

MOUTHPIECE of the NEHALEM VALLEY

COLUMBIA COUNTY

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## Railroad Officials Inspect Vernonia

### Party Optomestic Over Future of City, as a Large Industrial Center

Tuesday evening two private cars side-tracked at Vernonia. Our Chamber of Commerce Committee intended to meet the party with autos to drive them around town, but unavoidable delays made this impossible. The editor had the pleasure of a thirty minute interview and a short walk with the officials.

A. J. Davidson, General Manager, is one of the most congenial men to talk with you ever met; when he has time to talk and when the subject is to his liking. He is a man of action, pep and business all the time. The General Manager introduced us to Supt. G. E. Votaw, Engineer G. V. Lintner, Supt. of Repair and Telegraph E. E. Lillie, Road Master Geo. Nelson, Supt. of Maintenance C. Whitfield, From the Chief Engineer's office was O. E. Williams, Sec'y to the Gen. Mgr. A. J. Hunt and Engineer Entler.

They were all talkative, all courteous and promised their support to Vernonia in any capacity they could assist at. Mr. Davidson, as a side issue, took it upon himself to solicit subscribers for the Eagle; and say, we'll bet that in his 'Young Man Age' at some time, he has been connected with the circulation end of a newspaper. He requested them all to subscribe and gave us names of all the officials that he knew 'would take it.' The railroad company will shortly take over the completed road and this was their final inspection trip over the line. Mr. Lillie informed us that soon the mail would arrive on the noon train, which is received with delight by all of the city. The gentlemen all know Vernonia thoroughly and are all confident in the growth of the city. Many were their compliments regarding our stability and progress. The P. A. & P. has done wonders for our city and their depot here is the best and largest on the line. Vernonia appreciates it.

## The Home Merchant

Mid pleasures and palaces though I may wend, I find the home merchant a much-valued friend. The mail-order catalog woos me in vain, for to pay-without-seeing may bring me a pain. The home merchant credits 'till pay-day arrives,—he knows all the whims of his friends and their wives. His overall wear like the buckskin of old,—his buttons ain't brass if he tells you they're gold! Of every community he is a part, and even the kids know the path to his heart. He boasts for the chapel, the lodge and the school,—Community uplift" is ever his rule. And even the football and basket ball teams, look kindly on him in their athletic dreams. I'd rather have him at my elbow each day, than to deal with a shark, many furlongs away. Let's make the thing mutual, and stand by our friend,—there's no place like home for the money we spend.—Exchange.

## Take 'Em Up Rock Creek

Bruce McDonald, who lives up that way, makes a suggestion that you take more of your empty tin cans, bottles and trash up the Rock Creek road and dump them along the right-of-way. He fears that some have neglected to do this and he would like to see the job complete. Old boxes, trash, cans and disgraceful dirt piles are common sights along this pretty drive.

## Ice Plant in Market

The Coyle & Coyle meat market is installing their new ice and refrigerating plant. They will make ice for the trade as well as for their own use in the market. Ice coils in the show cases assure fresh meats all the time. And it looks cool and citified to pass their shop; especially will it appeal on a hot day.

Dallas Hale, seventh grade pupil had the misfortune to acquire a broken nose, while playing ball on the school grounds, one day this week. This is one experience that will tend toward making him a genuine ball player.

## Couldn't Resist Such Beautiful Sun

The ideal weather last Sunday brought everybody out. It was a glorious forerunner and sample of summer. House flies, only a half-dozen were out; spring hats, a few, and more drunks than we have noticed in one day in a long time were staggering in the beautiful sunshine.

## A Sincere Warning

Away back in boyhood days, we knew a boy who lost a leg by "jumping" trains. And still boys run after and "hop" trains. It is against the law for boys to hang around the depot or tracks without business there; but they do it. We watched four boys riding the train and jumping on and off, in Vernonia, Friday. It's dangerous.

## Enlarging

The enlarging habit has struck many. It is necessary to handle the business, as all buildings are proving too small. The latest firm to "spread out" is Lane & Co., who are building a 30 foot addition on the rear of their store building. This is to properly display their goods, to make room for new goods and for storage room. Several new institutions have been seeking buildings in vain with a wish to locate during the past week.

## A Pleasant Party

Last Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fenner entertained twenty-five of their friends at their home on Third street. Music, games and refreshments kept the time merry until the small hours, and every one present report a splendid time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDonald spent the first of the week in Portland.

The Hot Stove League has just about completed the winter schedule, selecting 1923 pennant winners being the only unfinished business yet to be taken care of before adjournment is taken to the bleachers to root for the favorites and wait for the exhilarating crack of the bat beating the horsehide for a home run with the bases jammed—and the home team wins. Oh, boy!

The mass meeting for this Friday night, called by the Chamber of Commerce, is to further discuss the City Park and Auto Camp Ground subject. We need the park and suitable locations are scarce. If the park isn't in town it will be of no value to us whatever, as natural parks in the country are thick along the side of any road. We need a park in town, but whether the money would be available or not remains to be seen.

L. J. Daugherty, President American Life Convention; Sec'y and Gen. Mgr. Guaranty Life Ins. Co., said: "You have a company that you can well be proud of. I remember a young artist who painted a picture so well that after finishing his work he stood back a few steps and looking at it said, 'Now speak.' You have painted a company so well that you can say, 'Now speak,' and in words and accomplishments the old Kansas City Life does speak. It speaks louder than anything I could possibly say."

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## Local Institute in Vernonia

The local Institute Saturday for teachers from this end of the county was well attended. All schools were represented. Miss Perry, County Supt., outlined some of the work that was to be accomplished by the schools for the remainder of the year. At noon the Parent-Teachers Ass'n. served luncheon for all visitors. The following program was given in the afternoon: Baseball Spelling, Mrs. Wison. Reading, Miss Elizabeth Mellis. Reading demonstration, Miss Kiser. Manners of School Children, Miss Holaday. Report on O. S. T. A., Mr. Wilson. The Successful Teach, Mr. Alden John.

## Odd Fellows Big Time

The Odd Fellows always do have a big time whenever they feel a change is due. Last Tuesday after they finished some Third Degree work, they admitted the ladies and put on a big feed. Then the jolly bunch turned to games, visiting, dancing or anything they felt like doing for the good of the evening's entertainment.

## Is Well Recommended

Mr. T. W. Blackburn, General Council American Life convention, says: "I want to make two or three suggestions before taking up the subject assigned to me for this occasion. I want to pay a tribute to the man who is so largely responsible, by your help in creating, here in Kansas City, one of the great Life Insurance Companies of America; in some respects the greatest Insurance Company in America. No other life insurance company, and I believe I have a right to speak with reference to that, has made the phenomenal growth in twenty-five years of its existence that has been made by the Kansas City Life Insurance Company. An impression seems to prevail among the uninformed, that life insurance companies resort to technical defenses to avoid payments upon their policies. This is grossly untrue and unfair. No legal reserve life insurance company in America ever hides behind a technicality in contesting a claim. Furthermore, thousands of claims have been paid by the companies which were of doubtful validity, because the usage of every company is to resolve the doubt in favor of the beneficiary. It should be known, too, that every life insurance company, stock, mutual or mixed, is a policy holders' company. The premiums paid in by the policy holders and accruing gains thereof, are the capital upon which the company does business. The capital stock and surplus are a guaranty fund. The officers and directors are merely the trustees of the policy holders. The interests of the policy holders are necessarily paramount. It is therefore the duty of the officers to refuse payment of palpably fraudulent claims, because of this trusteeship."

## Vernonia High School

LILLIAN CONDIT, Editor

Miss Alice Enyart, who quit school the first of this semester, was back to visit us all day Tuesday.

The student body play, "Bashful Mr Bobs," will be played at Berkenfeld, Saturday, March 31. The play cast will leave Vernonia Saturday morning in order to have time to fix the stage at Birkenfeld before the play.

The boys are endeavoring to get the High School colors changed, as it is difficult to get suits in the present colors, blue and gold.

At the last meeting of the Delphine Literary society a motion was passed providing for pins and letters for the students who served on the debate and basket ball teams.

These sunny days the H. S. students are spending all of the time they can out doors. The boys are practicing ball and track work while the girls are patiently waiting for their volleyball and indoor baseball.

Mr. Frank W. McAllister, General Counsel, Kansas City Life Insurance Company, says: "The best evidence of that fact is that the Kansas City Life Insurance Company paid out during the past year practically One Million Dollars under policy claims. There were nearly five hundred of them in number, and to my knowledge the construction of the policy, as to what the language meant, was never questioned in a single instance. I undertake to say that there is not another financial institution in the world that will handle business involving that sum of money, and so many people, with such results."

## A Paint Department

Mr. Hoffman of the Hoffman Hardware Co., has added a paint department to his store that he is advertising. He has a paint for rough boards, as well as for smooth surfaces and inside work. He is advocating a good paint selling cheaper. It is the Acme brand, and he has a large stock for this the Paint Up Season.

## Sure, Vernonia First

Vernonia was one of the very first to send her portion to the County Judge for the Columbia County Booklet that will be on the press within thirty days. But then, Vernonia is a real city now.

## R. R. Officials Get No Particulars

Another sad and neglectful fact was demonstrated Tuesday, when a dozen or more big ones from the Burlington, the G. N., the N. P., the S. P. & S. and the P. A. & P. railroad systems visited Vernonia. It is a fact that adjacent to Vernonia there is more good standing timber than there is around Longview, and it is a fact that we have a good fruit and dairy country and that we have the site for an industrial center. Now, it is also a fact that these big railroad systems are spending millions advertising this Northwest country and they want facts like we could furnish them. The saddest of facts is that the Chamber of Commerce didn't have a circular or pamphlet on Vernonia, of any description, to give them, that they could get any copy from or that they could look over and digest. Can you imagine such a condition of affairs in a fast growing, boom city with the advantages we could offer?

## Laws Not Enforced

City ordinances should be enforced a little, once in awhile, to make them look like law. The dog license, the curfew, the profane language, the drunks, the cow ordinance, and several more no one knows anything about. Cows run at large at night without any tale lights, and in the day time they board free in your gardens and on your back porches. A fence don't them out.

## High School To Play

Vernonia High School will give the play "Bashful Mr. Bobbs" at Berkenfeld this Saturday night and a big crowd is predicted. The Berkenfeld school will receive part of the proceeds for the courtesies offered in helping to make the event a success.

## Rosine Bernard

Mme. Sarah Bernhard, the most famous of modern actresses, born in France in 1845, died at Paris, Monday night. The "golden voice," which for more than 60 years has charmed the civilized world, is at last stilled.



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