

**MOUTHPIECE of the NEHALEM VALLEY**

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**Advertising Medium of a Big Pay Roll Community**

### Opening of Vernonia's New Theatre

Last Friday and Saturday nights for the new Majestic Theatre. An Eagle reporter attended the first night, and was favorably impressed with the modern building that bespeaks of much confidence and enterprise for the builder, Mr. Early. It is the largest, prettiest and best business building in the city at this writing. Mr. Bush, the progressive theatre man, who has taken a long time lease on the property, has demonstrated his ability as a theatre manager of splendid judgement regarding the choosing of good shows, and the running of an uptodate house. For the summer Mr. Bush has booked some of the latest and best shows possible to secure, regardless of expense. He intends to give a practically every night, and the arrangements of the house are made for the comfort and health of all patrons. Another stroke of enterprise is the new \$5000 organ installed. This is certainly an asset to our town, and the concerts will be greatly enjoyed by music lovers. The first night went off without a hitch considering the rush and work necessary to get everything arranged in time. The theatre was crowded with home people, all proud of the new show house from the hundreds who attended we have not heard anything but praise and approval over the management, the building and the splendid shows. All this is helping in the making of a big, modern city. Congratulations are hereby extended to Mr. Early, to the contractor and to Mr. and Mrs. Bush who are the proprietors making this progressive epoch possible.

Are you benefiting by the big Chautauqua? Attend tonight.

Many are waiting for the second installment of "Fighting Blood"

W. O. Galaway is building a new residence in the west part of town.

Play Ball—Sunday—on Vernonia Grounds. Kelso vs Vernonia. It promises to be a fast game. Kelso has a reputation as a base ball town. You won't miss the game, if the weather permits.

### More Like Business

Co. Assessor Charley Blakelley and Deputy Morris were here Monday night at a mass meeting. The Assessed valuation of Vernonia was raised to \$300,000. It will mean for a couple years a little higher tax, to be sure. But the big majority of Vernonia people realize the urgent need right now and few kicks are registered. Some of the largest lot owners will squeal, but when \$5. lots sell for one and three hundred dollars, it is evident the valuation has increased. We can't build a city and receive high prices unless we have a little money to back up prices in the way of making necessary improvements, we believe everybody is satisfied.

Emel Messing, R. A. Sesseman, Robt. Hoffman and the Editor and wife, accepted of the hospitality of W. Martineau for a ride to Portland in his big Nash Six. It was a splendid trip with the exception of a little incident happening on the hill just before entering Timber. In passing a car the ground gave way on our side and the big car crashed through the guard fence, and hung on a balance on the edge. We all got out alive, but it was a narrow escape. The canyon below looked very un-inviting from a seat in the car on an angle of 5 degrees. On our return trip we lost Messing and Hoffman, who jumped out and took to the tall timber. After an hour's search, we found them two miles down the road, none the worse for their Back to Nature Journey with the wild inhabitants of the woods.

The Chautauqua is a splendid, entertaining, instructive and enterprising institution for any city. Go! We admire the men that made it possible for us, as a community, to enjoy it. But, they should pay their own way, as any other entertainers, and the business men can't afford to close up shop for these people to take \$1000 out of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindley, of the Lindley Lbr. Co., were riding to town in their car one day last week, when a tree fell on the machine as they were passing the Beaver Mill property. No one seriously injured, but car badly demolished. A close call.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mills have returned from California.

### COUNTY COURT PROBABLY THE ROAD KNOWN AS BRIDGE STREET THROUGH VERNONIA CAN'T STAND FUTURE TRAFFIC

### VERNONIA HAS GROWN BEYOND THE DIRT ROAD STAGE MUST BE DONE THIS SUMMER TO HANDLE MORE TRAFFIC THAN ANY OTHER TOWN IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

We have no doubt that some would be "scared stiff" if we remark off the bat that Bridge street must be paved this summer. To those knowing of the industrial activities and those seeing the need, it can be realized that the city is strictly "up against it" if it is not hard surfaced at once. We don't believe there can be found a half dozen men that really are opposed to it. It looks like Columbia County can pave at least sixteen feet in the center from Rose avenue to the east city limits. It looks like we deserved it. A rough estimate for such a strip would probably put the cost at \$17,000 per mile completed. As the distance is very little over a quarter of a mile, the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$7,000 or \$8,000 for the 16 feet strip and gravel on each side to the curb. These figures are not correct, only an estimate not far off. It would soon be saved in up-keep, in the elimination of dust, mud, ill-health, risks, drainage, convenience, looks and the general "first impression" to many visiting one of the principal points in the county. The street is not in good condition now; what will it be with the enormous traffic and the immense hauling to be done over it the coming year. Ask the opinion of the big mill officials from other cities who are locating here and who know conditions elsewhere where they are interested. It is not necessary to let gravel set for years as some imagine before paving. That is necessary in the valleys where water overflows in the winter, but here it isn't so. In Banks, which was a mudhole, they finished the job in a few weeks and it is as good as any you see. In a few months we will see thousands of cars using this road where hundreds use it now. The time to do it is now. It must come eventually, why "Put it off." This is not alone the opinion of the Eagle editor, but the sentiment expressed to us by a great number of our readers who have wondered at our delay in bringing the subject to your notice. We believe now the time is ripe.

The Bank of Vernonia, that is constantly growing bigger and better has just received notice from State Treasurer O. P. Hoff saying that the Bank of Vernonia is now designated as a State Depository for the years 1923-1924. This is good news all Vernonia people really like to see. As our bank grows in state affairs and in prominence, so our town grows and prospers.

The City has purchased a \$3300 engine and borrowed a pump and will fill the large new reservoir with water from Rock Creek for temporary use. After the new well is finished the tank will be drained and filled with pure well water. The creek water is for fire protection and domestic use. Should you be tempted to drink it, it might be a good idea to boil it before drinking.

Free Embroidery lessons in Saturday afternoon classes, when stamped goods are bought from my stock. Orders taken for Hemstitching watch for samples in my window. —The L. B. Art Shop, at Brown & Browns Furniture Store. 45-46

Uncle Sam's big war boats, in peaceful mode, received many visitors, while in Portland harbor, this week.

Hon. Judson Weed, Commander of John Bucher Post, G. A. R., Mrs. Sarah Spencer, Pres. W. R. C. and three delegates Mrs. Weed, Mrs. Jons and Mrs. Mills, all of Vernonia attended the G. A. R. Convention in Grants Pass, last week. The Grants Pass people proved royal entertainers as the report comes tendering banquets and sight seeing rides to the hundreds of visitors. The soldiers home, so ably managed, was very favorably commented on as one of the pretty places of Oregon, and the old soldiers there certainly enjoy their home. Bob McNutt, who in the early days ran a store in Vernonia, now lives in Grants Pass, and was glad indeed to meet the Vernonia delegation. The visitors from here report a splendid time, good convention and pleasant journey too and fro.

There is not a man in Vernonia who will not gain materially as the town grows, gains and prospers. It is easy for neighbors to forget, or neglect to reason as to who will be the one to put flowers on your coffin when you are resting in your last wooden box. Shears & Sawbuck will not sing at your funeral; they will not pay your school tax; they will not call on you; will give you no credit; will not help your church or boost your neighborhood. Outside auto dealers that do not advertise, but who come in Vernonia without paying any taxes, will not sell you a car any cheaper than your home garage will. Outside groceries are no better or cheaper; neither is outside bread, stockings or clothes. Why wouldn't it be better to be loyal to our home merchant and keep this money at home? You have no letters to write, no stamps or money orders to buy, no exchanges to make, no delays, no disappointments and you SEE what you buy, when you help the community by patronizing your home dealers. It pays in a good many ways.

The Chautauqua is on in the big tent.

The new addition to the school house is to be started next week.

Red Hill won in Wrestling Match Wednesday evening.

Too old, too cold, too wet and lack of interest, tended to put a damper on the Portland Rose Show. The largest buildings were not decorated.

Coyle & Coyle Grocery Store ad will be changed next week. They want to prove to the public that they are selling for less because they sell for cash.

Mr. Chas. D White and family were visiting the White ranch, near Lebanon, this week, and took in the Strawberry Carnival at Lebanon.

A crowd of Vernonia people went down to the opening of the Rose Show, but came home after one or two days.

Mr. Huffacre struck enough oil to spoil his well—better turn it into an oil well, now that he knows there is oil here.

Al. Parker and wife, Sidney Malmsten and wife, Rev. Heverling and wife attended the State Grange Meet at Newport, last week.

### BE CHEERFUL

There is no need of worry. We've not got long to stay; Then why not take things easy As we pass along life's way? 'Twill do no good to worry. If things are going wrong, We may as well be pleasant— Meet reverses with a song. Not one of us is perfect And few of us that stay Who ever stray and wander From the straight and narrow way. So when we start to hammer Some one who's gone astray, 'Twill do no harm to pause and think We may lose our grip some day. Why pick upon the fellow Who is just about to fall; If you don't care to help him Don't notice him at all.

The Eagle believes it possible to pave Bridge street from Rose avenue east to the city limits. We know it is needed—absolutely necessary. The Eagle believes Columbia County will go 50-50 with Vernonia in the expense. The county owes it to this part of the county. We believe the mode of financing it can be arranged. We don't believe in talking about it all summer, and laying it on the table. Let's do it.

At the Palace Hotel, 12th and Washington, Portland, were registered on Monday from Vernonia, J. P. McDonald and wife, R. D. Blakely, Mrs. A. Lester and daughter, R. A. Sesseman, Thos. Timmons, E. B. Fowler, Paul Robinson and wife, Elvin Mills, wife and daughter, and Emil Messing. Some crowd of Vernonia folks making a home party.

A picturesque ceremony was staged by the K K K in Portland Monday night when 20,000 of them gathered on Mt. Scott for an open air initiation program. It was the largest demonstration of its kind ever pulled in the West, and is reported as being solemn and impressive. "Fiery Crosses" were visible for many miles.

City Recorder Ben Owens brought in samples of the sea shells he picked up near Pittsburg. Some day we will be finding the remains of Captain Kidd and his treasure ship, in the Nehalem Valley.

Vernonia people are making headquarters in Portland at the Palace Hotel. It is homelike, and you see somebody you know You will like Mr. Himes.

### Prosperous Vernonia

Business is good. Business is getting better every week. Vernonia is busy every day, and Vernonia is a night town; a good show town, a live town. Business men are feeling good. Every day business keeps up and Saturday nights it is a jam. Ask the advertisers. Read the ads for bargains.

### Important Deal

A. Corey sold, this week, to Mary S. McGee, of Timber, his two store buildings and lots, reserving a three year lease on the corner store. This is one of the best business corners in the city. Miss McGee is a lady of ability and foresight, and we understand she contemplates purchasing more Vernonia property.

### SURE GROW GOOD

Mr. Sidney Malmsten presented the Eagle family with a big bucket of home grown strawberries, this week, from his farm. They are absolutely the best and prettiest strawberries we have looked upon. Old Nehalem Valley can surely produce the goods. Thanks, Mr. Malmsten; we certainly went after them.


### Church Notice

Services of the Evangelical Church will be as follows: Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. & 8:00 p. m., Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m.—Choir Practice on Tuesday evening at the home of C. Malmsten. Prayer Meeting in the church on Thursday evening. Everybody is cordially invited to all of the services.

Mr. Haltom is receiving a large amount of new piece goods. The Haltom Mercantile Co., at east end of bridge, reports a fast growing business. They have a beautiful store.

### LATE SAD NEWS

Just as we go to press we hear that Mrs. Louie Siegert died at five o'clock this Thursday morning, in a Portland hospital. Particulars not received.



**Idle Dollars Get Into Difficulties**

Idle dollars, like idle men, get into trouble. They become reckless and careless. They are soon apt to be lost through thoughtless spending or ill chosen investment.

Keep the dollars at work if you would keep them at all. Start a savings account for them at the Bank of Vernonia. They'll draw good wages.

**BANK of VERNONIA**  
Vernonia, Oregon

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Bathing and Swim Caps  
All Colors  
25c up  
Water Wings  
50c

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Wm. Folger, Pharmacist.  
Vernonia, Oregon

Chautauqua Dates are June 14 to 18