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### WEBSTER SAYS.

DAGO: A person of Spanish (or, Portuguese, or, now most commonly, Italian) descent.

The above is Webster's definition of the word "Dago." The word was used recently in THE EAGLE and the little paragraph caused a letter of protest from a writer whose name we cannot pronounce. The word "Dago" is often used in the U. S. in referring to an Italian, same as an Italian would call a Japanese a "Jap."

Now, really, our first choice for a U. S. Senator wasn't Geo. L. Baker, to any great extent. But when one reads the attacks slung at Baker in the sarcastic lines written by C. C. Chanman, in the "Oregon Voter," it is enough to convert most any one. Chapman could run "Pd. Adv." at the top of these frequent paragraphs and the public would call it good publicity for Baker.

Since the establishment of THE VERNONIA EAGLE in this, the best little city in Oregon, some marvelous changes for the better have taken place. Vernonia is a big asset to the state. Her timber resources means millions of dollars to the state's wealth. Her mills and camps, with hundreds of men employed, make the city and community one of the state's best industrial centers. These facts, with many more we could mention, move us to suggest that the Portland Ad Club make us a visit.

This is the time for remembering that it was on Sept. 17, 1787, the constitutional convention, after many weeks of tiresome wrangling, finally adopted the American constitution, practically as it now stands. Save for a few changes, the nation has lived and prospered under it for 136 years. Gladstone, the famous British statesman, called it the greatest document ever penned by man.

His prophecy has been largely borne out by the metric and undiminished progress of America. Then let the people, in odd moments for a few days, turn their minds from the affairs of the moment, that the thoughts of the nation's beginnings be quickened in their consciousness. Such is the wish of those organizations that have fostered the plan for setting aside a week for observation of the adoption of the Constitution.

Gov. Walton's big publicity stunt has proven a boomerang. His dream and presidential ambitions are "nipped in the bud." His latest big billed stunt wasn't as successful as the big free show he recently gave, when he was inaugurated. At that time he spent many dollars in free music, free dancing, free barbecues and free eats in behalf of his own glorious self—that all would celebrate his election. He is a fourflusher, a big noise, and the good people of his good state will eliminate him. Good night, Walton. You hired the bands; now hire the mourners. You waved the banners and blew big bubbles before they burst.

# FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF VERNONIA

During my recent visit in the Nehalem valley, spent with my uncle, Mr. Bert DePue, I was impressed with the fact that Vernonia is not the ordinary small lumber town where people drift in one day and out the next. It may have sprung up into a city overnight, but it is not content with make-shifts, nor are its inhabitants transients. I never saw a place where everyone is so busy and progressive. Each day brings newcomers and there seems to be plenty of work for everyone. The demand for houses seems to greatly exceed the supply, vacant houses and "For Rent" signs being an absurdity. The homes being built are as modern and attractive as any city could wish for.

I think Vernonia is fortunate to get citizens who are interested in education and realize its necessity and advantages. They are the people who stand behind progress. Every effort is being made to provide proper facilities for the education of the children and young people. Such a beautiful new high school and large grade school look encouraging.

As for beauty, what more could one ask for than the view of Vernonia from the highway, a glimpse up the river through the trees or a drive out Rock Creek road. When Vernonia is an older city, lawns, flowers and shade trees will find their places among her attractions.

Vernonia is known for its timber, and as one does not generally associate wheat fields with timber, I was surprised to find so many farms dotted around the hills in the very heart of the forest. I don't believe that I ever ate better apples than those which came from one of these farms and I never once saw an apple that was wormy or even blemished. They say that wormy fruit is unknown in this district. Perhaps the day will come when Vernonia will be known for its fruit.

There is nothing slow about a new city which already has plans for the building of bathhouses along the river, playgrounds, public drinking fountains, not to mention paved streets. Then too, the Standard Oil Co., must think it worth while when it will go to the expense of establishing a station. With its own bank, bakery, grocery and dry goods stores, water system with reservoir and hydrants, newspaper, good roads and railway service and even millinery shops and beauty parlors, Vernonia is hardly dependent on any other city.

GLADYS I. SMITH

The Oregon Trunk railroad, in a letter received at the office of the public service commission, has served notice that the corporation's track between South Junction and Metolius would be abandoned shortly.

Mrs. J. R. Norton, a young matron of Hood River, well known in Oregon championship tennis circles, swam the Columbia river last week. She was the first woman ever to accomplish the feat in the mid-Columbia.

Remarks dropped by tourists during the past few weeks indicate that the law enacted at the last session of the legislature compelling non-resident automobiles to register in this state is unpopular and has caused travelers much inconvenience.

After spending more than a week in Gold Beach and vicinity investigating proposed sites for the Roosevelt highway bridge across the Rogue river, J. H. Scott and F. A. Keith, engineers of the state highway department of Oregon, have returned to Salem.

There is more mining activity in Baker county this year than there has been for the last decade. It is indicated by the record books of quarts and placer claims in the county clerk's office. To date more than 100 quarts and placer claims have been filed.

Governor Pierce has instructed Attorney-General Van Winkle to appoint a special prosecutor to assist the district attorney of Harney county in prosecuting a reputed bootlegger, who recently shot and seriously wounded a state agent by the name of Haines.

The work of laying the concrete paving to the city limits of Harrisburg has been completed. With the exception of a small gap between Shedd and Tangent, which soon will be paved, the Pacific highway is now paved all the way from Harrisburg to Portland.

The Automotive Carriers' association of Oregon has filed with the public service commission a petition asking that the maximum work-day for automobile stages be fixed at 10 hours. The commission, in an order issued a few weeks ago, fixed the work-day for drivers at eight hours.

The Oregon public service commission has fixed a tentative valuation of \$764,401 on the Great Southern railroad, which operates between The Dalles and Dufur. A tentative valuation of \$507,023 has been placed on the Mount Hood railroad, which operates between Hood River and Don.

Mrs. Clyde McDonald and Mrs. V. L. Tory, of Koster, spent a couple of days at the Rose City this week.

J. S. Culbertson is moving to Vernonia, deciding to make this his permanent home.

Gale Stanton after having spent the summer with home folks left last week to enter the University of Iowa. He doesn't expect to return home again, until he finishes college which will take two more years.

Bert Roberts, Mrs. Mary Roberts and Edith Imbeck motored to St Helens Sunday to spend the day at Mr Roberts home.

Eva West's uncle past 80 yrs of age has been confined to his bed for about two months is able to be up some again.

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