blamed if he does, as is the case with police officers the world over. But we do believe that in Vernonia the city would have a difficult time finding a better man for the place than Mr. Fowler.

N. Soden, went to Portland to spend the Holidays.

### JUST VERNONIA

I have reached the land of snow and rain.  
Of buck meat and skeeter pain,  
I got my land from Uncle Nick  
And I am beat, you bet I am.

When first I came to get a start  
The deer were not far apart,  
Now all that I can get to eat  
Is corn bread and steer meat.

Out on the snow-covered mountains  
I stand,  
With my 30-30 in my hand,  
And try to kill a buck deer,  
Although the game wardens may sneer.

The corn won't grow and the wheat  
drowns out;  
My Sunday pants are all worn out,  
I sadly think of my father's home,  
As I gnaw the meat of the buck's bones.

Now when I lay me down to sleep  
The fleas and bedbugs o'er me creep,  
They sing prospect holes all over  
my hide.

And chew my ribs like they were  
fried.  
(We really pity poor R. A. and  
feel sorry for the woeful plight he  
seems to be in.—Editor.)

For the benefit of those who have  
in the past sold or aided a minor to  
obtain tobacco, we are publishing  
what the law has to say about it.  
Read it:

"It is unlawful to sell, barter, trade,  
give or in any manner furnish to any  
minor under the age of eighteen years  
any tobacco, cigars or cigarettes in  
any form.

"It is unlawful for any minor under  
the age of eighteen years to smoke,  
or in any way use any cigar, cigar-  
ette or tobacco in any form whatso-  
ever in any public highway, street,  
place, square or resort.

"It is unlawful for any person to  
sell, offer for sale or keep for sale,  
exchange, barter, dispose of or give  
away to any minor, any cigarette or  
cigarettes in the state of Oregon.

"Any person violating the law with  
regard to selling cigarettes to minors  
shall, on conviction, be punished by a  
fine of not more than \$100.00 for the  
first offense and not more than \$500  
nor less than \$25.00 for the second  
offense, or by imprisonment. Minors  
under eighteen who smoke cigarettes  
in a public place may be fined up to  
\$10.00 or by imprisonment."

B. W. Carlyle, has gone to  
Bellingham Wash, to spend  
Christmas with relatives.

The McMullen boys killed  
a large cougar one day last  
week that had been annoy-  
ing the community around  
Natal for some time. It is  
reported the animal measur-  
ed about nine feet from tip  
to tip.

### Ad. Hunches; No. 1

Advertising experts on display instruct us that white space judiciously used is more valuable for attractiveness than ornaments or long descriptive stuff in small type. Last week one of our stores carried a half page, fifty per cent white space and fifty per cent large type telling of certain articles for 98 cents. In two days the store was entirely sold out of the described article, due directly to his judgement in the ad. copy and the value of the bargain. People don't care to read several thousand words of small 8 point type to describe an article. Make your copy attractive.

Little sympathy will be forthcoming to the young man who offers moonshine to young girls, as we hear has been done in Vernonia. A respectable young man has a duty to protect the girls of his town as he would that of his sister. The girl situation is delicate, and the old song might be changed to "Where is my Wandering Girl Tonight." If a man gets in trouble or in jail it is generally his own fault, and whether anyone else gets in or not, doesn't help his cause one iota. Let each of us so live that we will have no occasion to fear the enforcement of any law. The best place for boys or girls under age, after dark, is home.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Nehalem Telo Co. will be held January 3, 1923, at Vernonia Grange Hall, commencing at 10.00 o'clock a.m. All stockholders are requested to be present.  
—Louis Siegert, Sec.

## Christmas Gift Headquarters

### The Vernonia Drug Co.

Extends to you all a neighborly Christmas Greeting  
and wishes for you a very

### PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

## Vernonia Drug Co.

Wm. Folger, Prop  
NEHALM QUALITY DRUG STORE



Money in  
**OUR BANK**  
is a safe shelter  
for Your Family.

What would that little family of yours do right now if anything happened to you and you didn't have a dollar? Lots of things could happen to your earning power.  
Haven't you better start a Bank Account? Put your money in Your Bank.

### Bank of Vernonia.