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Editorials

Good Times or Hard Times. Just as easy to say one as the other, and what we keep saying, we eventually make materialize. Vernonia, as compared to any town in Oregon of its size, is experiencing Good Times at present. It is possible the "Times" could, and will, be better, but it behooves us to stop and consider before passing any loud sentiments. Our city has been going on "high" for nearly two years; we have existed in a continual carnival; a fight for quick money; an uneasy, selfish desire for gain. At present all business houses are doing a good business—a better business than most cities in the Northwest. Visit some of the towns and note the difference. Every night in Vernonia the streets are crowded; every parking space is occupied by a car and the garages full. Every resort is busy; men have money to play cards, pool, and dance. Two picture shows each night do a thriving business. All this on top of the fact that most of the camps are closed down all over the state and our monstrous big mill has not yet started to operate.

This is a Presidential Election Year—always considered a tight financial season; the hoof and mouth disease. These unavoidable annoyances will soon pass and the camps will open after the fourth and in another month our big mill will grind and who can deny that Vernonia is prosperous—if only we would talk it and believe it. We can't talk in luxury every day. The workers always help make a living for the loaf-

ers. There are always, the world over, buzzards and non-essentials. Another epoch in Vernonia is about to take place and that very shortly. We will have a new class of citizens, new blood, more families, more married workers instead of tourist construction men. The big mill is about finished and the sub-contractors are closing up their affairs and laying off their men. These will shortly be replaced with from 300 to 600 married men with steady positions in the everyday work of the mill. Let us rejoice in our prosperity and prepare for the coming business.

There seems to a revival over the country in an effort to place in effect a strict enforcement of the Volstead law. We have always maintained that one cannot serve two masters. We cannot uphold a law and break a law at the same time. There is no half-way measure. We are either law abiding or law breakers. That is fact not opinion. Law abiding citizens seldom get into court. It is possible that a majority favor the moderation of the Volstead act—that is another question, and a question to decide. But when any law is law it is surely up to law abiding citizens to enforce and obey that law. We fail to see any cause for argument, in fact we are too busy to argue on the question that is not up for discussion. We believe, however, that this law, like hundreds of other laws is often broken in a mild way, by some on very rare occasions, and in extreme cases of a "Good" man going a little wrong it is up to the court to give justice accordingly. All laws are wisely overlooked at times for certain well planned causes, and often too much overlooked.

The Eagle Editor offers no apology if he seemingly harps on the High Way String to the disagreement of a few not in tune. We acknowledge it a hobby with us. For six years we have devoted valuable time, night drives, money and much thought and waste over the question of a paved highway from Portland to Astoria by the Inland Route, running through Vernonia in the little town of Banks we, at one time seen the peopled Highway Association in the state. Though the accomplishment was not realized, the Association did more than they thought in bringing the situation before the public, and incidentally putting Banks on the map. The Inland Loop Highway has possibly too much politics interfered, possibly not enough money in sight. Regardless of routes we still maintain that of the most important road matters today in Oregon, is the hard surfacing of the Inland Highway from Portland to Astoria through Vernonia. Here is a route that rivals the Columbia river highway for beauty and for the actual number of farmers, small towns and people served it has no equal. Here is a highway actually needed by the taxpayer. There is a way to build this highway at once if the proper officials would show the interest that the people demand of them. The Roosevelt Highway should be continued from Astoria to Portland by the Inland Route through Vernonia, and save many wrecks on the congested Columbia River Highway. Portland needs this Highway on this route—or there may some day be a different route that will take the traffic through to Seattle without body selected in this way and connecting Portland. Astoria needs this

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Highway over this route, or some day it might connect at the "Trail End" at Seaside. Vernonia and the Nehalem valley needs this route as this is the Inland Empire of the northwest Oregon with roads practically unfit during the winter months. Here is the stopping place for tourists, the beauty spot, the industrial center where hundreds of home car owners are shut in on account of the mud. Here is a farm and dairy center that will be developed ten fold by the finishing of the Highway via the Inland Route. As a war measure for troop movement the Government needs it. The state highway can wait on no more popular construction.

The bogey of bossism is always raised when there is suggestion of a return to some kind of convention system of selecting candidates, and the funny thing about it is that it has always worked, for people overlook the obvious answer that if bosses dictate there is no one to blame but the people themselves. If they have a sense of responsibility, they will manage their own affairs, their affairs including the selection of suitable public servants. If they neglect them, interested parties will slip in and do the selecting, just as we have nominated themselves for public office under the direct primary system when abolishment of an open faculty endorsement in the convention made it possible. We have favored a return to convention through county and state conventions, we frankly admit that we have been influenced by a belief that the convention would be the lesser of two evils, and that a real cure can only come when the electorate awakens to a sense of the responsibility of citizenship. With this responsibility it would be a simple matter for voters of each precinct to select suitable delegates to the county convention and the latter in turn select representatives in a state convention. A traffic through to Seattle without body selected in this way and connecting Portland. Astoria needs this

to select candidates and adopt platforms. But if the responsibility is ignored in the precincts it will be ignored all along the line, and the boss steps in and does what the people can do better if they choose. When the direct primary was advanced as a remedy, strangely enough people did not see that it only furnished what they already possessed, for at any time prior to the adoption of the direct primary the voters could have selected any candidate they wished by taking part in the primary and electing delegates pledged to carry out their wishes. The only difference between the two methods, as later developed, was that the so-called direct primary selected delegates instead of the people dictating the group from which a selection should be made and the imposition of great expense in making a selection which under the old primary system cost the people nothing.

Smile into the face of the world and the smile comes back to you—render good service to others and good service is returned to you—show a spirit of helpfulness and the spirit will surely send back to you aid of a like kind—think good thoughts and the same good thoughts will be of you. The world is a great mirror which truly reflects the thoughts, acts, and ambitions of every individual. Let some cloud his vision, dwarf his soul, and poison his mind with the false imagination that the world is not giving him a square deal. The only way to avoid getting a square deal from the world is by not giving the world a square deal.—The Benton Independent.

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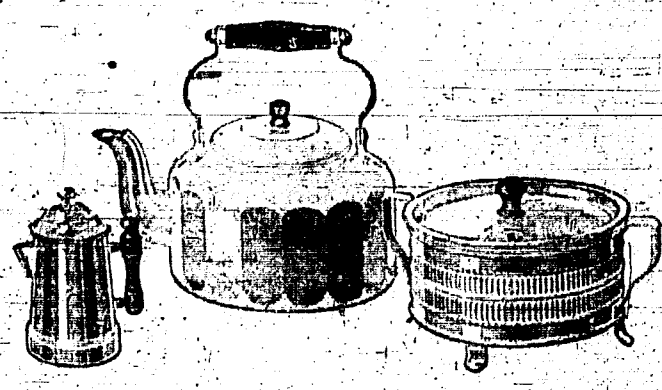
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