

## VERNONIA EAGLE



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PAUL S. ROBINSON,  
EDITOR AND OWNER.

## Editorials

We know we are shy on news this week, but the editor and family have been unavoidably called out of town most of the time.

Your property, worth \$200 two years ago is now worth \$2000, and in that proportion. Every dollar you spend in Vernonia tax enhances your property ten fold. Needs for our city now will be worth much to you. Get behind the men that can put us in good shape and give us a city people would like to live in. Sewer, streets, water. Let's do it right. The cost only makes it worth more. But forget that and think of health, pleasure and appearance, as well.

Vernonia is making, daily, the best little industrial city in Oregon. How can we succeed and how can we grow and expand? It is going to be done. Co-operation is the word. That means we must one and all get behind the City Council and back them in every undertaking. What they do or what they advocate we must help put over. It will be done right with a united effort. We can't run this city and build a city on \$3000 per year. If our taxes for Vernonia are a dollar higher it will mean our property and business is of a hundred dollars more value. One and all, get behind the City Council and we will improve and build a home city, our home, where newcomers will delight to locate among us.

In a recent conference between the traffic officials of Portland Astoria & Pacific railroad and the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce it was proposed to run a through passenger train between Portland and Vernonia at approximately the same time that the mixed train now runs. It was pointed out this service would permit the residents and business men of Vernonia to go to Portland in the morning, transact their business and return the same day. Under the present arrangement, two nights and a day must be spent in order to allow the necessary time in the city. The officials asked secretary Lester Sheely of the local chamber, to make a canvass of the business men and merchants of Vernonia in order to determine if there was any material objection to the installation of this service. The officials suggested that there might be some objection by reason of the fact that Vernonia purchasers might buy in Portland instead of at home. This matter will be taken up formally at the next regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, and any suggestions will be welcomed by the club before final action is taken.

Miss Thelma Pietyjohn spent the holidays with her parents on Rock Creek, returning to Vernonia Sunday, ready for school again.

## NOT FACTS

Vernonia as County Seat is Closer to the People

A plan to break off a part of Columbia county and join it to Multnomah county is brewing among residents of the section that would be affected, according to reports that have reached the ears of local city and county officials.

So far, at least, all proponents of the idea are Columbia county folk.

Those in the strip that would be annexed—including Columbia City, St. Helens and the municipalities this side of it—who favor the move, do so in hope of getting Bull Run water.

Those in the section that would stay in Columbia county, who see merit in the idea, would have the county seat brought closer to them if it were moved to Rainier.

In addition, it is argued that if St. Helens came into Multnomah county it might eventually become a part of Portland and a very important unit in the city's waterfront development.

City Commissioner John M. Mann, in charge of the water bureau, has told St. Helens officials that the city will not supply Bull Run water to any more communities outside of the county.

When they suggested the idea of coming into Multnomah county he told them that if the annexation were made the lower river communities could get Bull Run water as soon as the new pipe line increases the supply to the point of excess over visible needs.—Portland Telegram.

### New Sickness

A new sickness has appeared recently and is known as Morkus Sabbathicus, or Sunday sickness. It is a disease peculiar to church members. The attack comes suddenly every Sunday night. No symptoms are felt Saturday night. The patient sleeps well, and eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over in the morning.

Then the patient feels easy and eats a good dinner. In the afternoon he feels much better and is able to walk, talk about politics or read the Sunday papers. He eats a hearty supper, and about church time he has another attack and stays at home. He retires early, sleeps well and wakes up Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work, and does not have the symptoms of the disease until the following Sunday.—Square and Compass.

### PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRIES

Martineau, the jeweler, says: There is nothing the matter with Oregon except—that entirely too many of us get up the morning at the alarm of a Connecticut clock; button a pair of Ohio suspenders to Chicago trousers; put on a pair of shoes made in Boston, wash in a Pittsburg tin basin, using Cincinnati soap and a cotton towel made in New Hampshire; sit down to a Grand Rapids table, eat pancakes made with Minnesota flour, and Kansas City bacon fried on a St. Louis stove; buy fruit put up in California, seasoned with Rhode Island spices; put on a hat made in Philadelphia; hitch a Missouri mule fed on Iowa corn, in a Vermont harness to an Ohio plow, and work like fury all day on an Oregon farm covered with a Massachusetts mortgage; send our fire insurance money to New York, San Francisco, London and Shanghai; and at night crawl under a New Jersey blanket and be kept awake by a howling dog—the only home product on the place—wondering all the while why ready money isn't more plentiful in Oregon.

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION TO INCREASE TAX MORE THAN SIX PER CENT OVER THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Union High School District No. 1, of Columbia County, Oregon, that an election will be held in said district at the High School building on the 29th day of December, 1923, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to vote on the question of increasing the amount of tax levy in said district for the year 1923, by more than six percent over the amount of such levy for the year immediately preceding.

It is necessary to raise this additional amount by special tax for the following reasons:

Increase in teachers' salaries \$1,800.  
Cated this 5th day of Dec., 1923.

O. G. WEEED  
Chairman of Board of Directors.  
MRS. CHARLES MALMSTEN  
District Clerk.

## EAGLE FEATHERS

Plucked by John D. Burt.



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The commandment to "love thy neighbor as thyself" was written before cornets were invented.

Henry won't say whether he will run or not, but Hiram shouts aloud "I will. I'll try it out a few times more, but I'll never try as oft as Bill."

In Germany they are doing their Christmas shopping early before the mark gets any lower.

You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, but we knew a stingy farmer back east who used 'em for boots in his auto casings.

That policeman who had an eye scratched out in Portland by a woman while arresting her husband, will probably be more gallant next time and take ladies first.

Young ladies, did you ever try combing your hair with an egg beater?

One advantage of living away out west is that all the popular songs don't get out this far.

Famous last words: "I guess I will have time to take another loop before I get too close to the ground."

Over in Arabia the sheik is the brainy man of the tribe. Over here the sheik seems to get along without brains.

The German scientists now have something to compare the size of the atom with.

The reason that bloodhounds never get results any more is that all automobiles smell alike.

Edison has 1000 inventions to his credit but we still have to eat grape fruit by hand.

The reason a rabbit's hind legs are stronger than his front ones is to bring his tail on a level with his ears like other animals.

Judging by the results that some bootleggers get from their brew it looks like they had discovered the long sought for universal solvent.

Ge, I'd hate to set up a bank statement in Germany. Bet I'd use up all the cyphers in the office.

We suppose limericks are plumb out of date, but we just can't help writing one once in awhile. For instance:

There once was a man in Tacoma  
Who took home a funny aroma,  
His wife took a whiff,  
Then she hit him a biff  
That sent the man into a coma.

We don't like to print this one, but if we don't send a paper to Seattle we might get by all right:

There once were two bums in Seattle  
Got into a terrible battle;  
They both were so full  
And they spilled so much bull  
That the cops locks them up with the cattle.

Maud suggested this one:

There once was a sporty young mule  
Kicked a dynamite keg quite cule  
Then his boss with a rake  
Picked him up with an ake  
In his heart for such a big fule.

If any of our readers can suggest a rhyme for "Vernonia" we will write one about it. Or better still, we will give a prize of a celluloid lamp chimney for the best one submitted in that line. Come on, readers.

We would advise auto drivers to stay sober when coming into town via the St. Helens road after dark. We came in over that road the other night and the driver left the road at that bad curve below town, but the fog was so thick that we did not sink before we hit the road again. Of course the driver was sober, but that is a wicked curve, as they say in baseball lingo. When I get on the town board I will have an illuminated skull and cross bones sign put up at the curve or else hire a man to shovel the fog off the road.

One of Tommy's examination questions was: "How many gills to a pint?" Tommy didn't know what kind of a fish a pint was but he guessed it had as many as any other fish.

## Locals

L. H. Decrow and wife went to Portland Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Hayes and little daughter were in Portland Monday.

Miss Blanche Berzerson spent Thanksgiving at the Wilson home doing justice to the turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Faultinat, of Vader, Washing, spent Thanksgiving at the Webster residence.

Mrs. Wm. A. Smith of Bridalvale, Oregon, has been visiting her sons, Omar, Lester and We ton Sheeley.

Mrs. Mary L. Ferris of Portland visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Malmsten, for several days.

The Missionary Society met at the church on Monday. The ladies tacked a quilt to help along with the building fund.

The Thanksgiving dance was a great success. Mr. Matt Miller and daughter, Mrs. Paramore, received the prize for best Waltzers. The judges being Miss Ellen A. Enstrom, Mrs. Gussie Cady and a gentleman, name not known.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Shaw entertained the following: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Royeroff and daughter of the Oregonian staff of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. James Summer and daughter, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Miller and son, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allman and daughter, Laura Ross, Clifford Summer, Dr. Mary Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Savage and son of Portland. After an enjoyable dinner Five Hundred was played.

## MRS. STRATTON PASSES AWAY

Mrs. S. A. Stratton, mother of Mrs. Paul Robinson, passed away last Monday evening, Dec. 3 at the home of her daughter in Vernonia. "Grandma" was 81 years old and was in the best of health, apparently, for one her age. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson had gone to Portland that day, leaving grandma in the best of spirits and unailing. The end came suddenly while she was sitting in her rocking chair humming a tune. Mrs. Stratton was born in Ohio moving to West Point, Iowa where she lived with her husband for many years, and where the children were all born. The children now living are Herbert Stratton of Portland, Walter Stratton of Los Angeles and Mrs. Robinson of Vernonia. The funeral and burial took place at Banks, her former home, Wednesday morning. Mrs. Stratton was a life long member of the Friends Church. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were notified in Portland by the boys at home and they came back in an auto with Mr. Stratton. The sudden parting was a hard blow to the relatives and Grandma's kindness and her patience and loving ways will be greatly missed. Appropriate services were conducted at the grave.

### Boy Scouts

We hear that an organization of the Boy Scouts is being organized in Vernonia.

It is a splendid thing for energetic young men or boys, and we hope for it's success. Better get in, boys.

### Notice of School Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Union High School District No. 1 of Columbia County, State of Oregon, that a school meeting of said district will be held at the High School Building on the 29th day of December, 1923, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of voting on the prop-

## Real Savings

on

## WOMEN'S APPAREL

10 Per Cent and 20 Per Cent Reductions on All Merchandise

Give Onyx Hosiery for Christmas

## Goar's Style Shop

Majestic Theatre Building

## QUALITY MEATS

Butter, Milk, Cheese and Eggs

Modern Market Co.

In the Pringle Building.

Corner of Bridge and Second Streets

Be sure and attend the Bazaar and Dinner at the Grange Hall Friday, Dec. 7th, given by the ladies of the Evangelical Church

## Millinery of the Newest

Created by the Country's Foremost Designers, These Hats represent the very latest in style tendencies for winter wear.

We hope you will take time to see them soon for the values are exceptionally good—prices less than usual

SILK HOSE FOR WINTER  
"The Ruth Millinery," Next to Horseshoe Restaurant.

osition of levying a special district tax.

The total amount of money needed by said school district during the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1923, to June 30, 1924, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts received from the county school fund, state school fund, elementary school fund, special tax, and all other moneys of the district.

BUDGET	
Personal Service	\$5,780.00
Material and Supplies	2,666.00
Redemption of Bonds	2,500.00
Interest on Bonds	1,350.00
Transportation of Pupils	1,500.00
Insurance	25.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,120.00</b>

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Share of County High School Tuition Fund	\$ 300.00
Unexpended Balance	275.00
District Tax Levy	13,545.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,120.00</b>

### RECAPITULATION

Total estimated expenses for the Year	\$14,120.00
Total Estimated Receipts not Including Tax	575.00

Balance Amount to be raised by District Tax \$13,575.00  
Dated this 5th day of Dec., 1923.

O. G. WEEED  
Chairman Board of Directors.  
MRS. CHAS. MALMSTEN,  
District Clerk.