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COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Proclamation

Summer time and busy days together with health protection and fire dangers make it urgent that we Clean Up our city. The "City Beautiful" idea is one of the best assets our home town can have. Around old buildings grass and dry boards make a dangerous fire possible at any time. The City Council has decided to name Tuesday, May 1st, as Clean Up Day. Have all old cans, trash and rubbish in boxes setting in front of your property on the morning of May 1. A wagon will call and haul it away free. Burn up your old boards and dry weeds. This demand is in accordance with the views, sentiment and action taken by the City Council. Please attend to it. For a Cleaner, Healthier, Better City.

Chas. D. White, Mayor.

Boy Gets His Leg Cut

Neil Bush, 13 years, while playing with Ralph Jolly, last Sunday, had the misfortune to get a very bad cut with an ax, near and on his ankle. Several stitches were required in dressing the wound, and part of the ankle bone was cut.

T. B. Mills has taken the local agency for DuPont powder.

The Columbia County Lbr Plant owned by the McCormick interests in St. Helens, was destroyed by fire Monday morning. Loss \$300,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrum, of Oganoga Co., Wash., are visiting at the Nehalem hotel—old friends of the McDonald.

Mrs. McNutt and daughter of Forest Grove, spent a few days here this week.

A ball game Sunday on the home grounds.

Well For City, Big One

The present City Council will have as a paragraph of prominence in their life's history, the distinction of being Vernonia's First Council to inaugurate Municipal improvements worth while. Future history of Vernonia will describe the rapid growth, the substantial foundation, and mistakes and the progress. The present Council has been termed over conservative, they have no doubt made mistakes, but they have worked and among their action the progressive side of the story is the Vernonia Water System. The big well was not exactly as predicted by some a water producer. Twenty five feet found no water. But by appropriating the water from Rock Creek the supply will be inexhaustible. The state health board recommends a certain filtering plant, the first and only cost of same being about a thousand dollars. This assures Vernonia of pure water and plenty of it. This should and will no doubt be done. The well is about finished and the pipe laying to the big reservoir is about accomplished. The water can be turned on in another thirty days. The best thing ever happening to Vernonia and all glory to the Vernonia City Council.

Erick Erickson, who lived near town, has been ailing for some time. About a month ago he was taken to the Old Peoples Home. About a week ago he grew violently insane and was taken to the State Hospital, where he died last Tuesday.

A Mr. Nolan, employed by the Inman-Poulson Lbr. Co., of Keasey, was seriously injured Monday morning when a large strip of bark fell and nearly buried him. Dr. Shorts rendered medical attention and sent him to a Portland hospital.

They Played Ball

A large number of cars loaded with loyal baseball fans journeyed to Clatskanie Sunday to witness one of the snappiest ball games this season. Although Clatskanie won by a score of 7 to 3, that does not tell all of the story. Having a sportmen-like bunch of good ball players, we unfortunately had a very rotten umpire wished upon us, and as any fan will, he certainly had his eyes crossed. The Vernonia team had a wonderful amount of pep and made a mighty fine fight. Clatskanie scored one run in the first and one in the second. In the third inning Nance made a safe hit, getting first. C. Coyle walked 1st. Whitlock at bat was hit by pitched ball, taking 1st base. Then the mighty Mac McGraw strode up and made a safe two base hit that



Fussy About His Bat.

brought in Nance and Whitlock, Clarence Coyle scoring on a passed strike. McGraw dying on third. This inning certainly made the crowd realize that the Vernonia ball team could play ball. In the seventh inning with 2 out and 3 strikes called Bryan, of Clatskanie, hit a pop foul on first base line. Daddy Coyle made a wonderful dash for that foul, but



Chasing a Fowl.

missed, after falling over a young army of fans. The next ball thrown started the fireworks and before the smoke blew over 4 runs had been chalked up for Clatskanie. Whitlock relieved Vernon in the seventh, with Kenneth Roberts catching for Vernonia. Everyone had a word of praise for the ball team and you may rest as-

sured that when Clatskanie plays here—well, you certainly can't afford to miss that game.

A Fire Department

Vernonia needs a volunteer Fire Department, and needs it immediately. A volunteer company organized now will have a great deal to do with lower insurance rates as soon as our water system is completed. The town must have hose, plenty of it, must have a cart, ladders, etc. Money is not appropriated for the expense. It is too much of a task to get up a petition to the Council every time anything is needed in a progressive way, and people are getting tired of petitions and of having to point out needs or ask for things continually. Hence it has been suggested that a volunteer fire company be organized and that the company give entertainments, etc to secure money to buy the equipment. It is the surest and quickest way of getting things. Let's Go.

Not Yet Maybe Later

A Portland man calling Saturday asked why in the world Vernonia didn't have sidewalks on both sides of the street and a crossing to get to the depot. We laughed and tried to explain. It is no use. Build a sidewalk in front of your property. You have a right to build a sidewalk, and build it with stringers coming even at the ends so if you move it, you can drag the sections without hurting the walk. But build the walks, and don't wait for the Council to do it if you are in a hurry. You won't have to move it an inch either way for a long time, as it will be a long time before any action on that line is made.

HOUSES

New Houses
Houses to Rent
Build Some Houses
Vernonia's Greatest Need
is More Houses. It Offers
a Sure Investment

High School notes and writeup next issue.

The Vernonia IOOF lodge celebrated the 104th anniversary of the order last night with a splendid meeting, speeches, banquet and social good time.

First Car Beef Arrives

Tuesday night Coyle & Coyle received a car of stock, 26 head heifers and steers and 16 head hogs direct from Portland stock yards. They were the only outside butchers allowed to buy in the yards last week. It was the first car of stock to arrive in Vernonia on the new railroad, and demonstrated the necessity for a corral and loading shoot. Coyle & Coyle now have one of the best meat markets in this part of the state. Their new ice plant is now being installed and they have two large freezing rooms with a capacity of 6 dressed cattle, 6 hogs and as many veal.

Easily Overdone

Someone is going to get stung on high rents if a little judgment isn't shown. No shack or cottage in Vernonia is worth over \$15 per month. Foresight should also be used in building new "Office Rooms." Build upper stories for house keeping rooms and suites, but not all rooms for high rent "Offices." Who wants an "Office"? Not over a half dozen "professionals" in our city, and they all have secured offices. If rooms can't be rented reasonable, better not build, as the rents will drop with a loud thud in a few months. People don't always put up with high rents. There are a few empty houses at this writing that are worth from \$5 to \$15 per month rent—no more. And as the rent raises the reliable tenants will eventually build or seek permanent leases on fair priced houses. Better rent a year at fair price, than be vacant one month.

Communications must be accompanied by the name of the writer.

Mystery Never Solved

Gus Lindberg has gone to the hills on a searching trip for his brother who was lost nearly two years ago. Alex Lindberg, with a hunting party of Vernonia men, were in the thick underbrush and big timber of the big hills nearly two years ago. Lindberg left the party for a short survey of the spot, and has never been seen since. Several parties of searchers covered the territory for miles and not track or trace could be found. Mr. Lane's dog was Lindberg's companion, came home after an absence of nearly two weeks and would not go back in the woods again. It has remained a mystery these two years and there are people who still believe the missing man living. Others think he fell over some cliff, while others say he wandered as a lost man until fatigue and starvation overcame him.

Lane & Co. report their sale a big success. Their collections are good and their trade increasing. "There is a reason," Their sale continues another week.

Office Desk for \$12. at Eagle office.

Parents are warned to keep children away from the city well. It is a very dangerous place, and some venturesome acts have been witnessed—keep away.

SPRING NEEDS

FOR Home Garden Garage
YOUR Garage

There are lots of things you might consistently use in the home, garden and Garage. Just a tip on our part to you to buy these things now when qualities are right, and prices too.

HOME HINTS

The first and most important duty is extermination of flies. Get the first ones; fly killers first

Chlorox clothes bleach	25c
Fly Powder, box	10c
Fly Paper, 2 sheets	5c
Ammonia, per bottle, pint	15c
Lysol Disinfectant	25c
Hat Dye	25c
Cedar oil mops	1.00
Cedar Polish	25c
Chloride Lime	15c
Straw Hat Cleaner	10c
Roach and Rat Poison	25c

GARAGE GAINS

Metal Polish, per can	25c
Cleaning Sponges	35c up
Cleaning Chamoss	25c
Puto Polish	25c

Spray Early Spray Often SPRAY NOW!

Full protection can only be obtained by doing so. We will gladly tell you what spray to use and when to use it, and any further spraying information.

ASK US

Pure Drugs Vernonia Drug Co. Phone 171
Wm. Folger, Pharmacist.
Vernonia, Oregon



LOOK UP TO THE HILLS

LOOK around you. We are right in the heart of a colossal fortune! Every process in the cutting, removal, sawing, drying and shipping of that timber will bring to you and to Vernonia, a part of that fortune.

Our future is in our own hands. Let's make the most of it by earning, saving and investing. Long before the great stand about us is depleted the men and women who have caught the spirit behind this message will have assured their own welfare. Will you be one of them?

BANK OF VERNONIA
Vernonia, Oregon