

**MOUTHPIECE of the NEHALEM VALLEY**

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

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## Inland Loop Highway Important One

There is one strong consideration which commends the inland route from Astoria to Portland as a proper state highway project. Such a road, permanently constructed, would relieve the congestion of traffic along the Lower Columbia highway which is particularly acute on week-ends and during holiday periods.

This congestion is apparent to all who travel the highway. The development of motor transportation and the growing popularity of the Clatsop beaches combine to create a traffic in the river highway that is at times of serious proportions.

During the recent Fourth of July week-end, a motorist attempted to come on to the paved highway at St. Helens from a cross road. So continuous was the procession of cars and so close together were they traveling that it was fifteen minutes before he felt it safe to turn into the main highway, and he hasn't the reputation of being a very cautious driver either.

The Lower Columbia highway is too narrow now to accommodate the traffic demands made upon it, and there is no immediate prospect that it will be widened.

A second route between Astoria and Portland would be very attractive. It would form a loop which a great number of the motorists would make, for the average person prefers to return by a different route than he came, distance and road conditions being little different.

The route from Forest Grove through VERNONIA and Jewell is a beautiful one, leading as it does through a heavily timbered section. It is the most direct route from the Willamette valley to the local beaches. Such a route should have a state-wide appeal, but it is important principally because it would divide the heavy traffic burden now carried almost entirely by the Lower Columbia highway.

Astoria and Clatsop county are interested, too, from the standpoint of the development of the county, for this inland route leads to and through the fertile NEHALEM VALLEY. This county is proceeding with the improvement of its end of the road, the present program calling for five miles of pavement each year. Approximately sixteen miles of hard surface road has already been constructed.

The most feasible and practical plan for securing the inland loop road is for Columbia and Washington counties to follow the lead of Clatsop county. Washington county, which has a larger population than Clatsop, has no bonded indebtedness and has built very little permanent road by itself. It can well afford to assume a big part of the cost of improving its end of this route.

In Columbia county the situation is more difficult. That county has already bonded itself rather heavily for road purposes, but most of the improvement is along the river side of the county where the bigger part of the population lives. It is doubtful whether a second bond issue could be voted for this interior highway. One of the officials of the association actively working for the project advocates a bond issue on the road district affected. Inasmuch as this district has a vast timber wealth and the major part of the taxable value of Columbia county, the suggestion may be the best solution.

The state highway commission at the present time has barely enough money to carry on its present program and take care of the interest and sinking fund requirements of the present road bonds. The proposition of having the commission designate this loop road as a state highway and provide for part of the cost of constructing a permanent roadbed is, therefore, beset with obstacles which appear insurmountable at this time. Later it is entirely probable that the commission could and would take the road over and maintain it, not alone because it would accommodate a large amount of tourist traffic but because it would be an artery of trade into a rich district.

County Judge Cornelius of this county has expressed himself as determined to proceed with construction of this county's end of the highway without awaiting assurances that the state will aid. Such a policy, a-

cepted by the other affected counties would insure the loop road and would be the most convincing argument to ward impressing the state commission with the importance and necessity of this project.—Astoria Budget.

**DO YOU KNOW HOW TO**

Give a bath to a patient in bed?  
Make a bed with a helpless patient in it?  
Bathe a baby?  
Elevate the bed and why?  
Take temperature and pulse?  
Protect your family from preventable disease and stay well?  
If not you may learn how.  
If you do wish to learn how the Columbia County Chapter of the American Red Cross has arranged for a course in the study of Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick. This course will be given to the women of Vernonia and vicinity who are interested in this important study and work.

The classes will be given each day except Sunday from August 19th to September 2nd, with Miss Nina H. Little, R. N. Red Cross Nurse for Columbia county as instructor.

Those wishing to take this course may obtain information and register with either Mrs. Ethel Ray or Mrs. F. E. Malmsten of this city or by addressing Miss Little at St. Helens.

**EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

Sunday school at the usual hour, 10:00 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m.  
Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 9:00 p. m.  
The subject of the morning services will be "Remember Lot's Wife," and in the evening the pastor will present the spirit of the camp meeting and conventions.

The convention reports will be read at the hours when the respective organizations meet.

Prayer meeting and Bible study on Thursday evening in the church.

**WEDDING**

Miss Grace Nelson of Vernonia and Charles H. Rennau, an employe of the local Nehalem Market, were united in marriage on Tuesday evening of this week, at 8:00 o'clock. Attorney W. A. Gressman performed the ceremony in his law office in the Hoffman building. The young couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Halstead of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Rennau are to make their home in Vernonia.

**PROSPERITY IS WITH US**

We don't believe any one could convince us that times are hard. It is a case not realizing how well off we are. "Those good old days" some times spoken of were certainly different than today. Vernonia is prosperous. Why? Because everybody here spends money. You might not be able to raise a dollar for some cause, but it is here and we are throwing it right and left. Plenty of it. A street medicine show last week proved it. People paid a dollar and some as high as four or five dollars for some kind of a stuff in a bottle that is today on the shelf at their home—absolutely no earthly need, or use for it. Seen one man with two arms full of liquid medicine and salve—looks like a case of too much money. Two days after a man stopped on the street and sold a Ford car appliance to nearly every one he met for from one to four dollars. The medicine man took considerable over a thousand dollars out of town that will never return. Lots of money for entertainments, dances, shows, street fakers, carnivals, etc. But collections are slow. Can you beat it?

**MOVED TO VERNONIA**

W. V. Lindley, his wife and daughter, were visitors here over Sunday from Vernonia. They came to pack and remove their household goods to the above city, where they will make their future home. Ralph Applegate and family have moved into the Lindley home here—Garibaldi News.

**COUNTY OFFICIALS WILL TAKE A HAND IN LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Warning has been made by County Officials that some Vernonia parties several of them, will be arrested if any more dumping of trash is made on the county roads and highways. We were requested to announce that several names have been secured and that any case hereafter will be at once brought before the court. Meat scraps, cans, papers and slop have been dumped near the road in places and even scattered over the road, especially on the Pebble Creek road. We are informed that no further notice will be given. The city is now securing a public dumping ground which is expected to be ready in a few days. Until then all trash will have to be buried or burned.

**COMING TO FAST**

Many citizens have a hard time paying up grocery bills, and there are very few millionaires in our city who delight in sending money away from town every night by the route of some traveling medicine man, a traveling show, a street exhibition, the traveling salesman or pedler, etc. We have two theatres that pay taxes and help keep up their town. Most of their receipts are kept and spent here in Vernonia. The traveling show takes the money out of town never to return. The city license for such a traveling outfit should be raised to ten times the present price. Other towns the world over are keeping such out of their midst as much as possible. They work a hardship on the business men, who find collections hard and they take too much out of town in exchange for what little they leave. No real benefit is received from them in any way.

**GRANGE MEETS**

Pomona Grange met last Saturday with Natal Grange No. 302. Among the several important questions coming up for discussion was the Inland Highway. The Grange is for the Inland Highway from Portland to Astoria, and at this meeting they selected a committee to work on the question. The Grange will take the matter up with the Highway Commission and the State Legislature. Grange members are sending in their names and dollars to the secretary of the Inland Highway Association who is Lester Sheeley of Vernonia. The Association with a dollar a year dues should be comprised of every person on the route between Portland and Astoria.

Mrs. J. F. Heenen entertained, Monday evening, in honor of her visiting niece Mrs. Alice Burch, who was recently married in Portland. It was a happy party that fully enjoyed the games, conversation and refreshments. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Close, A. C. Alexander, P. D. Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Folger, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hurley, Mrs. M. B. Willard, Miss Opal Hall, Miss Kelley, Mrs. M. F. Will, Mr. Harold Leach, Paul Steelemier, Emil Messing, Gordon Allen.

**GILBY MOTOR CO. NEW BUILDING**

One of the largest buildings in the country is that now being built for the Gilby Motor Co. The new concrete building will be 80x150 and is being erected as fast as possible.

**THE NEW WHITE BUILDING**

The corner of Third and Bridge is a busy place. The new "Silver Fox Drug Store building" is now going up. It is a big fireproof building 57x80 and makes that the best corner in the city.

**NEW BANK BUILDING**

Work is progressing rapidly on the new brick building. The cement work on the vault is finished and the walls going up. This will be a model building in every respect and a monument to Vernonia prosperity.

**THE K. P. CROWD EAT**

Monday night the K. P. lodge gave a splendid program of addresses, vocal and instrumental music and jokes after which a watermelon feed was indulged in. It was a fine evening for the members and wives. St. Helens came over in force and aided in the program. Everybody had a splendid time as the K. P.'s always do.

**VERNONIA BAND TO GIVE CONCERTS**

High School Band Reorganizes and is Now Headed By Milton E. Boyles

The High School Band reorganized Monday night and is now under the management of Milton E. Boyles, who says that the band has good material and all they need is practice and to be given the assistance and hearty cooperation of the business men and citizens of Vernonia.

The band will be known as the Vernonia Concert Band and will give an open air concert across from the Rose Theatre every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock beginning Wednesday, August 13th.

Do not forget the date and lets all be there to boost the band.

Vernonia is growing and needs it. Lets all help.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

All services of the Christian church next Sunday will be held in the high school auditorium. Unified morning services begin with the Bible school at 10 a. m. The sermon at 11 will be a continuation of the series on the theme: "What the Christian Life Means".

Evening services at 8:00 o'clock, the subject of the sermon being "The Sham and the Real in Religion."

Everybody welcome to every meeting. W. A. Gressman, minister.

**THEY PLAYED BALL**

Last Sunday Portland All-stars came out to play the Vernonia team, and it was pronounced the best game of the season. Walter Coyle pitched the entire game for Vernonia, and it was indeed pretty work. Mr. Coyle fanned seventeen of the visitors, and only one good hit was obtained. The final score was 5 to 2 in Vernonia's favor.

**ODD FELLOWS PICNIC AT SHEELEY'S GROVE**

Last Sunday the I. O. O. F. of Columbia and Washington counties picniced at Sheeley's Grove. About 200 Fellows and their families spent the day under the big trees and along the cooling waters of the Nehalem. It was a splendid day splendidly spent. Parties were there from St. Helens, Clatskanie, Rainier, Banks, and surrounding country.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dadid Dubendorf Aug. 3 a boy.

Miscellaneous shower at home of Mrs. J. A. McDonald Sat. Aug. 2 for Marjorie Holiday, given by her Sunday School class and the Ladies Aid of the Christian Church. About 40 present ice cream and cake served.

Miss Elinor Korth of Yakama, Wash. is visiting at E. A. Geisendorfer home at Brauns.

Miss Opal Hall returned Saturday from a visit at Onolaska Wash. Her friend Miss Adeline Kelley accompanied her home.

Adolph Nelson and family were all day guests at the Chas. Uhlin home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawes Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lawes of St Helens spent Sunday picnicking with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris, Virgil Powell and family.

**MEETING NOTICE**

Forest Grove, Oregon, August 4th, 1924.

Eagle, Vernonia, Oregon. Gentlemen: A meeting of the Inland Double Loop Highway Club will be called to meet at Forest Grove Monday, August 11 at 8 p. m. for the transaction of business that may come for the further promotion of the Highway known as the Wilson River Route also continuing through to Astoria via the Nehalem River Route through Gales Creek and Timber.

Yours Truly,  
W. F. Ebert, Pres.  
Inland Double Loop Highway Club

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR BIG CONVENTION**

The B. P. O. Elks convention in Tillamook August 14, 15 and 16 promises to be the largest ever held in Oregon since the announcement that by arrangements with the National Guard through Captain J. E. Shearer of company K. of Tillamook, all the equipment such as tents blankets and cots, needed to provide for convenience of delegates will be available.

The local committee on housing, headed by Rollie W. Watson, plans to have tents pitched in rows in all the vacant lots near the festival grounds with space between tents for the visitors cars. This will be a convenience for the guests as all their personal equipment will be together. In order to prevent loss or theft, local boys in company K. who won the Oregonian cup for the best National Guard company in the state for last year, have been engaged to patrol all the grounds.

These arrangements have been declared by the state officers adequate for any crowd that may attend. In addition to the National Guard equipment all private homes in the city have been solicited for available room and the response has been hearty on the part of townspeople.

The entertainment will include four deep sea fishing trips a day with boats under the supervision of local men who will act as life guards; two dances each night during the convention, one for Elks and another for the public; a big street parade with several bands; clam digging expeditions every morning to the clam flats near the old ship yards, a rodeo with two carloads of steers and horses; a carnival and a bathing beauty's contest.

A trap shoot for Elks is one of the big features for delegates. Many cash prizes and trophies are to be awarded and letters received from state lodges how that nearly every lodge will be represented by a team. Portland is sending seven teams.

One of the biggest features of the three day program will be the clam bake and salmon barbecue. All the food but coffee will be Tillamook products. The committee expects to feed 4000 persons over a period of several hours. This will be free for everyone whether Elks or not and will be held just east of town in the fair grounds.

The clam bake and barbecue will be Saturday noon. Two 400 lb. Tillamook cheeses have been secured which will be a year old when cut. The committee plans to make 400 gallons of coffee in a cheese factory vat, boiling the coffee with live steam as is done on ocean vessels. 30,000 Tillamook bay clams have been contracted or, 1,000 pounds of dressed salmon, and 9,000 buns.

**AUTO STICKERS ARE ORDERED FOR CITY**

Three thousand automobile stickers have been ordered by the business men's club for immediate delivery.

The stickers will be in two colors, red and black on a white background and will be a circular map of the Clatskanie territory in black ink and the name Clatskanie in red. Between the inner and outer circle around the map will be in red, the words, "The Dairyman's Opportunity," and "Standard Auto Park," also in red letters.

The design of the stickers is similar to the map on the Chief envelopes with the only difference in the inscription around the map.—Clatskanie Chief.

**AN APPROPRIATE PLACE**

An Editor and a merchant were discussing the virtue of billboard advertising. The merchant contended that more people read the billboard than the newspaper. After a lengthy conversation in which neither man would give in, the men parted. The next week the merchant came tearing down the street to the newspaper office wanting to know why the obituary of his wife's mother was not in the paper especially after he had seen that a copy was taken to the newspaper office. "Well," said the editor, "I knew you wanted the obituary read by the people so I took it out and nailed it up on your billboard."—Dell Rapids (S. D.) Tribune.

Mrs. John Smith of Portland recently spent a couple of weeks visiting relatives and friends.

**AMERICAN LEGION CLUB HOUSE NEEDED**

Place Needed to Hold Meetings, Social Events and Entertainments

One of the most important objectives of the Legion at present is the building of a club house. The Legion needs a place to hold their meetings, social events and entertainments.

The conditions under which this club house can be built are favorable toward this Post. A club house or Legion Hall is especially needed in the winter.

**Legion to Install Officers**

Next Monday night at 8:00 o'clock Vernonia Post No. 119 of the American Legion will have installation of officers.

E. W. Henderson, commander of Portland Post No. 1, Mr. Moser State Adjutant, and other visiting officers will be guests of the local Legionnaires. Owing to the fact that Post Commander E. J. Kingsley will be called out of town, Vice-Commander Carlin will act as Commander.

The affair promises to be full of life, and something doing every minute, it is something ex-service men can not afford to miss. All ex-service men whether a member or not are invited to attend.

The old spirit will be there and everything that goes with it.

A membership drive is being launched throughout the entire state, present members are kindly requested to bring a new member.

Post Adjutant Gertsel has been in Portland attending to some of the Legions affairs.

**NAVAL RECRUITING RESUMED**

Naval Recruiting was resumed on August 1st according to word received today from Washington by Lieut. Comdr. D. E. Barbery of the Portland Navy Recruiting Station.

Naval recruiting activities were suspended about a month ago as the naval complement at that time was more than 1100 men in excess of that authorized by congress. While the navy is still slightly over, complemented, recruiting on a limited scale will be put in effect to obtain any very desirable applicants.

Information can be obtained by wiring to the Recruiting Station at Portland.

**NEWSPAPER PEOPLE ATTEND CONVENTION**

The annual convention of the Oregon Editorial association, which convened at Tillamook last Friday and Saturday was attended by the following Columbia county newspaper people: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson of the Vernonia Eagle; Arthur Steele of the Clatskanie Chief; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Veatch and Miss Anna Jerzyk of the Rainier Review. Last year the editors went "to the top of the world" on Mt. Hood; this year they went to sea level; next year they will take an excursion below the earth's surface in the Oregon caves at Grants Pass.—Rainier Review.

**SIDEWALKS ARE BAD**

Vernonia will some day get in sidewalk trouble and Vernonia can't afford it. Individual property owners will get in bad over their walks if not attended to. The nail heads sticking up all over town are uncalled for and very dangerous, as people are tripping on them every day. School will soon begin and small children will be compelled to watch their steps or crawl to school. A little child fell on one of these nails a few days ago and has been in the doctor's care ever since. How long before this condition is remedied? Loose boards, holes, nails and in some cases no boards at all. It will behoove the property owners to repair; put in permanent walks and save trouble or damage suits.

Mrs. Veda Mills returned home, from Monmouth, this week.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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.