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Editorial

WATCH THE WATER

THE American Automobile Association, an organization made up of more than 800 clubs maintained by motorists in every state in the union, is sending out through newspapers and radio a warning of great importance and one we would advise every citizen of Vernonia and community to heed. "When traveling about in your auto," says the warning, "be careful of the water you drink. The purest looking stream may be polluted with typhoid and other germs at its source. Typhoid lurks in drinking water more than anywhere else—don't take a drink and do not let the children until you are absolutely sure that the water being used is fit for drinking purposes." It is a pretty hot warning to heed when a fellow is hot, tired and thirsty, but it strikes us that, after all, it would be better to heed it and make sure of what we drink than to encourage a case of typhoid or, possibly, be the cause of starting an epidemic that would effect the entire community.

LOCK THE GATE TIGHTER

THERE are a lot of loose-thinkers in this country fellows who will try anything once if it promises to reward them with a few paltry dollars. The latest example of it comes from Los Angeles where three ordinary laborers framed a plot to kidnap Mary Pickford—world famed movie actress, and hold her for a \$200,000 ransom. The plot was foiled, all three made full confession and one of them even admitted their victim was to have been slain if the trio felt it necessary to save their own necks. It's pretty hard to sit in a peaceful, law-abiding community like that surrounding Vernonia and imagine such devilish plotting going on right here under our own flag. It is hard to believe that with all our boasted civilization we still have a type of barbarians in our midst. It is certainly the best argument we have had lately for still further strengthening our school system, and still further tightening the latch on the gate that lets them into the U. S. from the old world.

THEY WON'T FORGET

THE season of auto touring is now on, and many of us are frequently accosted by a motorist inquiring the way to other points, road conditions, or other information. Here is an excellent opportunity to do a little valuable advertising for Vernonia and the community at large. Answer every question asked by a stranger as courteously and as carefully as possible. If necessary to impart the desired information through a loss of the time and, possibly, going out of your way, do so. It will pay in the long run. The stranger may or may not spend a few dollars in the community. If he does it will be that much more toward the prosperity of all of us. If he doesn't then you can count on it that he will speak good word for the town as he passes on into other sections, and that has a money value in the end. Don't lose every opportunity that offers to treat the stranger courteously—you're helping him, you're helping your town and you're helping yourself at the same time.

HERE TO STAY

T HAT the breeding of horses and mules is on the increase and that the industry shows brighter prospects than it has for years, despite the tremendous increase in auto production, is shown by a bulletin just received from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It contains some interesting figures, especially to those Vernonia citizens who long ago predicted that the automobile would very soon make horses so scarce that they would only be seen in remote sections, or in side shows.

On February 1, 1925, the estimate farm price for horses was \$77.63, which compare with the \$73.79 valuation of February 1, 1924, show an increase of \$3.85 per head. Market demands for draft horses and mules are now greater than at any time last year and the number of animals in general use has not shown a decrease. One-half of the horse stock of the country is over 10 years old, and one-fifth over 15 years of age. The report declares that breeders are only worrying over one thing, not the total disappearance of the horse, but their ability to breed them in sufficient numbers for replacement purposes.

The auto has come to stay; there is no use to argue otherwise. It may have a pretty strong competitor some time in the airplane, especially if Henry Ford carries out his promise to produce airplanes on the same scale at same price as "flivvers." But when it comes to reducing the horse to the point where we will only find him in side-shows or stuffed and set up in museums, no one living today will ever see that time roll around.

Amundsen and party, after an absence of 27 days, returned to civilization without reaching their goal, the North Pole. One plane was left in the ice, much equipment deserted, many dangers and hardships encountered, and no pole. It is often wondered if it is worth the effort. The question "What For" won't stay down. Are we getting too inquisitive in our science and research studies? Whether it is any of our business or not; whether Devine Workings so plan or not man will continue to seek the unsolved. Is it worth it? Amundsen failed, but he tried.

KELSO is little different than other towns we could mention, with the only exception that the outlaws are more numerous and daring there than some other places. A law is a law, and one willingly and continually breaking one law for financial gain is as guilty, according to law, as he who steals or murders. Many towns have their gangs that apparently control city officials. Kelso is one of these towns. The bootleggers and advocates for an "open" or "part open" town went so far as to murder Editor Thomas Doherty was murdered by a cowardly sneak last Saturday night because, as his wife says, he threatened to expose political corruption and wholesale violations of liquor laws, and as some Kelsonian remarked, Doherty was a martyr to the cause of civic decency and good government. In Kelso—as other places one sees every day, girls being led astray and the open drinking and gambling. When will they learn or try to be law abiding citizens.

THE Portland-Tualatin tunnel should be dismissed as an idle dream. Sure Portland needs more roads, more outlets. That's why we advocate a highway out of Portland, (perhaps by the old "German Road") running from Portland, through Cedar Mills, North Plains, Banks, Vernonia and on to Astoria. Three such highways could be built for the cost of one tunnel as proposed. Wish Portland business men and clubs knew the business on this "Inland Highway." It would pay them to get behind it. It would also save your present Columbia River highway.

A NEW weekly paper is to be established in St. Helens, that promises to be a good one. At Warrington the two papers consolidated last week, making one splendid little paper. St. Helens may grow into a two paper town if their new paper mill materializes soon. Anyway, we extend fraternal greetings and a wish of success for the new paper.

Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, is dead. United States Senator, recent candidate for President, a great and Learned Political Leader fighting for what he loved and believed to be right. Dead. With many thousands of others who die daily. The stern reaper knows no favorites. He reapes the bearded grain at a breath and the flowers that grow between.

"So Maud refused to marry Jack after all. I suppose he's heart-broken."—"Oh, no. He says things worked out pretty well. You see he asked for a raise in pay, thinking he was about to get married, and received it, so he's that much ahead of the game."

The "Spokesman," published at Grants Pass, has changed from a weekly paper to a "twice-a-week." To do that trick the business men should advertise twice as much as they do at present. They will do it and prosper, and the ad readers will appreciate it.

The Democratic National Committee is to publish a newspaper in Washington. Permit us to suggest, in the interest of harmony, that parallel editorial columns be conducted; one by William G. McAdoo, and the other by Governor Alfred E. Smith.

A fashion note remarks that there are many good things about the latest styles in men's clothes. One particularly good thing is that you don't have to change them until they wear out.

His great Misfortune. "Poor old Bill! 'E's so short-sighted 'e's working 'imself to death. "Wot's 'is short sight got to do with it?" well, 'e can't see when the boss ain't looking, so 'e 'as to keep on shoveling all the time."

It would cost \$250,000,000 a year to keep the dry fleet at its present strength on the Atlantic Coast. but the boys who operate motor trucks along the Canadian border agree that it would be worth it.

Clatskanie can put on a Rose Show just as good as Portland—if you compare it to the size of the two towns. Portland is a little larger than Clatskanie, consequently there were a few more visitors at the Portland show.

ONE MORE THRILL. "But," said the cautious screen star who was about to perform an apparently dangerous feat, "suppose the rope should break?"—"By George!" cried the director. "That's a good idea"

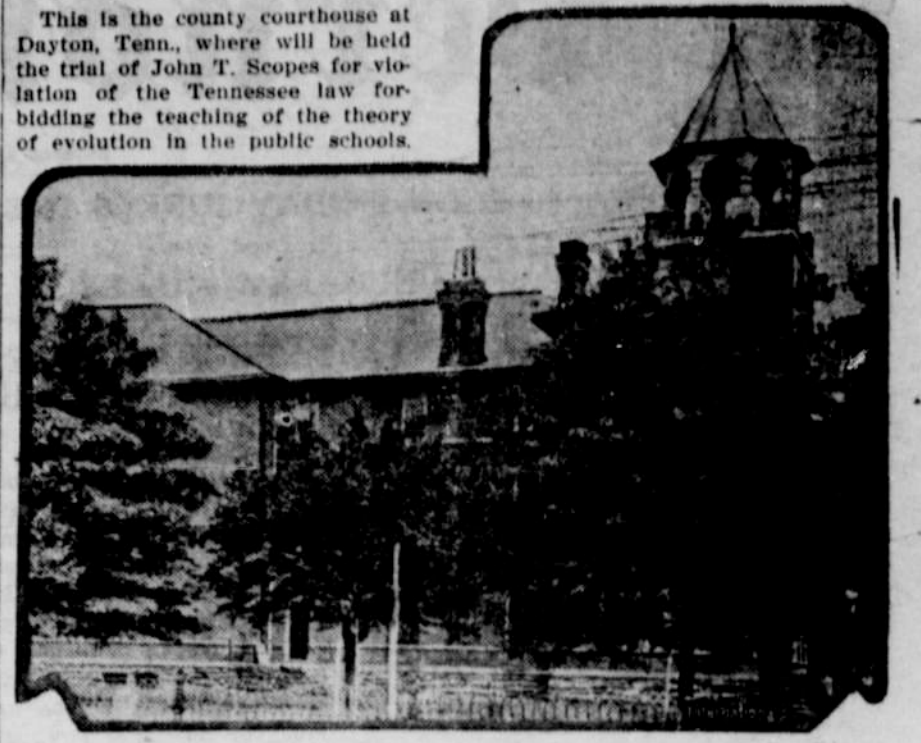
Home from College. Son (nervously) "After all, Dad, the real thing in college is the social atmosphere. The real values lie in the social opportunities and, Dad (taking out check-book) "What did you flunk in this time?"

Take a trip; visit various cities over the country; you will come back saying that Vernonia is going at a satisfactory pace, and the best you visited.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant: The modern daughter who wants to be married in her mother's wedding dress can have the choice of several.

Where Scopes Case Will Be Tried

This is the county courthouse at Dayton, Tenn., where will be held the trial of John T. Scopes for violation of the Tennessee law forbidding the teaching of the theory of evolution in the public schools.



Tom—"Why, in your will, did you specify that your body be buried at sea?"—Dick—"Because my wife says that when I die she'll dance on my grave."

One can get the habit of saying "Good" just as easy as saying "Rotten." Good sounds better and eventually makes all things better.

My watchword, said President von Hindenburg, shall be: "Forward with God!" Nothing like choosing a good vice-president.

38,844 laws were proposed in the United States last year, of which 10,809 were actually enacted. Our national sport used to be baseball.

touch of hot weather the past week has caused us to change our mind about going to Siam to replace Editor Brodie.

Give me an example of an accident and of misfortune, ask teacher if your mother-in-law gets run over it's an accident, and if she doesn't it's a misfortune.

An onion a day is said to be even more healthygiving than an apple. But they don't perfume the parlor a bit—do they?

It is "leaking out" daily, that several there are who would like to be U. S. Senator from Oregon.

Yes, love thy neighbor, but be not too friendly with his garden tools.

There are some people in New York City who think they enjoy life.

Even the man who watches the clock does more work than the man who watches the thermometer.

Remember all those political promises and forecasts, last election.?

Gas, oil and monthly payments answer the question. If any one should put the question.

Been a whole week since the Rose Festival at Portland, and everybody is rested up for the Fourth.

The first man from Europe came to America accidentally but since then they all have a purpose.

Shreveport, La., man got arrested for breaking up housekeeping because he did it with a club.

Women crying at movies are foolish. The same tears used at home would get them a new hat.

Many a man who worked up from the bottom has a son who is working down from the top.

Rum wars are waged in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Only one high school girl in 309 in Des Moines, Iowa says she wants to marry, but you just wait.

We read that 10,000,000 Americans are now playing golf; no wonder plasterers and hod carriers are scarce.

When airplanes get as thick as autos, guess we will have to take our chimneys in at night.

Some people are so absent-minded they sometimes forget and tell the real truth.

Rice growers are looking forward to a big crop of summer weddings.

Women are now entering all branches of industry. A girl got arrested recently in New Orleans for bootlegging.

Now that we have a "Own-your-own-home" movement, we need a movement to get all the autos paid for.

Good times are bad times to loaf.

Vernonia will celebrate the Fourth—next year.