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Editorial

Many publications are commenting favorably on the magnificent edition of the Oregon Journal last week, termed their "Year's End Number". Inquiring thousands hungry for Oregon information will cherish it and benefit by its hundreds of columns of truthful Oregon statistics.

After patiently awaiting in feverish anticipation for our Annual New Year's edition of the Oregonian, we feel considerable prouder of our big state and of our big paper's achievement. It was a "Blue Book" of God's Country, enthusiastically told in figures, story and illustrations. We wish every white, English speaking family in America could receive one. It will aid Oregon's growth.

We are getting accustomed to writing it 1925, and our confidence is growing stronger for it's progress and prosperity in which we believe all Oregonians can share. Vernonia is starting with a good mark the first week by the announcement that the O.-A. camp opens at once with four sides; our big O.-A. Mill to put on a night force at once with over a hundred extra men; our new city council that we are assured will work for Vernonia as a better town; new buildings now starting construction and considerable road work being planned for early spring work.

In too many instances indifference means ruin. There are narcotic users, poor fellows, needing sympathy and pity. There are dope indulgers who pass the habit to others for no apparent reason other than the mean, low-down outlandish excuse of "For Company's Sake", some will lead young boys and girls in their teens on this path of dope taking; a road that eventually leads to destruction. Officers are often hampered in their work of saving the innocent from crime, by people being indifferent or failing to give information they may have. And too, we have even heard business men condemn an officer for trying to save young girls and in the course of time the girls will be found dead, in a house, or gone beyond recall—because the officers advice was not heeded or because she was encouraged by ignorant parents. Parents hesitate to believe their children are in bad company and too many do not appreciate a word of caution from one who sees and knows more than the parent wants to believe. If your 16 year old boy or girl was murdered you would probably want to lynch the villain who did the killing. Still, it results as fatal in some cases where older men will give dope, moonshine and poison to these innocent, clear brained, bright boys and girls. In Vernonia we probably know little of the dope business, still there is some of it here. About a dozen parents could be mighty shocked to read in their son's and daughter's hand writing some letters or "notes" recently discovered by teachers or officers. Even in Vernonia there are a few mighty serious sights seen at late hours when children under age should be at home.

Even in Vernonia arrests have recently been made of people with dope in their possession; even in Vernonia young boys have sworn to the facts of using it and sworn to the parties giving them moonshine, cigarettes, etc. And on the street any time of day one will hear citizens condemning the officers. There are several cases needing watching and time always proves it. A few more months with no interruption or looking after, and more sad homes will wonder how it happened. It sometimes pays to be cautious and to investigate.

Twenty containers of poison liquor, commonly called "Moon" were destroyed at the city recorder's office New Year's Day. That was a good New Year's Booz Party—the safest way to use it.

With the New Year, we are glad to announce that two new fireproof blocks will soon start in Vernonia, as soon as plans are finished and material arrives. More good news is the fact that the big camps around the city will start up full handed immediately. With four or five camps adjacent working, new buildings going up, a big hotel assured and the putting on of a night shift at the big mill, Vernonia looks better today than any town in Oregon thrice our size.

IT DOESN'T PAY

Mr. Lucas, alias McDonald, who has been living in Vernonia several months, has moved to St. Helens and has selected living quarters from the Sheriff, behind iron doors in the basement of the Court House. "Mac", as known here, is a young man and a good musician. For some time he played the pipe organ at the Majestic theatre and organized and led a good home orchestra. But "Mac", with his youth and his talents didn't continue to climb the ladder of fame. He could have been up in the

world and could have lived in splendid style, and associated with refined educated business men and women. But "Mac" chose different company and a different mode of living. Some people probably will say that it was his "way" and he is a sgood as any other man. Not so. He could have been, but wasn't. He choose the lower level, and made himself detrimental to society by the fact that he tried to drag ambitious young men with him. His example of living is a poor lesson for the younger generation. Yes, we feel sorry for "Mac", but our sorrow will not save him. He must save himself. He was accustomed to harboring young boys in his room and giving them cigarettes, moonshine and dope. In Judge Weed's Court Friday, he pled guilty to the charge arrested for and was given six months and \$500. It doesn't pay.

EAGLE FEATHERS



We can't understand why some people never seem to get in a hurry until they get behind the steering wheel of an auto.

If Santa Santa Clause had married the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe it would have been tough on all the other kids in the world.

A man with a swelled head gets that way either by being stung by bees or having them in his bonnet.

This is an age when a young man leaves the small town to work 20 years in a city so he can get money enough to go back and live in the country.

Next to having a tooth pulled, man's greatest test of nerve comes when his wife pulls a porous plaster off his back.

A radio message goes around the world in five seconds, but a rumor can go around town in two.

According to government figures the near-beer trade has dropped 34 per cent. Maybe the people fancied it wasn't near enough.

The Vernonia man who neglected to vote but continues to holler is just another back seat driver.

The Prince of Wales was given a Ford while visiting over here. We will bet Detroit is one town he never forgets.

The auto driver who hesitates at the railroad crossing says goodbye to the caboose instead of howdy-do to the undertaker.

Who among us in Vernonia can remember when all wore suspenders and when they occasionally hung a man in this country for murder?

There are a lot of great men in this country, but few who can keep from looking silly when being photographed for the movies.

Up in Maine a woman captured a deer in her front yard. Here in Vernonia a few girls capture dears in their front room.

Years ago the "full dinner pail" was a popular slogan in this country but the present generation seems to favor the "full gas tank".

Go along the street in Vernonia and you'll hear a man say confidently: "The fact of the business is—" and then he'll turn right in and distort the facts.

We've come to the conclusion that the trouble with the average Vernonia man is that he considers himself above the average.

Most Vernonia men who get a circular from a fake stock-selling concern would give the price of a share of the stock to find out who sent in their name.

FIRE LAW VIOLATORS ARE CONVICTED

Campers, smokers, brush burners and loggers all appear in the list of the 197 court convictions for criminal forest fire law violators on the National Forests of Oregon and Washington during the season of 1924. The report which has just been issued by the District Forester's office, Portland, shows that 222 were brought to trial. Of these 197 were convicted, 9 were found not guilty and 16 cases are still pending.

Fines and costs were assessed in the amount of \$3096.25 under the

criminal fire law convictions. In addition 33 civil cases were settled and damages collected covering Government timber destroyers in the amount of \$17,615.64; 22 civil cases are still pending, involving damages amounting to \$39,006.27, according to the report.

Campers' fires head the list of convictions under the criminal laws, with 128 convictions, 5 not guilty and 6 pending. Brush burning without permit ranks second, the smokers fires third.

"Much as we dislike to inflict legal penalties upon forest visitors" said the District Forester, in discussing the report, "the fact remains that folks who violate the fire laws are law-breakers, and must be punished as such. The future economic welfare of the Pacific Northwest demands it. However," he added, "if everyone would heed the printed warnings and suggestions, abundant in the National Forests, we would have fewer fires and fewer law enforcement cases."

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