

MOUTHPIECE of the NEHALEM VALLEY

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COMMERCIAL CLUB IS ACTIVE ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

At this writing we will not go into detail or write particulars of the projects under way by the Commercial Club, until more plans have developed. However they had a splendid noon luncheon meeting at the Dew Drop Inn, Wednesday. About forty were present. The subject of a float in the Rose Festival Parade was discussed. The slogans for the two arches over the highway leading in our city were determined upon and other important business discussed. The most popular and promising part of the program was explained in a fifteen minute talk by Mrs. Dr. Wight. The talk was frequently commented on as the best speech for Vernonia ever heard. Mrs. Wight is ambitious to see a good park and play ground in Vernonia, and her ambition is going to be realized. Particulars further on the park we hope to have for you next week.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Burford Wilkerson is ill with intestinal influenza.

Leatha Poynter was absent April 21st with a bad cold on her lungs.

Well, folks, clear your tracks for the concert given by the High School Band Boys. It is to be at the Majestic theatre on May 8. It will be an evening full of band selections, solos by members of the band and others, dancing, pictures and many other interesting features.

If any one should stop you on the street corner and ask you why the seniors are having their pants pressed and their shoes shined and why the juniors are having so many class meetings, and whispered conversations, and why the lower classmen are saying, "Who's going to be invited?" If you were a junior you could say there is to be a Junior Prom, May Second, at the high school gym.

Seven cars and students and teachers went to the concert at St. Helens last Friday. The concert was given in the high school at 1:00 o'clock. The program was a success, and after playing at the school the boys went to the square in front of the Court House. A field meet had been planned for the afternoon, but it was postponed on account of the hard rain Friday afternoon.

Don't forget the field meet at ball grounds next Saturday, April 25, between St. Helens and Vernonia.

Opal Hall, Emerald Johns, Lillian Condit and Mildred Bergerson were in Portlad during the week end.

The trip to St. Helens, taken in spite of the cold and rain, was a source of pleasure to all who went. The band boys played exceptionally well and won the marked approval of their audience, the St. Helens High School. After completing their program there, the boys took their instruments down to the court house square and played a few selections. A number of the students visited the court house before returning home.

Mr. Graham left his bedroom window open Tuesday night and in-Flu-Enza. She stayed three days and then departed. Mr. Graham is back at school again, but is looking rather pale.

Mr. McBarron, the new band leader, has been doing a great deal of work to put the band concert over. Tickets have been distributed among the boys, and about fifty have been sold. The tickets are fifty cents each.

Influenza kept Sheila Williams at home last week.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Services next Sunday morning in the high school auditorium. Sunday school 9:50 a. m., church 11:00 a. m., Christian Endeavor 7:00 p. m. Preaching at 8:00 p. m. Every one is invited to come.

Last Friday night many citizens and church members gathered at the Evangelical church to bid "Good bye" to Rev. and Mrs. Herrman and to welcome Rev. F. R. Rademacher. Rev. and Mrs. Herrman have moved to their ranch in Eastern Washington, near Priest Rapids.

The Oddfellows and Rebecca enjoyed a big feed Thursday night.

VERNONIA'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through the efforts of Mrs. W. J. Gooding and Mrs. Eugene E. Marsh, the movement for a Public Library for Vernonia is well under way. Mr. Gooding was also quite energetic in aiding the cause along. Contributions to date amount to \$27.75 to be the nest egg. Splendid lockers and shelves have been installed in the City Hall for the books, and the Library, though small, is now in existence with every indication of rapid growth. The City Council has appointed the following "Library Board" of five: Mrs. Cole, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Tipton, Mrs. Gooding, Mrs. Marsh. Mrs. Marsh has devoted much work to the cause and has agreed to act as Librarian. All contributions will be gratefully accepted at the City Hall, either cash or books. We are glad to see this splendid start that we are confident will be a great benefit to the city. The State Librarian has written Mrs. Marsh that about 150 books are now available from the State Traveling Library. Let the good work go on.

A LOCAL PAPER TELLS THE STORY

Born boosters, and boosters for revenue only, may blow their heads off telling of the advantages and prosperity of a community but the local paper tells the truth in a way that cannot be doubted.

The local paper is one of the first things a stranger calls to get when he visits a town. If the paper is filled with live ads the visitor knows there is business there. If it is not he knows it must be either that the home merchants have but little to sell or that they doubt their own ability to sell it. The inevitable conclusion is that the community is either dead or hard up, and in neither case one in which it is desirable to locate.

This is not theory; it is a statement based on many years' actual contact with people who have expressed themselves along the above lines. The local newspaper is an accurate local business barometer, and no amount of lithographed literature or loud colored bill boards will change the impression given by it. Its advertising columns are a faithful record of actual conditions.—Orland (Calif.) Unit.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce that we have purchased the Copeland Book and Art store.

Because of our faith in the future of Vernonia, the Copeland Book and Art store will hereafter be known as the Vernonia Book and Art store.

We solicit your patronage and promise you the same efficient, courteous service to which you have been accustomed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Esselstyne.

A meeting was called Wednesday afternoon at the City Hall by the Library Board for the purpose of electing officers. Mrs. W. J. Gooding was unanimously elected president.

Mrs. Eugene E. Marsh, secretary and Mrs. O. F. Tipton, treasurer. It was decided to call a meeting of representatives from the churches, fraternal organizations and schools of the city on Monday, April 27 at 7:45 p. m. at the City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to elect committees to carry on the work. The board expects the support of all the organizations and the community as a whole. Every one is welcome. Contributions will be gratefully accepted.

As reported last week, Mr. Copeland has sold his Art and Book Store to Mr. Wm. Esselstyn, recently of Hood River. Welcome to our midst, Mr. and Mrs. Esselstyn; and we are sure you will like Vernonia. We have not heard yet what Mr. and Mrs. Copeland intend doing, but they will remain for a time in Vernonia.

Mrs. W. J. Thompson, mother of Mrs. Meda Hall, returned to her home in Burley, Idaho, this week, after a four months visit here.

A farewell party was given Mrs. Hila Linquist Tuesday evening by the W. B. A. Mrs. Aldrich being hostess.

DANCE TO BE GIVEN FOR SACKERS

On May 9th the baseball players themselves will give a big serpentine ball. There will be all kinds of fun. What with serpentine, noise makers, peculiar hats and caps for both ladies and gentlemen have been ordered, also teddy bear buttons, bells, etc. It will be a dance where everybody will be able to have a wonderful time, it will be handled similar to a New Years Carnival ball. Jack McJensen, who will have charge of the affair, was in Portland for the week end and ordered numerous fun makers for the occasion, and he together with the ball players will do their level best to see that everybody puffs the joy in life, and forget all about their troubles. Jack Nance will be there with a willing smile to see that everyone who wishes a partner will get one. So now bear this date in mind, May 9th, Saturday night, for one glorious dance night. Westons Paramount music will come in full regalia and furnish jazz that has never been furnished before. Moonlight and flashlight dances will be a specialty. The ball players will get out and make themselves acquainted and see that all have one real jazzy time.

SQUIRREL DOPE

Hey! Man seen around town with coat marked New York to Portland. Jack Nance says that means (No work in Portland.)

Big Munn lost the heavyweight wrestling championship crown to Stanislaus Zysko age 53 years, another case where age and science beats youth. Too bad for you, Munn, as you will be out of the "Munn."

Stanislaus Zysko is worlds heavyweight wrestling champion, Ted Thye light-heavyweight champion and Johnny Myrns middleweight champion, what is Red Hill?

A dollar side bet at a baseball game generally makes the game all the more interesting for the ball fans, but here coms Roy V. Mack and hires eighty policemen special officers and H-Ushers to take the Joy out of Life, for the Portland ball fans especially, when Portland leading the league in the wrong direction. We do not believe in gambling, and don't care to encourage it, but its gambling right now when you pay to see a ball game played in Portland. Whether you are going to see a ball game, or a game of "touch me kid, I'm circling the bases."

Tom Turner, Beaver President, says, "That Portland is bound to win a game before the season is over." Don't bet on it Tom, for you are liable to get pinched.

To stop betting on a ball game is like trying to stop a baby from loving its mother.

Mike Yokel, former lightweight wrestling champion, states he is willing to come to Vernonia and do his stuff against some opponent we wish to choose, and willing to do whatever he can to boost the game along Good boy, Mike, we will call you later.

Beavers trade Pitcher Ekert for infielder Deal of the Tigers. Why not trade both teams, Duffy, you would be a game ahead in the bargain.

Mrs. Eugene E. Marsh has been visiting her mother in Seattle for 2 1/2 weeks, on returning home Mr. Marsh met her in Portland where they both spent the remainder of the week. Mr. Marsh being in Portland attending to the city paving.

A. L. Leach went to his Dilley home Tuesday to see a new son born there this week.

G. R. Mills, C. C. Mills and Carl Enstrum were among the fans to see the opening ball game in Portland.

A new business for the town is the opening of the "White Front Candy Kitchen", in the Allen building in the west part of Bridge street. Everything new and neat and attractive and ready to go. Success to them.

MAN KILLED BY DELAYED BLAST

Chas. E. Peterson was suddenly killed while working at the Rock Creek Logging Co. camp, last Tuesday. Mr. Peterson, with others, was shooting stumps, as we are told, and one of the blasts didn't go off as soon as expected. As Peterson went up to the stump to investigate, the explosion occurred, blowing him many feet and killing him instantly. Mr. Peterson had of been here long and had few acquaintances. He had a married sister in Houlton. The remains were taken to Portland where funeral rites were observed.

POWER OFF ON OUR BUSY DAY

A those trifling things generally happen, the electric power went out of commission here on Thursday, our press day. This unavoidably makes the paper late this week. The Eagle force is considerably rushed and boiled up over the event, that can't be helped.

ROSES IN BLOOM

We are not going to be out done when it comes to climate and growing weather. Mr. Cleveland has roses in bloom in their beautiful home lawn.

Now that the sun didn't shine to satisfaction last week it was unfortunate that the opening baseball game of the season had to be cancelled with Prescott Sunday April 26th, weather permitting, will be considered as our opening date and the High School lads will have their hand out to welcome king apple to the grounds of Vernonia. Gene Good will be here with his line of Athletes from Gladstone, Oregon, to play Vernonia on Vernonia soil. Gladstone Athletic club has a very fast, snappy team and it is expected will give Vernonia one tough time on Sunday. It certainly is hoped that this match will not be cancelled on account of rain. The two Tolke Brothers are expected to be seen in uniform, along with Myers from Hillsboro, another pitcher. Then there is Reddy Burns another pitcher from Bend, Oregon, who shows good form, may also be seen in the blue and white. He has been taking treatment for his arm and by Sunday should be in good shape. Britton will also be on the job, so really those mentioned and Jack Norris to go with them. The pitching staff of Vernonia looks better now than it ever did. Three catchers will be in uniform, Berdon, Duskin and Hans Tolke is expected. The infield looks good also, with Hartwick on first, Farren on second, Sheely on short patch, and Jack Davis on third. Davis made a creditable showing here two weeks ago. Jack Nance, Shortwell and Buckley, Roberts and Hall will be amongst the selection for the outfield. Jack and Shotwell will, no doubt, make a very good combination together and the outer garden will be well protected. The game will start promptly at 2:15 p.m. Clarence Nance will umpire. Charlie White will score. The band will be there with Tony Corry and his soda pop. General admission will be thirty-five cents, and a record crowd is expected to see Vernonia Athletic Club and Gladstone Athletic Club tangle for the honors of winning the first game of the season. Bill Folger will select a party to throw the first Pill. It is hoped that Vernonia will turn out 100 per cent to see the boys start the ball a whizzing threw the air. LET'S HOPE IT DON'T RAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson had a wedding anniversary last Wednesday and that night about two dozen friends came in to help celebrate the event. A very good time was enjoyed in conversation, games, music and refreshments. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Repass, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McCraw, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gilchrist, Mr. W. O. Calaway.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"A Pair of Sixes"

Even though they had a prosperous pill business with every thing coming their way, George Nettleton and T. Boggs Johns could never agree. Their decision to settle their difficulties through a game of poker, the winner to become the proprietor, the loser his butler for one year, and the fun developing thereafter forms the plot of "A Pair of Sixes"—3 act comedy by Edward Peple, Senior class play for 1925. The play will be staged at the Majestic theatre, Thursday afternoon and Friday evening May 14 and 15. It's a scream from the start to the finish and none can afford to miss it.

The cast of characters is as follows: George B. Nettleton.....Loel Hieber T. Boggs Johns.....Robert Hoffman Krome, Bookkeeper.....Ray Mills Miss Sally Parker, stenographer.....Doris Akerstedt T. J. Vanderholt, Lawyer.....Burford Wilkerson Mr. Applegate.....Harold Smith Tony Toler, a dude and a salesman.....Charles Hoffman Jimmy, Office boy.....Dudley Spencer Shipping Clerk.....Loel Roberts Mrs. Geo. B. Nettleton, Emerald John Miss Florence Cole, Johns' fiance.....Lillian Condit Coddles, An English Maid.....Ruth Peterson

BASEBALL SCHEDULE for 1925

Vernonia vs. April 26—Gladstone at Vernonia. May 3—Multnomah at Vernonia. May 10—Willark at Vernonia. May 17—Vancouver at Vernonia. May 24—Westport at Westport. May 30—Lakeshore at Vernonia. May 31—Powelhurst at Vernonia. June 7—Kendall A.C. at Vernonia. June 14 Gladstone at Gladstone. June 21—Prescott at Vernonia. June 28—Westport at Vernonia. July 4th—St. Helens at St. Helens. July 5—St. Helens at St. Helens. July 12—Port Yoeman at Vernonia. July 19—Linton at Vernonia. July 26—Prescott at Goble Field. Aug. 2—Sellwod A.C. at Vernonia. Aug. 9—Alberta Yoeman at Vern. Aug. 16—Kendall A.C. at Portland. Aug. 23—Astoria at Undecided. Aug. 30—Multnomah at Multnomah. Sept. 6—St. Helens at Vernonia. Sept. 7—St. Helens at Vernonia. Sept. 8—Astoria at Vernonia. Sept. 9—Champs of River at Astoria.

ANNIVERSARY

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M. E. Esselstyne of The Dalles is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Esselstyne.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Alexander are visiting this week in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall and A. D. Hall are in Idaho investigating home conditions there.

PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"This advising a fellow to live within his income is all right," says J. W. Brown, "but why don't they first advise him where to get the income."

Mr. McDonald is of the opinion that a lot of poor alibis are offered in court but that the poorest is the one offered by the preacher who gets into trouble and says: "The devil did it."

"Maybe the fellow who is always complaining of stomach trouble would have less to complain about," says Emil Messing, "if he tried living on the same kind of grub his parents were raised on."

We know of a married man not far from here who recently bought a radio set and then told the neighbors that he now has two "loud speakers" at his house.

WE BELIEVE THAT HE WHO BUILDS IS AS WORTHY AS HE WHO DESTROYS

Gee, ain't it fun to be a murderer, or a bootlegger, or a train robber, or a movie star and have lots of wild parties, divorce, etc.? It's awfully exciting, Alexander Pope once wrote:

Vice is a monster of such dreadful mein That to be hated, needs but be seen; Yet seen to oft, familiar with her face

We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

The theatres with their tinsel glamor of unreal romance, the host of cheap magazines, with their naked women, their highlysensitized plots, the laily papers with their mania for heading up and coloring up the gruesome details of crime, divorce and scandal—these are the things that are today menacing the moral fibre of our nation.

The theory that the public is responsible, is absolutely tommyrot. The fiere public will of course consume all of the virus that corrupt profit seeking producers of movies, magazines and sensational paprs can dispense. Yet the public is not responsible, and does not demand these thigs, but is simply too weak to resist the temptations that are placed in its path. There never was a dope fiend that didn't want to get cured. The people of America are today suffering the pangs of the fiend while they are praying for deliverance from the atmosphere of crime, debauchery and sensuousness that is poisoning the life of th country.

Take any daily paper, read the head lines. You older folks are almost proof against nerve shock yet what your hard boiled reaction toward the detailed story of the girl who killed her mother of the wife that was murdered in the home of clandestine companion, of the movie star that falls at the feet of his sensuous idol of debauchery? Your emotions are God's challenge to your intellect. Does your conscience or your passion rule your thoughts as you think.

But consider the boy of girl. The youth who steals the automobile suddenly comes face to face with the stern laws of property and justice. The girl who oversteps the bounds of moral propriety is ruthlessly discarded by society. We lead them to the crumbling precipice without warning and let them fall helplessly to their own destruction.

Yet organized society permits theatres to picture and magazines to expound and the daily press to describe the affairs of the scum of the earth.

Our youths of today even those with the stamina to resist the garrage of filthy suggestion that is thrown around them are growing to manhood and womanhood upon a purely false and fictitious standard. It takes years for many to adjust themselves to the responsibilities and sacrifices of married life. Our young folks are not inherently bad, in fact they are unbelievably worthy when we consider that a great majority come through the present filth-bog unharmed.

News is news, and we intend to get all of the news possible. Crime will be reported as crime, but not as a celebration. Divorce and insanity will be dealt with in sympathetic disregard.

We believe that the man who builds a house is entitled to as much credit as the man who burns one down. Read again the lines of the poet.—Boardman Mirror.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

We are glad for the goodly number togreet us on our first Sunday with you. We are looking forward to the time when we shall become better acquainted with you. We hope to see more of you at the Sunday services.

Sunday school at 9:45 with classes for every one and separate class rooms for each class.

Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock p. m. The morning message at 11 o'clock and the evening message at 8 o'clock. The evening will be preceded by a 30 minute Gospel song service. Come an enjoy this song service with us.

Wm. F. R. Rademacher, Pastor.