

SNARLING AT THE PRESS

Legislatures in numerous states have for some years past considered from time to time bills censoring the press of this country, and we presume that the coming season will see the usual number of them offered. So, it might be well for the newspapers of this country to join hands in enlightening our lawmakers on a decision recently handed down by the supreme court of Illinois. It came when the City of Chicago brought a foolish suit for libel against the Chicago Tribune, asking \$1,000,000 because the paper had seen fit to criticize the city administration for laxness. The supreme court said in these words—and we wish every lawmaker in the land could read and remember them:—

"They have a fundamental right to criticize their magistrates, who are servants of the people. And the newspapers are assuredly representatives of the people."

That ought to stop a lot of this foolish talk about "censoring the press."—Milwaukee Review.

SOME DIS-GRUNTLED OPINIONS

Constructive criticism should be appreciated and cities the world over need it. Vernonia probably is no exception, and many are the opinions heard favoring a business administration. Action instead of talk. We are advised at this writing that the contract for the engine hasn't been signed. We hear rumors that our water system is a farce. Everybody should pay their water rent. Run the city as you would a successful business; it is a big business. We hear we are spending more for repairs than the income from water rent. Probably the job was accepted too soon. Over \$30,000 has been spent. How about a city budget? None has been prepared. Whose business is it? No one seems to be interested.

Welcome! Newest Citizen.

Prof. and Mrs. W. W. Kelty are receiving congratulations from their friends on the birth of a 9-pound son, born October 9, at 2 a. m. He shall be called Paul, the full name being George Paul. —Clatskanie Chief.

A Real Home Complete.

We are glad of the many nice homes going up in Vernonia. It is a home town. The big majority own their own homes. The house is not all there is to home. It is the surroundings, the comforts, conveniences, pleasures and attractions of the home that holds the family in contentment and pleasure. Good reading matter and music are two important essentials toward an ideal home. Every well-regulated, home-loving abode should have a piano; more especially so if the family is blessed with children. We have on exhibition at THE EAGLE printing office in Vernonia, some of the best makes of guaranteed new pianos and piano players. We are selling them to Vernonia's best homes. Call and see them. Price lower than you expect and very easy terms. Stop in and try them.

Catholic Services.

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.

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LOVE YOUR CITY-- GET BETTER RETURNS

To the Citizens Who Love Their Community and Have Faith in the Future of Vernonia:

There is lots of work to do on constructive lines. Best way is to join the Chamber of Commerce and make it a paying proposition. We should strive, as a unit, for:

The development of Nehalem Valley farms, forests, roads, hydro-electric power, scenery and other natural resources; the advertising of Vernonia, its industries, its people, its wonderful surroundings, its prospects—publicity is the main thing to get results; for the enlargement of our trade territory and for new industries; for railroad rates, traffic problems, a band, a park, more city ordinances bringing in a revenue.

Help the Chamber of Commerce that it may help you. Theodore Roosevelt said: "No City is Greater Than Its Chamber of Commerce." It helps you, your business, your property, your community. Vernonia must bid for conventions and meetings; we must have pamphlets, literature, newspaper advertising and something to send the hundreds of inquiries received every month. This will bring new capital for investment in our midst. We must secure road signs. We must join the State Chamber of Commerce. One man can't accomplish all these and more good stunts. Several men can't. But a united Vernonia can, if we try. We can have a city of 10,000 in three years if we spend a few hundred dollars the first year. It will mean many thousands in return. Let's Go.

LOCAL NEWS.

The old Oregonian season is here; the season of rejoicing, when they say "we always feel better when it rains."

Anna Rea Webster celebrated her 13th birthday October 12, with a party. About 50 were present and all report a glorious time.

Word has been received here that Uriah Mellinger's home at La Grande burned. Everything was a total loss. No insurance. The Mellinger's formerly lived here.

Mr and Mrs Ruban Hall are visiting in Kansas City, Kansas, for the winter. They expect to return by the Southern route by Los Angeles.

Lane & Co. are enlarging their floor space and making more room for their big grocery store. They have disposed of their paint business to G C Mellinger, who has a large stock of paints and supplies. Both stores are improved by the change.

No money is saved by a few month's delay in the plant to purify the city water. Same applies to installing the big pump—where is the pump? One man says the Mayor has no influence with the council. If such is the case, something is wrong. The city interest must be looked after. Business methods only must be used. Spite won't go. We don't want to dismiss schools and bury the scholars.

Missing.

W. A. Brown, wife and 12-year-old daughter and J. A. Devereaux, left Monday for Sacramento. Word just comes to us by press wire from Portland that Devereaux and the girl and one machine are missing. Officers and newspapers have been notified. The two cars stayed together as far as Roseburg.

Schools

HIGH SCHOOL.

Muriel Connor has returned from a visit to Portland.

Myrtle Van Blaricom made a visit to Portland last week.

We will soon have the honor of saying, "We Have a School Orchestra and a School Band."

The second business meeting of the Associate Student Body was held October 12.

The first meeting of the band was held Wednesday evening. About 20 members are enrolled.

Thor Roberts became very sick when he learned Mrs. Beeman had assigned a geometry test for the next day.

This is examination week, being the end of the first 6 weeks of school. The students have been busy studying for tests.

Altho it is the end of our first six weeks and test time, we don't see any long faces, so that we know school has been successful.

We have prospects of a winning debate team this year as there are 14 students from the Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes enrolled for the tryouts.

George Washington said "speak not in an unknown tongue in company, but in your own language." Some of us observe this not—take this not too seriously.

Professor Nash delivered an interesting talk on magazines to the English 5 class Friday afternoon. The students profited much by the talk.

Last Thursday the Seniors had a picnic supper three miles from town. After eating all the wienies and candy they came back as far as Spencer's and made cider, and arrived home at 7 p. m.

The business meeting and program of the Spanish Club, Los Mas Altos, for Friday, Oct. 19, has evidence of being very interesting for the Spanish students. Four new members are to be initiated.

Last Friday afternoon Mr. O. G. Weed visited the High School and showed the students something that looked like an overgrown hazelnut, but which proved to be a cocconut that had been brought from Hawaii by a friend.

Every home has something they don't need and some other person wants. Mention it in our Classified Column. If you have something to sell, want to buy something, find something, loose something, want help or a job, want to rent or to borrow, say so in our Classified. One cent a word each week with a 25 cent minimum.

C. W. Loudon, of Mist, called yesterday. Mr. Loudon has been in the hospital for some time, but we are glad to see him with his old time pep again.

New Fish Market.

Vernonia gets a new business in the way of the Vernonia Fish Co. J. A. Coffman, the new owner, is long experienced in the business and has located, after a thorough investigation of conditions. The market will open Monday in the Lester building, next to Rose Theater, on First street. Fresh and Salt Fish, Clams, Oysters and all Fish Foods.

VERNONIA VISITED BY R. R. OFFICIALS

Tuesday was a rainy, blustery, bad day for visitors to view the industrial sights of Vernonia, but we were honored by a special train of the "big fellows." The construction works of the Oregon-American Lumber Co., were looked over, our city's growth noticed and commented on and the railroad holdings as far as Keasey were inspected. Among the crowd piloted by President W. F. Turner, of the S. P. & S., were:

Howard Elliott, Chairman of the N. P. Board of Directors.

Charles Donnelly, President N. P. Board of Directors.

J. M. Hannaford, Past Chairman.

J. G. Woodworth, J. M. Rap Ije, George T. Reid, of Tacoma, E. D. Sweeney, of New York and E. A. Gay, of New York, Board of Directors.

W. E. Coman, Western Traffic Manager.

H. E. Stephens, Chief Engineer.

D. C. Blanchard, General Manager at Seattle.

A. V. Brown, of Seattle.

W. D. Skinner, A. J. Davidson and G. E. Votaw, of Portland.

A Program.

The Chamber of Commerce should have a year's program. We must have a board of directors that is active; a publicity committee, an information bureau. We need pamphlets or literature, some newspaper advertising and some road signs. In other words we need a "System" and "Business Energy."

Remember!

As the hunting and fishing season is open, it is against the law to catch any kind of fish otherwise than with hook and line. The Chinese pheasant season opens with Bob White quail the second Sunday in October and closes on the fourth Sunday. Only three females allowed to be killed in any seven days. Deer season closes October 20.

Vernonia Eagle \$1.50.

MAKE IT HISTORY FOR VERNONIA

TIME—NEXT TUESDAY EVENING, 7:30 P. M.

PLACE—HIGH SCHOOL. A Chamber of Commerce meeting or a Community Meeting or a "Get Together" or Revival Meeting.

Let's have a solid, united Vernonia.

Professor Nash gave us the suggestion and we would rejoice to see it a success.

The Chamber of Commerce meet at the gymnasium room for a few bounds and athletic stunts put on by the students.

A smokeless smoker, as it were.

Then school talent music, followed by a rousing business meeting and the forming of plans for a greater Vernonia, to end with light refreshments.

Vernonia is great—the busiest little city in Oregon. She can and will be many times greater.

What Vernonia has and her marvelous growth has been accomplished in spite of no organized or united effort.

With a strong working unit behind a regulated plan, what would we soon accomplish?

It is necessary.

It means a city.

It means business, more people, better living.

Let's each and all put our shoulder to the wheel and push.

Be there and come enthused.

It is the one big opportunity.

High School next Tuesday night.

Every interested man in town is expected.

Who will help?

Let's do it.

Subscribe for THE EAGLE.

Might as Well Save Big Part

Here's a good proposition to be found in an ad in this week's paper. Hoff & Voges, of Hillsboro, sell Page and Jewett new cars and they have several used cars. The used cars they guarantee to be in first-class shape. They rebuild them, new rubber and guarantee their work. The prices and terms will save you many dollars and the service like a new machine. Investigate.



"When the Frost is on the Pumpkin." Nature has provided in a most lavish manner scenes of wonderful variety and beauty. This is October in the Nehalem Valley. The pretty season.



There's a Big Task Ahead of Us.

Ahead of us lies the great task of developing this new country. It is fortunate for Vernonia that she called her citizenry from those who wanted to pioneer, even in this day and age. We have seen a town spring up—now we must stay to see the country develop.

THE BANK OF VERNONIA is interested in nothing quite so much as in this plea. We are ready to do our part toward the day when we can lay claim to a permanent and lasting prosperity.

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