

MOUTHPIECE of the NEHALEM VALLEY

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## PAVING SURE

**PAVING TO START SOON AS POSSIBLE**

People by a More Than Four to One Vote Let It Be Known They Want Bridge Street Paved

Last Monday the people of Vernonia voted on raising money by General Obligation Bonds to pave the intersections on Bridge street, the main business street of Vernonia. There were 122 votes polled, which is considered light, 95 were for and 27 against. The legal matters pertaining to the paving will now be rushed in accordance to the wish of the majority, and it is hoped that all arrangements can be made to start actual paving some time early in May. The mud has long been the biggest daw-back to Vernonia, and it is indeed pleasant to think we are going to soon get relief.

## SHE'S A PRETTY GOOD TOWN

**We Want To Improve**

Any suggestions to make the home paper better? We strive to please all by quality and quantity of straight matter. Any kicks or suggestions are certainly welcome and asked for. If you don't like us, tell us why.

## VERNONIA BOYS MAKE GOOD BASKETBALL AVERAGE

**Basket Ball Season Ends**

The St. Helens basket ball game concluded the basket ball games for the year. This years team was good one and though they had some hard luck they ran up a larger score than their opponents and probably a larger score than any team in the district. Below is a brief record of the games played:

Scappoose	15	Vernonia	14
Rainier	23	"	9
Hill M. A.	31	"	14
St. Helens	14	"	12
Clatskanie	8	"	31
Scappoose	15	"	10
Clatskanie	12	"	31
Rainier	11	"	8
Hill M. A.	19	"	31
St. Helens	20	"	24

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The fact that Vernonia did such good playing at the end of the season and that only one player will be lost should mean a winning team for next year.

### What Would You Like to Know?

If you want to know how to read, read Ruskin.

If you want to know what to read, read Ruskin.

If you want to know whether or not you are a true Christian, read Ruskin.

If you want to know where the laborer gets his amusement, read Ruskin.

The Senior English class are finding the answer to all of these questions and many others by reading Ruskin's "Sesame and Lillies."

The prizes for the best salesman in the Country Gentleman campaign were given out last Wednesday. Jessie George, with seven subscriptions and Alma De Hart, with six, headed the list and each renewal a miniature fountain pen. Each of the following students obtained three subscriptions and were awarded automatic pencils: Amy Hughes, Lena Wiles, Anna Henkelman, Dorothy Watts, Ida Mae Hawkins, Cleo Simons, Velden Parker and Dudley Spencer. The school made about forty dollars which will be used for athletic equipment. The two losing teams will give the winning (Katzjammer Kids) a feed next week.

### Some Student's Expression of Peter Pan

The thing I noticed most in the play was the spirited youth. When Peter Pan was fighting the captain of the pirates, the captain said he must be fighting a devil who could not be killed. Peter Pan answered by saying eternal youth would conquer anything.

Peter Pan realized what most children do not, that childhood days are the best. He wanted to stay

## AMERICAN LEGION

Columbia County Legionaire Get Together

St. Helens members visit Vernonia Post. Fourth of July celebration discussed. As per agreement of the various Chamber of Commerce, St. Helens, Vernonia, Rainier and Clatskanie. It falls on St. Helens to celebrate 1925. The Vernonia Post is asked by the St. Helens Legion to help and assist in the big national day celebration.

American Legion, St. Helens, will put on a celebration assisted by the various Posts of Columbia County. Vernonia Post allowed concessions and invited to be represented by Drum Corps and members of the Post.

Comrades J. C. Uriea and Mr. Donald praise Vernonia Post from every angle. They say we are alive and out for the betterment of the community at large.

### Scanty Sense

Solemn ceremonies followed the regular meeting.

The Royal Baboom's ascension to the throne was the most gorgeous affair ever witnessed "North of 36." After being seated, he stretch out in luxurious ease. His subjects, the flying apes, loyally stood attention until given the command of "REST."

"Hinkey dinkey pollez vou," just as the song ended some 43 members of the flying apes struggled to their feet, and stood at attention, for no one else but the Royal Baboom himself was to address the gathering. His address or speech was wonderful, so wonderful that it give me the willies to even think about it. The only thing I can now recall from his speech was that, "A cat has nine lives, but a frog croaks every night."

The spaghetti, served by chef-de-gare, Shields, was excellent, but some of the smaller apes found difficulty in swallowing same on account of sand speget getting caught in their tonsils.

The swan dance followed the banquet, with an oriental twang, the orchestra opened up with a selection from "Logengrins," raspberry, and under a full moon the dancers whirled forth, swaying gently to the music. Their steps were original, in fact too original. Simply gorgeous were the costumes.

The pink gorilla gushed all over himself so tickled was he with the dance these babies pulled off. Only he queered the detail by trying to borrow ten berries from one of the dancers, a few minutes after the dance was over.

One might ask, "Are these flying apes intellectual?" Then one can judge by the reavy literature which they read during their spare minutes at the LEGION HALL. Such books on psychology and psychoanalysis and books by Wehawkin, which deals with the fur traders crimes, before the war of 1912 period.

I do not believe there is such an active post, any where else in the world, as that of the American Legion Post-119, Vernonia.

We believe and know our country is the best; that Vernonia is a good town to live in, and that we wish to help keep it so; that the American Legion, as the friend, the champion of all ex-service men, and has the welfare of the community at heart.

The Legion argues principals, not details. Those principals are based on a conviction of a national need. They are bound to win.

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young always ad have fun, the fun that only youth knows. Youth is unmarried by thoughts of the material world and the things it holds.

The fight that the children had with the pirates, although it is very impossible, gives us a very good illustration of youth and righteousness conquering over age and evil. This shows us that there is something besides manual strength in winning fights. The same thing I would think, would apply to all life's fights and battles.

C. J. Petersen, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Petersen, and W. D. Cooley, of Tacoma, were week end visitors in Vernonia.

## PLAY BALL

**BASE BALL TEAM BEING ORGANIZED**

Manager Starts Work. The Directors Are Confident and the Public Appreciative.

On Sunday, March 22nd, at 10 a. m. the directors of the Vernonia Base Ball Club held a special meeting at Kullander's jewelry store to decide their plans for the coming season.

After thoroughly combing out the affairs of the season of 1924 they appointed Jack McJensen as manager of the team for the year 1925, and Vernonia looks forward for a long season of successful ball playing which McJensen fully understands is in great demand by both the public and the ball club. The baseball grounds were well looked over and seem to be in good shape barring a few slight repairs.

Mr. McJensen has come to Vernonia to make his home and works for the O.-A. Mill Co. in the mill. He comes from California and is widely known through practically every line of sport. Last year he managed the N. C. R. club team of Northern California and year 1923 the Samon Athletics of California, and in past two seasons his teams only met one defeat. The directors feel sure the new pilot for Vernonia will deliver the goods as he has done in the past for other town clubs.

What kind of a team do you anticipate putting on the diamond? was one of the questions asked by a director.

McJensen answer was, I do not guarantee you that Vernonia will not lose a game, but I do guarantee that with the co-operation of the ball team, its directors and its fans that Vernonia will be up with real fighting spirit, and who ever beats them will know they've been in a ball game.

What kind of material do you use?

100 per cent local talent, if possible, because the fans want local boys to play and local boys will furnish the goods just as well, if not better, than imports. I know from experience.

Practice will start Sunday 1 p. m. at the school grounds and benefit dance will take place at Coyle's Hall Saturday evening, April 4th. The directors with each and every citizen of Vernonia to get in line and boost Vernonia for a successful ball season. Co-operation is what's needed.

## BASE BALL STARTS WITH A DANCE

Saturday night, April 4th, is an April dance date to paste in your hat. On that night is the big Base Ball Benefit Dance. Secure your tickets early. It is expected that one of the largest crowds of the season will be for. There is no law against buying a ticket, even if you are too old and stiff to trip the light fastastic.

## EASTER NEAR

**Anniversary of Easter Brings Promise of Hope**

Life is the most valuable possession of man.

Money, position, home, family—none of these things is comparable with life. For without life there can be no enjoyment of other possessions.

Everything else will be given up for the privilege of retaining life.

It is in the springtime when life seems most worth living.

All nature is reviving, is being born again.

The singing of the birds, the blooming of the flowers, the awakening of the trees—on every hand there are signs of life that delight and inspire.

It is at this joyous time that the Easter season comes.

Easter day is in perfect harmony with this period.

It represents the spirit of hope, the promise of life.

For without this promise of a greater, broader life, the joy of living would be destroyed.

Life is not all happiness now.

There are sorrows and suffering, discouragements and disappointments.

But there is always hope—hope of a better time.

So the anniversary of the resurrection of the Christ comes as a renewal of our hope.

## GEO. SITTS DIES

Many were shocked to hear of the sudden death of George N. Sitts, who died apparently without awakening last Friday morning.

The funeral was held in Vernonia Monday afternoon. Mr. Sitts was well known by many in Vernonia, where he formerly lived and made many friends. George N. Sitts was born October 17th, 1880, in Lapeer county, Michigan, and came to Oregon with his parents in 1892. He leaves a wife, two children by a former marriage—George Sidney and Rose Josephine, and his parents of Vernonia, and two sisters residing in Portland. Sympathy of Vernonia acquaintances and neighbors is extended the relatives.

## THE MEETING OF THE W. B. A. HELD

Friday night was brief, more time being given to the banquet served in honor of the members who took part in the play "Not a Man in the House." Husbands, kiddies and friends partook freely of the glorious feed, after which the Junior Commander, Mrs. Powell gave a short program with the juniors. All present took an interesting part in the games. At the parting hour all agreed a very enjoyable evening had been spent.

## N CARD OF THANKS

We wish here to thank the many friends and acquaintances in Vernonia for their kind words of sympathy and offers if aid; for floral offerings and music at the funeral of our son, husband and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sitts, Mrs. Amy Sitts, Miss Rose, Mrs. Wagner, and Mrs. Porter.

## I Hear Her Calling Me



## SCHOOL NEWS

The school is elated over the fact that the district track and field meet is to be held in Vernonia.

The track men will get plenty of experience this year for in addition to the district meet it is planned to have an inter-class meet, a dual meet probably with St Helens. The track team also expects to take part in the meet to be held at Pacific University this spring.

Mr. Austin slipped and sprained his ankle severely last Friday while jumping without "spiked" shoes.

The cross country runners, after a month of training, are ready for the paper chase which is to be held Wednesday afternoon. This will be an exciting event as the foxes will be the fleetest students in the school.

Track and field practice is now in full swing with compulsory practice three nights in the week.

A great deal of interest is being taken in these events because the inter-class meet is to be held within two weeks. The Seniors and Sophomores team are to meet the team provided by the Freshmen and Juniors.

The track shoes and equipment arrived last week and already showing signs of wear on account of the intense practice.

Mrs. M. A. Petty of McMinnville is visiting at the home of her son R. C. Petty.

Mrs. Stella Monger, who has been ill, is reported convalescing.

Glen Hawkins was taken to a Portland hospital Monday for medical attention.

C. R. Watts has moved to his new home just south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russell of Rainier are visiting at home of Mrs. Russell's parents, J. H. Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Jackson have moved to their new home on the acreage recently purchased from Thomas Tucker on Rock Creek.

Huston Brendle of the Square Deal Garage was a business visitor in Portland Thursday.

The C. N. Neep family, former residents of Vernonia are moving back from Portland.

Mrs. E. E. Spencer returned home from a week's visit at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwick spent Sunday in Banks.

Merle Shipley spent Sunday in Hillsboro.

BORN—Saturday morning to Rev. and Mrs. Herrman, a boy. Everybody doing fine and Rev. Herrmann wearing a broad smile.

Edna Lane of St. Helens, daughter of Judge Harris, visited a few days with the Harris family.

Ed. McMullen was in town Monday.

Forest Hill was doing business in town Wednesday.

Finley Elliott, of Hillsboro, was in Vernonia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stankey, and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Greene, motored to Centralia, where they spent the week-end visiting with frinds and relatives.

The O.-A. Co is sitting out five miles of Hemlock Hedge in their Mill View Town. The trees are being selected at the top of the mountain at St. Helens. The work is being done under the direction of Virgil Powell.

A sixteen-passenger enclosed Bus will be added to the present equipment of autos which are now giving passenger service between St. Helens and Vernonia.

## ATHLETIC MEET

**LOWER COLUMBIA TRAK AND FIELD MEET**

To Be Held At Vernonia May 2nd

The Lower Columbia High School League which met Klatskanie last Saturday decided to hold the district meet at Vernonia this year.

Vernonia in securing the meet received quite a distinction since some of the other schools were mire centrally located. A large number of out-of-town people are expected to witness the events because seven or more high schools intend to participate.

The schools which intend to take part in the meet are: Warrenton, Clatskanie, Rainier, St. Helens, Hill Military Academy of Portland and Vernonia. There will be thirteen different events, so a full afternoon of keen competition is assured.

A large crowd of Vernonia people at the meet will help to boost both the town and the high school.

## AMERICAN LAUNDRY NEW FIRM NAME

Vernonia Laundry Management Takes In New Partner and Plans Extensive Improvements

Mr. Fisher, proprietor of the American Laundry, in Vernonia, has sold a half interest to Mr. J. W. Beall, who has taken active part in the plant this week. Mr. Wm. Aspland will continue to operate the Beall Electric and Plumbing Co., as formerly.

The American Laundry, under the partnership management will strive for perfect service, and contemplate various improvements for their patrons.

Alvo Lu Cleveland and Junior Visnaw celebrated their first birthday with a party Sunday the 22nd at the former's home. The afternoon was spent playing juvenile games. Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon by three older girls, the color scheme carried out being pink and blue. Those present were: Billy Folger, Claude and Geneva Dunningaw, Leray and Stanley Adams, Jack and Helen Anderson, Claude Sonny and Irene Scott, Helen and Dolly Crowley, Alva Lu Cleveland and Junior Visnaw. Favors for the afternoon were each a balloon.

## HOME FOOD AND EASTER EGGS GALORE

Under the auspices of the Women's Business Club of Vernonia, a Home Cooked Food Sale will be held at Brown's Furniture Store, Saturday, April 11, 1925 beginning at 10 a. m. Cakes, pies, cookies, bread, salads, in fact everything good to eat will be sold, and all prepared ready to serve.

Come early in order to have your choice of the good things. This is a splendid opportunity for buying your Easter dinner.

Colored Eggs by the score will be on hand for the kiddies.

## THANKS

The election board serving last Monday in the special election at Vernonia, are extending thanks to the proprietor of the "Cozy" confectionery for the lunch and confections he generously furnished to lighten the long hours of the vote recorders. It was indeed appreciated.

The Bank of Vernonia has a new department for their big safe and for the safety deposit boxes. Iron grates separate them, and the doors are equipped with automatic bells, making it impossible to enter without being known. The room containing the safe deposit boxes is rearranged and the box holders have plenty of space to come and go at will. For convenience and safety the arrangement is a big improvement and exceptionally good.

The H. H. Williams family are new arrivals this week from Nebraska, and have purchased a home here.