

Locals

William Mellinger and family of St. Helens spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Ella Mills of this city.

Mrs. J. W. Brown was a business visitor in Portland this week.

Your newspaper, like every other business, took a day off for New Years.

Vincent Lindstrom and Genevieve Adams of Vernonia were married at the parsonage of the Congregational Church of St. Helens on Dec. 29, 1923. Rev. Paul D. Hoffman officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Johnston and family spent Christmas at Treholm, with Mrs. Johnston's parents.

Dale McDaniel spent the holidays at Hillsboro and Mannings with his grandparents and uncle.

A Motto for every week in the New Year from the works of Kipling, Dickens, Twain, O'Henry and Wiggins in our line of Calendars. Zane Grey's newest story, "Call of the Canyon," is in, also "The Alaskan," by Curwood. Other new ones "North of 36," "Brass Commandments," "Smoke of the 45" and "Trooper O'Neil." A good book. A good fire. What more for these cold nights.

Omar Burris was appointed and sworn in as constable of this district, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Detrow will visit relatives in Ohio, to be gone five or six weeks.

W. O. Galaway took New Year's dinner at home in Portland.

We hear that the Vernonia Light & Power Co. is contemplating the erection of a three-story fire-proof business block in Vernonia.

If you expect to go in business, you figure on a cash investment to bring you good returns. In improving Vernonia it is the same proposition. We must invest to secure water, streets, sewer, walks, etc. The investment will bring big returns in property advancement, and it is yours. Build your home town.

Miss Gladys Jory is visiting her brother, Elmo Jory. Miss Jory is teaching school at Jordan Valley, Oregon.

The Vernonia schools will open Wednesday, after their ten-day vacation on account of Christmas and New Year's.

Mrs. Sale was a Portland visitor the first of the week.

The Vernonia Eagle was the largest and best Christmas edition of a weekly paper in Oregon.

It is Presidential year—always a good year.

The city council is ordering 40 water meters, to install at various buildings that will use an extra amount of water.

The old town isn't ruined, quite. At least 1500 more people here than there was two years ago.

Time again to file your income tax returns and pay up. Gee, but time flies.

Sam A. Paisley, of Buxton, was a Vernonia visitor last Friday. Mr. Paisley is a former member of the legislature, and a political war horse that comes near knowing all the political doings of the politicians. He came here to view our city that he has heard so much about and went home with a high estimate of one of the best cities in Oregon.

The Columbian, published at St. Helens, gives Vernonia quite a good puff for being a clean, moral city. Several papers in other towns have spoken favorably of Vernonia on the same lines. It is a good reputation to establish. It is the aim of the great majority in our city to make it a genuine "Home Beautiful Town" as

A Rat That Didn't Smell After Being Dead for Three Months
"I swear it was dead three months," writes Mr. J. Sykes (N. J.). "I saw this rat every day; put some Rat-Snap behind a barrel. Months afterwards, my wife looked behind the barrel. There it was—dead. Rat-Snap sells in three stores for 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by

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fast as conditions will permit, and such will draw hundreds of good substantial families here to live. The Columbian says truthfully that it is the program of one of our most important industries to strictly uphold law enforcement, and it surely behooves Vernonia business men to cater to the wishes of this concern that will employ hundreds of men and many families. It looks like business men favoring slack law enforcement would be out of luck. By their words you shall know them. It is the hope of all that no such firm is in business here. We all believe in law enforcement, or should. We believe we can all agree and all cooperate on this question and all benefit thereby.

Mrs. McNutt and daughter, of Forest Grove, returned home Sunday, after a week's visit at her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sesseman.

G. B. Richmond spent New Year's at his home in Portland.

The Hattons have moved into their new residence.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Beaver have taken over the Hatton Hotel.

Mrs. Harley Redmond and children of Berkenfield spent a few days with Grandma Redmond and Mrs. Clara Malaby.

Claude Tackett accompanied by his bride is visiting at his mother's home, Mrs. A. Bayes.

Mrs. Walter McDonald has been seriously ill but is convalescing.

Judge Harris and wife spent the holidays with their daughter Mrs. Edna Lawes at St. Helens.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schestak, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lebo, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hanson, Dr. Cole and Miss Holiday were in Portland over the holidays.

Edwin Troop of Portland has been visiting his father Herrel Troop.

Omar Nickerson is spending a few weeks with his childre in Portland.

Mrs. L. A. Rogers returned last week from a month's visit with her son at Condan.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dustin of Bucoda, Wash. spent the holidays with Mrs. Dustin's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ben Owens.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Russell of Rainier spent Christmas with Mrs Russell's parents. Mr and Mrs J. H. Potter.

Orlene Cnunts, Mrs Mike Miller, Mrs Meda Hall, Otis Larri more and mother spent the week end at Portland.

Wm. Clark and son, Merland, Roy Taylor and Frank Galligher arrived in Vernonia this week from Burley, Idaho. They may locate here.

Mrs Lovely enjoyed a visit over Sunday from her son Fred and family and Kenneth Brice all of Portland.

Mr Campbell, a local carpenter endeavored to thaw out his car with a torch last Monday night. Mr Campbell will have no more car trouble from now on. The remains of the car are a charred heap.

The Grange held an enjoyable "Watch Party" in the Grange Hall New Year's Eve. Refreshments, program and splendid time.

Mrs H. C. Johnson's father of St. Helens died New Year. The funeral was held at Clatskanie.

NOTICE
Having severed my connections with the Lane & Co. store in Vernonia, I am not and will not be responsible for any bills or debts contracted for Lane & Co.
L. H. DETROW.

Speak well of Vernonia, it helps your business.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Geo. McDonald died last Friday.

NOTICE
The Nehalem Market is now owned and managed by Albert Childs instead of Childs & Koehler. All parties having accounts over 30 days old are asked to call and settle immediately as we need the cash.
Yours for Business
Albert Childs

Colusa, Calif.
Dec. 30, 1923

Mr and Mrs J. C. Bond and daughter, Helen, of Bend, Ore. and Mr Bond's mother an I brother, J. F. Bond of Colusa were injured here today when the car owned and driven by J. F. Bond left the highway near here and turned over. All are cut and bruised but none are seriously injured.

"Uncle Nick" as many friends know Mr. Nickerson of Banks, was recently married to Mrs. Olive Deakons, of Portland.

Chas. D. White is behind the counter in the Lane & Co. store this week. Mr White feels at home in the mercantile business.

An organized Bible class has started in the Christian church Sunday school. As the studies will include a complete survey of the Bible with its history, literature and doctrines it is expected to develop into a really busy group.

It Was a Happy New Year

On Tuesday afternoon the Mill side club was most delightfully entertained by Mrs J. E. Cropper. After an hour spent in doing fancy work Mrs Cropper assisted by Mrs Hayes passed the following refreshments to her guests: jellied chicken, bread and butter sandwiches, cheese balls, coffee, pears with whippee cream pink and white cake, fruit cake and candy. Later Mrs Cropper held a contest for her guests. Before leaving each lady was asked to toast the New Year. Some very amusing toasts were given. The following ladies were present: Mrs. Phil Schroeder, Mrs. Dave Marshall, Mrs E. M. Bleile Mrs. E. E. Hayes, Mes. M. V. Medlock, Mrs. D. L. Smith and Mrs. Mann.

Mr. Haltom Hurt

Mr. Haltom, of Tillamook, and owner of the Vernonia Haltom Merc. C., while in Portland Sunday, fell on the icy pavement, and fractured his hip. We are indeed sorry to hear of the accident. It will lay him up for several weeks.

Holiday Guests

The home of Prin. and Mrs. P. M. Nash has been the scene of a lively holiday party. Those present besides the family included Ursel Narver, principal of the New Bridge school of Baker county, Miss Narver of the Harding primary school of Newberg and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Welter of Beaverton.

ANOTHER INSTRUCTOR

Miss Cecilia Bell of the University has been added to the high school faculty. Miss Bell has charge of the English classes

ALERT SCOUTS MAKE RESCUE

Upon sighting through their spyglass the dramatic rescue by a fisherman of an exhausted swimmer in Lake Kinderhook, N. Y., boy scouts at Camp Hawley took their canoes and hastened to give assistance to the pair. Upon reaching the fisherman's bark they found the rescued swimmer unconscious. They applied first aid and continued the treatment ashore until the arrival of the doctors, who agreed that the scouts' prompt work had saved the patient's life.

A New Years Special

Three sizes of HEATERS to close out. The cold weather has just started. Buy at these prices and save the price of a cord of wood.

A NO. 23 REGULAR \$17.00 STOVE, Cast Top and bottom, heavy cast lining, to close out for **\$13.00**

A NO. 22 REGULAR \$19.25 STOVE, with front door or top door feed. Bottom draft. A very attractive stove for only **\$15.50**

LARGE SIZE, NO. 27, REGULAR \$18.50 STOVE, cast lining, heavy cast bottom and top, closing out at **\$14.75**

Remember we can fit your old stove with grates, sides, lids, etc., anything for any stove made, any age, any size. We make sheet iron bodies and linings. Charges very reasonable. Extra heavy riveted stove pipe, not the loose jointed kind. Sheet iron, asbestos, dampers, adjustable elbows, anything in stoves.

"See Hoffman About It"

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More Students Enroll

New students are now being enrolled almost daily in our high school. Among those entering since the holidays are: Clarence Dunlap, Doris Ackerstadt, and Frank Coburn. Others have already signified their intentions of entering in the near future.

GOLDSMITH SUES BOY RULER

Last of Manchu Emperors of China Appeals to President.
The last of the rulers of the great Manchu dynasty, Hsuan Tung, the "boy emperor" of China, sitting in lonesome grandeur in his isolated palace of the Forbidden City, has been sued by a Peking goldsmith for 500,000 taels, says a Peking dispatch. He has applied to the new president of China, Tsao Kun, for part payment of the imperial allowance of \$4,000,000 (Mexican) yearly, according to the Asiatic News Agency.
But there is little chance of the government acceding to the plea, because the finance ministry is unable to raise sufficient funds to pay officials and other public servants. As a result it is expected further relics of the once mighty Manchu house will be sacrificed by the "boy emperor" to meet his debts.
The court in which the goldsmith's suit was filed, it is said, taking into consideration the extreme poverty of Hsuan Tung, has agreed to treat the case leniently and give the youthful ex-eruler time to raise whatever cash he can to satisfy his creditors.

PLAN PLANES FOR HUNTERS

Engineers Also Design Machines for Air Taxi Service.
Wild ducks and wild geese will have a hard time when airplane manufacturers get their latest ideas in hunting machines worked out. And wild animals in any country without adequate shelter will have no chance at all.
"Noiseless" machines, able to turn twenty different ways from a height of 200 meters and continue their flight calmly at 50 meters above the earth, were the marvels of the Gothenburg aircraft exhibition, according to German engineers just returned to Berlin from Sweden.
Von Loessl predicts a very small plane of about 20 horsepower, capable of carrying two persons—an air-taxi which can be hired for a hurried trip.

BRITAIN MAKES FAST "SUB"

X-1 Nearing Completion Is Largest and Speediest.
The submarine X-1, nearing completion at a Chatham dockyard, for the British navy, will be the longest as well as the fastest submersible craft in the world, according to the London Morning Post. She will have a surface speed of 33 knots, enabling her to accompany battleships when steaming at full speed.
The submarine will carry six 5-inch guns, an armament said to be unique for an undersea craft. Her displacement will be 3,500 tons.
It is recalled that the first British submarines, built in 1901, displaced 120 tons, and had a surface speed of nine knots.

This is a Real Bargain

FOR SALE—4 room house, nearly finished, easy terms, small payment down. Box 113.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OVER AT VERNONIA

The Oregon-American Lumber Company Takes a Hand in Making the New-Old Town a Place for Happy Homes as Well as Humming Industries.

(From St. Helens Paper.)
Sheriff Wellington informs us that there has been something doing over at Vernonia, and that, as a result, the industry of picking up whisky bottles the morning after a dance has been practically abandoned. "Them days has gone forever," and Vernonia, according to the sheriff, comes very close to being a "dry" town, possibly as close as any in the county.
The sheriff does not claim personal credit for the great change that has taken place over there, though he has done his duty to the best of his ability. Vernonia is a hard town to clean up with the force of deputies at the sheriff's disposal, and the work would have been practically impossible had it not been for the assistance of local people who evidently understand that the permanent growth of the community depends to a very large extent upon the enforcement of the prohibition law and of all the other laws for the prevention of crime and the

consequent security of the life and property of the community.

At the head of the good work, therefore, we find the Oregon-American Lumber Company. They interfere with the "personal liberty" of their employes to the extent that they do not permit them to get drunk and stay on the payroll, and it is an open secret that one of their men is drawing a comfortable salary for no other purpose than to make life burdensome for bootleggers of that community. They are putting in a plant that will give employment to hundreds of men and provide homes for women and children, and they do not want it destroyed by some poison-crazed degenerate, nor to have their clear-eyed respectable men maimed by the incompetence of some nervous wreck who has been unfitted for his daily work by the debauch of the previous night. The Oregon-American thinks the money it invests in the enforcement of the law brings good results, and it is undoubtedly correct. The members of the corporation may congratulate themselves on the fact that it is not only good business but also good in every other way, and it gives them a right to use that word "American." We congratulate them and wish them all kinds of prosperity in the coming year—Columbian.

Mrs. Crandall (Iowa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken Losses

"Last spring, rats killed all our baby chicks. With the known about Rat-Snap before. With just one large package we killed swarms of rats. They won't get this year's hatches, I'll bet." Rat-Snap is guaranteed and sells for 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by

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Groceries

Vernonia's Leading Grocery Store—The Pioneer Store—We handle the best in Canned Goods that can be bought.

Come here for anything in the grocery line

Vegetables, fruit and produce in season

Coffee, Tea, Flour. A variety of brands

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Vernonia's Old, Reliable Corner
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