

## FINE BALL PARK ASSOCIATION FORMED

The three and a half acre plot of Omar Spencer's, just east of city limits, has been purchased for a ball park and athletic field. The Association is a strong one and many improvements are booked for this valuable property. Grand stand, field track, ball diamond, athletic building, etc. Eight enterprising men of Vernonia made this possible by going in \$100 each to start the ball rolling. Work on the ground has started and the first ball game of the season in Vernonia will shortly be announced. Our team this year promises to be the best in these parts, and fast games can be expected. Next Monday night in Sessman Hall a big base ball meeting will be held to talk up the season's program. Everyone that is interested in the least is urged to come to the meeting Monday night.

## The New Laundry

Weaver Clark tells us that all the machinery for their new steam Laundry has not arrived yet but its on its way. In the mean time they are taking care of all the laundry work that comes their way. It is home institution and worthy of patronage. A good steam laundry like they are putting in is needed, and Vernonia is glad to see the Clarks on the job.

## A Pleasant Party

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Smith entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mike Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Borkley Cram, Misses Lena and Zola Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. Bain Thomas, Eddie and Cecil Tipton, Willie Brown and Dan Taler. The evening was spent in music and dancing. Cake, sandwiches and coffee were served. All reported a splendid time.

Mrs. Fred Brentano son Daniel of Portland were week end guests at the home of Mrs. Brentano's aunt, Mrs. Webster.

We are glad to see Hattie Webster back at "The Economy Store", and from all appearance she is also glad to be there again

## My, How the Money Rolls In

The sheriff's office is swamped with letters containing checks in payment for taxes. The total amount to be collected this year in Columbia county is \$742,943. The check for the largest amount was from the S. P. & S. Railroad and was for \$20,645.32 which is half of their annual tax. The Kerry Timber Co. has sent in \$10,000 and the McPherson Timber about \$7,000. The Benson Timber Co. was \$8000 for the first half. The N. P. Ry's full amount was \$19,000. It is the belief that the total amount will exceed that of last year.

## 56 Million Timber, Near Vernonia, to Sell

Nerly 56,000,000 feet of timber in this part of the county will be sold at auction May 3 at the U. S. land office in Portland. The timber is in sections 17 and 21, twp 4 north, R 3 west, and consists of 47,000,000 feet of yellow fir, 3,055,000 feet red fir, 50,000 white fir, 765,000 feet bastard fir, 2,340,000 feet of hemlock and 2,540,000 feet red cedar. It might mean another mill in Vernonia.

## Does Newspaper Advertising Pay?

This has come to be a superfluous question among men of business. There was a time when to have declared boldly and out loud in a public place that it paid to advertise in the newspapers would probably have stirred up a chorus of dissenters, but today advertising is better understood.

All advertising is good—some advertising is better—but the very best advertising on the face of the earth is that which slips into the home town paper and goes direct to the home. To be sure, the best bit of soil that ever lay out of doors requires something more than merely dropping the seed into the ground. Give your newspaper advertising its due cooperation, have the copy properly written, and if you not sure you can write it so it will get results have someone who knows how to write it, and newspaper advertising will do its full share every time.

Be careful of fires.

**BUILDING:** Started this week. New two story block of F. Allen; New two story block of Geo. Hinkle, New \$8,000 two story block of Wm. Pringle, Dining rooms and dormitory for O.-A. Co. Several new residences, Plans finished for new restaurant and pool hall, New 2 story \$9,000 theatre building, and Messrs Simpson and Wright of Portland are securing lots for four and five room cottages to sell on rent payments. New buildings starting every day.

## They All Like Vernonia

L. W. Himes, of Portland, visited Vernonia Tuesday for the first time. He was favorably impressed with our city and enthused with our prospects, but but was honest in expressing himself that the town needed cleaning up. Mr. Himes is proprietor of the Palace Hotel at twelfth and Washington, in Portland, and we tried our best to interest him in Vernonia to the extent of a brick building for the city. We havnt given up hope yet, and hope to land him. He is a man the town of Vernonia needs; and next time you go to Portland stop at the Palace, and you will agree with us. It Mr. Himes will come again soon and tell us thirty minutes before hand we will prepare something besides "Hot Dogs and Crackers" for his lunch. Editors sometimes have better eating but we will have a hard time convincing him. But he partook without an objection and his few hours stay afforded us much pleasure.

Over in Rainier they are dodging the small pox. Several cases are reported.

## Neighbor Delightfully Surprised

Mrs. J. A. McDonald was given a surprise party on Thursday evening, March 29, 1923, the occasion being her birthday. Numerous friends came in bringing a very delicious supper after which an enjoyable evening was spent by all. Those present were Mr. & Mrs. G. A. McDonald Bessie McDonald, Mr. & Mrs. Dent, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Boeck, Mr. and Mrs. Dow Keasey, Julia Keasey, Harry Keasey, Hilda Boeck, Mr. Louis Siegert, Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Hall, Mrs. Luanna Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald, Miss E. M. G'ason and Miss. Marjorie Holaday.

Everybody get the clean up habit. Mrs. Arnold started it by working in the alley, and if she hadnt stopped she would have left nothing for her neighbors to do. A town-beautiful is the big aim. We deserve it.

Mrs. Lester had the misfortune to have the glass in her door broken and also the plate glass on her caedy oase. We can't expect sunshine everywhere and all the time.



Charter No. 267

Reserve District No. 12

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Bank of Vernonia, at Vernonia, in the State of Oregon, at the close of Business April 3rd, 1923.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts shown in items 29 and 30, if any	\$ 76,369.10
2. Overdrafts secured and unsecured	167.71
3. U. S. government securities owned, including those shown in items 30 and 35, if any	28,300.00
4. Other bonds, warrants and securities, including foreign government, state, municipal, corporation, etc., including those shown in items 30 and 35	11,026.25
6. Banking house, \$4,945.77; furniture and fixtures \$3,846.81	8,291.58
9. Cash on hand in vault and due from banks, bankers and trust companies designated and approved reserve agents of this bank	18,178.81
11. Checks on banks outside city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	835.30
12. Interest, taxes and expenses paid	845.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$144,014.07</b>
LIABILITIES	
16. Capital stock paid in	\$ 15,000.00
19. Reserved for taxes, interest and depreciation	645.46
23. Individual deposits subject to check, including deposits due the State of Oregon, county, cities or other public funds	104,961.23
24. Demand certificates of deposit outstanding	3,689.70
27. Time certificates of deposits outstanding	10,277.37
28. Savings deposits, payable subject to notice	9,440.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$144,014.07</b>

State of Oregon, County of Columbia, SS.  
I, H. E. McGraw, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
H. E. McGraw, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest:  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of April, 1923.  
GUY R. MILLS, Notary Public.  
My commission expires Feb. 8, 1924.

## Warren

If Paul C. Adams has his will and wish carried out the County Fair will not be held at St. Helens very many more times. Paul was appointed as a member of the Fair Board in January and will hold office for three years. As soon as he was appointed he at once began looking around for a suitable location and has found two, either of which would meet with general approval. The Co. Moor Farm which could be sold for \$12,000 and brings only \$175 per year rental, which he considers mighty poor business, as taxes and interest on the investment would more than net that amount. This place is beautifully situated on the Highway and would be ideal for a race track and farm demonstrations. This place now being owned by owned by the county, no outlay would be needed. The other place is a tract on the Columbia River between the river and the highway, ideally located—the location appeals to many. It is the purpose of Secretary Adams to have a location and be ready for the holding of the fair on new grounds a year from this fall. Paul is a live progressive business farmer and is taking an active interest in all farm matters.

Miss Nora Larson, daughter of A. L. Larson, has returned home after an operation for appendicitis, at a Portland hospital.

Mrs. Berglund, a resident of this section for 20 years, passed to the Great Beyond Wednesday. She had been a sufferer from paralysis for 15 years.

County Commissioner Fullerton is busy farming as well as attending to his Commissioner duties. He has the Everbearing potatoes which eliminates his planting problems.

Houses, Houses, houses, more houses are wanted in Vernonia. Houses to rent. The Oregon-American Co. advises that we need at least 150 new cottages to rent to their employees. Every day people are looking for small houses that can rent for around \$15 per month. Here is a good investment for some individual or company.

The Athletic Association wont meet to talk only. But they will act. A little action is the only way to get results.

## Vernonia High School

LILLIAN CONDIT, Editor

Prof. Kelty has been ill for the past few days and has been unable to attend school.

The mock trial which was held last Friday was very interesting. Weston Sheeley and Ray Mills, who were accused of stealing chickens from Ruben Hall, were found guilty and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary by the judge, Mr. Kelty. Gertrude Hall was attorney for the state and Isabel Condit, attorney for the defense.

A group of jolly High School students went on a wiener roast last onday evening. All who were present report a good time.

Alice Enyart, a former student at V. H. S., visited school last Wednesday.

Harry Keasey was absent from school the first of the week on account of illness.

The Seniors are a busy bunch these days, having class meetings and getting ready for Commencement.

## Special Doings at Win One Club

Last Friday night a good sized crowd gathered at the Win One Club. After an hour or two of music, conversation and the game of Progressive Five Hundred, the guests were invited to the front of the hall to the unveiling of a mysterious pile of something. To the genuine surprise of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coyle it turned out to be a "Kitchen Shower" to these fine people, as a token of the friendships of those neighbors present. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Coyle lost all their household goods when their residence burned, not saving a thing, and the little shower was a small way of demonstrating the best wishes of these friends. It was a jolly little party.

At the Martinan Jewelry store you will find the best selection of phonographs and records ever shown in the valley. Go and hear the latest records. The phonograph and piano habit has struck Vernonia, for which we are all glad. This, in a way, answers the old question of keeping the young people at home.

Mrs. Pearl Purney and children spent the weekend with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Grace Pettijohn

**"What is my banker's opinion of this?"**

A NEW opportunity—a vast fund of enthusiasm over the prospect—the results of years of earning and saving at stake—THEN is the time to stop and say, "I wonder what my banker's opinion will be of this deal."

We have always encouraged our patrons to talk over their plans with us and they have learned that the banks's viewpoint sometimes contains a point or two they have overlooked.

**BANK of VERNONIA**  
Vernonia, Oregon

### Men!

Buy These

Razors Shaving Soaps  
Brushes After-Shaves

Toilet Soaps  
Hair Brushes  
Tooth Brushes

Things typical with men. Special products of special quality. A special corner in our toilet goods department devoted to men's needs. It is safe to say that nothing in the way of men's toilet requirements are missing.

### Ladies!

Buy These

Creams Perfumes  
Powders Rouges

Lotions  
Soaps

A complete and up-to-date department in every way, with an extensive line of ladies' toilet requirements. The lady who desires something a little bit better will always find it here. Whatever she needs in toilet goods we undoubtedly have or can get.

Pure  
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**Vernonia Drug Co.**  
Wm. Folger, Pharmacist.  
Vernonia, Oregon

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