

THE LOCAL FIELD
and There
Sense and Nonsense.

Vernonia is a good town to tie to.

Mrs. J. Emmons, is home to spend Christmas with home folks. J. P. McDonald spent a few days in Portland last week.

Alvin Parker is home on his Christmas vacation from Corvallis.

Mr. McChesney, went to Albany to spend the Holidays with home folks.

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

Communications are not sentiments expressed by the paper in which they appear.

Mr. and Mrs. Sitts of Keasy have moved to their new home in Vernonia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Garner Salesman for the Burrows Adding Machine Co. and resident of Astoria was in town a few days this week.

Miss Lucy Stanton, who is teaching the Beaver school was in town this week she is going to St Helens to take the teachers examination.

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

We hear that W. O. Galaway, President of the Bank of Vernonia, is under hospital treatment for a week or so with ulcers of the stomach. We hope to see him feeling fine in a short time.

A Chance to Play Santa: If you know of any children in Vernonia who will not see Santa Claus this Christmas, will you notify the Eagle before Saturday night. A good Santa has asked this paper to report any names that may possibly be missed.

Miss Hazel Malmen, who is attending school at Willamette University, was in a coasting accident at Salem last week. A string of sleds were being pulled behind an auto when another car ran into them. Miss Malmen was bruised, but not seriously hurt.

Nearly everybody has either a job or a business. If everybody attends to that job or business and leaves gossip alone, what a busy and congenial world we would have. A talking, wagging, gossiping tongue not only stirs up strife generally, but it ruins the person, socially and in a business way, that harbors such a habit.

At the last regular meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps No. 49, Dec. 16, 1922, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Sarah A. Spencer; Senior Vice President, Mrs. Minnie Johns; Junior Vice President, Mrs. Kate McDonald; Chaplain, Mrs. Emma Weed; Treasurer, Mrs. May Melting; Conductor, Mrs. Emma Greener; Guard, Mrs. Louanna Rogers. Mrs. Gladys Gessell Smith was chosen by the newly elected officers as the installing officer. Installation of officers will be held the third Saturday in January.

Mrs. Clarence Coyle and baby returned home this week. Mrs. Nelson went to Woodburn to accompany them.

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Observations by an Observer

We have noticed some wonderful happenings among our city officials the past few days and believe that the public should be informed about the marvelous efficiency of the Department of Public Safety. One of the Plain Clothes men who evidently is in charge of the Morals Squad, discovered a 15 year old girl beastly intoxicated and by prompt and courageous action immediately brought the matter to the attention of the child's parents. The matter was investigated by the said parents, and several other people, and no evidence of intoxication was apparent to those who looked into the matter. Also the peace and dignity of the city was rudely shattered by a party of young men recently who were singing in various parts of the city, and these vicious rascals were promptly arrested and wd hope punished as they deserved. We are at a loss however to understand the failure of the Police Department to function properly in regard to a disturbance near the dance hall where two men were stripped of their coats and trying to fight, but both so intoxicated they could hardly stand on their feet, and the vile language used could be heard a city block away. Several people witnessed this and all say that the Department of Safety was represented, but cannot understand why no arrests were made in this case. Also we know of another case where a man had to be escorted home by a minion of the law as he absolutely was unable to navigate by himself. We recall however that laboring man who was mildly intoxicated was fined \$15. in the past few days and this was all the money the man had and could secure. We will have improvements in this city if the supply of laboring men hold out and our brewers and distillers bring in a sufficient supply to cover demands. That also reminds us that one of the most horrible dens of iniquity has been closed by our city dads. Some of us common folks have seen the management of the dance hall eject persons under the influence of liquor and know positively that this same management has refused to admit persons who evidently had liquor in their possession, and has paid the Dept. of Safety to keep order in the place and has complied in every way with the requirements of the law. We are also foolish enough to think that the majority of the people who patronize the place are respectable citizens, and the hoodlums are in the minority. There has never been at any time to our knowledge a situation where it could not be controlled by the Dept. of Safety. The time is not far distant we hope when the citizens will demand that each and every violator of the law be treated without favoritism and even those who are violators admit that there is justice in this request. We also would use extreme care in destroying the reputation of young ladies as this is considered a dangerous passtime and not classed as an indoor sport. If the situation is beyond control of the officials of this city we will gladly organize a vigilance committee and will straighten out matters to the entire satisfaction of all those concerned. By the way, do you suppose that an inquiry by the Grand Jury into several situations in the past 60 days would assist the decent element in arriving at the truth? We have been hearing many strange and weird stories about conditions and it is a safe bet that someone will tell the truth, no matter how painful it may be, and lets give it a try.

Less Rose, Harrison Rose.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The number of persons of school age in Lane county when the census was taken last month was 11,921.

The latest cold snap has threatened a crop of a large crew engaged in packing apples near Imbler.

The Roseburg turkey market is by far the most inactive the Umpqua valley has known for many year.

The annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association will be held in Portland December 27, 28 and 29.

Plans of incorporation for a \$300,000 tourist hotel at Ashland have been drawn and were sent to Salem for filing.

Scott Ward, 75, native of Oregon and pioneer resident of Linn county, died at his home in Albany after three months' illness.

Salem Heights received first prize for the best community exhibit of vegetables, including corn, at the Marion-Polk corn show held at Salem.

The Bank of Woodburn has compiled statistics, showing the berry pack in Woodburn in 1922 amounted to 3,988,594 pounds, valued at \$201,284.54.

Contract for the construction of the Griswold union high school at Helix has been let to the Waale & Shattuck Construction company of Portland.

The Southern Oregon Hampshire Swine Breeders' association was formed at Grants Pass, when 35 breeders from Jackson and Josephine counties met.

The Eugene chamber of commerce directors voted to back Astoria's request for a \$3,000,000 government appropriation to assist in reconstructing the city.

Because of the heavy snowfall and unfavorable weather conditions in central Oregon, work on a number of irrigation projects has been abandoned for the winter.

Jesse P. Webb was pardoned by Acting Governor Ritner after serving more than 11 years for the murder of W. A. Johnson in a Portland hotel on June 20, 1910.

Ground was broken for the first cottage of the W. C. T. U. children's farm home near Corvallis Saturday afternoon, according to announcement by officers of the farm home corporation.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the state corporation department at Salem by the World's Electro-Industrial exposition, to be held in Portland in the year 1927. The capital stock is \$5,000,000.

Snow, varying in depth from two to three feet, forced suspension of the Pelican Bay Lumber company's logging operations near Kirk. Two camps employing about 280 men, were closed for the winter.

Francis T. Wade, prominent attorney of Moro, was appointed district attorney of Sherman county to succeed C. M. Huddleston, who resigned. The appointment was announced by Acting Governor Ritner.

The grading on the Shea hill cut-off on the Lebanon-Cascadia road is about completed, and the rocking will start in a few days and will continue this winter, until the road is fully completed. This new road is 3.8 miles long.

Vincent Astor of New York city, head of the Astor family and a direct descendant of the Colonel John Jacob Astor who founded Astoria as a fur trading post in 1811, telegraphed the Astoria relief committee \$5000 for its fund.

Announcement of the letting of the contract for reconstruction of the central Oregon irrigation district main flume south of Bend has been made. The Warren Construction company's bid of \$136,098.90 being accepted by the directors.

The cost of commodities in Oregon has increased approximately 10 per cent during the last year, according to bids received by the state board of control for supplies to be furnished to the state institutions during the next six months.

Alvin M. Owsley of Texas, national commander of the American Legion and rated as one of the foremost orators of the country, will arrive in Oregon on January 4 and will address a mass meeting in Portland on Friday night, January 5.

The state highway commission, under the laws of Oregon, has authority to condemn lands for right-of-way purposes within the boundaries of incorporated towns and cities, according to a decision by Judge Percy Kelly of the Marion county circuit court.

Because the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company refused to comply with an order issued by the public service commission requiring the corporation to set up and keep a separate depreciation reserve account, the commission sent a letter to John Carson, district attorney of Marion county, urging that he institute proceedings in the courts for the enforcement of the penalty provided by law in such cases.

Christmas and New Years Greetings

WE THANK you all for the substantial evidence of your appreciation of your efforts to locate and establish our place of business in this locality. We have received many kind words of encouragement and cheer from our customers, friends and acquaintances of Vernonia during the short time we have been here. For the future and for you our main policy and endeavor, at all times, and without shouting from the house tops, will be to use and apply the Golden Rule in this place of business. Thank you,
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Necessity of increased facilities for handling the rolling stock of the Southern Pacific company at its Brooklyn shops in Portland has resulted in active construction work being started on three new buildings, which will cost approximately \$50,000, according to officials of the company.

Resolutions requesting the state legislature to do nothing to disturb the workings of the present state compensation law were adopted at a convention of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at Springfield. The meeting took up several problems of legislation and also the matter of an advance in wages.

A warning was issued to all dance hall managers in Douglas county that in the future the presence of an intoxicated person at any dance held within the county will mean the immediate forfeiting of the license issued to the dance manager unless a warrant is secured for the arrest of the person disturbing the dance.

A poison campaign against the jack rabbits of the high desert in Deschutes county will be started within the next few days under the direction of an expert sent out by the United States biological survey in order that the stores of hay saved for winter feeding of cattle may not be devoured by the voracious rodent hordes.

It was reported at Salem that the Eastern & Western Lumber company of Portland has purchased approximately 1,000,000,000 feet of timber in the Cascade range in Marion and Clackamas counties from the Foster Timber company of Milwaukee, Wis. The tract lies north of the Silver Falls Timber company holdings.

The state labor department sent a representative to Astoria to investigate the labor situation there. Reports reaching C. H. Gram, labor commissioner, indicated that a large number of men were headed for the lower Columbia river city, while others who were employed there before the fire are leaving for other cities.

Action in the lower house of congress for relief of Astoria fire sufferers will follow upon a telegraphic report of the conditions requested by Secretary of War Weeks, it was decided after a conference between Representative Hawley of Oregon, Majority Leader Mondell and Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee.

The Association of District Attorneys of Oregon, in annual session at Eugene, went on record as favoring the repeal of the present woman jury law on account of its cumbersome procedure and impossibility of procuring a jury in many statutory cases wherein the law requires that half of the jury shall be women and also favoring a law compelling women to serve.

There were four fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending December 14, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: H. H. Nestle, mill worker, Eugene; W. W. Mead, logger, Mapleton; A. H. Johnson, foundryman, Portland, and Frank Arnett, wood bucker, North Bend. A total of 505 accidents were reported for the week.

Plans for an elaborate summer clubhouse and hunting lodge, to be the equal of any game association clubhouse in the northwest, were drawn up at the meeting of the Santiam Fish and Game Protective association held at Albany. The association, which comprises several sportsmen and amateur huntsmen clubs of Linn county, plans to build the clubhouse at Clear lake, one of the most beautiful locations in the west.

To move the entire perishable fruit crop in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho would require every refrigerator car in the United States for one trip between the place of production and the markets, according to H. H. Corey, a member of the Oregon public service commission, who has been in Washington for several weeks attending the railroad merger hearing before the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Corey said he was told that the recent car shortage was not due to a lack of carriers, but was the result of insufficient motive power.