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NO ONE DISSAPPOINTED IN BIG LEGION SHOW

Two nights in Paris, and busy nights they were. A success? Yes, a big success; one of the most successful events ever pulled in Vernonia. Last Friday and Saturday nights the local American Legion Post entertained everybody with their "Circus" or "A Night in Paris" show. The big hall was crowded to capacity on each occasion and not a dissatisfied remark was uttered by any of the spectators. It was fun and excitement noise and frolic, dancing and amusement all conducted with the best of order and the programs running as smooth as clock work. The Legion netted a neat little sum and had the satisfaction of knowing they did the job right. Paper francs for money to spend on the concessions were handled in a careless manner by the many plungers who grew rich over night, and huge sums were won and lost over the game tables in the feverish desire for sudden gain. Those nimble hands of the money kings worked fast, proving the hand quicker than the eye. Such wild and notorious speelers as Happy Thompson, H. E. McGraw, Dr. Hurley, Mr. Beall, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Treham, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Nash and others equally famous in the world of high finance, fast horse and in the game of life. Commander Carkins says he never saw a better behaved crowd, and even the captured "flying apes" refrained from pulling any naughty dances or scaring the lady visitors. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the nights, and it seemed as if everybody was there. In the popular voting contest, Miss Irene Smith and Miss Agnes Barnett stayed for the finish, running a close race. Both ladies worked hard. Miss Barnett received the largest number of votes and received the \$100 diamond ring. Miss Smith was presented with a handsome \$40 gold watch. On the program, the Legion secured the McMahons, expert tumblers, acrobats and slack wire performers. The Novak Vaudeville orchestra—five pretty girls in red—furnished exceptionally good music continually. They are real musicians and Vernonia likes them. If space permitted we could mention every member of the Legion who wroked untringly for the grand success of the circus. Mr. Schwab was "on the go" every minute he could spare, Mr. Carkins had a big job on his hands and no doubt considerable worry, but it ended perfectly.

YOU BET, VERNONIA'S ALL RIGHT

J. L. Timmons recently arrived in Oklahoma, driving through from Vernonia. Of the hundreds of towns seen they still think Vernonia O. K. from the tune of the following card from Tim:

"Dear Editor:
"Just a line to say Hello to all my friends in Vernonia, and I also want to tell them that we have seen lots worse places to live than Vernonia is, on our 3,126 miles of overland traveling. Stay with Vernonia. It's all O. K."
"J. L. Timmons,
"Sentinel, Okla."

BUSINESS IN VERNONIA GREATLY IMPROVED

Business is growing better and every indication points to the best summer the state ever experienced. In Vernonia people are now talking good times, and very few kickers are in evidence. In a survey of the principal business houses this week we hear nothing but optimism from each house. Mr. Copeland even going so far as to show us his figures, and this year he has balanced up a thousand dollars better business than last year. Every day more people and cars are seen on our streets, newcomers and strangers are looking the city over continually, the clerks are all working harder and very little talk of hard times can be heard. One can take an afternoon walk over the residential districts and on every hand see paint being spread and new houses going up, with many improvements in the way of additions. One of the best ways in the world to have better times is to not talk hard times. By visiting various other towns in the south, west or east part of the state, one will soon be convinced that Vernonia is the best town in Oregon, this size or twice this size.

It seems to be a lot of consolation to some Vernonia husbands to read that sometime the meek shall inherit the earth.

And just to think, only a few weeks more and we'll be slamming screen doors again.

GOLD ALL OVER SOUTHERN OREGON

Many Towns Visited, But None as Good at Present as Vernonia For Its Size

Messrs. Kullander, Bush, Petersen, McGraw and Robinson visited southern Oregon this week. They found no towns our size or twice our size with as many people or autos on the streets as Vernonia has. Roseburg, Corvallis and Eugene were, perhaps, the busiest looking place visited. Further south the alfalfa and fruit looked fine. Lost of building all along the line. Grants Pass, Gold Hill and Medford are on the verge of a big mining boom. A rush of the Cripple Creek variety is expected. A smelter at Gold Hill is now assured and the mine owners are feeling greatly encouraged. There is no question about their having the ore, and the richness of it great. Millions of dollars worth is blocked out now waiting for the smelter. A couple of new finds have been made recently that, if they had occurred in Alaska, would have attracted thousands of people in a stampede.

Southern Oregon has it coming and its coming mighty soon.

TOM THUMB MARRIES

The "Tom Thumb Wedding" at the H. S. Auditorium last Monday night was pronounced a good and comical entertainment by the large crowd in attendance. About forty Vernonia little tots, many only three and four years old, took part. The bride and groom were certainly "cute,"—the minister performed the ceremony satisfactory and the little ring-bearer was as sincere as if she really meant it. Probably some of the wedding guests, and even the bride, had a hard time keeping awake—which made the affair all the better. They all did well and only a week's drilling.

We hear that a library is being inaugurated at the City Hall, and that books will soon arrive for the public's benefit. Mrs. Gooding is probably more responsible for the move than any other one person. It is one of our needs and from a small beginning will grow into a first-class public library. Mrs. Marsh has kindly volunteered to look after the books and the listings. More news on the library will come as the work progresses, in the mean time, get interested, donate a book, go and get a book to read, and solicit people to patronize the library. It isn't going to cost any one anything.

Among the Vernonia visitors last Friday was Prof. B. L. Grondal, of the University of Washington at Seattle, with his class in mill design from the school of forestry, consisting of six upper-class students.

Another month and the school children will be enjoying their summer vacation. Do your Christmas shopping early.

District Attorney Foote and Sheriff Wellington called last Friday, reporting the county seat town in a flourish condition. Work there is progressing on the new paper mill site and everything points to a mighty good year for St. Helens.

A walk through the east part of town reveals many improvements. Streets being put in better condition, sidewalks to be built, and new houses going up or being painted. One can notice considerable work in all parts of town.

Anyway it is Robinson's contention that Vernonia was the pattern for the much advertised city of Longview, which some day will have to take a back seat for the city which it has imitated.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

No Comment necessary.

Sunday night at the Evangelical church the program as published in last week's paper drew a large crowd. It was above the ordinary in many respects and the "Missionary Pageant" demonstrating the work in several nations of the globe was new, novel and splendidly conducted. A free-will offering for missionary work was taken up.

The brazing works and machine shops are all painted up with a new coat.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Drorbaugh Sundayed in Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McGraw were in Banks Sunday.

Mr. Hinckle is painting his residence.

ROSE CARNIVAL TO BE BEST OFFERED

Portland, Ore., Apr. 15—Pent up merriment and deviltry of the entire Northwest will have its opportunity for freedom on Friday June 19, the carnival day of Portland's 1925 Rose Festival. A parade which will include every comic feature it is possible to devise is planned.

Men dressed like pieces of pie, huge crawling crabs, dodo birds, animated billikens, mammoth walking apples, fire-eating dragons, man-sized babies, floundering mermaids and walking sticks that walk are within the range of grotesque figure possibilities to be seen in the afternoon parade.

The Grants Pass Cave Men, the Coos Bay Pirates, the Ashland Lithians, the Medford Craters, the Bend Lava Bears, the Salem Cherrians, the Vancouver Prunarians, the Seaside Promenaders, the Newburg Berrians, the Eugene Radiators, the Bandon Beach Combers, the Hood River Guides and other booster organizations will be invited to act ridiculous.

Other sections of the parade will be for civic clubs, fraternal organizations, high schools, railroad and steamship lines, industrial groups, theaters and film exchanges and nationally groups. A section for advertising floats is being considered.

Rex Oregonus, the king who ruled the annual Rose Festival up to 12 years ago, when the Queen of Rosaria became ruler will be brought back to reign on this day. A contest to name this part of the festival celebration is under way.

The grotesque parade will be entirely apart from the Rose Festival Floral parade, in which no advertising or comic features will be permitted.

REPORT OF RED CROSS NURSE FOR MARCH 1925

Visits to schools.....	26
Pupils inspected.....	58
Defects:	
Vision.....	1
Tonsils.....	15
Teeth.....	18
Hearing.....	1
Skin.....	2
Pupils in routine class room inspection.....	226
Exclusions.....	4
Notes to parents.....	51
Pupils weighed and measured.....	34
Homes visits.....	22
Services to County Court.....	8
Classes in Home Hygiene.....	17

NINA H. LITTLE, R. N.,
County Red Cross Nurse.

was too high, discontinued all advertising in the News-Gazette. We tried other forms of advertising to supplant plant the News-Gazette, but found none that was as effective. Our business continued on the down grade. Seemingly our friends had forgotten about us. The fault was ours."

In every city and town there are stores which have from time to time made the serious mistake to which Mr. Murdoch confesses in such a manly fashion.

People look to their newspaper for their store news. No amount of hand-bills, circulars, sign-boards or other devices can take the place of the newspaper that goes into the home and is read by every member of the family.

—the merchant who keeps his advertising on the move
—the one who has a real story to tell and tells it well
—the one who, when he has real bargains to offer, lets the people of his community know about them through the local newspaper

—is the one who is outdistancing competition.

Elmer White of Salt Lake City, Utah, is now with the Square Deal Garage. He has been shop foreman for the Alkire-Smith Motor company of Salt Lake for the past four years, and is highly recommended as a first-class mechanic by them.

Mrs. Brown announces opening of embroidery classes Saturday, April 18. All girls over the age of 9 years are invited to join.

New and complete line of stamped goods in stock and new arrivals semi-weekly.

May 15th the senior class play at the Majestic theater—"A Pair of Sixes."

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical church desire to thank the public for the interest shown by the large attendance in the pageant given Easter evening and for the generous contribution.

PAY MORE POSTAGE NEW RATE IN EFFECT

NEW POSTAL RATES

Uncle Sam has raised the wages of his postal employees, but he is going to pay those wages right out of the public pocketbook instead of out of the treasury. We believe that a census would show every man in Vernonia willing that the postal employees get this increase in pay, but we also believe that they would be in favor of cutting out a lot of unnecessary extravagances such as congress wishes on us every session, and applying that saving to the postal payroll.

From April 15 on, you will have to put a two-cent stamp instead of a one-cent on every souvenir postcard you mail. Papers you formerly mailed for two cents will cost you from three cents to five cents, according to the distance sent. A ten-cent special delivery stamp will cost 15 cents if placed on a package weighing over two pounds, and 20 cents if on a package weighing more than 10 pounds. If you have a letter registered it will cost you three cents additional to secure a return receipt.

But that isn't the worst of it—you are going to have to pay more for your newspapers and magazines—especially those mailed you from a considerable distance. Of course, the magazine people are not going to stand the increase—they are going to pass it on to their readers. So, after all the postal wage raise comes directly from the pockets of the people. But it is money expended in a good cause, for if the postal employees didn't get it the professional politicians would—so none of us are going to do any great amount of protesting as we dig into our pockets once again, this time for an increased postal rate.

From American Legion News Service Portland, Ore., April 15—"Oregon is ready to hear the appeal of The American Legion for two classes of sufferers of the World War—the disabled men and the orphans of fallen veterans," declared George P. Griffith, commander of the Oregon department of the Legion.

The American Legion campaign for a \$5,000,000 Endowment Fund for rehabilitation and child welfare, which has been going on in several states, is now under way in Oregon. It will culminate in an intensive drive probably about the last of May.

"The American Legion wants the American public to have the opportunity of helping the Legion help the disabled veterans and the children of men who gave up their lives as a result of their service to the country," Commander Griffith said. "Rehabilitation and child welfare are the two greatest post-war problems. They are so closely related that they are almost one. What disabled father has not looked down upon the faces of dependent children with terror lest they suffer the pangs of privation which his restoration to health alone can prevent? Does not his mental anguish over the fate of little children erect a material bar to his own reconstruction?"

"There are 35,000 war orphans, and many times more sick, ailing and disabled ex-service men whose lives the war blighted. We can not do too much for them—our debt can never be fully repaid. The American Legion has assumed the obligation of seeing that these two consequences of the war receive a full measure of justice but we need the public's assistance to the limit."

"Everywhere the endowment movement has spread, it has met with a hearty reception. I know it will meet with that same response in Oregon."

President Coolidge is chairman of the national honorary committee for the endowment fund and all members of his cabinet have endorsed it. Leading men and women of the country in all lines of endeavor are members of the national endowment fund committee.

Already the work of organizing state and local endowment fund committees has been begun. These committees will contain the names of prominent citizens and members of the Legion and Legion Auxiliary, Commander Griffith said.

Base ball Sunday, Prescott vs. Vernonia, on the Vernonia grounds. Follow the parade. You will want to be there. It's the opening game, you know.

L. H. Detrow has been in bed this week with the "Flu."

Mrs. Duke from Cedar Grove visited with Mrs. Holding on Tuesday.

COLUMBIA COUNTY JERSEY CATTLE CLUB TO HOLD JUBILEE

The Columbia County Jersey Cattle Club is arranging to hold a jubilee and picnic for Columbia county on Monday, May 18, so states William Skuzie, President of the Columbia Jersey Jersey Cattle Club.

This picnic and jubilee will be held the same week as the state jubilee is held—from May 18 to May 23. Columbia county will be the first one to hold the jubilee. It will be followed during the week similar jubilees by Clackamas, Marion, Polk and Linn counties.

Mr. Skuzie also states that this jubilee is different from that held in former years; we are adopting the system followed in the Jersey Islands. This will be in the form of a picnic and Jersey cattle show, which will be held at L. G. Smith's place at Seapooose.

CONTRACT LET FOR KEASY ROAD

There were four bids on the Keasy-Pettijohn road for the clearing, grading and grubbing of approximately three-fourths of a mile and were: C. A. Mills, \$3,803.45; Lair & Co., \$4,125.46; John Alsos, \$4,280.65; C. Reed \$3,843.24.

There is 37 acres of clearing; 360 sq. yards of grubbing and the excavation is estimated at 5548 cubic yards. The new road is a change of route from the old one which is impassable for autos or teams a considerable part of the year, it is stated, and will afford a better connection between Vernonia and Keasy. Mr. Mills assured the county court that he would start work immediately and rush it to completion. His bid was only \$40 lower than the bid of C. Reed and the high bid, that of John Alsa, was \$447 more than the low bid.

Easter Day was glorious. The sun was bright and warm and only hidden at rare intervals by fleecy clouds that dodged by in their game of hide and seek. Easter flowers and Easter bonnets were in evidence and surroundings everywhere told of spring and Easter. Special services at the churches Sunday morning were well attended at each of the three churches. Appropriate music and sermons were listened to, and special programs greatly enjoyed. Peace and good will prevailed.

The "Scrubs," as some of the participants choose to term themselves, will now imagine they are ball players—in fact, they have just cause to be elated over the result of last Sunday's game with the regular Vernonia team. Go to it, men, the practice will do you good.

The gray digger fight is on again in Oregon, says the experiment station. And it will be a real one this year. Last year was a particularly good breeding season for these rodents and a larger start is available this year. With these last few warm, sunny days they are coming out in numbers. Because of scarcity of other food they will take the grain baits readily.

Vigor is the foundation of the poultry business in Oregon, says the experiment station. The portable brooder house is strongly recommended until the chicks are old enough to go without artificial heat. After this age the open air range house is recommended because it provides for an abundance of fresh air and can be moved frequently to new locations, thus avoiding contaminated soil dangers.

Miss Melva Galloway, of Portland, visited with her father and relatives here during last week-end, and attended the Legion "Night in Paris."

C. W. Shipley is building onto and enlarging his residence, recently purchased near the high school.

The "Home Cooked Food Sale" at Brown's store last Saturday, netted the "Business Women's Club" some \$35.

Bert Friday, of Banks, was a Sunday sight-seer in Vernonia.

Odd Fellows will be reminded that there will be work Tuesday night, both in the First and Second Degrees. All members and visitors invited.

F. E. Malmsten has purchased the Vincen Lindstrum home near the river.

Many cases of LaGrippe in town—the Eagle force being "among those present."

Curley Buffman is building a fine new addition to his house.

VERNONIA BALL BOYS ALL READY TO GO

AT LAST "PLAY BALL" PRESCOTT WELCOME—BOTH PILOTS CONFIDENT

Sunday afternoon, April 19, 1925, at 2:30 p. m. the Beaver Lumber company baseball club of Prescott, Ore., will clash with Vernonia's local talented snappy ball club. It is expected that the game will be a hot one from start to finish, as both Managers Tom Murphy of Prescott, and Mac Jensen of Vernonia are confident they have the best club. Last Sunday proved a good work-out for everybody. In the morning practice game the high school boys showed great class against some of the try-outs for the club team. Ray Mills of the high school, on third base, will make a ripping good player if he takes care of himself and is properly coached, while Hodges on first, a lad of 17 years of age, looks real good and will be expected to try out regularly with the club team, and will no doubt, in a very little time, be developed into a very much needed first-sacker. Although the high school boys lost to the club at the tune of 8 to 4, they have nothing to be ashamed of, as they played very good ball. The batteries were: High school—Roberts and Brady; club team—Smith and Berdon, Norris relieving Smith in the fifth inning. Then in the afternoon old sol proved to be a great friend in furnishing us with plenty of sunshine, and Coyle's "has-beens" came through and defeated the club team, Jack Davis at short proving to be a very valuable player. He certainly saved the day for the "has-beens" several times, both in classy fielding and nice, clean hitting. He will no doubt be seen in the game against Prescott Sunday, should he stay in Vernonia. This game was a close one all through the nine innings, Coyle's team coming through on top with the score of 7-6.

The weak spots in the club team uncovered in Sunday's games will be strengthened. Jack Britton, pitching for the club, looked good, and by next Sunday should have his arm in shape to do his stuff. Britton is a south-paw and a heavy hitter. He was relieved in the fifth inning by Smith and sent to the outfield, because McJensen did not wish to over work him in his first try-out. Smith was wild and was relieved almost immediately by Norris, who held the situation well in hand for the remainder of the game.

Both catchers, Chuck Dustin and Berdon caught in mid-season form, and at no time during the game did the opposing batsmen take liberties on the paths. Unfortunately, Erickson team played sixteen innings of ball, and that everybody was fighting hard against them, they made a very creditable showing for their first real try-out. An outstanding feature of their play was team work, with no individual rying any grandstand stuff. Hartwick on first, Farren at second and Sheely at short all looked good in the morning game, and considering the condition of the field, played snappy ball.

With Hartwick, Erickson, Farren, Sheely and Jack Nance from which to pick an infield, a snappy, scrappy combination can be expected. It is a toss-up between Dustin and Berdon back of the plate. Both are good receivers, good hitters and fast on the bases. Shotwell will be hard to beat in center field. He welds a wicked willow, has a good whip, and has yet to drop his first fly ball anywhere within reach of him. He looks rather awkward at times, but is right on the job when needed. The other outfield positions will be filled by Buckley, Roberts or Hall, who are all working hard to make the team.

The pitching staff of Britton, Norris and Smith, with good support, will make it hard going for Prescott. Everybody here has been given a real good chance for try-outs and nobody has been overlooked by Manager McJensen or any of the directors in their endeavor to get the best players in Vernonia regardless of age.

Concert by high school band, May 8. We dont know who wrote the words, "poverty is no disgrace," but we're willing to bet it was a newspaper editor. Love is blind. But there is always some fellow who thinks he is an eye-doctor. Autos are becoming so thick in Vernonia that about the only chance a pedestrian has left is to dress like a traffic cop. The trouble with the fellow who shoots his wife and children and then tries to kill himself is that he usually recovers.