

MOUHPICE of the NEHALEM VALLEY

COLUMBIA COUNTY

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LIVE CLUB MAKES CITIES

The following splendid article of facts is a communication the Eagle received this week by a representative citizen. Read it, it's right.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, once gave this definition of a good citizen: "He is a man who does not live for himself alone, one who is concerned in the welfare of his fellow, who will if necessary make sacrifices to rectify wrongs, to eliminate evils, and make every effort for the common uplift; who will endeavor with every means within his power to see that these principles find expression in the laws and in the administration of the affairs of his government, of his city, and his state and his country. This is a good citizen."

The man that will not lend his brains, his energy and some of his money to the efforts of his fellow citizens in directing the constructive forces of his community along the course that is best for the city as a whole is not a useful citizen. No man has a right to refuse his support to a community movement any more than the community has a right to refuse its protection to any man. Nature commands pooled effort; hundreds of bees to each comb of honey make a comparatively quick and easy operation of what would be an impossible task for a lone bee, however industrious he is. The comb of honey contains the greatest lessons for every citizen of Vernonia who has the welfare of the community which he has chosen as his home. On every side nature flaunts this lesson in man's face: The seed in itself is nothing. Sun, soil, moisture must co-operate with the latent germ in order to produce life. The solidest rock is only the co-operating atoms; The strongest man is weak alone. It is only with the working with his fellow man in a co-operative effort that success and worth-while results can be obtained.

Vernonia and the Nehalem Valley has been naturally endowed with great natural resources that are now on the eve of being transformed into commodities useful to man. An embryo city has taken the place of the country hamlet of a few short years ago, and we are about to reap the harvest that nature has bounteously given us. But have you, as a citizen of Vernonia and the Nehalem Valley, stopped to consider that lasting results will not be obtained by simply taking and not giving some of your efforts toward the conservation of those resources. Have you thought that it will not be many years until the wooded hills surrounding Vernonia will be transformed into vast stretches of blackened stumps and logs. You will say that this will all be beyond my time. But can you honestly, as a citizen of Vernonia, grant a heritage of that kind to your children when it is within your power to do different. You as a citizen of Vernonia, can help with the combined efforts of your fellows to make this valley a place which will live as one of the greatest industrial and home cities in Oregon, if you will only roll

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.

Christian Church

Christian Church Services will be held next Sunday morning and evening in the high school auditorium. Bible school at 10 a. m. with interest and attendance increasing. The sermon subject for 11 a. m. being, "The Things That Belong to God".

Evening service at 7:30, subject, "What It Costs Not to Be a Christian". If you are not attending elsewhere, you will enjoy all of these meetings and be profited if you come.

Special music at every service. Everybody invited. W. A. Gressman, minister.

up your sleeves and get in with your fellows, and before long you will wonder why you kept apart so long.

Do you know that the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce is organized to forward these public interests, and that its sole objects are the public good? Do you know that membership is open to all without distinction of any sort? Do you know that free speech and open-handed dealing are employed on public questions of every sort? Do you know that a man in business is more successful when he has a more active interest in municipal affairs, civic and commercial? Did you ever stop to think that a man is small if not mean, who cares only for his own success and neglects the welfare of his fellow citizens and posterity. The Chamber of Commerce movement has proven that no modern city can afford to be without such an organization. You have no more right to be indifferent to your city's efforts, hopes and ambitions than to neglect your own family. You, as a unit, armorally responsible for what is done—and what is left undone. Then don't you want to have a part in the building of the city which is soon to take its place beside the leading commercial centers of the Pacific Northwest? Think it over.

SECRETARY, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ADS ON THE FIRST PAGE

Ads don't look good on the first page of a newspaper, so we have been told. Some papers use them, many do not. The papers of our county do not. The Eagle has used only two ads on the first page so far, two concerns that were without competition, this so that no other advertiser in the same line could object to his competitor having any choice. Even at that we have heard jealous remarks as to why anyone should be on the first page, if not all on the first page. The paper has grown, we need more space, we get up more type, and with our added equipment we can use all of the first page for news matter only, better than we could in the days now past. In fact it has become necessary at this time to follow the style of all first-class papers that put up a good appearance, to eliminate all ads from the first page. After March 1st, we will endeavor to give you a solid first page of good and interesting Vernonia reading, and at the same time be absolutely fair to all advertisers, by giving no preferred positions. All of the papers are read

CORNER STONE FOR NEW CHURCH TO BE LAID

The days of the old church are rapidly coming to a close. A new day is just dawning. The articles of incorporation of the society date back to August 31, 1889, and two days later the location for the present church was decided to the trustees. Nearly thirty-five years the people have worshipped on this hillside. The history of the church is almost the history of the valley. A new location has now been secured and the foundation of a new church and parsonage has been laid. On Saturday evening of this week the last quarterly conference will be held in the old church. About Monday, March 3, the cornerstone of the new building will be laid. About May 11, the new church will be dedicated. Thus we are at the dawn of a new day.

It was a heartfelt wish for some time to have the new building on the same ground where the old one stands. However, the crowding in of business houses and the general aspects of the new city made us realize the desirability of a change of location. The building of the first structure meant great sacrifices to the early pioneers, as money was very scarce in the valley. The new building will cost more, but it will not hurt us as much because of the larger amount of money in circulation, and the greater number of people in Vernonia. When the pioneers built their church they knew not what the future might be. We today with new industries coming into Vernonia and the great influx of population are wondering what our future will be. So while we are laying the cornerstone at this dawn of the new day we wish the undertaking Godspeed.

H. G. H.

NOTICES OF EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday School at the regular hour, 10:00 A. M.

Cristian Endeavor at 6:30 P. M.

Preaching services at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Prayer meeting on Thursday, 7:00 P. M.

On Saturday evening of this week the fourth quarterly conference will meet, and communion will be served on Sunday morning. The elder will be with us and preach morning and evening. As far as we are able to tell, the cornerstone of the new church will be laid on Monday, March 3.

H. G. H.

OREGON-AMERICAN BUILDING HANDSOME NEW RESIDENCES

On Spencer Hill, or Mill Side Addition, there are many new residences going up. They are neat and well built—no shacks. The mill company is doing the building, under the plans of Mr. Dunlap in charge. Twelve of these buildings are going up; the company has recently finished sixteen that are now occupied, and rumor tells us that a total of eighty houses will be finished by early summer, in the addition.

MARCH

Back in the Middle West we always termed March the windy month. Here, where we have no winds, we call it the spring month. The official calendar first day of spring is the 21st day of March, Andrew Jackson's birthday is the 15th of March. Ash Wednesday or the first day of Lent is on March 5. On March 9 the battle between the Merrimack and Monitor was fought. On the 17th is St. Patrick's day and Aguinaldo was captured on March 23, 1901. March is the month of paint up, clean up, start lawns and gardens.

OLD MAIDS A PLENTY

Last Friday night at the Majestic Theatre the Old Maids had a convention that attracted a crowded house. Some of the wives of our city made their husbands stay at home, while they attended. But every seat was taken, and many were the bald-headed bachelors in the front rows. The various characters, representing the Old Maids, were acted by Vernonia ladies, members of the W. B. A. Lodge, in whose benefit the play was given. It was a laugh from start to finish, and each and every member of the program was exceptionally good. The music and specialties were fine and no one present had other than a good word for the whole evening's entertainment.

HAVE YOUR EYES EXAMINED

Dr. Luzader, eyesight specialist, will be at Martineau's jewelry store, Vernonia, on Monday and Tuesday, March 3 and 4. Have your eyes examined.

MOST URGENT NEEDS OF CITY OF VERNONIA

The biggest job that Vernonia has on hand and one that needs immediate attention is to put on a tangible and constructive home building campaign. Too many of Vernonia's people figure that when the big mill starts up there will be flocks of people coming here with pockets bulging with coin ready to buy a home and pay cash for it, while the fact of the matter is that most of the employees will be workmen who would build a home if assisted financially and if not required to pay an exorbitant price for a building lot. An organization of progressive citizens can do more good for the town than anything else. Outside capital is not going to be interested in a town that is not interested in itself.

LOCAL NEWS.

Attorney Gressman was transacting business in St. Helens, Saturday.

Ray Jay was a Portland visitor Saturday.

Lots of people are having a hard time finding houses to live in. Build a house, it is cheaper and better than paying rent. When you build it, paint to preserve it and make it more valuable.

Born, on Sunday night to Mr. and Mrs. Mowe, an eight and a half pound girl.

Last week we failed to receive the notice of a new baby girl born to M. and Mrs. W. Jones.

Several Vernonians have visited the dam and power house up at the property of the Vernonia Light & Power Co. this week. It is a wonderful piece of work, so pronounced by the visitors. Picnic parties are already being planned for the coming summer.

Vernonia should celebrate. Street lights, home lights, power.

The 12 year old daughter of J. H. Watson broke her arm at the elbow while swing one day this week.

DANGER lurks in every wire. We wish to advise all children and adults as well, to keep hands off of electric wires. Don't touch them to see if they are hot, it is too late then, if they prove alive. People are killed every day by live wires. Never turn on your light while standing in a bath tub.

You will all want to vote at the May primaries and at the general election in November. It is Presidential year, and many important state matters are up. The safest way and the sure way is to register now. You must register if you vote. City Recorder Ben Owens has the registration books. See Mr. Owens at the High School basement.

The following young folks attended O.A.C.'s exhibition together making quite a reunion: A. Parker, B. McDonald, H. Malmsten, A. Keasey, R. Heverling and L. Weed.

A sewer system on the main street of Vernonia will be of little use unless that street is paved. The sewer and pavement can be laid at the same time.

Mr and Mrs H. P. Emery of Portland called Tuesday while at Vernonia in attendance at the funeral of Mrs Emery's mother.

Alice Rundell, 12 years old, is in a Portland hospital at this writing, she was operated on for appendicitis.

We hear that the shoe-making firm of Rundell & Clark have dissolved partnership.

Born to Mr and Mrs P. B. Holcomb, a baby girl, Feb. 14.

Mass Meeting Tuesday Night Let Everyone Attend

There will be a mass meeting at the Vernonia hall next Tuesday night at 7:30. Purpose to decide on the sewer proposition and talk over paving Bridge. It is up to the citizens.

Mrs. Redmond Is Buried

Mrs. Lena S. Redmond, of this city, died last Monday morning. The funeral services were held Tuesday at the Evangelical church, conducted by the Relief Corps, and the sermon preached by Rev. Herrman. Mrs Redmond was born at Oneida, N. Y., March 28, 1840. She came to Oregon in 1884 and settled in the Nehalem valley two years later. She is survived by five children, two sister and one brother, Leroy J. Redmond was a Civil War Veteran, and died about 30 years ago. There was a large attendance at the funeral and the floral offerings were beautiful.

Omar Sheeley and Richard Boeck are each laid up from the effects of getting a nail in a foot.

Mr and Mrs Lawrence Van Blaricom of Newberg are visiting at the Judson Weid home.

Miss Holliday, Mrs Lebo and C. S. Rich were Portland passengers Saturday.

Mr and Mrs W. J. Ward of Prineville are visiting at the J. E. Adams home.

Mrs S. C. Sale was a Portland visitor this week.

GOOD ACRE TRACTS.

"Lone Pine Acreage," just a half mile south of Vernonia, and level, fertile soil. On the river, on main county road, just east of main line of the railroad. See Mr. Troop at Vernonia Trading Co. Here you will find just what you want, adjoining town.

OIL

Oil, without the seandle, is under Vernonia and the land adjacent. This is the belief of many old timers and newcomers that express themselves on the probabilities of such a formation. Many would like to see the proposition tested with a deep well. At points in adjacent counties large acreage has been leased for oil prospecting. Try it in the Vernonia vicinity.

BARKESBALL

The last game for the County Championship will be played Saturday night commencing at 7:30. If our girls beat the St. Helens girls the championship stays in Vernonia. The coach says "the girls play one half the game, the audience the other, and the girls are ready to do their part."

SAVE Saturday SAVE

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and then

the end

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ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR VERNONIA

We at least know how it feels to be "all lit up." This week the juice was turned on for the first time in Vernonia from the new hydro-electric power plant. It will probably take a few days to get everything regulated and running smooth, but the electricity is here. It is indeed a big improvement. Like many things in every-day use, after we get it we don't see how we got along without it for so long. There are very few houses that are not wired and all soon will be. It is safer, cleaner, better and more convenient than coal oil or gasoline. Vernonia will soon be a modern city. The city will no doubt install several street lamps, but not all over town, at present, as it will have to be done gradually and as the demand grows. Everybody is glad that the big Vernonia hydro-electric light and power plant is finished, and we believe much credit is due the promoter, Mr. Geo. Burdick, who certainly worked patiently against many hazards, to finish the job. He came here over a year ago, and looked into the future. He conquered.

Vernonia Band and Home Talent Show

On Monday night the Evangelical choir gave a concert in the church. They were assisted by various citizens who volunteered their service in song, readings, and instrumental music and by the "Boy's Band". The building was crowded and every number on the program was greatly applauded. It was a treat and a pleasant surprise. Vernonia certainly has the talent and it was thoroughly proven Monday night. Many in the city were not aware that we had a 20 piece band that shows up splendidly, and their concert this summer will be a big boost for our town. We expect to relate more on this worthy organization from time to time.


BROWN & BROWN FURNITURE CO. ENLARGES THEIR BUSINESS

The Brown & Brown Furniture Co. have men busy tearing out all partitions on the lower floor of their place of business so as to make more room, and when completed they will have the largest show room in the city of Vernonia, which will take in the entire lower floor of the Louis Brown building. They have purchased the undertaking business of Mr. Sessman and have rented his parlors. This will give them an up-to-date undertaking establishment.

LISTEN TO THIS

The only complete concrete sawmill in the world is at Vernonia, Oregon, 40 miles from Portland. This mill has a big production and a flourishing town is arising at that place.—From the Oregonian, Feb. 23.

Speak well of Vernonia, it helps your business.



You Have Valuable Papers

In a fast growing town such as Vernonia valuable papers are in the possession of many men

Where are you keeping them—in your pocket where it is easy to lose them, or hidden at home in the bureau or a vase?

Make them safe and convenient by placing them in a safety deposit box at the Bank of Vernonia.

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