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EDITORIAL

The Vernonia Council has passed and posted a long ordinance known as a Plumbing Code. Everyone should read it or part of it. It provides for a Plumbing Inspector that you must get application from before you do any sewer connecting or plumbing work—100 dollar fine if you fail. For the present, G. G. Hall, City Engineer, is Plumbing Inspector. This is very important to the health and safety of the city and every citizen will rejoice that it has been accomplished, and that the sewer system is operating. No outside toilets will be permitted in the city where connection are within a half-block of a sewer line. When one digs for a sewer connection they must leave the ground as it was before digging—in other words, don't leave any holes like now appear at certain places on Bridge street. All Plumbers in Vernonia must get a City License as well as a Bond and all work must be inspected as it is being done. This Plumbing Code is one of the best ordinances gotten up by the city.

The "Catching" of two people in Vernonia with moonshining and so-called "merriwona" on them, is getting to the bottom of one of the Nations worst curses—right at home. They have "beats" in all cities; they have "dope pedlers", criminals and outlaws the world over. But we are getting rid of them daily. Any man or woman has no sympathy from the public who will sell of give life despoiling dope to younger people. It



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has been intimated that we have H. S. students who have used this dope. This sure-death dealing narcotic, this brain destroying stuff that man would give out for the petty dollars he might make. Citizens what do you think of it? Are you sympathizing with the users and pedlers or are you helping to apprehend them for proper officials. We have them in Vernonia,

The Clatskanie Chief got out a pretty 16 page Christmas Edition, last week, that was full of ads and the Christmas Spirit. They carried a colored cover of Toyland.

THE COMMON COLD

We are in receipt of a bulletin sent out by the Public Health Service of the U. S. in which it is announced that the common "bad cold" is highly contagious, and that from the standpoint of being "common" it is indeed as common as the housefly. "Persons suffering with a cold should be careful about sneezing in public", reads the bulletin. "Never sneeze on a friend," it goes on to warn, "unless you are sure that you have not the slightest symptoms of a cold." And since we believe that the bulletin carries much that will prove beneficial to citizens of Vernonia and vicinity we print this additional information from the pen of Uncle Sam's studied medical authorities:

"If you keep in good physical condition you stand a better chance than otherwise of throwing off the germ of cold if anyone harboring them happens to sneeze in your presence. But you cannot depend on physical fitness alone; proper diet, using care to keep out of drafts and wearing garments neither too heavy nor too light for the climate are important. Doping on nostrums and alleged cold cures, many of which contain injurious coal tar, are also discouraged. Sleep in a room where there is good ventilation and drink plenty of cold water and colds will be the least of your worries."

THE WORLD'S FOOD

Reports from abroad within the past few weeks have had a tendency to drive up food prices, for from many sections overseas come announcements to the effect that harvests are short and that the U. S. is going to be looked to to supply the deficiency. In fact, the margin between wheat productions and wheat requirements has not been so narrow in years. Low as were the forecasts of the wheat yield a few months ago, they failed to give a picture of the true situation. Several of the consuming countries will have to pay more for bread within the next few months than they have paid since the war. In Russia, which has long been one of the great wheat growing countries of the world, another famine is said to be threatening.

The number of persons who can be supported by the products from an acre of land is closely restricted. It is not high, even in countries where they can cultivate every foot of the soil. But the best of our own land is already in cultivation, and no one knows better than farmers around Vernonia that if more acreage is secured it is not going to be as good growing ground as that already being farmed. Many thin-soiled farms in the U. S. are already exhausted. But as the cities grow and the world grows more and more land is required for cultivation. The prediction made just a few years ago that the time is approaching when our own requirements will leave no wheat for export is seemingly well-founded.

There is no danger at this writing of a great famine abroad. But conditions are serious enough to be worth studying, and to warrant those who produce our foodstuffs is adding to their holdings those acres which have long lain idle and which, in thousands of instances, have been looked upon as not worth the attention that would be required to make them produce.

The Greatest Christmas Gift By Dr. Frank Crane

The greatest Christmas gift in the world is appreciation. You cannot give anything that will please everybody—relatives, friends, and acquaintances—more than that. If you do not give that, all your other gifts will amount to nothing.

There is hardly anything it will do so much good to realize as this fact. It will not only save us from heartaches, but it will operate as a saving sauce and a redeeming flavor to all our other gifts. And the day after it will leave us with real Christmas taste in the month.

Let us look into the matter. If we could just know what people want, it would save a lot of worry, of guessing, wondering and searching. How can you tell what to get for your boy-Fred? You think over his needs, and finally decide on a dozen handkerchiefs. You buy them, feeling all

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the while that it isn't a bit Christmas, and that somehow the surprise and joy and wonder of Christmas is not fulfilled by laying in a lot of clothing. Yet—what can you do? By the time you list is complete and you have some gift for each one, you are in the rags of despair, your nerves are frayed and gone and your pocketbook, your poor "Christmas allowance"—where has it gone?

Now, it may save you a bit of money, and it certainly will spare you a deal of trouble and tearing of soul, if you will, long before the Christmas buying fever sets in, sit down and think. A little serious, careful thinking hurts no one. And think right straight at the point in the whole business. That is, think what it is that everybody wants most. Deep down ones inside what is it everybody is hungry for, everyone craves, as a monkey loves sugar, or a cat likes fish?

Why, everybody most of all wants to be appreciated. In truth, we all like appreciation. Call it flattery if you will. We all like that. For even the man who says he can't be flattered is flattered if you tell him that he can't be flattered. If you want the real Christmas spirit in your home study to appreciate every soul in it. You may have no money wherewith to buy presents, but if you put on the disposition to find excellent and admirable qualities in all you meet, you will get more genuine human joy in to the house than if you filled it from cellar to attic with gold.

So, if you want this to be the most Christmasy Christmas of your life to be fullest of joy and cleanest of all disappointment and inward wounds, the very best and brightest should be, just undertake, first of all to forget your own self—and set about to find something in every hu-

man being with whom life brings you in contact, that you can appreciate. If unto every family could come this most precious of gifts—appreciation! How the gentle and genial spirit of the Christ Child would spread through and among us all, like a widening, shining river, reflecting back the sunshine of that Eternal Love that shines ever down upon us from Him who made and loves us all!

Service

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