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Editorials

EAGLE ADVERTISER

MAKES A HIT

It's a long way from Vernonia to Chicago but the Eagle flies further than that and in passing the "Windy City" seemed to have dropped some feathers. The American Lumberman knows good advertising copy and comments on "good Eagle ads." We re-printed one of the Tipton Lumber Co., last issue, that was among the many we hear from from all parts of the United States.

Arthur L. Ford, the managing editor of the American Lumberman, once upon a time juggled slabs at a saw-mill for almost nothing a day but quit work and went into the newspaper business; he has a nose for good lumber "copy," and on the slightest pretext will slip away and do a few "Peregrinations along the sawdust trails."

"Do Rats Talk to Each Other?"
Asks Mr. M. Batty, R. I.

"I got five cakes of Rat-Snap and threw pieces around feed store. Got about half a dozen dead rats a day for two solid weeks. Suddenly, they got fewer. Now we haven't any. Who told them about Rat-Snap?" Rats dry up and leave no smell. Three sizes: 35c, 65c, \$1.25.

Sold and guaranteed by

The Vernonia Drug Co.

ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH

The progressive people of the state of Oregon were asleep in the early part of the year and did not see the income tax in time to sidetrack it. They now find it blocking the main line and are swearing at the "durn thing" for obstructing traffic.

In some of the states of the American Union a man who does not vote is dubbed a "Chinaman." It is to be hoped that all men and women in the Vernonia district will realize that this is their government and be interested enough to REGISTER and TO VOTE. The state income tax law cannot exist in the face of an awakened citizenship.

We learn from the pastor that this week's Eagle will be placed in the cornerstone of the new church building now starting on Keasey avenue. All right, we don't care. We are not ashamed of the Eagle or the city it is trying to boost or help to build. In the future years when our children are at the head of city affairs in this home town with a population then of probably ten thousand, and when the populace demands a much larger and better church building, when this cornerstone is opened and the contents exhibited, the columns of this issue will be read with a great deal more interest than they are probably read today. Old names will be brought up, the building era of Vernonia will be referred to, and the paper carefully preserved as an item of history in the building of Vernonia.

The Auburn (Wash.) Globe-Republican carried a brief editorial recently that is worth reproducing in every country weekly in the United States where people are inclined to be rather too free in their criticism. The article was as follows:

"Every now and then you will hear some chap trying to tell what is the matter with the town.

"There isn't a thing the matter with the town.

"A town is made up of the people in it, and if there is anything the matter it is with the people and not with the town.

"If you know of any mistakes that are being made, go to those who are making the mistakes and tell them about it.

"Don't take up your own time, and the time of other people, by telling them.

"If you want to cure a disease, you treat the sick person, not his friends and neighbors who are in good health.

"So, if you want things corrected, go straight to those who are at fault

and talk to them.

"The rest of us have something else to do and we don't want to be bothered."

Why are the insurance rates so high? This question is asked in Vernonia every day. With a good water system, a dandy volunteer fire department and with an outrageous, prohibitive rate, we all wonder if they will ever be reduced. It is time the companies were making a new rating here. It is too high entirely with the improvements the town now has.

The most needed thing in Vernonia today is a large, working Chamber of Commerce that will do things. With the proper organization, full of pep and pulling together, Vernonia could have secured a paper mill here several months ago; also a \$50,000 hotel building, many small factories and in many ways the town, the individual and all business would have been benefitted. It is time we were organizing. Spring time—Building time.

1924, at the beginning, is a year of political mysteries. Nothing is definite in county, state or national politics. If Coolidge isn't nominated on the first ballot at the national convention, a "dark horse" may be our Republican Presidential candidate, and his name will be Lowden. Then to make the "dark horse" ticket complete, it could be Lowden and Capper.

With K. K. Kuhl, Geo. Baker, Chas. L. McNary and a few others in the running, the Senatorial prize is nothing sure for any particular aspirant so far. Columbia County might be the deciding factor and Vernonia might be the key to results in Columbia County.

Sam A. Koser, so we hear, has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for re-election as Secretary of State. That is about all that is necessary. Mr. Koser has proven his ability time and again, and he can stay right on the job.

PAVING MAIN STREET

Some extensive property owners on Bridge street have expressed their desire to see Bridge street paved. Various views have been passed on the ways and means. It has been suggested that the county should pave 16 feet down the center or furnish the rock, and the property owners on the street pave the balance by some act creating an improvement district. It has also been suggested to us that the first pavement be put down this early summer, extending from the railroad track, or Rose avenue, to the Rock Creek bridge. Make this much of it an improvement district. Then if those living east of the bridge so choose, they can make that an improvement district by the same means. These plans have been made we say in talks on the subjects. It is sure that some day Vernonia will have to have a sewer, pavement, walks. She will have to have these within two or three years at the longest. They will have to be paid for, and the payment can be extended over a space of ten years. Granting that we will have them, must have them, why not be enjoying them now? With a pavement and curbing the storm water and drainage question will be practically settled for some time to come. Water will seek its level if it has anything to run on, but in this mud and slop it stands and stinks. Facts that we are compelled to acknowledge. We would like to see the street paved immediately. Don't think it necessary to present any arguments showing the benefits, as they are so many and so well known. We are not here advocating the paving, nor are we advising. Simply repeating many spoken words from citizens. Vernonia is a city. A city's needs will come eventually, why not now and have it over with.

Grade School

Washington's birthday was fittingly celebrated with a program given by the grades. The Relief Corps was present and marched in a body to the assembly room.

Several teachers took advantage of the holiday last week to make trips to different points. Miss Pettijohn going to her home and Mrs. Ray to Portland.

Everyone is glad to see Mrs. Smith, of the Primary department back again after an absence of three weeks on account of the measles.

The Sixth grade has been very much interested in debating lately and the negative side of each question, as judged by the Seventh and Eighth grades, were the winners.

Tuesday morning's assembly was enlivened by the band from Mr. Condit's room, when it so ably rendered "Silent Night".

Most of the pupils are back in school again and several rooms report new pupils, entering.

Canned and Bottled Goods



Our special showing and sale of Canned and Bottled Goods affords you the opportunity to restock your shelves with the highest quality fruits and vegetables at a decided saving in price over the usual cost.

This is "Canned Goods Week", March 1 to 8th. Special Display and Special Prices

Try a can of Monopole, Preferred Stock or Red Ribbon Canned Goods. They have that satisfying flavor excelled by none and equalled by few brands on the market.

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We Deliver



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J. W. COLLINS Vernonia Oregon

Of Interest to the Many New Houses in Vernonia

Opening Display and Sale

—of—

1924 WALL PAPER

IT IS TIME TO PAPER

We have just received, and placed on sale a big shipment of the "newest" in Wall Decorations, more beautiful in design and coloring, at no advance in price. The new patterns are sure to please.

Dainty New Bedroom Paper in stripe and allover designs; beautifully colored Tapestry and Tiffany blend designs for the living and dining room specially priced for quick selling.

—GET IT—

NEW MAIL ORDER SAMPLE BOOKS

If unable to come to Portland, one of these new small mail order books, showing actual samples of paper, will be mailed you "FREE" on request.

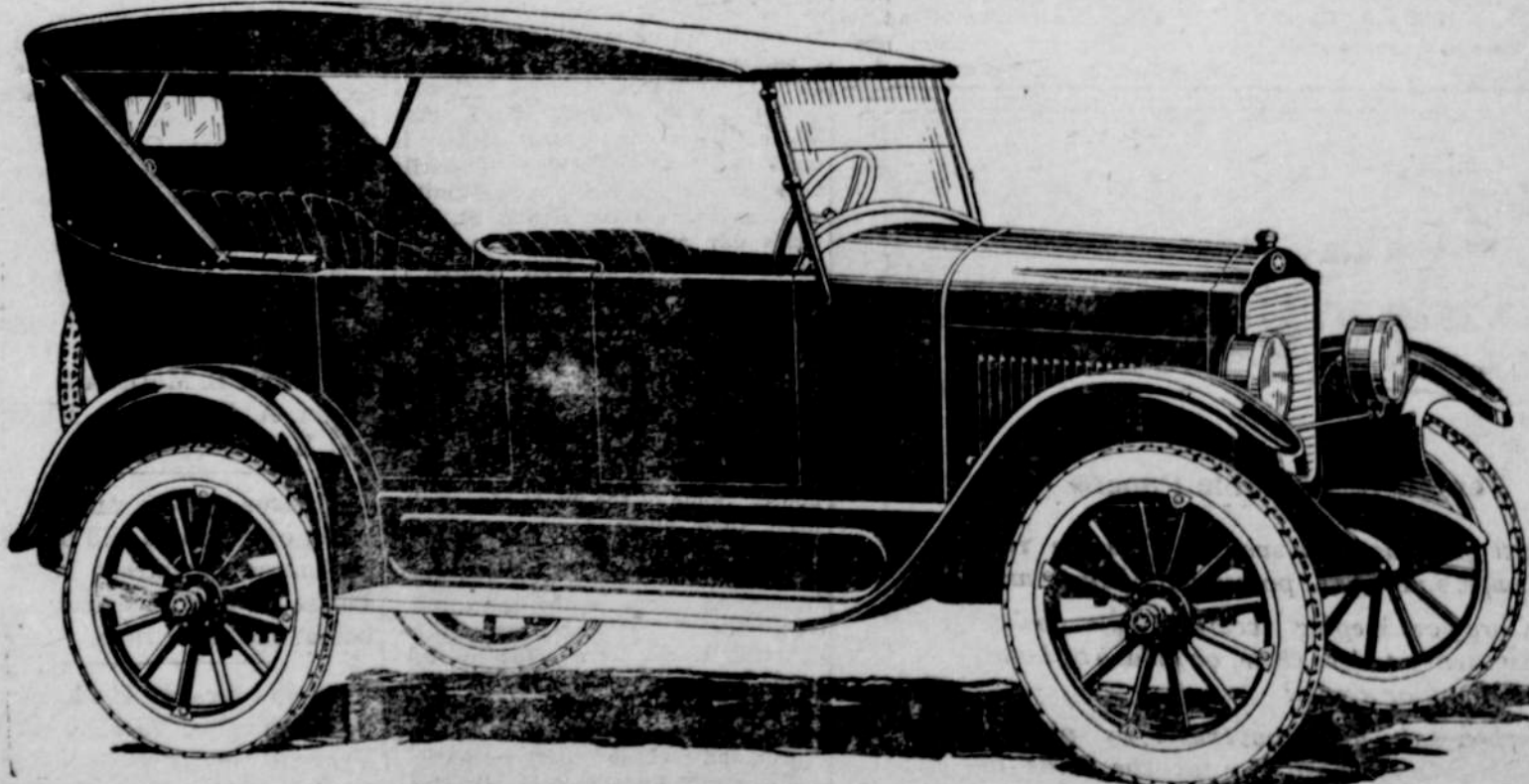
Bedroom paper 5c, 7½c, 10c roll; Living room paper 10c roll and up; 30-inch Oatmeal paper 45c full bolt; Washable Kitchen paper 22½c roll; Tapestry paper at 25c and up; Wall Felt for house lining, 50 square yards for \$2.35.

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