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PAUL S. ROBINSON,
EDITOR AND OWNER.

Editorials

CALL IT MOONSHINE

Written by One of the World's Most
Fluent Orators and Writers Some
Years Ago.

A Warning to Young Men.

There is a prejudice against any man engaged in the manufacture of alcohol. I believe that from the time it issues from the coiled and poisonous worm in the distillery until it empties in the hell of death, that it is demoralizing to everybody that touches it, from the source to where it ends. I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without being prejudiced against the crime. All they have to do is to think of the wrecks on either side of the stream of death, of the suicides, of the insanity, of the poverty, of the destruction, of the little children tugging at breast, of weeping and despairing wife asking for bread, of the man struggling with imaginary serpents, produced by this devilish thing; and when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the asylums, of the prisons and of scaffolds on either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against the vile stuff called alcohol.

Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, mauls in its strength and age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the dotting mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment, blights parental hope and brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers beggars. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welcomes epidemics, invites cholera, imports pestilence and embraces consumption. It covers the land with idleness, poverty, disease and crime. It fills your jails, supplies your almshouses and demands your asylums. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels and cherishes riots. It crowds your penitentiaries and furnishes the victims for your scaffolds. It is the life blood of the gambler, the ailment of the counterfeiter, the prop of the highwayman, and the support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief, and esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligation, reverences fraud, and honors infamy. It defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue and slanders innocence. It incites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps the husband to massacre his wife and aids the child to grind the parricidal axe. It burns up man, consumes woman, detests life, curses God and despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defiles the jury box and stains the judicial ermine. It bribes voters, disqualifies votes, corrupts elections, pollutes our institutions, and endangers our government. It degrades the citizen, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman, and disarms the patriot. It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety; despair, not hope; misery, not happiness. And with the malevolence of a fiend it calmly surveys its frightful desolations; and insatiated with havoc, it poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins morals, blights confidence, slays reputation, and wipes out national honor; then curses the world and laughs at its ruin.

"It does that and more. IT MURDERS THE SOUL. It is the sum of all villainies; the father of all crimes; the mother of all abominations; the curse of curses; the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy."

All available evidence supports the conclusion that a pure bred dairy bull pays in dollars and cents.

In Tillamook county the number of pure bred bulls is about 90 per cent of the total in service. Average production of Tillamook county cows, according to the 1920 census, is 240 pounds fat. In Columbia county 35 per cent of the dairy bulls are pure bred and the average fat production in this county is 205 pounds. If Columbia county's 3000 cows averaged as high in butter fat as those in Tillamook the annual income from dairy products in this county would be increased \$70,000, assuming butter fat worth 40 cents per pound.

A cow testing association in one western state gives further evidence of the value of a pure bred sire. Of 24 herds in this association eight were headed by pure bred sires and 16 headed by grades or scrubs. The average fat production in the eight herds with pure bred bulls was 267 pounds and in the 16 herds it was 212 pounds. That difference of 55 pounds of fat, valued at 40 cents per pound, made a difference of \$22 per cow per year in favor of pure bred bulls.

From ocean to ocean there isn't a city or small town but what has its little factions and sometimes jealous fights. Vernonia is probably as free from such as any town, but it is apparent if the searchlight is turned on in every corner. It is the duty of the city's paper to avoid this as much as possible, and the Eagle always endeavors to boost all and each alike, and censuring the individual for nothing.

In city affairs, like all papers with the town at heart, we advocate that which would be of benefit to the whole people. In city officials we hope for the best. This paper has never mentioned a candidate for the head of the police department. We have never mentioned in these columns any name for marshal, never even suggested any certain man. All the Eagle is interested in is a good law-abiding citizen, trustworthy, nery and square. In school matters we trust to the board, in which we have all faith. In church or religious matters this paper has never in its existence advocated anything favorable to any certain denomination, or detrimental to any belief. Personally we care not what a man's religious belief. If he is a business man, this paper has boosted him time and again. Every man has the right to worship according to the dictates of his own conscience. The Eagle prints all church notices handed it gladly.

From the business end we are running a paper for Vernonia and Vernonia people and we believe the columns of our files will demonstrate it. We are not a stranger here, or in Oregon; we give more than we take; we are your neighbor and interested in your success. We always solicit the moral support of our readers and are glad that we have many friends in the valley. Of course, we can't run a lawless sheet, and in accord with good government, the Eagle is for law enforcement and a clean city. We don't favor "rubbing it in," but we leave such matters to the officers and to the court. We don't "butt in." It is our earnest wish to keep busy with our own business, and to make more business for our business men.

Let us all work. We can find plenty to do. There is always mischief for idle hands.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE SERVICE

"Nowhere else is there any such telephone development as in the United States and nowhere else is the telephone so much used, so well used and such good telephone service given."

This statement has been heard before and we will hear it again. As the man who gazed in unwilling wonder at the ship in the bottle remarked, the trouble with it is, it's so.

When we feel like kicking at our telephone service it is time to go abroad and try it there. One would never kick again.

EAGLE FEATHERS



"By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted; but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked."

A lady at the depot yesterday asked agent Oxley what time the next train left. He told her 2:30, and she said, "make it 2:28 and I'll take it."

We haven't a radio at our home, but we have a graphophone, and when we don't change needles often we get the radio effect—scratchy.

We went to a friend's house one night recently to listen to his new radio. We stayed up until nearly midnight, and finally heard that there is a scarcity of bananas in Chicago.

Among the things you need not bother about giving us for a Christmas present, is a pair of dancing shoes. And neither do we need a hand painted mustache cup.

It isn't at all hard to write twenty or thirty paragraphs of slush like this you are reading, but to think of what to write sorter gets on one's nerve TWO—Vernonia Eagle... 20585 some times. Try it some day and see how easy it isn't.

HANDED ON

"A foolish old man from Vernonia, Purchased a quart of ammonia; He drank it for 'moon,' They buried him soon; On his coffin they laid a begonia."

Newspaper editors always have their eyes and ears open. This fact I had doubly impressed upon me when I was in Philadelphia and listened to a ten-minute uninterrupted volley from a nationally known writer who had just returned from the coast. Here are a few of the high spots he poured forth to substantiate his contention that Oregon was to him a new found land with the greatest potential possibilities of any state in the Union.

He began by saying that Oregon has the greatest diversity of climate of any state; one section has more sunshine than Los Angeles; another is drier than Arizona; another is the wettest spot in the United States; another has the lowest wind velocity of any recorded point in the United States—whatever climate you desire can be found in Oregon, from perpetual snow to 325 days of sunshine a year. Then he got into figures. He said:

"I asked one of your leading mining authorities about the steel industry's possibilities and found you have, in an Oregon county not very far from Portland, 250 square miles underlaid with coal—an estimated total of 1,000,000,000 tons; while in counties adjacent to the lower Columbia is a body of iron ore averaging better than 50 per cent iron, estimated at 1,000,000 tons. You have not attempted to develop the greatest of the world's industries with all of this raw product right at your door."

He mentioned the hydro-electric power, the timber, the wool, the cattle, the hides, the wheat, the fruit, the wonderful roads, the state's investment in educational institutions and all of the tremendous natural resources. He closed by saying: "When the capital of the East really understands what Oregon possesses you'll see a change in the situation on the Pacific Coast."—Oregon Business.

PREACHERS AND EDITORS

A preacher came at a newspaper man in this way: "You editors do not tell the truth. If you did, you could not live; your newspaper would be a failure." The editor replied: "You are right, and the minister who will at all times and under all circumstances tell the whole truth about his members, alive or dead, will not occupy his pulpit more than one Sunday, and then he will find it necessary to leave town in a hurry. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with white wash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit, the pen and the grave stone are the great saint making triumvirate." And the minister went away very thoughtful, while the editor turned to his work, and told of the unsurpassing beauty of the bride while in fact she was as homely as a mud fence.—Chanute Tribune.

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 Board

of Directors.

MRS. CHARLES MALMSTEN
District Clerk.

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 proposition 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	2,665.00
Redemption of Bonds	2,500.00
Interest on Bonds	1,350.00
Transportation of Pupils	1,500.00
Insurance	25.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Total	\$14,120.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	
Share of County High School Tuition Fund	\$ 300.00
Unexpended Balance	275.00
District Tax Levy	13,545.00
Total	\$14,120.00

Your Grocery Store

For Dependable Groceries, Service
Prices and Quality

Consider this a Personal

Merry Christmas

to Each and All of You

Lane & Company

Groceries for Vernonia

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

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MRS. CHAS. MALMSTEN,
District Clerk.

SPECIAL

What is Better for Christmas than a Beautiful Mahogany

VICTROLA

at cost. Formerly \$160 Now going at \$105
Some Records thrown in

W. Martineau, Jeweler

The Economy Store

Offers Startling Prices at Christmas
Buying Time

50 Dozen Ladies House Dresses to Be Sold Al- most at Cost

This is to give an opportunity to the men of this community to buy a Christmas present for their mother, sister, aunt, sweetheart, wife or neighbor's wife.

This Will Only Last Until New Year's Day. Now Men Get Busy.

\$1.25 Houses Dresses 85c or 3 for \$2.25

\$2.00 House Dresses \$1.45 or 3 for \$4.00

\$2.50 House Dresses \$1.75 or 3 for \$5.00

Now Ladies get busy and tell your men folks about these bargains

BUY SOX FOR MEN

75c Wool Heather Men's Sox, Fancy, 50c a pair or 6 pair for \$2.85

75c Silk Sox at 50c or 6 pair for \$2.85

DO NOT FORGET TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SALE BEFORE XMAS

Visit the Christmas Store, two stories of new serviceable merchandise. Low prices reign in every department.

We Wish You All A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

THE ECONOMY STORE

A. CORY