

MOUTHPIECE of the NEHALLEM VALLEY

COLUMBIA COUNTY

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ROSE BUDS AND PUSSY WILLOWS DECIDE SPRING WEATHER BLOFF

Sudden Drop in Temperature Brings Snow and Ice

Oregon was enjoying warm, sunny summer-like weather until Monday morning at 10 o'clock when a snow and ice and "awful cold" fell upon the state—for Oregon. Portland reported 16 above, in Vernonia it got down to near zero on Tuesday night. The heavy snow amounting to three or four inches put 6000 telephones out of order in Portland. Light and Power plants in several towns were out of order and red snow gave up all "That School Girl Complexion". Little damage was experienced in Vernonia from the little "Gold Snap". A few camps over the state will close down for the holidays. But it was cold—colder than it was in July.

GET IN ON THIS

The Eagle and Eagle Readers want to read the opinions of the Students of High and Grade schools on the "Home Paper" as explained in another part of the paper today. Then the prize offered by the paper will help a little on spending money. Let us hear from you—no matter where you attend school. Read the offer on first page, and write the Eagle. Ask your teacher about it and your parents.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK
(By E. R. White, Sec., Oregon, of the horses in the team, Okla., Board of Commerce)

That you should give year faith on the future of your city, not on its past.

That it costs nothing to be loyal to the home city.

That every citizen should boost the home city and help steer the ship that carries them.

That a good booster can't be a grouch.

That a good booster is not a man who says something good about his home city, only when he finds it convenient to do so.

That a live booster don't wait, he hunts opportunities to boost.

That a real booster is loyal and human, he boosts his city because he takes pleasure in doing it.

That he is a vital booster. A man who is not afraid and shows strength from the shoulder.

That he does not sit on the sidelines and cuss the Umpire, he goes in the game and does his full share to bring progress and prosperity to the home city.

That he is not a hot-air balloonist or a huck-pster. He is "Johnny-on-the-spot", always willing to boost.

That a little prosperity—don't swell him up.

These are the kind of men to love; they are the men who do things; they are the men who build things; they are the kind of men to love; they start something and go anywhere. They are not only good boosters, but they are good boosters.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Services of the Christian church are to be held next Sunday morning and evening in the auditorium of the high school. At 10:00 a. m. the Bible school convenes. This will be followed by preaching services at 11:00 the sermon subject being: "The Meaning of Christ's Sacrifice."

Christian Endeavor meets at 6:30 in the evening. After this service will be the preaching services at 7:30 sharp. The theme of the sermon will be: "Unveiling the Scriptures."

Everybody invited to attend every service. W. A. Grossman, Minister.

The Matinee Ladies are planning a chicken dinner for all members and their families at 6:30 p. m. followed by a Christmas Tree for the children this Saturday evening.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass and sermon on the third Sunday of each month, at 10:00 a. m. Week day communion Mass to be announced. Joe P. Clancy, Pastor.

PRIZE WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED

The Chamber of Commerce will hold at the noon luncheon Monday the names submitted in the contest for a name for the "What's It" entertainment to be given at Coyle's Hall on the night of December 29. All the names submitted will be posted in a conspicuous place in L. H. Detrow's popular Gayana Confectionery, clip of paper placed around a ring the Commerce members and each required to write his choice of the names submitted. The name receiving the greatest number of votes will be chosen.

Every member of the Chamber of Commerce is requested to be present Monday to help name the foundation.

OREGON APPEALS TO CALIFORNIA

Following a survey by W. G. Ide, manager of the Land Settlement Department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, it has been decided to open a branch office of the Land Settlement Department in Los Angeles to take care of the large number of inquiries coming from that district asking for information about Oregon.

Investigation disclosed that owing to high prices of land in Southern California the dairyman and diversified farmer is looking for new lands at lower prices.

Field men will be employed to personally interview inquiries, full information to be made available to Oregon chambers of commerce and land dealers in the various sections.

The manager states that he believes California will prove to be one of the most fertile fields from the standpoint of prospective Oregon settlers during the next year.

Locale

DON'T BE DELINQUENT

Time is short. Before the 29th you must either pay cash or sign the bond application for sewer assessments. Get applications now at bank or of Engineer or Recorder.

Mr. G. U. Eggen returned from a Portland visit Tuesday.

Mrs. G. J. Nelson was in Portland Tuesday.

Don Tyler will in Portland Monday attending the funeral of his brother Edwin. Edwin Tyler has been employed at the S. F. company for many years and still has his home in Portland. Don returned to Vernonia Tuesday.

Several Vernonia K. P. members, including St. John's Sunday night or witness dinner with the St. John's K. P. Club.

Mrs. W. J. Thompson and daughter Mrs. Kathleen David from Burns, Idaho, this week. Mrs. Thompson joining for medical treatment.

Many minor accidents from high winds this week.

Orville Deaton almost lost his car last week. While refueling the water tank exploded by the lightning being too near. The body of the car was totally destroyed and Mr. Deaton received several lumps on the hands.

Calvin Baker experienced a fire from the oven at home yesterday this week. The contents of one room was burned.

Mr. G. H. Heston, of Coos Bay, expects to return south this week. He has been visiting with his daughter and family Mrs. F. A. Heston.

Two uncles, Edgar and B. Solomonson, his stepfather, Henry Jackson and Mrs. Nellie B. Strow all of Astoria, visited over the week-end at the Ed. Solomonson home.

Harold Ahrensstadt, of Astoria is here to spend the holidays with his mother.

H. P. Erickson, of Hammond is visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. G. Anderson.

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THE HOME PAPER—A CONTEST FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

What do you think of the home paper? Not just the newspaper, in which you are reading this announcement, but any newspaper that stands for the best things in its community. What is it worth to the community?

The Vernonia Eagle will offer prizes for the best essay by boys and girls on the old home paper. Any boy or girl in any school in Columbia County, in the Seventh or Eighth Grades or Freshmen in High School may compete. The following prizes are offered:

First Prize—\$5.00 in cash.

Second Prize—\$3.00 in cash.

Third Prize—\$2.00 in cash.

Honorable Mention to each of the next six.

All the essays winning prizes will be published in the Eagle.

Essays must be from 300 to 800 words long, and must be neatly written on one side of the paper. At the top must be the writer's age, school and address. The essays will be judged on the basis of thought and expression, including grammar, spelling, and punctuation. The age of the writers will also be taken into consideration.

The Home Paper is the general subject for the essays. But it probably will be better to select some part of this general subject, as—

The Home Paper and the Community.

The Home Paper and the School.

What the Home Paper Has Done for My Community.

Why I Like My Home Paper.

Start working on your essay now. Ask your father and your mother and your teacher for ideas. (Perhaps your teacher will let you hand your essay in as an exercise in language or composition). It must reach the editor of the Eagle not later than Saturday, January 3.

Enter the contest, boys and girls! The prizes are worth winning—and wouldn't you like to see your essay printed in the Eagle?

MERRY CHRISTMAS

At this season of Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men, we want to pause in our daily tasks to wish each and every one of our readers, and all those who are near and dear to them—A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

We have shared each other's friendships through the years gone by, and as each has passed on we feel these friendships have grown stronger and more wert while. We have comforted and consoled each other in our sorrows as good friends and good neighbors should. We have smiled with each joy that came to brighten the heart of those about us. We have sought to do our part toward making this a better and brighter place in which to live, and we have attempted to do some real service to the community. It is now our pleasure to approach the close of the year with the knowledge that our message of a Merry Christmas to you means just as happy a message from you to us.

From those who gleefully await the coming of Santa Claus to those whose hair has been silvered by the hand of time, there is no sweeter season, nor a time when the heart pounds with a greater love for all humanity. There is no time when we feel that we want to live closer to each other, or to share each other's joys and sorrows to an even greater degree. Could there be stronger evidence that at this same season away back more than 2000 years ago these came into the world the one who was the highest embodiment of peace? Can the human heart fail to soften beneath that star off in the east that wise men followed and found the hope of the world nestled in a manger?

If there is not peace and joy and happiness and contentment in all the world now it is because men have refused to tie themselves together in a spirit of brotherly love. If there is not happiness in your own heart it is because you have not sought to put happiness into the hearts of those about you in the year fast coming to a close. Now, at this season, it is given you to realize this, and to join with your fellowmen in renewing a pledge of love and friendship for each other, in hoping for each other a greater measure of happiness than has yet been known.

If the year has prospered you, we are glad. If it has tinged with dark clouds here and there, our sympathy is still with you, as well as our hope that the sun of the Christmas season will drive away all shadows and that your path will be light and peaceful on through the years.

We bring to you, and to those near and dear to you, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas. We wish you Happiness, we wish you Prosperity, we wish you Success in all your undertakings—but best of all we wish you the greatest blessing that can be handed down by the giver of all good things—

We wish you Health and the Peace that passeth understanding.

EAGLE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES WITH TREE AT HIGH SCHOOL GIVEN BY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Exercises to be held Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 7:30. Following is the program:

Joy to the World..... By Audience
Invocation..... Rev. Grossman
"Welcome"..... Bernice Miller
Chorus "Beautiful Star"..... By Girls
Rec. "Her New Doll".....

Betty Jane Coyle
Solo "Christmas Lullaby".....

A Small Girl
Rec. "When Christmas Comes".....

Marvin Porterfield
Duet "Christmas Sky"..... Vale Sisters
Exercise (in costume) "Snowflakes"..... Forgetmenots
Fear Primary

Solo "In a Manger"..... Vera Drummond
Quartette, "To God Be Glory" Choir
Drill (in costume) "Snowflakes"..... Juniors

Monologue "Dolly's Steeking".....

Ellene Yale
Solo "Sleep Little Son" Mr. Noble
Rec. "Our Best"..... Verna Ray
Drill "Shepherds in costume".....

Girls Reserve
Pantomime, "Madonna Lullaby".....

Theresa Boyes
with Lullaby Solo by Mrs. North
Offering Speech..... Two Boys
The Offering to go to feed the orphans in Near East.

AN welcome.

C. OF C. COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

At the last luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce there was appointed a stunt committee consisting of E. E. McGraw, C. R. Coyle and E. S. Thompson, also a booth committee consisting of C. F. Keiber, L. H. Detrow, W. C. Rapan and O. F. Tipton.

A decoration committee was appointed in charge of W. H. Folger.

These committees are planning ways and means to give the town of Vernonia an evening of pleasure and the type of men in charge is an assurance to citizens of Vernonia and community that the entertainment is of a high and wholesome.

Don't forget the late, December 29th and the place, Coyle's hall.

NEHALLEM VALLEY FAIR

It has been recommended by several Vernonia citizens that plans be formulated for organizing a Nehalem Valley Fair association for the purpose of having an annual fair and live stock exhibition at Vernonia.

This is one thing that will, if followed out do more toward developing the territory contiguous to Vernonia than any one thing that could be worked out. It is to be hoped that we can get some action on this and put the Nehalem Valley on the map as a premier agricultural section.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Sunday school will meet at the usual hour, 9:30 a. m. The Christian Endeavor Society meets at 6:30 p. m. The Annual Christmas Service will be delivered at the 11 o'clock service. At the evening service the pastor will speak on "The Evolution of Christmas."

The Annual Christmas Entertainment will be on Wednesday evening, December 24. White gift offering of this service will begin after the year. The donor may designate whose gift must be made. Gifts may be brought for the service, but the gift must be accompanied by a statement as to whom it is to be applied. Every gift must be given cheerfully; no one will be solicited. We would be glad for a liberal donation from some of the friends for the new building as we need it there as much as anywhere. Each donor may have their names appear on the list with the original subscription. A hearty invitation is extended to all who wish to attend.

H. G. H.

Holiday parties are being arranged in many homes.

A "World's Fair" is now being advocated for Portland in 1928. Here's hoping it is a bigger event than the "1920 Fair" Change the date of the wind shield stickers.

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She is "Grand Dutchess Cyril", of Russia. Dispatches say "It costs \$10 to kiss her hand", Wonder how much it would cost to kiss her foot.

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A CHRISTMAS HINT

We want to take an inch or two of space to offer a suggestion to the Vernonia man or woman who has a mother living but who cannot be with her this Christmas day. You will, of course, remember her with a gift; and she will enjoy it. But there is one gift she will appreciate above all else, that will mean more to her than all the presents you can make or money can buy. And it will keep joy in her heart through all her years to come.

Write your mother a Christmas letter.