



## TRACK MEET BIG EVENT IN VERNONIA

Vernonia Comes In for Second Place

The Lower Columbia County District Track Meet was held Saturday, May 2nd at Vernonia, Oregon. St. Helens won the cup, which was donated by Mr. W. H. Folger. They had 50 points. Vernonia was second with 27 points. Mills from Vernonia was high point man with 16 points. He won first place in pole vaulting, tied for first place in broad jump, won second place in 220 and high jump and was third in 100 yard dash. Beal from St. Helens was next with 13 points. Then came Astoria with 14 points, Hill with 12, Warrenton with 11 points, Clatskanie with 8 points and Rainier with 5 points.

The following are the results: 100 yd dash—10 3-5 sec. St. Helens, 1st, (Sutherland); Hill 2nd; Vernonia 3d (Mills). 100 yard dash, time, 10 3-5—St. Helens 1st (Sutherland); Hill 2d; Vernonia 3rd (Mills). Mile Run, 5 min. 16 sec.—St. Helens 1st (Beal); Hill 2d; Clatskanie 3d (Sonburg).

Shot, 27 ft. 6 in.—Astoria 1st (Nelson); Hill 2d; St. Helens 3d (Sutherland).

Pole Vault, 10 ft. 4 in.—Vernonia 1st (Mills); Clatskanie 2d (Sonburg); Clatskanie 3d.

220 dash, 25 sec.—St. Helens 1st (Sutherland); Vernonia 2d (Mills); Hill 3d.

High Hurdles, 19 sec.—Warrenton 1st; Vernonia 2d (Hieber); St. Helens 3d (De Vim).

High Jump, 5 ft. 4 in.—St. Helens 1st; Vernonia 2d (Mills); Rainier 3d (Johnson).

Discus, 99 ft. 8 in.—Astoria 1st (Nelson); Vernonia 2d (Fwler); St. Helens 3d.

Broad Jump, 18 ft. 2 in.—Astoria-Vernonia Tied (Mills); Hill 3d.

880, 2 min. 15 sec.—St. Helens 1st (Beal); Clatskanie 2d; Vernonia 3d (Roberts).

Javelin, 114 ft.—St. Helens 1st; St. Helens 2d; Hill 3d (Le Doux).

440, 58 2-5 sec.—Warrenton 1st, St. Helens 2d (Beal); Vernonia 3d (T. Roberts).

Relay—St. Helens 1st; Vernonia 2d, 220 Low Hurdles—St. Helens 1st (Beal); Vernonia 2d (Hieber).

## VISITED MR. AND MRS. GRESSMAN.

Last Tuesday on our trip all drove over to Springfield from Eugene to call on Mr. and Mrs. Gressman. Mr. Gressman has been very sick for some weeks as Vernonia friends were informed. We found him much better and at home able to set up. It will be some time yet before he is strong, but we were indeed glad to see him mending so good and determined to get up and around again. After undergoing a surgical operation at a Eugene hospital he rallied and began immediately to improve. Mr. Gressman was in the best of health when he left Vernonia, taking ill a short time after locating in Springfield. Mrs. Gressman is in good health and they were both glad to see Vernonia people, and sent their regards to all friends here.

The local lodge of Odd Fellows will go to St. Helens this Saturday night to visit and will take a couple of candidates along to show them the mysteries of the second degree.

## BETTER HOMES WEEK

During Better Homes Week, which will be widely observed from May 10th to 17th, civic agencies will urge the erection of attractive and economical dwellings, remodeling of old houses, and other improvements. Home building is not only a business enterprise. It is an activity that shapes character and develops communities. Anyone who puts up a comfortable and pretty house, which will sell or rent at reasonable rates, has helped his home town to become a happier and more prosperous place. He has taken lumber and brick and other material, and made them into a human nest where young people can raise useful families, encourage self respect and achievement. If a considerable number of the

citizens of Vernonia would celebrate Better Homes Week this year by starting construction of such dwellings, they would show that our community has faith in its future and wishes to make newcomers comfortable.

The spirit of Better Homes Week enters our towns, and passes judgment on our dwellings and the ideals they express. It asks the man who inhabits a shabby and disorderly house, if that home is not pulling down his spirit with an atmosphere of discouragement? If he would brighten it up, it should give him a bit of a mental boost, a feeling of adequacy to the demands the world makes on him.

It asks others who seems to lack imagination, if a touch of beauty would not add to family cheer? Flowering plants and foliage contribute charm, which effects human character. The people who inhabit such a dwelling should thaw out more readily, have a bit more of magnetism. When you take beauty into your heart, it flows out with unexpected results.

Better Homes Week is a big subject, for when you improve your homes you lift up the people who dwell in them.

## WONDERFUL OREGON

### A Short Trip Through the Southern Part and Visit to the Gold Mines.

Old Oregon is a great state. With Mrs. Robinson we stole away from overwork a few days last week and in the company of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Repass and Robt. Repass, took a vacation and ride down the Pacific highway. In the round trip ride of some 800 miles the worst roads encountered were in Columbia county, Oregon has numerous splendid cities and is a state of wonders, marvelous beauty, prosperity and untold undeveloped riches—enough to make fortunes for many thousands of people.

From the start one leaves Vernonia the wonder city for growth in business and people. A beautiful ride through our Nehalem valley to the Willamette valley—through McMinnville the busiest city of the upper valley; on south through Corvallis with its many beautiful homes and the Oregon Agricultural college and Eugene, the city made famous as the home of the state university. We didn't have the time to stop long in the prosperous appearing cities en route, but drove on through Cottage Grove, Roseburg and over the hills to Grants Pass, Gold Hill, Medford and Ashland. Ashland, where Lithia park is located. Here we spent a half day in the most wonderful and most beautiful auto park in America—with its numerous mineral springs lakes, flowers and natural beauties undisturbed by hands of man.

At Gold Hill we stopped to call on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martinean and Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg and to these fine people we owe many thanks for a royal time and entertainment. It was through their kind efforts and their guiding that we enjoyed the day in Medford and Ashland. Medford is today one of the busiest and most prosperous cities in Oregon with Ashland and Grants Pass in the same condition. Grants Pass we like. No one can help liking the town and the people, who always have a smile

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Mrs. Purney and little son returned from Portland this week, where the little fellow has been in the hospital. He is rapidly recovering after the railroad accident here a few weeks ago in which he lost his right arm.

The many friends of Mrs. Thomas A. Keefe will be glad to know that she is very greatly improved from a recent illness and will return to Vernonia in a few days after a short visit with relatives and friends in St. Helens.

No matter how little you buy, come in the Nehalem Market; get a ticket. We want to give free, every other Saturday, a ham, roast and piece of bacon.—Adv.

The Columbia hotel has changed hands. Mr. and Mrs. Dave McDonald are back in the business, having bought out Mrs. Powell. The McDonalds are splendid people knowing their business thoroughly and the traveling public generally look them up.

## Write Mother This Week



W. A. Smith of this city had the misfortune while in Portland Monday to tangle with a car driven by a Portland party on the east side. Both cars were considerably damaged to a large extent, but fortunately no one was injured. Mr. Smith was able to proceed to Vernonia under his own power where the damage has been repaired.

The Vernonia Book and Art store under the management of Mr. Essenstyn, who took over the store in the past two weeks, is doing extensive remodeling on both the inside and outside of the store, besides a new large sign being painted on the window. The store is carrying a large line of novelty art goods and is stocking its shelves full of the dainties that appeal to the people. With the remodeling this is enabling Mr. Essenstyn to better serve the public.

The W. J. Schacht family have all been quite sick with the flu.

## VERNONIA SHUT OUT IN GAME OF SIX TO O

Although the Multnomah baseball club handed Vernonia a lacing to tune of 6 to 0, there was a great improvement in Vernonia's baseball playing. Myers, the hearty Vernonia pitcher, struck out 15 men, while Dieter struck out 7 Vernonians. But Multnomah played an errorless game and Vernonia was charged with six errors. In the third inning Multnomah collected to save bingles bunched with errors that caused four tallies to be made in one inning out side of the third inning, the game was a humdinger and very exciting at times.

Great playing second base by the visiting club played a Stonewall game and robbed some of the home boys out of some nice hits, right when they were needed. The visiting team received six safe hits off Myers, while Vernonia took four from Dieter.

After Bell relieved Miller, Vernonia's catcher, in the fifth inning, Multnomah did not even as much as get a hit from Myers. Vernonia has been badly in need of a good catcher this season and arrangements are being made to have Bell receive Myers in the future, as Bell showed very good form. Owing to the fact that Harvey Dempsey will be behind the plate Sunday it may not be necessary to use the services of Bell, as Dempsey is the man we need and should have and every body will be glad to see Dempsey where he belongs and not in the bleachers. Dempsey showed good from last year and we hope he will do like wise this season.

## "A PAIR OF SIXES"

George Nettleton and T. Boggs Johns had a splendid pill business, but they were forever quarreling and fighting. Their lawyer, Thomas J. Vanderholt, when called upon to settle the dispute was utterly helpless. Then, the partners as a last resort, agreed to play a hand of show down, the winner to become the master, the loser his butler for a period of one year. The escapades which

A fact—Vernonia is the Best City in Oregon for its size. We know. Everyone knows that investigators. The traveling men know it: We have recently passed through many towns in an 800-mile ride through Oregon for business and considering size and only three years old, Vernonia is the best city in the state. Vernonia is getting better every day. In another year Vernonia will be an entirely changed city of some three thousand people or more. It is the fastest growing city in the state, and does more business.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are now in Tucson, Arizona. They are taking an auto trip of several weeks through the country and are having a most delightful trip.

Mrs. Lillian Varner returned this week from Caldwell, Idaho, where she was called to attend the funeral of her mother.

## GRANGE READING THAT INTERESTS ALL OUR READERS

The 87th Columbia County Pomona met with the Cedar Grove grange Saturday, May 2. Ten granges of the county being represented. Reports of sub-ordinate granges showed that all were increasing their membership and that all were in a flourishing condition financially. At present Natal grange has the banner membership, having 83 paid up members and new ones being taken in at every meeting. The usual routine of business was transacted during the morning session. State Master G. A. Palmittier and State Market Agent C. E. Spence were present during the entire session. The afternoon session opened with the report of the condolence committee. Brother Frank E. Malmberg, a member of Natal grange having gone home since our last meeting, a resolution was also presented in memory of brother H. Hirschberg, who served for so many years faithfully and well as treasurer of the state grange. The resolutions committee, A. H. Tarbell, Deer Island grange chairman, L. L. Giese, Fern Hill grange and George Perry, Yankton grange presented the following resolutions which were adopted by the Pomona.

Resolutions Adopted. "A resolution requesting the county fair board to plan for a race track on the new county fair ground." "A resolution commending the work of Orris A. Kellar during the session of the last legislature and expressing the belief that his attendance at Salem was of benefit to the farmers of Columbia county. It

was recommended that each county Pomona elect such a representative to the next legislature asking the co-operation of the sub-ordinate granges of each county in financing the expense. This resolution was referred to the coming session of the state grange for its recommendation."

"A resolution to the state grange asking that an income tax be re-submitted to the voters of the state of Oregon."

"A resolution denouncing the infamous Lennis resolution as being opposed to the best interests of the state of Oregon."

"A resolution addressed to United States Senator Wm. E. Borah of Idaho, commending his stand in the United States senate in upholding the constitutional right of the senate to reject the appointees of the president."

"The chairman sister Jane Armstrong of the committee on patrons or husbandry rest room for the new

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Mr. Dissmore was in McMinnville last week, and while there sold a house he owned and drove home in a new car.

## LOGGING RUINS FISHING

### Portland People Claim That Logging has Ruined Trout Fishing in Well-known Rock Creek.

"Rock creek flows into the Nehalem near Vernonia, which has become the base of one of the largest lumbering operations in this part of Oregon. And millions of feet of logs are being taken out of the forest along the creek. Periodically during the day the logs are skidded into mill ponds along the creek, and in an hour the water clear to the mouth of the stream is so muddy that even a fish couldn't see through it. We their little brothers have sidestepped trout of other days and most of their little brothers have sidestepped—if a trout can do this—Rock creek and have all gone elsewhere. Even the Nehalem above Vernonia is roiled frequently by the army of lumberjacks down that way, and it is almost a cinch bet that the river itself had seen its best days as a fishing stream."

Henry Ward agrees with his fishing companion that both Rock creek and the Nehalem above Vernonia have been rendered barren waters as far as the cutthroat and his relatives are concerned. Henry shook his head sadly as he recalled a trip to Rock creek only last spring, when he and his wife brought home 19 fish that weighed 44 pounds.

Trip is Enjoyable. "Our trip was thoroughly enjoyable, though, even with our resultless endeavor," resumed Captain West. "The sun rising over the top of Mount St. Helens is a sight that no artist in the world could faintly vision, much less paint. And the woods all the way from St. Helens to Vernonia are a long drawn out delight, with the fragrance of wild flowers saturating the air. The elderberry shrubs and wild currant bushes are in full bloom, Johnny jump-ups, dog tooth violets and dogwood blossoms strike the eye at every turn of the road."

Article by Capt. West in the Oregonian. They get them every day here, however, in spite of Capt. West maybe its in knowing your fish. Ask the Vernonia boy—he knows.

Married—Wm. Lindsey and Mrs. Emma Williams were married in Vancouver last Saturday. They will make their home near the Lindsey mill.

## FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN

A most delightful farewell party was tendered Mrs. Kennedy Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Darionsons home. The five hundred and bridge clubs being hostess for the occasion. After a number of games were played, Mrs. Kennedy was presented with a lovely gift and refreshments were served.

We should have recorded last week Flower shower given for Clark Gould. Clark is the third grade pupil in Miss Mellinger's room who recently underwent a surgical operation on a foot. He is rapidly recovering. The teacher and pupils surprised him with the party.

## VERNONIA TO PLAY WILARK HERE SUNDAY

Vernonia Ball Team has been Greatly Strengthened with Myers and Dempsey as Batters.

Next Sunday at the Vernonia ball park, will no doubt be a great day for baseball fans. Wilark is coming with our old friends, Buster Byers and Fred Johnson. Vernonia is going to put a much stronger team on the field than they have had this season. Every effort is being made by MacJensen to overcome this shut-up or losing streak. Myers will do the pitching, while Harvey Dempsey will do the receiving. Practically everyone knows the way Myers has been pitching the apple this season and how with Dempsey receiving for him it should strengthen the Vernonia club team immensely. Dempsey is a good catcher and we all know he can deliver the goods. He has a lot of pep and if he has not gone back again since last season, Vernonia's greatest baseball troubles are over.

Hartwick on first base will be satisfactory and the weak spot on second will also be made stronger by the presence of McGraw who has also expressed his willingness to put on the white and blue for Vernonia again. Good boy McGraw. At third, Clarence Coyle may be seen or in some other part of the field, reliable Jack Nance will also lead off the regular line up. Walter Coyne may also be seen in uniform and Roberts will fill one of the weak spots in the outfield, Sheeley, Coates, Kiefer, Farren, Miller, Britton and Burden are all good prospects to make up the regular line up for Vernonia's ball club. Kiefer and Myers brothers are two new prospects and are able to strengthen matters a great deal. It is hoped that either the high school band or the town band will be on hand to get behind the boys Sunday. Vernonia should now be making ready their plans to come to the ball game Sunday and at least give the lads a boost.

The game will start promptly at 2:30 p. m. Everybody turn out and root for Vernonia.

## "THE CLIMAX"

A dramatic masterpiece of comedy and music, "The Climax" will be presented the first evening of Chautauqua. It is probably the most successful and popular comedy ever written for four characters and enjoys the distinction of never having had an adverse criticism.

"The Climax" had a straight two year's run in New York where only supreme artistry can thrill the public for that length of time. Chicago also held it for an unprecedented run and it was necessary to organize five road companies to satisfy the demand of theatre goers throughout the country. It will be brought to Chautauqua audiences here with a splendid cast and adequate production by the Elias Day players.

Love versus ambition is the theme of this splendid comedy. There is an appeal in the story that cannot be evaded by the most hardened pessimist. And perhaps one of the most fascinating features of the production is the music—for it is around a lovable old music master, his son who is a composer, and his adopted daughter who has a glorious voice of great promise, that the story is built. The boy has composed a masterpiece "The Song of the Soul," and this composition, as played by him and sung by the girl, practically becomes a fifth member of the cast after a doctor from the west has stepped into the circle and adroitly planned to curb the sweet singer's ambition to become a star. There is pathos and a highly dramatic situation when the latter finds her vocal chords have been paralyzed. But the ending is a surprise—different from the usual comedy ending and different from what everyone expects.

With one of the greatest success records ever enjoyed by a comedy, "The Climax" has been pronounced a dramatic masterpiece of comedy and music—"whose future is not less brilliant than its past."

Mrs. W. L. Ratcliff is in Portland under a doctors care. Mrs. Ratcliff has been ailing for some time and is now improving in Portland.