

## MOUHPICE of the NEHALEM VALLEY

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### STATE LAW-MAKERS PROMPTLY ORGANIZE

#### Bills Offered to Abolish Offices of Market Agent and Prohibition Commissioner

Salem.—While very little of importance was accomplished aside from organization during the first week's session of the state legislature, yet if the celerity with which both houses organized is an indication of the manner in which the business of the session is to be conducted both houses should have no difficulty in completing their labors within the forty-day period. Organization was completed without the factional fights which have marked some previous sessions, so there will be no trail of bitterness to clog the legislative wheels. Gus C. Moser of Multnomah county was selected to preside over the senate and Denton G. Burdick, representative of Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties, was elected speaker of the house. Both presiding officers were named without opposition.

Although there was an undercurrent of opinion when the legislature assembled that there would be no concerted effort to attack the administration of Governor Pierce, yet within an hour after the joint session before which the governor had delivered his message dissolved bills appeared which attacked pet projects of the governor. Senators Rittner and Taylor sponsored a measure abolishing the office of state market agent and Representative North introduced in the house a bill doing away with the same office and also that of the prohibition commissioner. In his message the governor vigorously defended Market Agent C. E. Spence and his department and he also praised the work of Prohibition Commissioner Cleaver.

#### May Restrict Appointive Power.

The controversies that have been raging between the executive and the fish and game commissions for several months past may culminate in an effort to divest the governor of the appointive power over the two commissions and the Port of Portland, and placing it in the legislature.

There is much sentiment in both houses against placing the appointive power in the legislature on the ground that it constitutes an invasion of the prerogatives of the executive. In other words it is contended that it constitutes an encroachment of the legislature upon the executive and administrative field.

Much of the governor's message dealt with taxation problems. He advocated a repeal of the millage highway tax, enactment of legislation providing for a severance tax; suggested a tax upon certain forms of amusement enterprises, and urged that all moneys collected by state commissions be turned into the state treasury.

A plea for additional safeguarding of the irreducible school fund was made, as was the recommendation that the state industrial insurance plan be made compulsory in all hazardous occupations.

Need of a reformatory for younger prisoners now in the penitentiary was also stressed.

#### Income Tax Repeal Regretted.

The governor expressed regret at the repeal of the income tax law, and urged upon the legislators the wisdom of passing some other similar law to equalize the tax burden, recommending as its model the South Carolina law which provides that every taxpayer shall pay in state income levy one-third the sum he pays under the federal income tax.

As an example of how easily much-needed legislation can be passed, both houses took house bill 32 and made it a law within a very few minutes after it was introduced. The bill gave the necessary authority for the state to pay senators and representatives their per diem and mileage allowances, as well as meet other expenses of the session, the sum of \$25,000 being voted.

A senate resolution calling for an investigation of State Prohibition Director Cleaver's department was promptly adopted by the house.

The committee that will investigate George L. Cleaver's administration of the state prohibition department will comprise ten members, five from the house and five from the senate.

The house committee will be Rushlight, Hurlburt, Lonergan, Swan and

Fitzmaurice, and the committee is Garland, Eddy, Butler, Johnson and Hare. The investigating committee will have wide powers. It may subpoena witnesses and take their testimony under oath and may hold hearings wherever it desires, though most of them are expected to be in Salem. Early action will be taken so that the findings and recommendations of the committee may be filed with the legislature well ahead of the final week.

Ratification of the child labor amendment to the federal constitution is going to meet with strong opposition.

Friends of the amendment took a poll of the house and stopped with 33 emphatic negatives registered against it, two more than enough to defeat ratification. In the senate the positive negative sentiment was not registered so clearly, although there was enough openly hostile votes to bring the amendment within one or two votes of defeat.

Arrangements have been made for a joint session of the senate judiciary committee and the house committee on resolutions on the evening of January 28, for a public hearing on the bill ratifying the child labor amendment to the United States constitution.

Indications are that the event will attract to the state house one of the largest assemblages during the present legislative session.

Something should be done to remedy abuses in the pardoning power, permitted by the present law, in the opinion of a large number of members of the legislature.

#### Abolish Budget Commission.

Abolishment of the state budget commission as now constituted and transference of the duties of that department to the state board of control with a full time executive secretary is recommended by the budget commission in its report to the state legislature.

The budget commission believes that the present budget law is inadequate to meet the needs of the state in producing a satisfactory budget and believes that the establishment of a full-time budget department only will bring about the desired results.

Curbing of the present promiscuous system of salary adjustments is also contemplated by the report in a recommendation that all fees collected by the various state departments be thrown into the general fund and direct appropriations made from that fund for the administration of the departments.

Portents of strife over normal schools are appearing. Oregon now has one normal, located at Monmouth, and this institution desires a substantial sum for enlargement and improvements. There is also a demand for the creation of other normals, one in southern Oregon and one in eastern Oregon. Self-interest will supply the friction which will come over these matters.

#### Road Bills to be Numerous.

Highway legislation will be voluminous. There will be bills to increase the tax on gasoline; bills to reduce the motor vehicle license fees; bills for permanent franchises for bus lines; bills regulating headlights; bills for having the state police the highways and prohibit "speed traps" in small towns; bills to amend the state market road law so that counties can use these funds for matching state and federal road money, and fully a score of other highway measures. Their name will be legion.

A measure will authorize the highway commission to issue bonds up to the 4 per cent constitutional limitation. The commission has such authority now but wants it made more specific. The governor wants to repeal the 1/4 mill road tax and there is a bill to have this tax devoted to buying parks and scenic points on state highways.

#### Legislative Brevities.

Senator Johnson of Benton introduced a bill providing that the dates for paying taxes in Oregon be changed from April 5 to May 5.

With 16 senators supporting it on a rising vote, the senate went on record as favoring the leasing of Muscle Shoals as against its operation as a government project.

Because of the many errors that have been discovered in laws enacted at previous sessions of the legislature the senate this year has employed an expert proof reader to pass on all bills before they are engrossed.

A stringent regulation of country dance halls would be enforced under a house bill introduced by Swan of Linn county.

Three full pardons, eight reprieves,

### Going to Pave

It would be a good idea to enjoy the mud all you can while it is really muddy; those fond of chuck holes and bumps should drive over Bridge street often while the privilege is theirs, as this is the last opportunity you'll have to enjoy sloop on Vernonia's Main street. We understand that legal matters pertaining to paving are underway, and it is hoped to have all particulars so adjusted that contracts can soon be let for the paving of all Bridge street this very early spring. The Eagle believes the black top paving will prove satisfactory.

17 commutations of sentence and 36 conditional pardons were granted to persons convicted of felonies in Oregon by Governor Pierce during the first two years of his administration. This was set out in a report submitted to the legislature.

Senator Strayer has presented a bill which would authorize counties to apply market road funds to some roads that have been designated as state highways, but which are really market roads. It is the same measure he introduced in 1923, when the house defeated it because Strayer wouldn't support a tourist appropriation.

Senator Eddy is author of two school bills that also may get warm receptions. One specifies certain fundamental subjects for the high school curriculum and the other provides for the establishment of junior colleges in high school districts if the people of the district so elect. The schools would offer two years of college work following the school course.

W. C. Pittman has charge of the O.-A. planing mill succeeding Mr. Waltman. Mr. Pittman was formerly with the Edward Hines Lumber Co. at Lumberton, Miss.

R. McKillip, who has been with the O.-A. mill has been promoted to night timber dock foreman.

### THE NEW STAR

Literally thousands of people have stormed the show rooms of western Star dealers, with their curiosity aroused to its highest pitch over the Star car's "Million Dollar Motor", with which the new 1925 model are being powered.

It has been pronounced a decided sensation, performing wonders in the hands of private owners and demonstrators, and will unquestionably prove one of the greatest advancements that light car manufacturers have ever turned out.

The new million dollar motor, ranked as the most powerful of its kind and which sets new manufacturing customs in smaller motor construction, with the finest possible finish throughout, has been tried and tested in every way, and the factory officials of the Durant Motor Company of California, in commenting on the showing being made by the cars themselves in the hands of dealers, wired to Vernonia Brazing Works, the local Star Dealers, that "you are only experiencing the same sensation we have had time and time again in our own demonstrations. With this new motor, Star will in 1925 build its biggest business year, and will rise mighty near the top of the list in sales of light cars."

The same greeting has been given the new power plant locally, that has been evidenced throughout the country, according to the Brazing Works force. "We have tried the new cars, with the new motors, in every way that we could, and over some of the best hills in the surrounding country, and can back up every statement that is made about it's power," he they said yesterday. "We have also seen the power plants torn down, in our own shops and in the factory, and can pronounce it containing some of the finest manufacture that we have seen in a light car's power plant."

### ROSE AVENUE PROSPECTS FOR BEST RESIDENT SECTION OF BUSY CITY

#### Wide Boulevard Should Be Extended Straight North to Keasey Road

The widest street in Vernonia now graveled for several blocks, the main route into the city and good property improvements anticipated for both sides of the street within the city limits is going to make Rose Avenue the principal resident street of that part of Vernonia. And that isn't all. Rose avenue will eventually be extended south to the Keasey road and on to Keasey—this should be accomplished this spring. And that isn't all. A new addition is being planned and desirable home lots will soon be put on the market on Rose Avenue at the south end of City limits. These lots will go fast. Then laying aside facts and speaking of rumors, imagine the desirability of Rose Avenue lots should the Inman-Poulsen or other interests build the big mill a mile south where the Avenue would touch? Rose Avenue home owners have reason to be proud of their location, and all there are energetic in "fixing up" and paint will be used extensively on the beautiful homes this early spring.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Christian church services are held in the auditorium of the high school.

10:00 a. m.: Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m.: Preaching.  
6:30 p. m.: Endeavor.  
7:30 p. m.: Preaching.  
J. F. Ghormley of Portland will preach both 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 sure be interested in what you are going to hear.

### EVANGELICAL CHURCH

All classes will meet at the usual hour for the study of the Sunday school lesson. The Christian Endeavor Society meets at 6:30 p. m. At the 11:00 o'clock service the pastor will speak on the subject "The Second Calamity of the Jews." The subject for the evening service will be "The Personal Call of the Teacher". All services promise to be of considerable interest and the public is invited to all of them. H. G. H.

### REPORT OF ANNUAL ROLL CALL OF RED CROSS

At the last meeting of the executive board of the American Red Cross, the following report was given of the returns from the Annual Roll Call as received from the various sections of the country. Although there may yet be some that have not remitted, the following is the amounts received to date:

Scappoose	\$115.00
South Scappoose	18.00
Scappoose Camp	108.00
Willark	49.60
Deer Island	38.00
Deer Island Camp	30.00
Rainier	111.00
Clatskanie	95.00
Clatskanie (Snider's Mill)	8.00
Quincy	26.55
Cedar Grove	10.00
Alder Grove	3.00
Goble	42.00
Near City	12.00
Columbia City	24.00
St. Helens	704.50
Vernonia	85.00
Yankton	8.68
Marshland	8.00
Apiary & Fernhill	14.00
Mist	12.00
Mayjer	54.00
TOTAL	\$1657.35

Of this sum \$367.50 goes to the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Frel Jensen, Treas. Col. Chap. A. R. C.

Two lots at the corner of Maple and Weed Ave. were sold this week to Harry Culbertson who will erect a large blacksmith and machine shop. Good location.

A. C. Hemphill, Western sales agent of the Oregon-American, was here from Portland Saturday.

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 19, 1925

Mr. Paul Robinson, Editor, Vernonia Eagle, Dear Mr. Robinson:

Some one was good enough to mail me a copy of the splendid Christmas edition of the Vernonia Eagle. I appreciate the thoughtful courtesy as it was a real pleasure to receive it, and I have read it over very carefully not omitting the many display advertisements as they gave a good index to the class of business men which go to make up the prosperity of your section, and the class of advertising it contained, speaks eloquently for the future of Vernonia. Probably no factor in the development of any community has the same importance, than a news paper properly edited and it is evident you have the vision of what a news paper should be and are filling the field in a creditable way and it appears from the advertisements your business men appreciate what you are doing. It is to be hoped and you probably will receive the reward your able efforts merit.

Yours very truly,  
F. E. Beach

The following Encouraging item was left at this office, written by some one ashamed to sign their name. If you don't know his name you know his opinions, his thoughts, his policies. There are several like him—and he thinks he's right:

"The Vernonia Eagle is a Bum Paper.

#### Reasons:

1. It thinks it is the best paper in the state.
2. Poor printing.
3. Too much gossip.

Signed: Vernonia People in General. Dare you to print this."

### ST. HELENS MASONS TO VISIT VERNONIA

At their meeting Saturday night the St. Helens Lodge A. F. & A. M. accepted an invitation from Vernonia lodge No. 184 to be present at their meeting Thursday night, January 29. The local lodge will take over their degree team and confer degrees on several candidates. The Vernonia lodge is the youngest lodge in the Columbia county but has a membership of about 50 and indications are that it will be one of the largest lodges in point of membership before many months. A petition has been presented by a number of Masons at Scappoose, who wish to organize a Masonic lodge at Scappoose. A number of members of the local lodge reside in Scappoose.—Mist.

### RELIEF CORPS MEETS

John Bucher Relief Corps met in regular session January 15. At noon a bountiful lunch was served to visitors and members. In the afternoon with Mrs. Minnie T. Horseman, of Portland, as installing officer and Mrs. Lizzie Parker, as conductor, they installed the following officers: Pres. Mrs. Gladys Smith; Sr. V.-P., Mrs. Minnie Hall; Jr. V.-P., Mrs. Kate McDonald; Sec'y., Mrs. Alma Mills; Treas., Mrs. Emma Greener; Chaplain, Mrs. Emma Weed; Conductor, Mrs. May Mellinger; Ass't. Conductor, Mrs. Dorcas Bays; Guard, Mrs. Minnie Johns; Ess't. Guard, Mrs. Mamie Lane; Organist, Mrs. Alice Lindsey; Color Bearers, Mesdames Stella Munger, Lizzie Parker, Sarah Smith and Irene Spencer; Press Croc spondent, Mrs. Alice Gooding. Any member having in their possession an official badge please return it at once to Mrs. Alice Mills, Sec'y. Delegates to the convention at Oregon City in June are Mrs. Stella Munger and Mrs. May Mellinger. Alternates Mrs. Mamie Hall and Mrs. Aldrich. Alice Gooding, P. C.

### AMERICA YET FREE AGENT, SAYS HUGHES

#### Secretary Denies War Debt Settlement Imposed Obligations on United States.

Washington, D. C. — Secretary Hughes issued Monday a formal statement asserting that the agreement reached in Paris at the conference of the allied finance ministers imposed no obligation, "legally or morally," on the United States and that this country remains as free from commitments in European matters as it ever was.

The statement said the full text of the agreement signed by Ambassador Kellogg and the other American representatives would be made public as soon as it was received here.

Mr. Hughes' statement was said by White House officials to have the full approval of President Coolidge, who it was said had been fully advised of all angles of the controversy.

The resolution asking for a copy of the agreement, proposed by Senator Johnson, republican, California, is pending in the senate with the approval of others of the irreconcilable veterans of the Versailles treaty fight. From these and other quarters the state department has heard charges that the Paris agreement signed by Ambassador Kellogg, the secretary of state designate, had drawn the United States officially into an involvement against which it had been guarding itself ever since the close of the war.

#### QUERY AND ANSWER SERVICE

Ask the Eagle any question you want to know and we will attempt to answer it each week after this in a column known as "Query and Answer Column". Remember this will run every week for awhile. Send in your questions. No matter how perplexing your question is it will be answered in turn as we receive them and have room for them. Historical questions, love questions, silly questions, dates, etc. Watch for our Query and Answer column each week.

### Schools

The names of Veldon Parker and Ralph Peck, members of the freshman class, should have been included in the list of honor students published last week.

The V. H. S. Basketball Team played the Rainier High School at Rainier Friday night and received a rather bad defeat, the score being 23-9 in favor of Rainier. The Vernonia boys were handicapped because they had always played on a small floor and the Gym. floor at Rainier is very large. In the first half of the game Rainier scored most of her points but in the second half the game was more even. Friday night the boys play at St. Helens. Here they expect a different score.

The girls were disappointed in not being able to play Friday since Rainier has no team, but they expect to be on their job at St. Helens next Friday night. Last year they won the county championship. That was more than they expected for the first year but this year they expect to go even higher. Their aim is Lower Columbia River Championship and maybe higher.

Monday was the beginning of the new semester and the members of the studentbody after some narrow escapes and a few failures last term resolved to do better work.

The Vernonia High School has taken advantage of the Bible Study Course and all students who wish may take this work and receive credits if they pass an examination given by the state department of education. This work, however, must be done outside of school and it is expected that some person in the community will conduct the class.

### 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.