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Portland Editors Invited To Come and Note Some Wonderful Growth

GOOD PUBLICITY FOR VERNONIA

Thousands in Portland Read of Our Growth.

The Portland Daily Telegram gave Vernonia editorial space last Saturday that was read all over the nation, more or less. We would suggest to all the Portland papers that were so good to us a year ago, that they send a representative here during this, our anniversary month, to note what a fast-growing city has accomplished in twelve months. They certainly would not recognize the town they visited a year ago. It is today Oregon's fastest growing little city and will mean to Oregon one of her best industrial centers. Come over, editors, and visit us, and tell the state what they have here. The Telegram article was as follows:

VERNONIA

"Little more than a year ago Vernonia, the forgotten village of the Nehalem valley, was rediscovered and dedicated anew as the industrial hub of a richly endowed timber belt. It has been little more than a year, moreover, since the first rails pushed through the virgin forests into Vernonia's city limits; slightly less than that since the first train into this reborn community carried hundreds of visitors from Portland and adjacent points to a great 'open house' celebration sponsored by Vernonia's commercial club.

"Less precocious, perhaps, than Washington's infant city at the Cowitz and Columbia, but no less willing, Vernonia shows generous evidence of progress for the year. Accomplishments that may well surprise are reviewed by the Vernonia Eagle, 'mouthpiece of the Nehalem valley,' in the issue celebrating its first birthday. Editor Paul Robinson, since the paper's establishment a year ago, has not swerved from his purpose to attract new industrial life to Vernonia, to build up its pay roll and to advertise all over Oregon and the Eastern states the splendid opportunities of the Vernonia country."

"The first year of growth after Vernonia's rebirth is sketched by the Eagle as follows: 'We have told the world about Vernonia and believe we have been instrumental in getting hundreds of new families to live here. Twelve months ago this paper advertised, for several issues, for a laundry, and now we have one. We repeatedly asked for a bakery and we got one. We printed our need for a jeweler and were very successful. We asked for more hotels, rooms and boarding houses and still continue to get them. Many are the new industries we have seen locate in Vernonia and few are the failures. . . . Since the first issue of this paper the town has secured water; it was a fight, but we won. We see a new telephone, a new railroad, many new business blocks and hundreds of new dwellings. The splendid high school has been built since we were here and thousands of dollars have been spent here by the largest lumber company in the country.

"Twelve months ago we had dreams of the largest mill in the Northwest locating in Vernonia. Today that dream is being fulfilled with

a rush. We have seen in twelve months a city grow from 250 people to some 1200 inhabitants, and still growing faster than any other small city in Oregon."

"Vernonia, after plodding along as a hamlet for forty-eight years, now has a vision of greater things and is already outdistancing many of her dozing, self-complacent sister towns."—Portland Telegram.

Our Disgraceful Main Street Can be Remedied

Who will volunteer as a leader to see the property owners THIS WEEK? Why put it off another day. Here, readers, is an opportunity for public enterprise. Here is the proposition offered us, as told us by Supervisor A. D. Hall. The County will immediately gravel or rock and roll thoroughly a strip 16 feet wide down Bridge street—only providing that the property owners on this street chip in and hire a couple teams and men to level the sides and gravel to the 16 foot strip, so that all can be rolled at once. All can chip in according to footage owned, rock can be had for the sides from the creek bed, thus making individual cost low. This must be started this week. We understand the County contemplates paving the 16 ft. strip next year, if we make it possible for them to rock and roll now. The sides must be plowed and dirt evenly distributed—who will act as leader now. For goodness sake, let's go. It is at present the worst strip of road in the country. We now have a splendid offer, and can accept it voluntarily with no red tape. The way to do it is to do it. The Council will help we are sure.

WE CHALLENGE YOU

We, the undersigned business men hereby dare or challenge any six officials of the Oregon-American Lumber Co. for a Caterpillar Race on Bridge Street Saturday, Sept. 1 at 1.30 p. m. the losers of said race to buy dinner for the winning team of six. A Caterpillar Race is accomplished by your team of six straddling a pole twelve feet long and running one block. Each team to furnish own pole. Are you game? If accepted notify Chairman Brown of the team. Signed, J. W. Brown, Lloyd Thomas, C. Bergerson, R. Emmott, C. S. Hoffman, J. C. Lindley.

St. Helens Editor Roasts Vernonia Dance Hall

Appreciated Kindness in Cleaning Up, But He Has Plenty of Work at Home.

Editor Flagg is conscientious in his work and writings, he is good at his chosen profession, but like most humans, is subject to exaggeration. In a last week's article in his paper headed, "Vernonia's Shame," he overstepped.

He recently met four Vernonia men who visited St. Helens on a purely business mission and quoted them altogether wrong. The gentlemen gave out nothing for publication. They enjoyed a friendly visit with the editor, but remarks as he quoted were not made. He jumps on the Vernonia dance hall—and if granted that any excuse is offered for his opinions, we would rather he gave the matter a better investigation.

The manager of the Vernonia dance hall was not mentioned in the "visit" to St. Helens by the gentlemen in question. While the editor of this paper does not dance at the public dances or attend them, we do not believe that it is the aim of the management to run a disorderly place. We do not know that vile characters dance there, we do not know that drunk people dance. We do know and believe that good people often dance and that man and wife of highest citizenship enjoy an hour of dancing in a party of respectable people. We also know that it would behoove the management of any dance hall to cater to the better element and to run his dances to receive the best of patrons, and we hope that such will ever be the practice in Vernonia. We know the state laws in regards to minors attending dances, and in Vernonia as elsewhere young girls should be accompanied by a guardian. There is no denying that it has been common during the past year for certain men and boys to have bottles in their pockets on dance nights. Small boys make money picking up the bottles the next morning. This isn't the manager's fault directly, as the drinking is mostly done on the outside of the hall, and we don't know that any drinking is ever done in the hall. As far as Mr. Flagg's article in regards to lawlessness is concerned it is probably too true in many respects, especially during the past spring. It is fast being remedied. Vernonia today is as clean as any fast-growing city in Oregon, and we believe it is going to be kept that way. Last week the Eagle editor gave his views on this subject and every family man in Vernonia agrees with us. Vernonia must and will be made a good home city. Of course every city has its few who imagine they want a wide-open town; they are mistaken in their ideas and their popularity is on the wane the world over. An honest business and an honest living is admired by all law-abiding citizens. Vernonia home lovers, Vernonia taxpayers, Vernonia's good citizens and Vernonia's mothers know who is honest to the degree that they can pick out the doubtful ones on the street. Back to the dance hall again—let us remark that we know little about the way it is conducted, but we do know that the manager can have splendid, orderly dances there if he chooses, and one in attendance last Saturday night told us that it certainly was a pleasant and perfectly conducted party. This paper as well as the good citizens will ever back with their good wishes any such conducted business.

We are glad to announce, Mr. Flagg, that last Saturday night hundreds of people swarmed our streets, business was rushing, the restaurants were crowded, the dance was a big success, and not an arrest was made, not a drunk noticed, no disorder in evidence whatever and everybody had a good time. Isn't that the life? And, believe us, it is going to be kept that way.

THANKS, BROTHER GIBBS

The Vernonia Eagle concluded its first year last Friday. Brother Paul Robinson is to be congratulated on his venture. The town of Vernonia was reborn about the time he started the paper, and in this time has trebled its population and is now a city instead of a village. Towards its remarkable growth the Eagle had much to do by making the place and its advantages widely known. Brother Robinson showed his faith in the town by the establishment of a \$5000 printing plant, and putting out a rattling up-to-date paper. His efforts seem to have been appreciated, for his advertising columns are well patronized. May both paper and town continue to flourish and prosper. — Eastern Clackamas News.

City Dads at the Helm

The Vernonia Municipal Water System has been accepted by the City Council. Vernonia now has Fire Protection. The Sewer System is now under advisement the Council is looking into it and we believe it will be arranged for at an early date. Second avenue west, and Rose avenue running north from Bridge street will be opened and fixed for travel immediately. An occupation tax has been levied on all business enterprises which we gladly pay to help conduct city affairs.

Recorded Eagle Friends

Since our last issue several subscribers have renewed for another year. among them are: W. L. Hall, Mrs. Salomonsen, V. L. Powell, F. E. Malmsten, W. A. Bayless, V. M. Whitsett, J. W. Rose, E. B. Dale, Mrs. M. J. John, Mike Anders, J. H. Copeland, Walter E. Willis, Bruce McDonald, Ester Coulter, Louis Siegert, R. M. Hall, G. R. Mills, Thos. Timmons, Crow Mill of Portland, A. Cartwright of Newberg, John Danley of Lincoln Neb. A. E. Hickerson, of Conroe, Texas, A. M. Leach, of Dilley, Wes Shipley of Banks, Norman Armes of Forest Grove, E. E. Richards of Chicago, Ill, O. C. Spencer of Portland, N. D. Peterson of Mist, O. B. Malmsten of Seaside, A. L. Parker, T. W. Owens, Klamath Falls.

Our Main Street

Less Rose swears he was only driving ten miles an hour, when he broke spring, while driving over ruts and holes on Bridge street. Any one is liable to brake a bottle, on account of the rough going, hence Less got busy voluntarily and filled up quite a number of the holes. It cost him a days time and a new wheelbarrow but he says no one else would do it.

Catholic Services

Father Clancy, of St. Helen's, pastor of the local church, will celebrate Mass here on Sunday morning, August 19, at 11:30. All Catholics of this district are reminded of this obligation of the public worship of God by attending the Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays. Appropriate sermon Non-Catholics always very welcome.

NO, YOU HAVEN'T

Editor Veatch, of the Rainier Review, who gets out an excellent paper, has installed a big new press. It is a six-column quarto, and prints a page 31x46 inches, or four six column pages at one impression. Veatch says "This new equipment will have double the capacity of any like machine in Columbia county."

Oh, no, brother, don't forget that the Vernonia Eagle recently installed a big new press. Our big machine takes a 31x46 inch sheet and prints four pages of the Eagle at one impression if we so choose. The Eagle press was the largest in the county before the Review made this purchase and now "we two" have the same size

Jack McGown stopped his car on Bridge street in front of the Eagle office, as an elderly couple drove up in their machine and called to Jack: Where is the Marshal? Just go to the telephone office and you will find him answered Mr McGown "Oh it isn't that important said the old gentleman, "I just wanted to know what the speed limit was on this street."

Grange Secretary Reports

To the Vernonia Eagle—Greetings: I am sending you a report of the County Pomona and hope you can find space for same.

Yours sincerely,

MAUD J. MILLS, Sec.

The eightieth regular session of the Columbia County Pomona Grange was held Saturday, August 4th, being entertained by Armstrong Grange.

The various granges of the county were well represented and many things of vital interest to the farmers were taken up.

The following attached resolutions were recommended by the resolutions committee and adopted by the Pomona:

Submitted by F. Peterson, of Natal Grange:

"Whereas, The Chamber of Commerce of Portland is very anxious apparently to help the farmer and is agitating the raising of a large fund to be used for that purpose,

Resolved, That it is our opinion that the best way to help the farmer is, first to support the income tax which would help to reduce the farmers' taxes, and

Second, to provide better marketing facilities to the end that the farmer may get a fairer price for his production.

Signed,

F. H. ADAMS,

S. E. TROTTER,

J. W. HALE.

Introduced by Clackamas District Pomona:

"Whereas, Certain interests are trying to repeal, and have already filed petitions to invoke the referendum on the income tax and the oleomargarine bills, and

Whereas, We believe that both measures are very essential to the agricultural interests, and realize that if we save them, we must use our organization and work unceasingly; therefore,

Be it resolved by Columbia Pomona Grange in regular session assembled this 4th day of August, 1923, that we recommend and ask that our State Master appoint the Master of each Pomona Grange chairman of a committee of five, the secretary being second member of the committee, and rest of committee to be appointed by the chairman, also that the Master of each subordinate Grange be appointed chairman of a like committee, balance of committee to be appointed by chairman or elected if he may choose; same to work under and report to the Pomona Grange committee of their respective counties. Also that each Pomona Grange committee shall report to and receive instructions from our State Master, or other person designated by him. The above committees are to work and direct a campaign in support of the income tax and oleomargarine bills.

Signed,

F. H. ADAMS,

S. E. TROTTER,

J. W. HALE.

Whereas, It is the policy of the county court not to spend any special road tax until the taxes are collected, and

Whereas, The last half of the taxes are not collected until it is too late in the season to be worked out that year, and

Whereas, It appears that money held over from one year to another deteriorates to such an extent that

very little benefit is derived from it the following year,

Therefore, be it resolved by this Pomona Grange that we consider this very poor economy and unfair to the taxpayer who needs the roads as badly as the average farmer in this county,

And be it further resolved that we go on record as favoring the adoption of a plan by the court whereby the special road tax voted in each district can all be spent on the roads the same year it is collected.

Submitted by Beaver Valley Grange Resolution Committee.

L. L. GIESE,

T. A. PARCHER,

JENNIE LOVELACE,

Adopted by resolutions committee.

F. H. DAMS,

SAM E. TROTTER,

J. W. HALE.

Introduced by Deer Island Grange:

We hereby respectfully ask the Honorable County Court to reject any offer as contemplated by the speculative timber owners and to proceed with the work of having a fair, just and equitable cruise and estimate of the timber lands of this county for tax assessment purposes; and in so doing we pledged our court our assistance and loyalty.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the foregoing statement is our views and desires in this matter and that a committee be appointed by the Master of the Pomona Grange to present the same to the Honorable County Court, and to also ask the press of our county to publish the same.

Signed,

F. H. ADAMS,

S. E. TROTTER,

J. W. HALE.

In the evening a program of real merit was given under the direction of Mary Daniels, after which the fifth degree was exemplified for twelve candidates. Armstrong Grange will be long remembered for their hospitality.

The Pomona Grange is growing in interest and usefulness and granges that are not represented are losing much of real benefit and encouragement. Again the secretary urges all secretaries of subordinate granges to send in their written reports as required. Reports should be received not later than the 1st of November for this next quarter.

Fraternally,

MAUD J. MILLS, Secretary.

A tourist's car was going over a crossing near the High School, last Friday, when one of the children was bounced out of the car. The little fellow fell so that the hind wheel missed his body, but ran over his foot, slightly bruising it.

Alberta Dunlavey celebrated her 10th birthday Aug. 12 with a picnic at The Pointer Grove about 30 were present. All partook of a bountiful dinner and ate ice cream to their hearts content.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday "East is West." Probably the best chance to see the best picture so far shown in Vernonia. The cunning schemes of the Chinaman in Chinatown; of love and hate. Better see it at the Majestic theater.



Someday—What?

SOMEDAY, in years to come, when the traveler looks down into this beautiful valley of ours what will he find?

Will he say "this was Vernonia—one of those lumber towns, you know, that spring up but don't last."

Or will he say: "This IS Vernonia; this valley is a great dairy center. Here are some people who knew a real dairy country when they saw it."

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