

MOUHPICE OF THE NEHALEM VALLEY

CITY COUNCIL MEETS

Citizens Getting Impatient at Postponements on Vital Questions

Monday night the Council met in the basement of the High School. Roll call, all present; reading and acceptance of minutes. The meeting was called to receive and open bids for the issue of water bonds. Three bankers and bondsmen from Portland were there with sealed bids. Three very substantial and well known houses Councilman Hall stated that the notice was not in the Portland paper until Sunday and that he preferred to have more publicity and time before acting. Councilman Mellinger says, "I think we are in too big a hurry and that we are crowding it in not giving the bond buyers more notice." Lots of time, he said, and that there was some other work to do anyway. The advertisement appeared in the Sunday Oregonian with 100,000 circulation and in Friday's Eagle. The ad in the Eagle was not furnished by the Recorder and did not state that the city had a right to reject bids. Hall made a motion, seconded by Mellinger, that bids be not opened until ten days publicity had been given. The motion carried. The Council will meet again next Monday night to pass on an ordinance and then probably advertise for ten days from that date. More talk on opening bids and the bidders present said they were willing to have bids open. Hall asked if Judge Harris was present. Atty. Sheeley gave an opinion and Judge Harris did the same. No action. Mr. Malmsten, as a citizen, said the H. S. bonds were advertised for thirty days and only had two bidders. Some have stated their belief that the city will lose a thousand dollars at least on price of bonds by the postponement, while others think it better to go slow. Labor is cheaper now than later when all camps and mills are running. Water is no nearer than before. As far as bond buyers having time, they have all been keeping track of the affair since the election. They all know what is

going on. If an ad appears in the Eagle every man in Portland that is interested, sees it the next day. If the Eagle or any other weekly paper that is listed with the clipping bureau prints an item that a certain man has lost a leg. Allens Press Clipping bureau sends a copy of that item immediately to the wooden leg dealers. Same with bonds, or anything else. Besides, the Chamber of Commerce The Press Club, The Ad Club, the hotel lobbies and many business firms get the Eagle every week. As far as the advertising is concerned the town is certainly getting some advertising and Portland capital knows of us and our desires. Have patience citizens, it is best not to rush anything. It is also very important that notices and rds be correct.

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Another Special Meeting

Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock the Council met in special session. It was in the strictest sense a to-the-point and business meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Mellinger that Teil, Minor and Windfrey be instructed by the Recorder to at once prepare an ordinance, with an emergency clause, to cover the subject, and to advertise in the Record Abstract for five days beginning Monday, Jan. 15, and in the Vernonia Eagle one issue, for sealed bids for purchase of water bonds and setting date of receiving opening Monday Jan. 22, at 2 o'clock. Motion received a second by Councilman Mills and carried by a unanimous vote. After this business the Council spent an hour in unofficial but business talk pertaining to City affairs, and the Eagle opines that every Councilman will use judgment and all speed possible with safety in finishing the system.

Bank Makes Good Showing

The Bank of Vernonia has a statement of the bank's condition for the quarter ending Dec. 29, in this issue. Read it. It is with pride that we all notice the substantial growth of this bank. It is a growth of a worthy institution that reflects a wonderful good financial condition of the Nehalem Valley and the city of Vernonia.

Merchants Protective Association Meets

The regular meeting of the Vernonia Merchants Protective Association was held in the bank Wednesday night. Practically every business man in the city is a member and any one not yet belonging is invited to join, in business at this place. The new by-laws were adopted and several important subjects were discussed. It was decided that beginning Feb. 1, all places of business would close at 6:30 p. m. except Wednesdays and Saturdays. All stores to close on Sundays.

Court Names Officers

The Columbia County Court held its first session of the year last Saturday. J. N. Miller of Clatskanie succeeded Judson Weed as county commissioner. The following appointments were made by the court: Paul Adams of Warren, member of county fair board; Dr. J. H. Flynn, county health officer, F. C. Holibaugh of St. Helens, fruit inspector. Percy Harrison was reappointed custodian of the courthouse, a position he has held several years. Road supervisors appointed are Rudolph Tetz, Scappoose; Thomas Grewell, Warren; U. W. Clark, St. Helens; Fritz Anilker, Goble; H. G. Witham, Rainier; F. A. Burcham, Clatskanie; Clyde Johnson, Mist; A. D. Hall, Vernonia; J. L. Hunt, Sauvie Island

Odd Fellows Install

On Tuesday night the Vernonia I. O. O. F., No. 246 installed the following officers: P. O. Mellinger, N. G., M. J. John, V. G., J. W. Rose, Secy., G. C. Mellinger, Treas. Installing officer Chas. D. White, D. D. G. M. At the close of lodge meeting the ladies sprung a pleasant surprise on the members by making a grand rush to the hall, laden with sandwiches, cake and good things to eat. About thirty were present and the night, until the small hours, was spent in a social way, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

County Attorney John L. Foote in a personal letter to the Eagle, among other things says: "I read your paper each week with much interest and am glad to note the increased activity in your section of the country and believe that your publication fills a long felt need in that community." Mr. Foote also states that he expects to visit Vernonia ere long, and we gladly inform him that the latch string of the Eagle office is always out.

It pays them! The Mutual Creamery Co. has appropriated \$175,000 for 1923 advertising. An Oregon City firm has doubled that. One Milwaukee printer just finished 65 tons of calennars for one firm; it took four baggage cars to mail them and the postage alone amounted to \$14,000. One page ad for only one issue in the Ladies Home Journal costs \$7,000 and they turn ans away every issue, Montgomery-Ward's advertising runs into the millions.

Free fishing and hunting on Dale lake just across the R. R. be careful of the cars.

Special Evangelistic Services Every Night

At the Vernonia Evangelical church, beginning Jan. 14, Rev. F. B. Culver, of Lents, will have charge of the preaching. Rev. Culver is one of the ablest preachers in the Oregon Conference, and an earnest and impressive speaker. There will be special song service each evening at 7:30 and the preaching at 8. Every body invited to attend any and all evenings.

STUART-CLARK

L. B. Stuart returned Wednesday from a two week's absence, and the secret ceased to be a secret that Mr. Stuart and Mrs. Dr. Clark were united in marriage. The surprise is universal as is now the congratulations. Mr. Stuart has been a Vernonia institution for years, has watched and helped it grow. His property interest here is quite extensive, and for years he owned and operated the drug store here. Mrs. Dr. Clark is equally well and favorably known to many citizens. She has taught in our schools and has been consulted with and freely extended splendid advice and influence to many in this part of the valley for years.

"Spencer Hill" will be a resident district of probably a hundred new homes in the near future. An ideal location and a good view of the valley.

SAY IT WITH INK

A Hen Doesn't Stop Scratching When Worms Are Scarce THEN WHY STOP ADVERTISING IF BUSINESS IS DULL? "If a Man Tooteth Not His Own Horn, Verily the Same May Never Be Tooted." We boost the other fellow's game by furnishing advertising advice and service, combined with a judicious use of printer's ink, without which no business can thrive. Let us help you in the solution of your advertising problems.

PLAYING POLITICS

The press dispatches, now herald the fact that the new congress is a "friend" of the soldiers' bonus and will override any presidential veto of such an act. Politicians overlook one point—if they pass a bonus act this soon after the war they will have burned all the ammunition which they might keep on tap for the next fifty years as political bait to buy votes.

At the recent elections the public has shown unmistakably its demand for tax reduction and less overhead cost of government.

Every citizen is in favor of giving injured soldiers or their dependents every possible compensation but public sentiment is not in favor of paying out billions of dollars to able-bodied young men who have been in no way incapacitated by their service in the army.

The farce of the whole proposition is that bonds would undoubtedly have to be issued to supply the bonus money and the soldiers who received a bonus of \$100 or \$200 would during the next forty or fifty years, pay out in taxation to cover principal and interest on the bonds, probably double the amount they received as a "gift."

HEALTHY SPOT

The Nehalem valley, so far, is lucky in not having any severe epidemics of contagious diseases, a very few cases of colds and no bad sickness.

Caution and care and preventatives are wise.

A few cases of chickenpox have been reported, but they were kept out of school and at present there are no new cases reported.

SPRING IS COMING

Warm weather all over the valley. Grass green and long; frogs croaking, pussy-willows out in bloom and an occasional stray bud on trees. No snow in the nearby hills, and all signs point to an early spring. Let 'er come.

CREAM STATION AND WHAT IT MEANS

The Mutual Creamery Co. has looked into the possibilities the Nehalem valley affords for dairying and the supply of cream now being shipped from Vernonia, and installed a cream-buying station at the Coyle & Coyle Meat Market, where the dairymen may deliver their cream and have all the advantages of having a creamery. Cream will be weighed, sampled, tested, and paid for right at home. The station is equipped with a steam boiler, so cans may be emptied, washed and sterilized before they are sent back to the farm. Checks will be issued and be ready for the patrons as soon as the cream is tested.

Having a cream station eliminates the annoyance of not getting cans back promptly, losses in shipping and delayed checks.

The Mutual Creamery Co. is a Utah corporation with main offices in Salt Lake City, having thirty-two branch plants located in eleven western states. The Portland branch is one of the largest, having made over 2,000,000 pounds of butter in the year 1922. The thirty-three manufacturing plants are supplied by dairymen shipping direct, and by several hundred cream stations, the same as the one just installed here. The company is incorporated for \$5,000,000 and the stock is owned by investors, employees and over 2000 dairymen own from two to several hundred shares each. A large per cent of the employees own stock in the company, which creates an ambition to work for the interest of all concerned. The company has no preferred or watered stock. All share and share alike. The moral as well as the financial rating of the company is of the highest and we believe with the support of the dairymen that the new market for cream in Vernonia will prove a benefit to the dairymen, and also the city.

BOYS WILL EDGE IN

All laws are made with good intent. It is against the law for boys under 21 years of age to go in pool rooms. A pool room proprietor told us he didn't want any boys in his pool room, but they will try to edge in continually, making a hardship on both him and the boys. He tells them and they become insulted. Parents in most cases don't want their boys loafing in pool rooms, but in many instances, are not controlling them in this respect. The marshal, under instruction, has given the pool room proprietors a list of names of boys under 21 who continually try to pass, and there are more of them than probably the parents think. A little discipline in this respect will help wonderfully.

Stop paying rent and build a house. "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home," and Vernonia is a home owning city. Very few renters here, as are found in so many towns. Probably one reason that not a destitute family could be found Christmas week when "Good Fellows" were in search of kind deeds to do and needy neighbors to help.

Ad. Hunches; No. 3

Wm. Folger, of the Vernonia Drug Co., believes in advertising when it is properly and truthfully done. He knows how, because he makes it a study. He subscribes for advertising magazines and reads much. He believes in quoting prices, as prices are what people want. He believes in proper display to attract attention, and he believes in absolutely true statements concerning the advertised article. Probably 2000 people read Mr. Folger's Christmas ads in the Eagle and his Christmas goods were sold out entirely, as "clean as a whistle." It pays when properly attended to.

THAT ALL MAY KNOW

It appears by the attendance at council meetings recently, that a certain few, outside of the council, generally attend and have a "voice" under the rule of "May I say a word." Of course all council meetings are public. In most cities the members of a council are elected by a majority vote. After election everybody shakes hands (figuratively speaking) and the council represents each and all. Confidence in the ability of the council is declared, and if the job is too big, it is better to have members big enough before the election, in the running.

In most cities you know what the city "dads" are doing when you see a scraper or a bunch of road-builders in front of your property. You know the council has ordered it, and it is all right. The council is elected by the majority to represent the city; to run the city. In a city our size many citizens want to know what the council is doing before they do it. The Eagle will endeavor, therefore, to give as news matter each week a complete report of "council proceedings." Our reports will be as accurate as the recorder's minutes, either copied from the minutes or reported exactly as the meetings are held.

We will report votes, with exception of ordinances, dates, etc., and motions by different members, so our readers will know the attitude of each member and thus keep the public informed, as well as co-operating with the council in informing the public collectively instead of individually what is what. We have confidence in our council members and hope all others have. A little trust shown them will help them in making this a city, and important measures, all are so anxious for, will be speeded up. Read the council proceedings.

\$700,000,000 TO BE SPENT

Even if there is a possibility of auto trucks, electric cars or flying machines being the general mode of travel and hauling within the coming few years, the railroads of the country look ahead. From the "Railroad Age" this week, we learn the roads of the country will spend \$700,000,000 on new equipment and improvement during 1923.

That's more money than the sidewalks of Vernonia will come to.

When you are sick, you go to the doctor. In trouble, you go to a lawyer. You go to the dentist about your teeth and to the tailor for clothes. Every one of them charges for his services. The banker gives you his advice free, and gives it to you about the most important thing you own—your money. Come in about your money affairs. We are here to serve you.

Bank of Vernonia.

A Big Year for Colds

A Season Just Started. Prompt Action Against Colds Means Health and Prevention.

Folger's Horehound Syrup, 50c and \$1.00
An Excellent Cough Remedy

Baby Cough Syrup 25 and 50c
A Proper Remedy for Children's Colds.

Nyals Combined Cold Remedy, 50c

Beef-Iron Wine, \$1.25
A Fine Winter Tonic.

Nyals Liver Salts, 35 and 60c
Keeps You Fit

Folgers Cold Tablets 25c

Laxative Cold Tablets, 25c

Weeks Cold Tablets 25c

Vicks Vapo Rub 35c

Mentholatum, 25c, 50c and \$1.00

Oil Eucalyptur, 25 and 50c

Benzoin Inhaler, 50c
Ev. ry Hom. Should have one.

Pure Vernonia Drug Co. Pure
Drugs Vernonia, Oregon Drugs
Wm. Folger, Pharmaciai.