

STILL WE'RE A NATION OF KICKERS

A Cedar Rapids, Iowa, man, discussing the proneness of the present generation to complain of its hard lot, promulgates a little essay that should be widely read and carefully pondered. He begins with this inelegant, but easily understood question:

"What is eating us, anyway? Many things, no doubt—among them these:

"First, the lack of appreciation of things handed to us." To those who remember the time when \$4 an acre was considered an outrageous price for land in eastern Iowa, a spring seat on a farm wagon a luxury and the possessor of a 'top buggy' a nabob; when there was scarcely a furnace or a bathtub in the entire state of Iowa; when the only refrigerators in town were those in the 'butcher shop'; this age when one only has to touch a button to get a light with the strength of 100 candles; when you turn one faucet to get cold water and turn another to get that which is hot; when houses without bathrooms and furnaces are exceptions; when school houses in small towns are better appointed than state capitols used to be; and country children are taken to and from school in auto busses, and city school houses are not considered quite up-to-date unless equipped with a swimming pool; when workmen drive to their daily tasks in gas cars; and there are enough autos in the State of Iowa to take every man, woman and child in the state out for a joy ride at the same time, it seems as though some genii had rubbed a modern Aladdin's lamp and that we are living in Fairyland. The truth is that these things handed to the young people of today are results of toil and thrift—the subjugation of a wilderness by men and women who asked only a chance to try their strength and to the triumphs of science and the discovery of truth. To this pampered generation these facts, the toll, the sacrifice, the hardships and privations are unknown. The rich heritage is accepted as a matter of course—often without so much as a thank you, and frequently with complaint because there is not more."

The same conditions as that described in Iowa exist in almost every community in Oregon.

BUDGET IN COUNTY IS \$456,000

The county court and the budget advisory committee have completed the work of preparing the annual budget of expense for the county. The general fund is about the same as last year and an 8-mill road tax was adopted. The total of the budget is about the same as last year and the items the same, with the exception that \$9000 has been provided from a recruise of a portion of the standing timber in the county. Such an appropriation was made last year, but was voted down at the budget meeting. The total budget amounts to approximately \$456,000.

Knights to Organize.

A big event last Saturday night for the K. P. lodge members and several starting in the order, was had at the Grange Hall. Visitors were here from St. Helens, Portland, Astoria and Seaside. After the organizing of the new lodge, the degree work, and business session, an hour was devoted to a social time and addresses. Refreshments were served. The Vernonia K. of P. lodge promises to be a large order and much good will be accomplished. We hear that a large list of prospective members are waiting to get in the K. P.'s here.

Gone to Kansas.

C. G. Wittorff, left last week for Hutchinson, Kansas, where he will look after some business affairs and finish some school work. Mr. Wittorff is a young man of exceptional ability, studious and a worker. He is leaving his time-keeping job at the O. A. Co. We certainly wish him much success.

Large Pool Hall.

A. L. Fenner, of Vernonia Pool Hall, has purchased all the Purney fixtures and added to his own business. This pool hall and confectory now has six good pool tables and a snooker. The building has been enlarged and all fixtures re-arranged.

ERICKSON & LUND ROBBED OF \$650

Currency totaling \$500 and \$150 in liberty bonds were obtained by robbers who blew open the safe of the store of Erickson & Lund, at Warren, Or.

The safe-crackers rolled the 1200 pound safe into an adjoining warehouse, piled sacks of bran and other feed on top of it, blew it open, took the money and bonds and escaped. The robbery was not discovered until Mr. Erickson entered the store the following morning.

Part of the stolen coin belonged to the postoffice and part to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, for which the firm is ticket agent. Mr. Erickson also acts as postmaster.

The safe was badly damaged. No one heard the noise. There is no clue.

Sheriff Wellington expressed the opinion that the robbery was committed by experts.

A New Firm.

Bauman & Turner, experts in their line, have opened a new plumbing and tin shop in the Van Blarcken building, near the Tip-top lumber yards. They do all kinds of furnace work, tin work, repairing, water pipes, etc. Also plastering and cement work. Notice their introductory ad.

More Buildings Needed.

Four men of different cities were in THE EAGLE office this week looking for business buildings that they could rent. Nearly every day people inquire for a building and are long time renters at good rental. Besides the business blocks needed, a hundred new cottages could be rented if we had them. Now is the time to build.

A Mechanic.

W. T. Hatten wants us to inform you that he has just secured a first-class mechanic and horse shoer for his blacksmith shop. Business is rushing there and he is able to take care of your needs.

Clean up the alleys, take down the stinking barns, fix up, clean up, make living conditions healthy. A visit from State Health Department has been invited.

COMPULSORY THRIFT

In Kansas a group of power and telephone companies is trying a compulsory thrift plan, which affects about 1,200 employees and applies to every member of the organization from the president to the humblest day laborer. The plan requires that each shall save and invest monthly at least 10 per cent of his income.

Every month each employee must make a report to the general office of how much he has saved, and in what he has invested it. The investment must be approved by a committee competent to advise. Government securities, savings bank accounts, building and loan stock, payment on a home, even payments on furniture are allowed. If debts have been incurred, these must be listed and payments may be arranged on them, but no more are to be assumed. The idea is to make the employee live within his means and also lay aside something in a savings form.

Reports for the first nine months show that about 10 per cent of the wages have been saved, no single employee falling below 10 per cent. This amounts to over \$100,000. Failure to report or to save brings dismissal, but in only two instances among the 1,200 employees was such action needed. Budget books are distributed and their use explained as a helpful method in establishing a working scale of living that will allow for thrift.

WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF IT?

When you give your time and your thought and your best efforts for your city welfare, what do you get out of it? You get the satisfaction of living in the city where your family can possess a full measure of happiness—beautiful home, good schools, paved streets, modern stores, better electricity, better water, attractive public buildings, additional industries, increased pay rolls, better transportation, more conveniences. Because your community service and that of other men possessing the same degree of public interest brings more people, more money, more business—a bigger city with the conveniences demanded by today's "Living Standards."

Population of Vernonia.

No city in Oregon shows a more rapid and substantial growth. In 1900 we had 62 people; in 1910 only 69; in 1920, 142; in 1923, 150.

NOTE AND COMMENT

It begins to look as if the only one that can make both ends meet is the fishing worm.

If the bootlegging business is good today it is a sure sign the undertaking business will flourish tomorrow.

Roosters will never replace alarm clocks. You can't reach out and turn off a rooster and go back to sleep.

We've often wondered what judges and lawyers would do if all men would deal absolutely square with each other.

It used to be wine, women and song that made the young man leave home. Now it's white mule, flapper and jazz.

A man may be straighter than a string and still not be able to tell the truth about a second-hand auto.

A scientist says the ordinary housefly lays a billion eggs a season. And the worst part of it is most of them hatch.

We've also reached a point in history where there isn't as much money in raising healthy hogs as there is in running "blind pigs."

When a Vernonia man says "I run things at my house" he means the lawn mower, or the washing machine, or something like that.

Of course the modern girl knows more than her mother, but it sort of gets on our nerves to hear her tell her mother so.

The reason some wives try to get along with their husbands is because they know they would have a hard time getting along without them.

Have Your Eyes Examined

By Dr. Luzader, Eyesight Specialist, who will be at Martineau's Jewelry Store, Vernonia, on Monday and Tuesday, October 1 and 2. If you suffer from headache or have vision trouble of any kind, better have your eyes examined. They no doubt, are the cause.

BIG TIMBER DEAL CLOSED THIS WEEK

A tract of timber comprising four square miles and containing approximately 150,000,000 feet in the vicinity of Keasey at the terminus of the Vernonia railroad of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle line has been purchased from the McPherson family by the East Side Logging Co., according to John P. Miller, president of that concern.

As a result of the purchase Mr. Miller said that his company and associated companies now have more than \$750,000 worth of timber in that district. The new tract, he said, is to be logged immediately and a railroad line for the handling of the logs is now being run out from Keasey for about 12 miles.

The East Side Logging Company and its associated company, the Sunset Logging Company, now are the largest operators in this district. They have between them approximately 12 square miles of timber here. Both companies are financed by the East Side Mill & Lumber Company.

A. A. Lausman is in charge of the logging operations of the East Side Logging Company.

Freshies Parade.

The Freshman Band marched up and down Bridge street Tuesday, as a "hazing" trick of the Vernonia High. About 30 in the class marched with green caps on, headed by two young ladies, keeping time by beating on a wash tub. They did their stunt loyally.

Another New Business.

Messrs. Scott and Winfield, of Ridgefield and Battle Ground, have purchased the valuable corner from Charles D. White, at East Bridge street and Keasey Road. They will improve the property at once and establish a modern oil, gas and accessory station.

Catholic Service.

Mass and Sermon on the Third Sunday of each month, at 11:30 A. M. Week-day Communion Mass to be announced. JOS. P. CLANCY, Pastor.

FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN

If a town would prosper and grow; if it would realize its ambition to be a little better than the neighboring town then it must take into partnership the farmers of the adjacent country.

If you are a business man you should aid and assist him in every way possible, for by his achievements you succeed. If he has a problem and needs your help, get back of him. Let him realize that you consider him your partner and are willing to treat him as such. If you succeed as a business man; if your town gains the reputation that it should have among the farmers who come in to trade, you must meet the farmer on a 50-50 basis. It means prosperity for both.

A Big Business.

Vernonia Postoffice has shown a marvelous gain in business. Other towns and cities of less importance have bragged in the business of their postoffice. At Vernonia office, Mr. Messing informs us that the turnover for the three months just ending is \$19,228.10. How's that for the last quarter—another indication of our growth and business.


What Might Have Been.

A little brush fire joining the city limits Sunday did no damage, though it threatened. A city hose was connected, to be handy in case of need, but at the same time there was only a few feet of water in the tank and a bursted pipe on Main street was leaking two streams as large as your fist.

VERNONIA

Population, 1250
High School & Standard Grade school
Pay Roll City—Mills, Logging, work
Farming—dairying, fruit, vegetables
P. A. & P. Ry. Town growing fast.
On Inland Loop Highway between
Portland and Astoria.
A large territory to draw from.
40 miles from Portland, 35 miles from
Forest Grove, 27 from St. Helens.
Many opportunities in Vernonia.
Best hunting, trapping and fishing in
the Northwest.

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Christmas Won't Be Long Now

It's a good plan to look forward to the additional expenses of the Holidays and Christmas. Usually it's the same old story—a terrible shock to the savings account, some of them, never getting over it.

Bolster up your account at the Bank of Vernonia with a few extra deposits between now and Christmas. It will pay you well and leave you something with which to start the new year.

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