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Of the  
NEHALEM VALLEY

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Of a Big  
Pay Roll Community

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## PAVING CONTRACT IS AWARDED

Vernonia to Start Paving  
Main Business Street  
Monday.

## WORK TO BE RUSHED THROUGH AT ONCE

Laird & Co., of Kelso, are  
Successful Bidders—Bid  
Being \$40,767.33 for entire  
Districts.

All our anxieties can now be placed in the shade for a long rest. The main business street of Vernonia is to be paved with concrete to be paved immediately; work to start this coming week. Last Monday night the City Council opened the four bids for the six improvement districts in town. North street, Coogar street, Maple street to be graveled and curbed, the storm sewer the length of Bridge street, curbs and the pavement on Bridge street from the railroad track running east to a point 100 feet east of Grant street, or two lots east of the Vernonia hotel. Laird & company of Kelso, Wash., were the successful bidders, getting the complete works on an entire or total bid of \$40,767.33. The paving job calls for a seven inch concrete paving and the entire job must be finished by October First—but we are promised a street dance on the new pavement by September Ninth at the annual Vernonia Day celebration. This paving contract puts Vernonia in the city class. We will have less dust, no mud, and better in every way than the present horrible condition of our main street. The city now has a sewer system, water system, power and light, pavement and fire protection.

## VERNONIA—AND ITS DEVELOPMENT

Vernonia, population 2,500, is the center of important new industrial development. It is located in the south central part of Columbia county. It is the trade headquarters for the central and southern part of the Nehalem valley, midway between Portland and Astoria on the Inland Loop highway, a smooth gravel and rock road.

Town and the country emerged from pioneer isolation when, in September, 1922, the first railroad—the Portland, Astoria and Pacific—was completed, giving direct outlet to Portland, 49 miles distant. Market road development now in progress through the chain of low mountains paralleling and separating the Nehalem valley from the Columbia river will bring Vernonia into close touch with St. Helens and the Columbia river highway, and to Astoria by an Inland route to save time and travel. **Employment and Homes for Settlers.**

Vernonia's rapid growth is due to the fact that adjacent to it is one of the finest and largest bodies of standing timber in the Northwest—more than ten billion feet, now approaching development and manufacture.

A steel and concrete sawmill with a capacity of 250,000 feet per eight hours' run is operating double shift at an outlay of \$1,150,000. The mill is unique in that its products are dry kilned before being shipped. Vernonia enjoys the advantage of terminal rates with Portland. A half dozen other mills in the vicinity are operating, or are preparing to operate, on a large scale.

These industries, together with the growth of the town, the demand for business and residence buildings make the district attractive to home-keepers.

Vernonia has a good municipal water supply, a hydro-electric plant, a bank, churches, several first class mercantile houses and a newspaper, The Vernonia Eagle. School facilities are abreast of the times, grade schools with 14 teachers and a high school with six instructors.

The town's location is healthful, scenically pleasing, and the living conditions highly agreeable. Vernonia is on the banks of a fork of the Nehalem river near the confluence of Rock creek. It is on the Inland Loop highway connecting Astoria and the Pacific ocean with Portland, by way of Vernonia, Forest Grove and Hillsboro; also the Columbia

river highway at Clatskanie via Mist. A road via Pittsburg to St. Helens is to be improved bringing the county seat within a distance of 25 miles. The Nehalem valley has had good smooth gravel and rock roads north and south through the valley for generation. There is no more picturesque valley country to drive through than this section with many delightful camping grounds and fishing streams.

Other towns and trading points in the Nehalem valley northward are Pittsburg, Mist, Keasey, Kist and Birkenfeld.

Four tributary valleys center near Vernonia. Dairy and fruit farms are found in various stages of development. From the time of pioneer settlement dairying has been a leading ranching industry. Poultry raising is carried on.

Favored with a mild climate, an ideal growing season, nearly all-year grazing and other conditions, cattle and dairying are profitable.

The numerous streams and the deep forests draw fishermen and hunters. Hundred of campers and tourists are found throughout the valley in the summer season. Small game, deer and bear are found in the thickly wooded hills.

### Soil, Farming and Fruit.

The altitude of the valley at its center is 650 feet. The valley soils and creek bottom are deep loam and silt. On the bench lands shot lands with clay and gravel, are found.

Berries, small fruits and truck of all kinds are grown. General crop farming is carried on, the average yields being high. Oats and barley yield as high as 75 bushels to the acre. Hay, timothy and clover run three tons to the acre. Silage, corn, kale and vetch are raised for dairy feeds. Root crops do well. There are prolific yields of apples, peaches, pears, prunes, etc., in the orchards. A crop failure has never been known.

Improved lands and farms sell from \$50 to \$100 per acre. Logged-off land is plentiful and the opportunities for farmers are excellent. Logged-off land can be purchased from \$6 to \$30 per acre. Land clearing costs about \$100 per acre. A good market for farm produce is the Vernonia local market—a pay roll city.

## DIRECTORS VISIT MINE AT GOLD HILL

A board of directors meeting took Messrs. Petersen, Bush, Messing and Robinson to Gold Hill this week. All members of the Kelmar-Vanpete Mining & Developing company. They report conditions and prospects exceedingly promising there in the gold and copper district. The company has made a fairly rich strike the past week that leads them to think will turn out probably better than any expectations. "Mining Truth," a magazine printed in Spokane, has the following to say this week:

"The Kelmar-Vanpete company continues driving ahead on their 800-foot tunnel on property adjoining the city of Gold Hill. They are now in approximately 290 feet.

"At 110 feet from portal a 24-inch vein of telluride ore running 314 to a ton was cut. The completion of the tunnel will cut a nine-foot vein of 40 per cent hematite and 25 per cent magnetite iron ore at distance of about 600 feet from portal an eight-foot copper vein about 60 feet further in the mountain, and a 14-foot telluride ore at the 800-foot mark.

"The country formation consists of quartzite, serpentine, porphyry and granite. The equipment in use consists of 8x6 compressor, 15 hp. engine.

The company is composed of old time Gold Hill mining men and capitalists of Vernonia, Oregon. The local officers of the company are A. E. Kellogg and W. W. Martineau, with the development work in charge of L. H. Van Horn.

The board members are: A. W. Petersen, president; A. E. Kellogg, W. W. Martineau, L. H. Van Horn, J. H. Bush, A. L. Kallander, Paul Robinson, Wm. Folger and Dr. Hughes.

The big picnic Sunday leaves the Rose theatre, beginning at 9 a. m. Short services will be held at the Shesley grove followed by a basket dinner. Arrangements for a pleasant afternoon have been completed. The grocery stores are 100 per cent with us, making it possible to furnish the crowd with free lemonade. Children will be looked after carefully but we especially ask all members of families to be present. Evening services as usual.

## OREGON'S WORTH STATED PROVEN

What does it profit a man to make a change to a new country?

In its general application, this is an interesting question. Specifically, as it is applied to Oregon, it is vital; for upon the answer hinges the future development of the state.

Why should a farmer leave the middle west, or east, or Canada to come to Oregon? You, as an Oregonian, should be able to answer this question. You should be able to reply instantly, enthusiastically and convincingly. Confining yourself strictly to facts, you can still apply more superlatives to Oregon—soil, climate, agricultural products, scenic attractions, natural resources, home conditions—than can be applied to any other western state.

Study the following facts, analyze them, tuck them away securely in your memory. Then, when you are asked about Oregon, use them.

First, in regard to agricultural: Oregon, with the smallest population of any Pacific Coast state, our agricultural possibilities perhaps 15 per cent developed thus far—has the world's largest hop farm, the world's largest loganberry farms, the world's largest apple farm, the world's largest teal farm, America's largest tulip farm, more world's record Jerseys than all other states in the Union combined, the world's record flock of Leghorns. Oregon's apples and pears bring top prices on all markets of the world (Medford Bosc pears topped New York produce market in 1923; Hood River apples headed the apple export in the United Kingdom the same year). Twenty-three per cent of the nation's crop of prunes and eighty-five per cent of the world's crop of loganberries are raised in Oregon.

Things do not happen by accident. World's records are made only by the most nearly perfect combination of soil and climate. **World's Varieties of Climate.** Next, as to climate: The Encyclopedia Britannica is authority for the statement that Oregon has the greatest diversity of climate of any state in the Union. Climate and soil enable Western Oregon to raise maximum crops of any root, field or fruit crop native to the temperate zone. Every state in the Union, with the exception of the southernmost, is duplicated climatically in Oregon. There's a spot in Oregon with more sunshine than Los Angeles; another that has the greatest rainfall; another is the coldest point, in the winter season, on the Union Pacific system. Between these extremes may be found any forms of climate desired. Unknown in Oregon are hurricanes, tornadoes, blizzards, or general crop failures due to climatic conditions. Roseburg has the lowest recorded wind velocity of any point in the United States. Portland, due to climate and pure water has the lowest infant mortality rate of any city in the United States.

**Natural Resources.** Next, as to natural resources: Oregon has more standing timber

than any state in the Union; in the Columbia River Basin has one-third of the undeveloped hydro-electric power of the nation; in Coos county, 250 square miles is underlaid with coal; in the counties adjacent to the Columbia river are millions of tons of high grade iron ore; more than \$50,000,000 has been taken from the state in minerals, and enormous bodies of ore have scarcely been touched as yet; less than fifteen per cent of the tillable land of the state is under cultivation.

Last, and most important to the substantial class of settlers Oregon needs, are home and social conditions recreational advantages, the immediate environment that makes more vigorous mental and physical development and better citizenship. Consider these facts carefully, for they represent the strongest and most compelling arguments for Oregon as a home state.

Oregon's school system, grade, high school, and college, is second to none in the Union; every community, no matter how remote, has a well equipped school available. The percentage of Oregon high school graduates who continue their education in college is higher than that of any other state.

**\$60,000,000 in Highways.** Oregon's \$60,000,000 highways system, supplemented by federal and forest roads, permeate every district of the state, opening up outdoor recreational and scenic areas that bring thousands of tourists across the continent each year to enjoy. Sixty per cent of the population of the state is within five hours easy driving of either the beach or the mountains. Ninety per cent of the population of the state is within two hours drive of natural forests and stream picnic grounds. In Oregon is America's most beautiful scenic boulevard, (Columbia River Highway); a country has the greatest deer population of any equal area in the Union. (Curry county); a lake area classed as the finest trout fishing in America (Central Oregon).

**Oregon is Home Growing.** Oregon is a home owning, home loving state. The tenant population, both farm and city is small. The percentage of foreign born, or of aliens not entitled to citizenship, is among the lowest in the Union. Social conditions, both in city and rural districts, are of the best. There could be no better environment in which to raise a family.

These are some of the facts that form the basis for Oregon's invitation to settlers and investors. Study them carefully. Let your mind dwell on them—not only the facts themselves, but the possibility of future development opened up by them. Then, you will be able to speak not only with authority, but with the sincerity born of absolute conviction; for no man—least of all an Oregonian—can analyze these facts and fail to be convinced.—Wasco News-Enterprise.

The Fitzgerald Shingle mill, near the Woods place, known as the Johnson Shingle mill, burned down Saturday evening. The mill was totally destroyed, together with a couple

days cutting of shingles. The mill had been closed down since the Fourth, running only a few days before the fire.

## MILLS AND PARKER GO ON CAMPING TRIP

Guy R. Mills and George Parker left early Tuesday morning for a trip that will take them through eastern Oregon, Idaho, Montana and into Wyoming, where they will spend the next two weeks or possibly a month in taking in the scenic wonders of the Yellowstone National park. They expect to spend this time, not only in touring but also in camping and fishing, with possibly a little hunting on the side. The mayor states that before he returns, he will have all the bears in the park tamed so that when any other Vernonia tourist visits the park, they will recognize them and treat them with respect (the tourist.) The car has been made into sleeping quarters making unnecessary the use of hotels and worry on the trip, making it all the more enjoyable. The return trip is at this time quite undecided, so it is impossible to state which way they will return. His Honor also states that Vernonia will receive all the publicity possible.

## FIRE BOYS MAKE FAST PRACTICE RUN

Generally at times, it is the proverbial aspect that fire departments are slow in getting to a fire, to hear some people talk, but if there were any on the streets of Vernonia Tuesday evening about seven o'clock, this was dispelled. Marshal Kelly and a few other enterprising citizens worked up a scheme to try out the local smoke eaters on a little practice, hence they built a large bon fire near the Gilby garage and then saturated this with oil and cut loose. It was four minutes exact from the time that the siren sounded that the boys had water playing on the fire. This is exceptionally fast work in responding and the chief and men are to be congratulated. We would like to see this worked out in the same way only about two o'clock in the morning.

## SEVEN-HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

As Mr. Joe Shipmunk and family of Berkenfeld were driving to Vernonia last Sunday, they experienced a dreadful accident. There were seven in the car and going at a fair rate of speed when the car went into the ditch, about three miles from town. The wife and mother received a broken arm and scratches, one little girl received a badly cut arm and bruises and a younger girl was badly hurt, cut and a bad fracture of the skull. Other members of the family were slightly bruised and cut and the car was demolished. The injured were taken to Portland for medical treatment.

Jack Nance, the new field captain piloted his team to a winner the Portland Yeoman team Sunday July 12th. Those who missed the game missed a treat as it was a real contest from start to finish.

Francis Larsen of Birkenfeld did the hurling for the home team allowing only six scattered hits; no two being in any one inning. He was in danger only once through errors of Callander the second baseman, who has been out of the game for some time, but has the action of a player and we expect to see him performing to the satisfaction of all at this station with a little more practice. Gender's batting was the feature of the game, getting three hits out of four times up, out being a three bagger. Berg did the receiving until the end of the sixth inning, when Dempsey arrived with a cloudy face, but a clear voice, which added a lot of pep to the team and from here on it was one, two, three. Another game next Sunday. Let's Go! The boys reserve your patronage. Umpire, Jack Healey.

Among those present at the B. P. O. E. convention at Portland this week are: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Folger, No. 142, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Mel Troland of Beaver, No. 142, Portland; Earl Shorts, No. 1168, Medford, Oregon; Pop Taggart, No. 913, Bend; Ben Lyand, No. 142, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Mecklem, No. 1168, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, B. P. O. E., Ashland, Ill; and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Smith, San Francisco, No. 3.

Samuel J. Crouch is now manager of the Vernonia Light & Power company, at the Vernonia headquarters.

## KEEP MONEY IN CIRCULATION HERE

AGE OF COMPETITION AND  
MUST PROVE THEIR MERIT

Every Dollar Sent Out of the Community Reduces the Chances of Prosperity and Growth.

This is an age of competition, an age where the things that survive in the business world are the things that must prove their merit. Anything that is useless and inefficient soon loses out in the race for supremacy. So when you view your successful business establishments in your home community you are viewing those who have proven their merit and have a right to your patronage and consideration.

The business field in the small towns, especially, is not exclusive to anybody. The game is open to anybody who desires to enter and cares to risk the necessary capital. Nobody faces fiercer competition on every hand than the country merchant. A dissatisfied customer does not have to trade with him and he knows it. There are competing stores across the street or next door. Or if those do not suit there are usually towns within a very short distance that invite his patronage. So the country merchant must find a way to meet these conditions, and he can only meet them by giving the service, the goods and the prices that do satisfy the customers.

Most people expect to receive accommodations from the home merchant which they would never receive in a thousand years from the mail order concern. Just this feature of accommodation should be a strong point in favor of the home merchant.

but that is not all, there are the churches the schools, the various public activities that are only possible, because of the home merchant and business man is doing a successful business. All of these things are inseparable and if everybody would trade out of town, the town would decay and public activities would soon cease. There is no way that a prosperous town can be maintained and at the same time have a large part of the business sent elsewhere.

Many people do not realize what it means to send money out of town. Of course a few would not matter, but when it begins to mount up to thousands of dollars per month then one can see the vast damage to the town caused by the loss of this liquid capital. The banks find their business curtailed, the merchants cannot carry the stock they should, money becomes tight and everybody finds it scarce because it has been sent away to the everlastingly benefit of some big evergrown metropolis.—Clatskanie Chief.

E. S. Cleveland said it was about time he would pay for another year's Eagle, as he handed us two silver dollars this week. If everybody was as prompt in business affairs as Mr. Cleveland, the old world would be better.

Mr. Herbert Stratton, brother of Mrs. Paul Robinson was here for one day this week, on a tour of the Northwest. Mr. Stratton's home is in Los Angeles.

The band gave a short street concert last Saturday evening that was appreciated by a large crowd.

Dr. G. W. Tyson of St. Helens county heard inspector, is in the Vernonia district inspecting cows. He has found two reactors, and will be in the neighborhood about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall and family and Mrs. Bertha Brown are arranging for an extended visit back in Kentucky, expecting to drive through and visit along the way.

The editor's wife left us alone to look after the cats and dog, to lock the doors and watch the children while she is visiting in California. Belieft it is a scheme to keep the old man in at nights.

## CITY RECORDERS REPORT

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Vernonia, Oregon  
Gentlemen: I hereby submit report amount of money collected from January 20th to June 30th, 1925, as follows:

Fines	\$ 536.75	
Costs	77.00	\$ 613.75
Plumbing License	25.00	
Plumbing Permits	136.00	161.00
Vehicle License	29.00	
Billiard & Pool Hall	128.84	
Misc. & Occupation Tax	749.94	907.78
Dog Tax	56.00	
Pound Fees	1.25	
Athletic Club	2.00	
Peddler License	5.00	64.25
Delinquent Sewer Tax Dist. No. 1	47.85	
Delinquent Sewer Tax, Dist. No. 2	11.10	58.95
Improvement Dist. No. 1	245.59	245.59
Total Collected		\$2,050.98
Total turned over to City Treasurer		2,048.49
balance		1.83
Total		\$2,050.13

Respectfully submitted, D. B. REASONER, Recorder.