

## PERSONAL DOINGS IN THE LOCAL FIELD

Items Gathered From Here and There Sense and Nonsense.

Shortage of feed is giving Harrisburg dairymen much concern.

Total receipts on the Columbia river interstate bridge last month amounted to more than \$19,000.

The Seventh Day Adventists of this state will hold their annual camp meeting in Eugene next June.

Odd Fellows of Marshfield have decided to begin immediately the construction of a \$25,000 lodge building.

Late registrants have raised the number of students for the spring term at Willamette university to 539.

A \$50,000 appropriation for control of northwest white pine blister rust up to July 1 has been made by the federal government.

During the year ending February 1, 1923, the loss by fire in McMinnville was only \$1500. The department responded to 11 calls.

Petitions are being circulated in the Bend and Harper school districts for a special election at Bend March 3 to vote on creation of a union high-school district.

The Eastern Oregon Osteopathic association met in La Grande Monday. Osteopaths from Wallowa, Baker, Union and Umatilla counties were present.

Governor Pierce has announced the appointment of William Pollman of Baker as a member of the state highway commission, to take the place of W. B. Barratt.

A protest against any cutting of the \$56,000,000 appropriation for rivers and harbors was telegraphed to President Harding by the state chamber of commerce.

The state highway commission, at a meeting to be held in Portland March 1, will open bids for the construction of roads and bridges at an estimated cost of \$500,000.

The Union Oil company of California has purchased from Mrs. Anna Mack 380 feet of water frontage at Astoria for a wharf and warehouse. The price paid was \$65,000.

The Whitney company at Garibaldi has a payroll of \$42,000 a month. The town is growing rapidly and 42 employees of the firm are building permanent homes there.

Astoria business men have established a community department store in the old Lovell garage building in the burned district as a step toward commercial renaissance.

Nine school districts in Coos and Curry counties have consolidated for the purpose of establishing a high school on the Roosevelt highway within half a mile of Bandon.

Bruce Donaldson was found guilty last week of having illegally possessed beaver hides, hidden in the garret of his cabin at Valsey, and was fined \$100 by Judge Baker at Independence.

Modern Woodmen of America from most of the leading towns of western Oregon assembled at Albany for a district convocation and initiation. Approximately 100 candidates were initiated.

Immediate precautionary measures to prevent the spread of influenza are urged by Dr. Frederick D. Strickler through bulletins being issued from the offices of the Oregon state board of health.

The annual fire report of the fire chief of La Grande shows that of a total of 58 fire calls during 1922, six were due to children playing with matches and three from carelessness of smokers.

Members of the Associated Press in the state of Oregon will hold a special meeting at the University of Oregon at Eugene in conjunction with the annual Oregon newspaper conference, March 22, 23 and 24.

Five cars of canned pears are being shipped from the cannery of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association to England, one of them going to Liverpool and four to London, according to J. O. Holt, manager of the association.

Total deposits in the 281 state and national banks in Oregon on December 29, 1922, showed an increase of approximately \$25,000,000 when compared with the deposits December 21, 1921, according to a report prepared by the state banking department. Total resources of the banks last December were \$368,543,854.29.

Waste wood from sawmills can be utilized in a destructive distillation plant installed in the mines building at the Oregon Agricultural college by J. R. Armstrong of Oregon City, a senior in engineering. Armstrong has been working on the project since the first of the school year, under the direction of Dr. F. E. Rowland, professor of industrial chemistry, who believes that the project can be carried on commercially on the Pacific coast with good results. There are several large plants in the east but none in the west, where wood is plentiful.

The new depot is beautiful.

The new cottages for Messrs Jay and Brown are being started

A. Corey is building a large new residence.

Mrs. W. E. Walker of Banks has been visiting at the home of her daughter Mrs. H. E. McGraw

N. J. Parker was transacting business in Portland the first of the week.

G. B. Richmond has returned from Portland and has assurances that the big mill will be built in the spring.

Coyle Bros. were in Portland this week arranging for a new ice making plant.

C. A. Mils was a Portland visitor this week.

Attorney Sheeley was a Hillsboro and Portland visitor Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Rose spent the first of the week at Portland.

Mrs. Rhoda Hall of Prescott Wash. mother of Mrs. B. J. Cline was visiting relatives in town last week.

Mrs. Geo. Olsen of Portland has been visiting Mrs. J. E. Tapp for a few days.

### The Detrows Entertain

Last Saturday night a few Vernonia people enjoyed the best time of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Detrow entertained a few of their friends at the Coyle suburban home. It was a party that will long be remembered and one that the neighbors enjoyed until a real late, or early, hour. Splendid refreshments were served. Music, games and progressive "500" passed away the time. Mrs. White received first prize for the ladies, and Walter Coyle for the men. The praise of the host was unanimous. Eighteen guests were at the tables.

### "Them Days Are Gone Forever"

"Thirty-nine years ago, when it really snowed, I carried mail to St. Helens from Vernonia through 16 feet of snow. I waded in snow as deep as a well, but made the trip, two days going and two days coming; and people then thought I was slow. The trip today to Timber in about two feet of snow is a pleasure outing, a heaven of bliss in comparison, and no excuse for missing. We could in the deep snow days get our mail on time but 'them days are gone forever.'"—H. D. VanBlaricom.

### The Philosophy of Bro. Ostrich

There is something almost human about the ostrich. Rather than face the unusual, he buries his head in the sand—thus exposing himself, rather recklessly, to the whims of chance.

Lots of folks shut their eyes when they need them most. In the matter of buying something.

Who gets the most for his money? The man who buys blindly—or the fellow who reads the advertisements and discovers the things he really wants and needs?

There is no denying the great value of advertising to those who read it. It protects you against fraud and inferiority. It tells you what is new and good, making you a wise buyer. It saves you money.

DON'T BE AN OSTRICH. Read the Advertisements!

Miss Hilda Webster was out from Portland for Sunday.

Mrs. Thos. Tucker visited her children in Warren for a couple week.

Mr. and Mrs. Folger were called to Salem last week. Mrs. Folger's mother, Mrs. H. L. Martin, died there last Friday. The funeral services were held at the Portland Crematorium Monday morning.

The Win One Club met last Thursday night in Hoffman Hall about fifty strong. They report the best time ever.

WANTED—I want to buy a good used 120 to 150 egg incubator. Will pay cash. Inquire Eagle office.

Mr. Twinehan is out from Portland, this week.

H. W. Smith was transacting business at Portland this week.

None of the outside bidders came to hear the returns Monday night. The Astoria company called up the Mayor's office the following day for report, but otherwise industry throughout the state wasn't hampered, nor was the pipe market effected.

Camas, Wash., Feb. 14.—The voters of Camas yesterday passed a municipal bond issue of \$158,500 for a new water system for Camas by a vote of 232, against 7 opponents.

The largest office building in the world is at Detroit, Mich.

### FOR PUBLICATION

To the Editor of the Vernonia Eagle. Dear Sir:—

In view of the fact that upon two occasions you have seen fit to slur the teachers of the Vernonia Grade Schools, the first being the remarks about the teachers taking holidays from school work to attend the institute, when by law they are required to do so or forfeit their certificate; (see par. 75, page 33 Oregon School Law.) and second in regard to the observance of Lincoln's birthday, we, the grade teachers wish to state that your information in regard to same was very incomplete.

The facts were that several of the teachers did observe Lincoln's birthday and others were for a week previous, working upon a combined Lincoln, Washington birth-day program, as has been the custom here.

Also in regard to change in times of late years, the statement is not borne out by facts as the law requiring the observance of the birthdays of famous Americans is of very recent origin.

In conclusion allow us to state that patriotism is not taught on one day only but on every day in the Vernonia schools by teachers who are 101 per cent. American. (Signed) the grade teachers.

The above "essay" is a little off subject. If there is one institution in Vernonia the Eagle is partial to, it's the grade schools. We are interested in them. We have repeatedly lauded their good work and have on numerous occasions "bragged" on them. The grade teachers we admire. We believe them splendid instructors, and are proud of Vernonia's half dozen school teachers in the Grade School.

The above writer signed the article in only one handwriting with no name and called it "The Grade Teachers." An entirely wrong idea is expressed when this writer says this paper ever "alarmed" the teachers. We leave it to all Eagle readers, who know better. This paper never hinted anything personal about Vernonia teachers taking vacations on pay to attend "Teachers Institute." At one time we did insinuate that it was a queer law that demanded such and that it seemed the teachers could have their institutes any time, other than school time. Ninety per cent of our readers over the state will agree with us, too. As to the Lincoln Day observance: We didn't state that no rooms observed it. But we stated that we had asked several grade boys and they told us Lincoln's name wasn't mentioned on Monday, Lincoln's birthday—not even telling pupils it was Lincoln's birthday. In Prof. Wilson's room, and at least one other room, we declared, this was omitted and we are still 100 per cent strong enough to declare this isn't right. But we leave it to an oversight on the part of the teachers and not a lack of patriotism.

If we don't see your personally, and if it should happen that you are not a regular subscriber to the Eagle, would you consider this an invitation to subscribe? Send your name; \$1.50 per year.

J. R. Lee had to bring his bob sled to the aid of Uncle Sam last week and go after the mail, where autos feared to tread.

Thos. L. Timmons has just returned from a trip east, through Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado, visiting friends and relatives and taking in a big insurance convention at Tulsa.

Heard several remark that if the council is to meet in the school building, why not in the building, and not down in the cellar. The spectators like to see the councilmen and hear their remarks, instead of being lined up behind a furnace.

Begin to think of gardens. Read each week the "Cottage Gardener" that we will run in the Eagle. Articles worth many times the subscription price of the paper. Real helpful hints on your home gardens.

Read our garden talks. They are new each week. Every cottage can have a garden.

The Eagle is censured occasionally when someone imagines their toes are stepped on. The Eagle has no wish to be personal, nor does it stoop so low as to seek revenge, or to wrong anyone unjustly. The paper is for good; it will continue to work for good and to suggest improvements and denounce wrong, whether it hits business methods, council or school. A newspaper has no preference. It is for the public.

Several residence lots were sold this week.

Mrs. G. C. Sale was a Portland visitor Thursday and Friday.

Schools in Vernonia were dismissed at noon Thursday—Washington's Birthday. 191 years ago George Washington was born.

### JUST TO READ

—Our friend Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ says when he married he thought he was going to be master of his house but he has discovered that he is only paymaster.

—They don't call small towns, "one-horse places" anymore. They call them "four-cylinder burbs" now.

—Wichita, Kan., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Guided by intoxicated pigs and a "boozey" rabbit, Sheriff Chet Conner and a corps of deputies uncovered a hidden still, several barrels of mack and a quantity of liquor, concealed cleverly in the brambles in the center of a 40-acre grove on the William Bitzel farm near Belle Plaine. After several unsuccessful attempts to break through the brambles officers followed the trail of tipsy pigs and a rabbit which appeared to have attended a moonshine party, and located the still.

—In 1844 two men arrived at the spot where Portland, Oregon, now stands. One man was from Boston and the other from Portland, Maine. Each wanted to name the place for his own home town and to settle the argument a penny was flipped. The Portland man won, according to the story. Pettygrove was his name and his descendants still treasure the historic penny.

—They say that Crusoe was one of the first advocates of advertising—because Mr. Crusoe stuck up an ad in the form of an old shirt on a pole, and the result was rescue from a passing ship!

—The United States, with only one-sixteenth of the world's population, has one-sixth of the world's live stock, says the United States Department of Agriculture. It has one-half of the world's 2,000,000 mules, one-third of the 169,000,000 swine, one-fifth of the 100,000,000 horses, one-seventh of the 492,000,000 cattle, and one-ninth of the 465,000,000 sheep. As consumers of meat per capita, we stand fourth in the list, with an average of 142 pounds per person per year.

## Home Builders

We are now in position to take care of orders for the following Building Supplies:

Terra Cotta Chimney Pipe

Cement, Lime

By the sack or pound

Roof Saddles, Flue Thimbles,

All Standard Sizes Window Glass

Building Paper, Roofing  
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Come in and get Estimates.

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Best Residential Part of Vernonia

## Healthy, Slightly, and Dry

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