

MOUTHPIECE of the NEHALEM VALLEY

COLUMBIA COUNTY

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## ELECTRIC LIGHTS NOW IN VERNONIA STORES

Merchants Tire of Waiting for Rock Creek Juice and Install Own Plants.

Vernonia business buildings are now pretty well lighted by the recent installation of private electric lighting plants and the extension of several that were previously installed.

We noticed one night this week the radiance of electric lights emanating from the following houses: Fenner's, Sesseman's, Bergeron's, The Mecca, Emmett & Culver's, Mike's Shop, the Drug Store, Lane & Co., White's Lunch, two theaters, Nehalem Hotel, Mill's Garage, Vernonia Hotel, Model Market, Corey's, Mellinger's Thomas' and The Hazlewood.

Our streets are still unlighted, however, and are dark enough to cause many accidents.

## HOW DO YOU FANCY SUCH TALK?

The past week we have heard remarks and rumors, or plain gossip, about the supposed existence of a "house of ill fame" in Vernonia. We overheard three men on the train Sunday talking and commenting unfavorably on "Vernonia's Red Light District." Is it near your part of town? Does our council know anything about it? Better investigate.

Miss Ruby South of Portland spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. South at Graham's Siding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wharton spent the week end at the H. C. McGregor home in Portland.

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## HAVE WE MISSED YOU OR HAVE YOU CALLED?

We have secured several Christmas ads for our special. At this writing we have 16 pages of Vernonia ads secured. If you have not come in with your copy please do so this week. We have an illustrated "dummy" of our special prepared to fit your particular business that we have been working on for weeks. Every business in town should have a page ad in that issue

## EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

At the Grange Hall, commencing last Tuesday night, Rev. G. Schmid is conducting revival meetings that are attracting many interested citizens. Mr. Schmid



is a young christian preacher that holds his audience. He is a splendid talker.

## ATTENTION

On and after Dec. 1st, 1923, all potatoes sold to the merchants or handled by them must be branded or stenciled with grade and grower's name and address on the sack to conform to the Federal Grading Law and the Act passed by the last session of the Legislature. Merchants will be held responsible and their co-operation is respectfully requested in the law enforcement. Stencils may be had by enclosing 25 cents to

A. L. MORRIS,  
Potato Inspector for Columbia County,  
Warren, Ore.



## THANKSGIVING

At this period of the year when a special day is set apart for Thanksgiving, we may well pause and contrast the many things that now make our lives worth living with the conditions that confronted the little group of pioneers who celebrated America's first Thanksgiving day.

In the years following 1620, when a handful of brave spirited Puritans landed at Plymouth, the wilderness of New England was conquered under conditions that few of us would care to face. With crude implements the forests were cleared and the land tilled. Raids by savages and violent storms constantly threatened the lives of the country's

first settlers. Yet after harvesting the meagre crops, wrung with painful effort from the stubborn soil, those early day families were so grateful that they halted their activities for a day to give thanks. Life now is not entirely easy, but it has changed greatly for the better. We may expect never to reach absolute contentment, for that is not granted to mankind; but we should be approaching nearer to it, as the years pass. Opportunities in every phase of American life for material advancement, for recreation and mental improvement have increased many fold with each decade that rolled into history. We have cause to be thankful.

## OUT IN OREGON

"The Courier is grateful for a copy of the Vernonia, Oregon, Eagle; a fine weekly paper, out where a number of Conroe people have recently moved. We can judge a town by its newspaper. Vernonia is live burg, we say. The Eagle does not use a Linotype or a big press however. Vernonia is a one-paper town, which speaks well for it, and it appears that nearly every kind of profession and business is represented in its columns. Display ads are counted for the following: 3 dry goods stores, 1 bakery, 6 restaurants and hotels, 2 furniture stores, 6 garages and machine works, 3 hardware stores, 1 drug store; 4 meat and fish markets, 3 painters and paper hangers, 1 laundry, 1 bank, 3 grocery stores, 1 millinery store, 2 dray lines, 1 theatre, 1 music teacher, 3 lumber mills and yards, 2 town-site and real estate firms, 2 dentists, 3 doctors, 1 lawyer, 3 ice cream parlors, 1 wood yard, 3 plumbers, 2 blacksmiths. We'll bet one thing; Vernonia gets business for many a mile. The town seems to be up in arms against the liquor traffic, judging by the paper and the paper actually uses "heads" on the front page. A news item from the Courier is reprinted about Mrs. R. A. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wall, D. S. Purdee. It seems that out in that country the politicians do not hang on until they die of old age, or are choked off, the accounts of resignations of two public officials being mentioned in this one paper—Conroe, Texas, Courier.

## 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.

## County Court Investigating Vernonia for Rock Crusher

The County Court was in town Wednesday. Judge Philip, Commissioners Fullerton and Miller, in search of a crusher site. They went up Rock Creek in search of suitable rock. The Court was amazed at the growth of Vernonia and realizes that it will be a good sized city this time next year. They are trying to keep up with the growth of this part of the county, same as Vernonia is trying to keep up. The Court is fair to all parts, and in Vernonia, the Judge says, is a central distributing point for all the roads this side of the Pittsburg road.

## OLD INJURY BOTHERS.

Glen Roberts, while playing ball in Vernonia last summer, was hit on the knee by a ball. At the time it was quite painful, but after several minutes of first aid service and care he went on playing the game. This week we hear that Mr. Roberts, who is now in Los Angeles, will undergo a surgical operation to remedy the effects of the accident here that was not thought much of at the time.

## County Court Appoints Assessor

The County Court has appointed W. S. Roberts as assessor to take the place of Mr. Blakely who recently resigned on account of ill health. Mr. Roberts is very capable.

Harry Jenson and wife spent last week at Clatskanie fixing up their residence there.

## CITY MANAGER TALKED OF FOR VERNONIA

We hear considerable talk in Vernonia favorable to a "City Manager." The growth of Vernonia and the assured bright prospects necessitate progressive heads and sound business principles. Men with vision are needed. We must build with a true knowledge of what we will be in a few years' time. We know of no better plan for cities of this calibre than a capable city manager. We acknowledge the need of one here. He must be a man who can devote all of his time to city affairs; a man who can see ahead; a business man who can see to it that sewer lines are properly put in; that our streets are wide enough and in best condition; that proper building restrictions are enforced; that light rates are just; that the water is kept pure; and sidewalks are of cement; and that the proper advertising of the city, etc., is properly attended to. It's a big job, requiring one always on hand. Such a man will more than make his salary and save the city much money. At present we know of no one man in Vernonia we want to boost for the job. It takes time, and Vernonia's men are all busy.

## All Cities Have Them

But that is no reason why you should welcome the stranger with a garbage heap, old shacks, broken pavement, poor railroad crossings—ugly, unsightly entrances to your city. Right now is a good time to take stock of one of your tourist-selling assets—the welcome you are going to give the stranger—the first impression you are going to make upon him. Bear down heavy on the property owner who seems to delight in placing a black eye on your community by his shiftlessness. If he takes no pride in his town, if he will do nothing for his town, you don't want him. He is a rumbler and a complainer and a knocker. He's a spoiled spot in your midst. Look out that he decay does not spread. A city cannot stand still. Either it will go into the discard as a city that fails to attract, or it will grow and take its place among those cities in which the true American home-owner is proud to call "My City" Mr. Case, in Oregon Business.

Lew Emmott and wife, of Hillsboro, visited at the home of Roy Emmott Sunday.

## ALBERT WOOD WRITES US

Prominent Vernonia Man Seeing the Country. Now in Washington, D. C.

Elmo, Mo., Nov. 14, '23  
Vernonia Eagle,  
Vernonia, Ore.

My Dear Mr. Robinson: I received the papers sent me. Please send The Eagle to Washington, D. C.; get 'em, until further notice. I am continuing on my way tomorrow to Washington, visiting in Penn. and Ohio. While waiting for developments in my case I will visit Philadelphia and New York and then return to Washington. Will then start out visiting in Chicago and the scenes of my boyhood days in Iowa, then on to Omaha, Denver, Los Angeles and San Diego, Cal., visiting with my schoolmate there.

I am having a very nice time. Very nice weather here at present, but for all that I continue to think of Oregon. The principal crops here in Missouri are corn, hogs and cattle. I am visiting my brothers-in-law and two nephews here.

Trusting that Vernonia will continue to progress, I am well and all O. K.

Yours Very Truly,  
Albert Wood.

## NEW ORGANIZATION FOR VERNONIA

Last Saturday night the "Sons of Veterans" was organized in Vernonia, the meeting place being the Grange hall. Their next meeting will be Dec. 1st. All sons and grandsons of civil war veterans are invited. It is a good and worthy organization.

**Thanksgiving Greetings**

We wish each of you—each patron and friend—the best Thanksgiving in years

We wish, too, to assure you of our keen appreciation of your patronage and loyalty.

**BANK OF VERNONIA**  
Vernonia, Oregon

**Winter Health Guards**

Both Children and Grown Folks are subject to many kinds of sickness during the winter. As a protection we offer a number of remedies which every family should have at hand

**Pure Drugs** **Vernonia Drug Co.** **Phone 171**  
Wm. Folger, Pharmacist.  
Vernonia, Oregon