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Editorial

Vernonia is the best and busiest city in Oregon for her size or twice her population. No one contradicts the statement. That is, no one outside of probably some "home folks"

The bigger they get, the harder they fall. Babe Ruth, ball-bat king and idol of many sports, is suspended from the diamond and fined \$5000 for misconduct. It's hard work for the high salaried idols to behave themselves.

Russia is getting on another big drunk. Look out for flying chairs and wild doings over there in the near future. Poverty, discontent and forty per cent Vodka is a bad mixture.

Even Milton Sills and wife are having their family troubles and Mrs. Milton Sills is getting a divorce and the 14 year old daughter. The incident is a mere trifle, however, and just an ordinary consequence to the profession. It goes with the life.

The Board of Regents are finding it a difficult problem to secure a president for the University of Oregon, capable of taking the place of the late President Campbell Youth, a good war record and ability are the qualities wanted; also a liberal and spiritually minded education is desired. Then, while the search is on, it might be well to secure one of economical financial traits—one who wouldn't need a new building every year.

The school bell will ring next week. Vernonia schools begin the Fall term on Labor Day. The different school buildings are ready; teachers prepared and pupils tired of their vacation. New school busses are in readiness to haul those scholars living at a distance. School activities will soon be on at full swing and the coming term will be the best in Vernonia's history. Let instructor, parent and student all co-operate and make it a big success.

The "Old Birds" and the "Young Flappers" seem to be quite agreeable back in New York. Not long since the "Cinderella" affair was a week's run in all papers—where the man of fifty-some and a girl of seventeen-some wanted to "hitch." And again we have one August Laggren, rich and 52 years old who marries Alice Vicarro, pretty and 15 years old. Both say they are happy. She marries for a home and because "Daddy" is nice. He marries, as he says, "to protect her." Oh well, what is there to gossip about any way. Let 'em coo.

Old New York is having the time of its life, especially in the strong Democratic ranks. The Demo nomination for mayor of the city is causing more real strife than a city election in Vernonia. Gov. Al Smith is fighting Mayor Hylan. Al Smith is in with the Tammany Hall bunch and accusing Hyland of everything possible from associating with the money powers to mingling too freely with the K. K. K. Smith is accused of introducing religious issues in the campaign, and all the democratic candidates are Catholics. It might be just as well for New York to refrain from mixing church and state affairs or eliminate Gov. Smith entirely.

Last Sunday evening on their newly acquired property, the Christian church congregation gathered for the dedication ceremonies. The first dirt was turned for a new church building. It is well; it shows the progress of Vernonia during only three years, from one poor church building half full of members to three good buildings. There is building continually in various parts of Vernonia and the church and school keep up with business and home building. Three years ago one school building. Today, three large modern school houses in various parts of the city. It is always the first question asked by strangers. How are your schools and churches?

Fall weather is approaching. The pretty time of the year is here—always "fair before a storm." But stormy weather, the mild stormy weather of the Oregon country won't bother us this coming winter as in winters past when Vernonia was younger and smaller. We won't have the mud on main street. The present job of paving now being done is indeed a much needed and valued improvement. Vernonia is ready for winter now with her new pavements, cement walks, electric street lights, water system, sewer system, fire protection and plenty of dry mill wood. Surely it is a different Vernonia.

The Eagle welcomes communications. This week we have one from a subscriber living not far from Vernonia. The Eagle is not responsible for opinions offered by the readers, and often we don't agree with all their statements. Whether we agree or not the opinions are just as

welcome. This particular correspondent is evidently peeved, and maybe justly so; on the refusal of some merchant to buy some produce. We do know, however, that there are not many real farms surrounding Vernonia, and it seems like what produce they have should find a ready market. The merchants here, of course, can't depend entirely on the farm trade either. It should be a case of "Live and Let Live," as much as possible, and we were under the opinion that the Golden Rule was being lived up to here as much as good business would allow. We believe in "trading at home" both ways. Believe in Vernonia made bread, Vernonia produce and in Vernonia farmers and business men. Let each one do their best by home and home institutions and not watch the other fellow with too much willingness to condemn. The article in question is a timely topic.

A TOWN RESOURCE

CHARLES PACK, head of the American Tree association, has started a movement whereby he hopes to promote a "Town Forest Plan," and in a short time the citizens of Vernonia may be called upon to join hands with him. He says the plan will serve to increase interest in town beautification, and will instill a greater community pride in the children of every section of the country.

Everyone on beholding a mighty tree is impressed with feelings that are not easily put into words. Its majesty and beauty give a sense of awe and satisfaction scarcely conveyed by anything else. But the tree has something besides strength and beauty to commend it. Man needs the trees, for as yet he has found no substitute for wood in the arts and manufactures he carries on. The town forest will impress this fact on the citizens. When the development reaches the point as it will in time, where the forest becomes a revenue producer, the value of the tree will be understood.

In the United States 81,000,000 acres of land are idle and useful only for growing trees. Nebraska has, possibly, larger tracts that could be devoted to this purpose than any other state. The federal government is planting a reserve supply of forests systematically and effectively. In time the people of the nation will realize what a resource is being allowed to go undeveloped. We believe we are safe in saying that citizens in this community are ready and willing to join in a movement for the growing of more trees at any moment it is launched.

A FOOLISH ARGUMENT

E see a news item to the effect that a man living near Goshen, Ind., has been dismissed from the orthodox church he attended because in making a living by growing flower bulbs he hybridized them so as to create new varieties. The pastor of the church, who seems to have been the leader in the movement to excommunicate the bulb grower, explained that the man had been interfering with the divine scheme of things. "If the Almighty had wanted flower bulbs hybridized He would have made them that way," declared the parson as he shut the doors of the church in the face of the Goshen man.

We wonder if there is anyone around Vernonia who can endorse this kind of Christianity? According to this mode of reasoning an orchardist could not improve the quality of his fruit by grafting and still be a Christian. No Christian stockman could improve the grade of his cattle by scientific breeding. To raise mules would be an abomination before the Lord.

What do the people of the town of Goshen imagine the Lord gave man an inquiring mind for if not to improve upon earthly things? If a man finds that by grafting one variety of fruit with another he can get a healthier or a better variety, is it a sin for him to do so? Such doctrine is foolish and nonsensical. We are thankful that we are living in a community where Christianity is on a higher plane and men are more advanced in their views as to what constitutes right and wrong.

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