

MOUThPIECE of the NEHALEM VALLEY

"GOOD ENOUGH" IS NEVER WELL DONE

TIMBER OWNERS WILL DO IT; LET'S GET THE BEST

In the old settled communities where the same farmers and their sons, from generation to generation, make the town, and year in and year out through a lifetime the town is a splendid berg of the same population today and a hundred years hence—in such a town, and there are many of them, any citizen would be flattered to know that on his tombstone those left would read: "He was a most conservative citizen." We, at one time, in a small town, would "write-up" our business men occasionally and for years we would say in our little paper that Mr. Gillies was one of our most conservative citizens.

It tickled Mr. Gillies; he was put on the council; he took up the collection in the church and was on the school board. He was conservative, and that was all we could say—and it was all. The same yesterday, today and tomorrow. The little town, last we heard, is the same size it was thirty years ago. Mr. Gillies has gone to his reward, one of the most conservative men in town, and the town is still dreaming in the same way, a pretty place of the Rip Van Winkle type. It is mighty hard to transplant a sleepy village into a thriving city over night. It has been done in the boom days of Oklahoma or the Klondyke, but the citizens composing the populace were not over-conservative.

To be conservative is a splendid trait; we need that element in our citizenship, but like all things, it can be overdone to the detriment of the city. Many of the leading men of this community are too conservative; they don't comprehend the fast growth; they can't realize that Vernonia is a city now and will more than double within a year. They have heard the statement, but are like the farmer at the circus looking at a giraffe and remarking that there wasn't any such animal. What you get new you must pay for, but if we have two thousand new citizens to help pay, it will be cheaper all around, and mean the improvements necessary.

The main street here must be gotten into shape before spring, our walks in, our water system completed, and of equal importance, our school buildings large enough to hold the children. The teachers are turning children away now. Some thought four more rooms would answer the purpose—that is expensive conservatism. Four rooms this summer would mean four more rooms next year following. Why not do it right in the first place? All under one roof and at the same time. Why not a new ten-room school building with a large (LARGE) auditorium. It would be full in three terms if the present increase would fall off 50 per cent.

Friday night a little school play was given in the High School Auditorium, and it proved not half large enough. A contract is let for 200 new residences in Vernonia. That means 200 more families besides the natural growth and increase. That means at least two children to the family and 400 more children, enough new ones by fall to fill six new rooms. Now, throw up your hands and yell TAXES! That is the all-important part of it. Don't even think for a minute that

any timber owner is going to give us anything we don't ask for or go and get. This school district is lucky in that it is spread out for miles, taking in millions of feet of timber that will build our schools and roads.

It's really too bad we can't use a \$100,000 school building at present. When this timber is gone, and it is going fast, we won't feel like taxing the farmers for necessities. And, on second thought, Mr. Tourish and other big timber men will get this tax money from foreign nations that buy their products.

Timber holders would probably be against a good ten-room school house, they would have friends in the district that pay no taxes themselves, vote against all these improvements. The timber men are wise and they are shrewd business men; it is up to us to be as shrewd toward our own interests. This is a timber country today. Get what we can. In ten years it will be more of a farming country and we need the roads and the schools.

BUSINESS MAN HAS A SAY

It is the rank and file of the residential sections that keep up a city. The laboring man who keeps the wheels going and the substantial home owner who builds to the improvement of the community.

In city affairs, the business man, too, is certainly entitled to a "say." It is safe to say that "Bridge" street is at present paying two-thirds of the taxes to be collected in Vernonia for the running of the city of Vernonia. It is the business man who is constantly donating liberally to every worthy cause; it is the business man who pays for his lot, his building, and his stock, as well as for the privilege of doing business. It is the business man who is interested in our city, our schools, our administration, just as much as the vacant lot owner or the home owner. He is entitled to his "says." If the business man is renting his building he pays taxes, and higher taxes, than if he owned it.

FORGET IT

"If you see a tall fellow ahead of a crowd, A leader of men, marching fearless and proud, And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud Would cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed, It's a very good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away In a closet, and guarded, and kept from the day In the dark; and whose showing, whose sudden display, Would cause grief and sorrow and lifelong dismay, It's a very good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that would darken the joy Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy, That would wipe out a smile, or the least bit annoy, A fellow or cause any gladness to cloy, It's a very good plan to forget it."

Mr. Van Blaricon has some mighty good ideas, and "Hy" is as well versed on Vernonia doings as the next one. One good trait about him is that he isn't above being convinced. "Hy" says what Vernonia needs now is four new rooms on the present school house and a new eight-room school on Vernonia Heights.

Birds Our Friends
Nehalem Valley Song Birds
They are Hungry and Dry
Let Each Family Throw out Feed as Long as Snow Covers the Ground

COUNCIL PUTS OFF AWARD UNTIL NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

At the special Council meeting held Thursday five bids were read on the construction of the Vernonia Water System. The Council decided to wait until Monday night, however, before accepting any of the bids.

The Vernonia Construction Co. was a bidder on the Water System. Their time limit to finish the job was 75 days. Considering everything, it looked like the home company's bid was the best, and would be the quickest.

LITTLE DAMAGE ON PITTSBURG ROAD

Acting Roadmaster J. E. Eilertson, who is also county engineer, reports that the storms of January did little damage to the grade of the St. Helens-Pittsburg road. In some places, he said, the grade had settled, owing to the heavy rainfall but this was expected and the grade could be re-established at little cost.

The grade from Trenholm to a point 1500 feet west of the Little Clatskanie bridge is rocked and no damage was done on this stretch of the road and it is being traveled each day.

The grade from that point to within two miles of Pittsburg is in good condition, Mr. Eilertson stated and with favorable weather rocking of the balance of the road should begin about April 15th. Joplin & Elder have a contract for the rocking of about five miles on this end of the road and it is expected they will resume work as soon as weather conditions permit.—Mist.

CROSSWALKS ARE IN

The city marshal has put in several good crossings where they were badly needed around the city. Now, if you can jump from one crossing to another, you can do your shopping without getting your feet wet, and having to go to bed early with a mustard plaster on your chest. Property owners can build their own walks if they choose, any time they choose. No law against building a sidewalk.

WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT

The Eagle will run each week a number of different articles on "The Cottage Garden." Some will be illustrated and the reading matter will be absolutely accurate from the best-versed gardeners in the agricultural world.

Every home can have a garden. It helps the family, the home, the community. Read the articles each week as they will appear.

A PARTY WE MISSED

The Eagle failed, last week, to report the birthday party given by his many schoolmates and friends, for Marshal Malmsten. It was a surprise and held in the Grange hall. Refreshments were served and the young people had a splendid time in social games until a late hour.

All wished him many returns of the happy occasion.

DO IT NOW

Vernonia is growing fast enough for two school buildings. Two wards, under one superintendent. A new eight-room building with extra large auditorium should be built this spring, some place west of Rock Creek. Good locations would be Mr. Van Blaricon's property or on Vernonia Heights, where over fifty families are now living.

New Big Jewelry Store For Vernonia Soon

Mr. Blakely informs us that Mr. Martinaux, a first class jeweler, is moving a big stock of jewelry here to occupy the Blakely building. Be here next week.

You Can Build a Walk

Any one wanting a sidewalk built, will do well to see Mr. Fowler.

H. V. Gates of Hillsboro, and W. A. Roteliff of Chicago, are among the engineers and contractors registered at the Vernonia Hotel this week. Mr. Roteliff is one of the bidders on the big mill contract here.

White Japs

"Joe Boon, Sr., of Medirian, has sold his farm to a Jap for \$200 an acre".—Aurora Observer. The above little item clipped from an exchange tells a story. The man selling this farm, according to the paper, evidently was not much interested in the Japanese question. He was more interested in the \$200 per acre. Now, why blame the Japs for overrunning the Pacific Coast when we have white men, supposingly Americans, who invite them, who will sell them farms and help them to get a foot-hold? There are communities that will not stand for their citizens hiring Japs or renting to Japs. Would the above man patronize Jap laundries, Jap barbers, Jap restaurants, etc and then will he wonder why the laboring man gets a cut in wages or why the farmers garden truck sells so cheap?

Mrs. H. E. McGraw in some way slipped and fell on a wash tub one day last week. It was feared that she had broken some ribs, for awhile.

Vernonia High School

LILLIAN CONBIT, Editor

Vernonia won from Forest Grove in the debate last Friday night of which the question was Resolved: That the U. S. should grant the Philippine islands their Independence. Isabel Condit and Bessie McDonald upheld the affirmative side of the question and argued their way to a victory for Vernonia. Our negative team, composed of Ruth Heverling and Florian Mills, debated Beaverton's affirmative team there, the same night, but lost by a two to one decision. Miss Holaday, who accompanied them to Beaverton, reported that the score was very even and that our team committed itself very creditably.

The High School play, which was given in the High School Auditorium Friday evening, was a decided success in more ways than one. The ticket sellers reported \$99.65 as the total door receipts.

A Girls' athletic meeting was held at 12:30 Tuesday for the purpose of deciding whether or not to stage a game there February 23, as suggested in their recent letter. No definite conclusion as to the matter was reached.

As most of the students could not attend school Wednesday on account of the deep snow, most of the classes were dispensed with.

Our Commercial teacher, Miss Gleason, was ill Wednesday and was unable to attend school.

Events and Schools

Schools today are good; they are not run exactly as they were a few years ago—at least the Vernonia school isn't. We asked several grade boys Monday night if their rooms had any Lincoln exercises. Lincoln's name wasn't mentioned on Lincoln's birthday. In Prof. Wilson's room we hear the same report. No readings, no questions, no mention whatever. It's a shame, and we are 100 per cent strong enough to declare it isn't right; whether our ideas are modern or not. May be this isn't a "Current Event."

NO PAVED HIGHWAY BY LEGISLATIVE ACT

Some mighty good efforts were made toward getting the Roosevelt Highway extended to Portland via the Nehalem. The Bill introduced by Mr. Miles was defeated in the House Tuesday. All that we can do now in this respect is to "Forget it". Pass it up with other dreams like the 1927 Fair dream. We can spend our surplus energy in figuring how to pay an income tax. We have still got lots of Timber land left and we might put more of our road tax along this route. Eventually, in years to come, getting it paved. Astoria and Clatsop County say little but keep at it. With this years appropriations Clatsop will have 15 miles paved this year. Columbia and Washington Counties might do something toward it; The Highway Commission might help us, but for present, it don't look encouraging.

Mrs. H. E. Hodges has been quite sick with a severe cold, threatening pneumonia.

School Dist. Bond Election

STATE OF OREGON,
County of Columbia, SS.
School District No. 47.

No. 10 is hereby given that at the School District No. 47 bond election hereby called to be held at the Grade School house in and for School District No. 47, of Columbia County, Oregon, on Saturday, the 24th day of February, A. D., 1923, between the hours of 2 o'clock p. m. and 7 o'clock p. m., there will be submitted to the legal voters thereof the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of providing funds with which to erect and furnish a school building in and for said school district.

The vote to be by ballot upon which shall be the words "Bonds—Yes" and "Bonds—No" and the voter shall place a (X) between the words "Bonds" and the word "Yes" or between the word "Bonds" and the word "No", which indicates his choice.

The polls for the reception of the ballots cast for or against the contraction of said indebtedness will be open on said date and at the place aforesaid be open at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. and remain open until the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. of the same day when the same shall be closed.

By order of the District School Board of School District No. 47, of Columbia County, Oregon, made this 3rd day of February, 1923

Attest: H. E. McGraw, District Clerk
P. O. Mellinger,
Chairman, District School Board.



Constructive Talks

THIS advertisement marks the start of a series of constructive talks with you and your banker. They will deal with every phase of your financial problems, and the solution of them.

Our Publicity for the coming year will all be built along this same line—a clear understanding of the many ways in which we may be of service to the community in general.

BANK of VERNONIA
Vernonia, Oregon

Vernonia Chamber of Commerce
MEETS NEXT
Friday Night, Feb. 23
Seseman Hall, at 8:00 O'clock Sharp
Be There! Important!

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Our 1923 Almanac and Calendar are now here. Get Yours.

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