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## WHAT A BUDGET SYSTEM MEANS

**One Must Keep Track of Disbursements to Get Ahead Financially.**

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How to get ahead financially, yet live decently and well, is doubtless the most absorbing and important matter confronting the average person or the average family, and that is the subject we wish to discuss and endeavor to assist in solving.

No discussion of the subject can begin or end without mention of the meaning of "thrift." Thrift means good management, vigorous growth; it means spending less than you earn; it means saving systematically. It does not mean that one should stop spending; on the contrary, it means spending, but spending wisely and thoughtfully instead of carelessly.

There is but one real way to discuss the question of Thrift and that is: What will Thrift do for me? The personal equation is all there is to Thrift—decide what you want and if you want it badly enough and are willing to pay the price you probably can have it.

What are your wants? Do you want a home and peace and contentment, a few flowers, a bit of green lawn, perhaps some fruit and vegetables, the dancing fire light from the glowing embers of the fireplace? Do you want the thrill of cutting bond coupons; do you desire to cash interest or dividend checks, or do you prefer to spend as you earn, jazzing along life's highway? The decision must be made. The Thrift way, you say? Very well then, let us give heed to a few simple worth-while suggestions.

The first of these is to keep track of all disbursements, in other words, follow a budget plan. Through that find out if you are wasting money; if so, stop the leak.

The concluding thought I wish to leave is that Thrift is not easy. It is hard work to save unless you have a regular systematic savings plan. If you would get ahead, decide upon the amount to be saved, then bank it every payday, just the same as though it were any other bill which must be paid. Following this plan for a few months will so fix the habit that the plan may be made effective without inconvenience and with splendid results. Thrift means frugality, economy. To be thrifty one must be willing to "pay the price" by practicing frugality and economy, and reaping the rewards of saving and investing.

### WEDDED

We are informed, this week, of the marriage of Miss Mary Mae Akers to Clarence Hunt of Astoria, Ore. some time ago. The marriage was a surprise to their friends in Vernonia. A number of young people surprised them by walking in on them last Saturday night and congratulating them and staying until late, when they were served with ice cream and refreshments at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Akers. The young couple will make their home in Astoria.

### RED CROSS MEETING

The annual meeting of A. R. C. will be held in the court house at St. Helens Monday evening, Jan. 26th for the purpose of electing the new officers for this next year's work. A report on the past year's activities will be discussed. Every person who has paid the membership dues of \$1 during the Roll Call is entitled to a vote and should attend if possible. Columbia county has accomplished much this past year, has put on an ambitious program as any county in the state and it is hoped an even better year is ahead of the chapter. It is hoped people will keep up their interest and turn out well the 26th.

### "LETTER FOLLOWS"

The editor of a nearby paper once received a very fine chicken, which he supposing to be a token of appreciation from a discriminating reader, took home and enjoyed for dinner. The following day he received this letter: "Dear Editor: Yesterday I sent you a chicken in order to settle a dispute which had arisen here. Can you tell what the chicken died off?"

Many new people arriving in Vernonia every week. The adding of a night shift at the big mill brought many new families.

## STIFF JOLT GIVEN DRY LAW BREAKER

Total of 45 Year in Pen on Three Indictments

(From Hillsboro Independent)  
A sentence was imposed in the circuit court Tuesday which is likely to cause gentlemen engaged in the various branches of the liquor business to sit up and take notice, for it is a reminder that the profitable pastime of making and selling booze may have a kick-back as hard as the product made and peddled.

Heretofore manufacturers and peddlers ferreted out by the officers have suffered no more inconvenience than a fine which could be charged to overhead or a few months retirement in the county jail where the hours were whiled away in congenial company, and sometimes both. But this week's proceedings give a hint that "them days are gone forever."

Joseph Stimac faced four indictments alleging various dry law violations when he appeared in court for trial. He had previously been arranged and pleaded not guilty. This week he experienced a change of heart and expressed a wish to change his plea to guilty and waive time for sentence. His wish was granted and this is what he drew:

Indictment No. 1, 15 years in the penitentiary and pay a fine of \$1.

Indictment No. 2, ditto.

Indictment No. 3, also ditto.

Or a matter of 45 years behind the bars and fines of \$3.

And for good measure the sentence on indictment No. 4 was a fine of \$500 and costs.

The hardest jolt always has a soft side, and this was no exception, although it was hard to notice, for the penitentiary sentences are to run concurrently, which means that Stimac must serve 15 years instead of 45.

## LETS MAKE THE TOWN PRESENTABLE AND HEALTHY

As February, the short month, approaches, one is reminded that it is often termed "Wall Paper month". That implies improvements to home—not only new wall paper, but paint and decorations and work toward the "home beautiful". Every home is more homelike when it's appearance is inviting. So with a city. Every nicely painted home is an asset to the entire town. Some of our business houses and prominent corners are sadly in need of paint or something to make them inviting, cheerful and presentable. All over town we find dirty alleys and back yards, boxes, cans, piles of old lumber. If we can only get the clean-up habit once it will always be easier to clean. Vernonia can be a beautiful home city very easy. It is up to each and every individual. Appearance counts—how shall we be counted.

## EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Sunday School will meet at the usual hour for the study of the lesson. Every child not attending Sunday School elsewhere is urged to attend. Adults are invited to join the adult Bible class.

The Christian Endeavor Society meets at 6:30 p. m. and all young people will be received cordially.

At the eleven o'clock service the pastor will speak on the subject "Reconstruction" based on Nehemiah 2:17-20. The theme of the evening service will be based upon the question "Will the Heathen Who Have Never Heard the Gospel be Saved?" A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

## VERNONIA CITY MARSHAL

The city council recently appointed Mr. Timmons as city marshal and Mr. Timmons declined the position. On Tuesday night the council met and appointed W. J. Kelly as city marshal. Mr. Kelly has been in Vernonia over a year, and has been doing contract work most of the time. He is a man well liked by his acquaintances and a man who generally keeps busy. We see no fault with the appointment and Mr. Kelly should make a good officer. Messrs. Smith and Culbertson are the outgoing officials—both good men. It would be hard to find a more alert man in Oregon on the moonshine and dope violators than Mr. Culbertson. He knows them and he gets them.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY BANKERS MEET AND EAT IN RAINIER

Vernonia Banker is President

The Bankers of Columbia county met in Rainier last Monday night, and organized the "Columbia County Banker's Association", which will work as one unit of the Oregon Banker's Association. The meeting, which was well attended, was the best and most instructive and beneficial ever held in the county. Mr. Andrew Miller, Field Secretary of the Oregon Banker's Association was present to deliver a good talk along constructive lines, and splendid speeches were made by Mr. Ambrose, Cashier of Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and Mr. Greenwood, Mgr. of Federal Reserve Bank of Portland. One of the best numbers of the evening's program was the magnificent banquet served in splendid style by the Domestic Science class of the Rainier High school. Officers elected for the Columbia County Banker's Association are:

President, W. O. Galaway, president of the Bank of Vernonia.

Vice-President, H. A. Childs, vice-president of State Bank of Rainier.

Secretary, R. W. Seed, cashier of Clatskanie State Bank.

Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Wood, president State Bank of Rainier.

## GOOD LETTER SLIGHTLY CONDEMNS EAGLE STORY

The Eagle, last week, editorially spoke of a recent arrest in Vernonia. In our mention of moonshine, dope and unlawful habits and evils associates, we mentioned the opinion that one young man receiving a jail term was well educated, a good musician and should and could be at the top of the ladder as well as at the bottom. The letter from him strengthens our opinion of him as well as our opinion of the habits and unlawful advocates. Our sympathies are with "Mac", and it would please us to aid him in any way. His letter follows:

St. Helens, Oregon,  
Friday, Jan. 9, 1925

Mr. Paul Robinson,  
Vernonia, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

"An account of my arrest and incarceration, in your publication of this date, has come to my attention, and I beg to correct one of the statements contained therein.

"The charge preferred against me was the sale of liquor, to which I pled guilty, and for which I received the sentence mentioned. I did not, however, plead guilty to the most outrageous charge of supplying young boys with narcotics, and although before the court the arresting officer expatiated most eloquently upon his premises concerning my activities in this connection, no mention thereof was made in the charge to which I pled guilty. I feel that your account of the matter was grossly misleading, in that my culpability did not extend as far as "dope", and I would be gratified to have the reading public apprised of the fact. This should by no means be construed as a supplication for sympathy, my error was my own.

"I am most willing to concede all rights and claim to sympathy, it is prompted solely by my desire that the public know the truth, and that my guilt be not exaggerated by the zeal of most worthy vice crusaders.

"Allow me to commend you on the subject in the same issue, and to augment with my personal experience your own excellent logic embraced in that article."

Sincerely,  
Donald F. Lucas

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

10:00 a. m.: Sunday School.

11:00 a. m.: Preaching.

6:30 p. m.: Endeavor.

7:30 p. m.: Preaching.

Mr. Swanders of Portland will deliver the sermons.

All are cordially invited to attend all meetings.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

There will be preaching services again this Sunday, at the Rose Theatre, at 3 o'clock p. m. Everybody is invited, and you will surely be interested in what you are going to hear.

A. W. Petersen is improving his new store on the corner of Third and Bridge Streets with new windows.

## BIG MILL AT VERNONIA NOW RUNNING NIGHT SHIFT

With the big 40 acre pond full of logs, the camps operating and a good lumber market—business for Vernonia shows some signs of improving. The O-A. Mill which employs many men every day is now starting a second shift. This week they put on a good number of extra men running at night a short side of the big plant. The shift will gradually be enlarged until a full crew will work nights.

## NEW ORGANIST

Miss Agnes O'Malley, of Portland arrived this week to be our Organist at the Majestic Theatre. Miss O'Malley has just finished an enjoyment at the largest theatre in Yakima. The Majestic Concerts are certainly fine.

## A COMMUNITY CANNOT LIVE WITHIN ITSELF

The following timely article is from the Mississippi Builder, which is doing a good work for the state of Mississippi:

"During the 18 years that the writer has been engaged in publicity work, we have visited hundreds of cities, towns and communities, among which we have found a few that thought they could live without the cooperation of the rest of the world. These communities have never amounted to much, in fact they have grown smaller, until they have been lost in the progress of the communities that were seeking the cooperation of others and forging ahead. Yet, sometimes the backward ones wake up to the necessity of getting on the band wagon of progress.

"No, a community cannot live within itself, for no matter what the resources are or the advantages possessed, there must be an outlet somewhere. A progressive spirit of co-operation with others must be instilled and inoculated into the minds of the people, so that all progressive movements may have the right support for good. If you, as a community, will not do anything in co-operation with your neighbor, your neighbor will not do anything for you. You cannot go out and invite people to come in, and tell them that they must forsake the rest of the world. The markets of trade are like unto an endless chain covering the whole world, and if you let it go by without catching on, you are side-tracked and soon forgotten. The greatness and upbuilding of your community are just what you, as a citizen, make it."

What the builder says is true, and it is also the case with individuals. They cannot live alone, but must cooperate with one another. In fact, the man, the community or the nation which lives for self alone, will never broaden nor flourish, nor achieve that for which they were intended.—Newton (Miss.) Record.

## Tearing Down Vs. Building

Bickering, fault-finding and back biting will retard the growth of any town or city. There can never be any lasting prosperity where those factors are uppermost in the minds of a considerable portion of the people. Consideration and energetic co-operation will materially advance the interests in any community. Those form the groundwork of all great municipalities.

Natural advantages have much to do with community achievement, but natural advantages alone will not suffice. Co-operation is an essential element, but it never marches side by side with fault finding and bickering. The latter are destroyers, not builders; they tear down instead of building up.

Possible we are not overburdened with the destroying element in this community, but such as we have is entirely too much.

Community advancement means personal security of the individual and this is best achieved through energetic and persistent co-operation.

Tearing down or building up— which side are you identified with? Alma Center (Wis.) News.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Van Alstaine left for Portland this week, to make their home there.

Dr. Eda Wight is in Portland today on a professional visit.

## HILL ACADEMY TO PLAY IN COLUMBIA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Lower Columbia Basketball league, comprising the high school teams of Vernonia, Rainier, St. Helens, Clatskanie, Scappoose and Hill Military Academy of Portland opened January 9, with Scappoose, at Vernonia, Hill Military at St. Helens, and Rainier at Clatskanie.

The team having the highest percentage at the end of the season will meet the winner from the Astoria district on a neutral floor, March 6, to determine the representative to the state tournament at Salem March 13. Following is the official schedule:

Jan. 16—Vernonia at Rainier, Scappoose at Hill Military, St. Helens at Clatskanie.

Jan. 23—Vernonia at St. Helens, Hill Military at Clatskanie, Rainier at Scappoose.

Jan. 27—Clatskanie at Vernonia, Rainier at Hill Military, St. Helens at Scappoose.

Jan. 30—Vernonia at Hill Military, St. Helens at Rainier, Clatskanie at Scappoose.

Feb. 6—Vernonia at Clatskanie, Hill Military at Rainier, Scappoose at St. Helens.

Feb. 13—Vernonia at Scappoose, St. Helens at Hill Military, Clatskanie at Rainier.

Feb. 20—Rainier at Vernonia, Hill Military at Scappoose, Clatskanie at St. Helens.

Feb. 23—Hill Military at Vernonia, Scappoose at Clatskanie, St. Helens at Rainier.

Feb. 27—St. Helens at Vernonia, Clatskanie at Hill Military, Scappoose at Rainier.

## IN HULLA HULLA LAND

We received, this week, a copy of the Honolulu Advertiser, sent us by Mr. Cleveland and wife who are visiting the Islands. The Advertiser is about the size of any of our Mainland big daily papers and the reading, ads and pictures the same, in fact, going to Honolulu is the same as going to Vancouver or Mexico City as far as American customs are concerned. Over in Honolulu they have the same makes of autos and clothes, the same eats, the same Hoot Gibson and picture shows, the same funny sheet in the Sunday papers. But their climate is milder, their fruit more tropical, the water is warmer. Hulu Hulu dances and such are found in America more than the territory of Hawaii.

## EXPECT BIG YEAR

Auto manufacturers are now fixing their quota of production for 1925 and they are doing so very carefully. Last January they made their figures too high, and had to retrench before the summer was over, because people did not go "auto crazy" like they did in 1923. This year prices will be lower and, makers believe, the country more prosperous. There will be more spending money, they declare, and farm products will bring better prices. We hope they are right and we also hope that a liberal measure of the prosperity they predict will hit Vernonia. Not that we want our people to spend their surplus in buying autos, though that is never a poor investment. But we want them to have their share of all the good things that are going around, and we hope the auto makers are right when they say prosperity is going to be general throughout the entire country.

## HONOR PUPILS

The following pupils of the Vernonia High school having earned 90 per cent, or better, in each subject taken during the first semester and in department were excused from all the final examinations:

Robert Hoffman, Buford Wilkerson and Lillian Condit, seniors; Louise Malmsten and Lois Malmsten, juniors; Louis Schmidlin, Anna Rea Webster, Russell Mills, Dudley Spencer, Jessie George, and Amy Hughes, Sophomores; Anna Aamodt, Helen Hieber, and Ward Gooding, freshmen.

## 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.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWSPAPER MEN IN BIG MEETING

Five States and Canada to Be Represented at Portland Conference.

Portland, Oregon.—Plans are now taking form for the Pacific Slope Newspaper conference to be held here this summer when newspaper men from all parts of British Columbia, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington assemble to discuss matters of general interest to the profession in the Pacific territory.

Representatives from each of the Pacific states have been asked to attend the annual University of Washington Newspaper institute in Seattle February 5, 6 and 7, when, it is planned, details of the conference will be worked out and presented to the newspaper men.

Three days will be taken for consideration of matters to come before next summer's conference. The first day will be given over to general interests, the second to individual states for their annual meetings and for discussion of issues brought before general sessions and the third for general legislation by the entire body.

Portland has been chosen because it is the most central city in the states involved, capable of caring for such a convention. As a city, Portland is worth visiting. It is a city of beautiful homes and gardens, splendid business sections, manufacturing districts and scenic attractions.

George L. Baker, mayor of the city, has promised that every effort will be made to handle the convention in the best possible manner and that the editors will find a hearty welcome here.

There has been further discussion on the building of a post club house which is to be built this summer.

Seven new buddies have become members of the Vernonia post, they are as follows, Schooley, Timmons, Dyer, McGee, Rose, Theranet, and Bloant.

Some of the members have received their insurance policies from the U. S. Government. Blanks for application can be had at Legion headquarters and information regarding same.

The drum and bugle corps, will be getting into shape for the summer activities, and it may be of interest to some people to know that a large house two miles out in the country has been selected for their domicile.

## THE BUSY MAN'S CREED

I believe in the suff I am handing out, in the firm I am working for, and in my ability to get results. I believe that honest stuff can be passed out to honest men by honest methods. I believe in working, not weeping; in boosting, not kicking, and in the pleasure of my job. I believe that a man gets what he goes after, that one deed done today is worth two deeds tomorrow, and that no man is down and out until he has lost faith in himself. I believe in today and the work I am doing; in tomorrow and the work I hope to do, and in the sure reward which the future holds.

I believe in courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in good-cheer, in friendship and in honest competition. I believe there is something doing, somewhere, for every man ready to do it. I believe I'm ready—RIGHT NOW!—Elbert Hubbard.

Vernonia regrets losing the Campbell family who are leaving this week.

