

OUR LIGHT AND POWER

After reading papers from many towns in the state, we begin to realize what an efficient Light and Power plant we have in Vernonia. All over the state last week, power companies and telephone companies had difficulty in giving any kind of service. At Canby, Aurora, Woodburn and small towns in the valley they were without light and power and Woodburn, especially has been having more than her share. In Portland 6000 phones were out of order nearly a week. At Vernonia during the cold snap of a week our plant worked splendidly. Some time ago we were having poor service at various times. This was because the city has grown so fast that the transformers were not large enough to handle the load. These have been remedied, and of late everything seems to be satisfactory. The Vernonia Light & Power company dislikes to give poor service as bad as we dislike to receive poor service. When the lights go out the company loses money. We are confident that the company will do everything in their power to "Deliver the Goods" and we hope to see lower rates as soon as their returns will justify it. At least we are willing to have patience at the same time we are mighty glad that Vernonia has light and power.

Miss Lily Wellington, a Vernonia grade school teacher who left Sunday, December 21 for Portland, because of her health, is reported to have an acute attack of Septic Tonsillitis. Leading physicians fear it may develop into black diphtheria.

Mrs. Mike Miller and son are spending Christmas in Salem.

Mrs. E. E. Miller, of Portland, visited a few days last week with Mrs. Hamlin.

Mrs. A. H. Childs, of Portland was a guest last week of Mrs. Jack Heenan.

Miss Sadie Christensen is sick with small pox.

Mrs. Bond, of Portland, and daughter Helen, are here for the holidays.

Floyd Leslie, of The Dalles is here for the holidays.

Judge and Mrs. Harris are spending Christmas at the home of their daughter in St. Helens.

Miss Julia Tarleton, who is attending the University of Washington is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tarleton at their Millview residence.

The Prize Winner

Maybe you've read of the kind of girls who win the beauty contest prizes offered by newspapers and at summer resorts, now let us tell you about the kind of girls we have around Vernonia who never win beauty prizes—then maybe you can decide which kind you'd rather have for a wife. We have the kind around here who during the spring help out in the garden in which is growing the best of tomatoes, beans and corn. When the harvest is completed she rolls up her sleeves and cans enough of the produce to last the family through the winter, saving the best for the county fair. Being busy helping her mother in the kitchen she finds little time to worry about the latest in hair bobs, face rouge or evening gowns. She's only an ordinary girl, but she can give her sisters of the big city many a pointer on what it takes to be naturally beautiful, as well as what it takes to make a happy home. We say there are a few such in and around Vernonia.

Think This Over

The gift that is most appreciated, at any time of the year, is a gift that satisfies, and the gift that satisfies is always a sensible one. It lasts the whole year round, that is the finest gift of all. Considering the cost, can you imagine a gift that would afford one-tenth the pleasure to a friend or relative in some distant locality as a year's subscription to the home-town paper? You can't write to them every week, and yet they want to know what's going on back in the old home town and community. Each week when they get the Eagle will think of you, and bless you for your thoughtfulness. Why not send or bring a subscription for at least one friend or relative and let us notify them that you have been considerate and kind enough to make it possible for them to get this paper an entire year—a present that is sensible, that is appreciated and that brings cheer every week of the 52. You'd want it if you were away from home, wouldn't you? Then why isn't it natural that the one who moved away also wants it?

Amendments to the present laws relating to state depositories to the end that all deposits of state funds shall be made upon competitive bidding by the banks of the state, was recommended in the biennial report of the state treasury department.

Congratulations have just been sent the Portland Grade Teachers' association by J. W. Crabtree of the National Education association on the fact that 15 schools of the city have 100 per cent of their teachers enrolled in the national association.

The legislature, at its next session, will be requested to amend the present salary laws so as to provide compensation for the deputy state treasurer and deputy secretary of state in the amount of \$300 a month. These officials now receive \$250 a month.

The booklet recently issued by the Jackson county board of commissioners to advertise Jackson county has proved so popular that the 10,000 printed in the first order will not be sufficient and the commissioners are contemplating issuing 10,000 more.

As the result of action taken by the state game commission at a recent meeting, a letter was sent to President Coolidge by I. N. Fleischner, of Portland, chairman, protesting against the proposed extension of Crater lake national park to include Diamond lake.

The West Coast Power company, which owns and operates a string of electric plants between the Umpqua and Yaquina bays, along the Oregon coast, has taken over the plant at Florence, having purchased it from G. G. Bushman of Springfield and H. M. Peterson of Florence.

F. M. Lucas and C. W. Harris, owners of a large farm in the Tule lake section, filed suit in circuit court to recover \$2500 damages from a group of seven livestock men on the charge that stock owned by the defendants had been driven into the plaintiff's grain fields and destroyed the crops.

Extravagance in the conduct of his office and an affidavit that he at one time had purchased liquor from a policeman employed by the city of Astoria were two reasons advanced by Governor Pierce for the attempted removal of Dr. Thomas Ross of Portland as a member of the state fish commission.

William M. Ramsey, practicing attorney at McMinnville, was appointed by Governor Pierce to succeed Harry Belt as circuit judge of the 12th judicial district, comprising Yamhill and Polk counties. Judge Belt will retire from the circuit judgeship January 5 to accept a seat on the supreme court bench.

United States senators and representatives in congress from Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho will be asked to attend a meeting of cherry growers from the four states to be held in Portland some time in January to discuss an increase of the import duty on foreign cherries from two to five cents a pound.

The first "loch laven" trout eggs to be received in Oregon came from Montana last week when 1,000,000 were taken to the hatchery of the state game commission on the McKenzie river. The trout are of Scotch stock and are really Atlantic salmon which have lost seagoing habits, according to Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden.

A total of \$5,981,943 will be required in 1925 and 1926 for the operation of all state departments and institutions for which the legislature authorizes appropriations, according to the estimates of proposed expenditures approved by the state budget commission. Copies of the report will be sent to the legislators for their consideration.

The best news for the last week in the lumber industry received from all parts of the country by the National Lumber Manufacturers' association came from the West Coast Lumbermen's association, which includes most of the large mills of western Oregon and Washington. New business for the 120 mills reporting for the week ending December 12 was 19 per cent above production and 17 per cent above shipments.

Re-election of all of the present officers until the next annual convention is held, and selection of Corvallis as the site for the 1925 deliberations, to be held some time in May, featured the closing session of the 14th annual convention of the Oregon Farmers' union at The Dalles. Herbert Egbert of The Dalles will continue as president, W. P. Laird of Eugene as vice-president, and Mrs. G. B. Jones of Monmouth as secretary-treasurer.

Unless sportsmen and game conservationists want to see beaver totally exterminated in Oregon they must urge the state legislature to order the closed season on these little fur-bearers permanently, in the opinion of Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, who submitted a report to the state game commission showing that in the four months from November 1, 1923, to February 28, 1924, more than 12,000 beavers, valued at \$120,000, were taken by licensed trappers of the state.

Skaggs United Stores

No. 225
VERNONIA, OREGON

The habit of SAVING and INVESTING is the logical outgrowth of the thrift inclination. The thrifty person will know how to buy and where to buy as part of his defence system in the game of existence. Experience has taught him the easiest way to make money is by spending it wisely. Vernonia thrifty folks are coming to look upon SKAGGS' STORES PRICES as a guide in the purchase of foodstuffs. This is the way to pay day again why not line up with the thrifty class and start saving by buying at SKAGGS' UNITED STORES.

IN OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

CEREALS	Crystal White Soap, 23 bars \$1	Kerosene, 5 gal. \$1.00
	Per Case of 100 bars \$4.23	
Roller Oats, 9 pound sack 53c	White Wonder Soap, 25 bars	Heinz Mince Meat, 1 pound
Farina, 9 8-10 lb. sack 65c	for \$1.00	tin 25c
Olympic Pancake Flour 75c	10 Bars Fels Naptha 9c	Heinz Plumb and Fig Pudding
Carnation Oats, premium		per tin 25c
package, 2 for 75c	Best Pure Cane Sugar, per	Good Potatoes that are not
	sack, 103 pounds \$6.10	frozen, per sack \$1.75
Cream of Wheat, 2 pkgs 45c	10 Bars Fels Naptha 69c	Peanut Brittle, fresh and clean
		per pound 25c
Roller Oats in Bulk, best	English Breakfast Tea in	Pint Bottle Sour Pickles and
grade, 4 pounds 25c	Bulk, per pound 55c	Chow 25c
Fresh Loaf Sugar, 2 lbs for 25c	Sweet Juicy Oranges, per	Hershey Bars, 6 for 25c
	dozen 15c	
	Large Tins Broken Slice Pine-	
	apple, 4 tins 95c	

IN OUR MEAT DEPARTMENT

Government Inspected Meats of the highest quality.

Pot Roast of Beef pound 12½c	Pork Roast, pound 17c	Choice Cuts of Veal and Lamb
Boiling Beef, pound 10c	Picnic Hams, pound 16c	Fresh Dressed Poultry at all
Round Steak, pound 21c	Bacon Back, pound 21c	times.
T-Bone Steak, pound 23c		

Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year

TWO SIDES TO IT

When we see a specialist in any line rake off several hundred dollars for work that didn't require more than an hour or two we usually feel that he has a pretty soft snap. We go to a circus, for instance, and see a star performer who gets several hundred dollars a week for working a few minutes each day high up on a trapeze or a tight wire. And we put it down that he is getting "easy money", without pausing to consider how many weary hours of hard, grinding, dangerous practice and study he had to put in to master that for which he is now receiving pay. And it is the same with the doctor, the lawyer, the expert machinist. If there is a boy in

Vernonia who expresses a desire to some day be a specialist in some particular line, encourage him. He cannot be a success without hard study. But for all that hard study now he will be repaid later on, and usually by the very people who have lost sight of the rough road he had to travel before he got to where the going was smooth.

A Christmas tree at both the Evangelical and Christian churches, and a splendid program for each place.

Mr. Ross Emmert has been quite sick the past several days.

Mrs. Halstead is reported

among the sick this week.

No mud in Vernonia just now.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Melinger of La Grande, formerly Nehalem valley pioneers are here for the holidays, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. J. A. McDonald has been quite sick for two weeks, but reported better today.

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on the
new winter



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You'll get the perfect cold-weather driving performance of correctly BALANCED gasoline—

Quick, hair-trigger starting! Fast acceleration in spite of the cold—without sacrifice of power or mileage.

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Kingsleys extend the Greetings of Yuletide to All-a Merry Merry Christmas

May Our Efforts and Services Bring Enjoyment and Comfort

Anticipating the future, we offer beginning the first of the coming year, a clean out of certain lines of stock and merchandise in order to carry a wider line and more items in Spring Merchandise. Simply Reliable Merchandise of Quality on a Stock Clean-out Basis.

Groceries

HILLS COFFEE	There are Three Things	MOTHERS OATS
1 pound 57c	in Food Purchasing:	Premium 38c
2 pounds \$1.11	QUALITY	Aunt Jemina Pancake
4 pounds \$2.19	CLEANLINESS	—Small 18c
MACARONI	SERVICE	Large 43c
3 pounds 25c	Choose Well the Best	BORDENS MILK
14 pounds 98c		11 Cans \$1.00
CRESCENT BAKING		M. J. B. COFFEE
POWDER 35c		Pound 46c

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