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Editorial

Score one for the League of Nations.

Let Oregon continue to "Produce the Goods" and Florida can have the Real Estate Agents

Didn't see a picture of any Vernonia notables standing in front of the electrical "Groo Home" in Portland.

There was so little to cause eye-strain in the old days that it is a wonder the oculists didn't all starve to death.

Looks like they were going to get a tunnel some day, under Council Crest into Portland. Now if they will grease it and build it on a down hill slant, there will be no turning off or backing out. Everybody will land in Portland.

Seem to be having a hard time getting rid of a Mr. Kratz, as City Manager of Astoria. Don't know what they want to get rid of him for, or who wants to get rid of him. Every week the Astoria papers are full of Kratz.

Frederick Steiwer, you have seen the name in print several times of late. You have read that he might be a candidate for Senator. But who is it over here that knows who Steiwer is? What did he do and where did he come from?

Seen Art Steel's new printing office building Sunday. Editor Steel of the Clatskanie Chief is the prosperous pen pusher, whose work is appreciated at home and whose business permits him having an up-to-date and modern office. Mr. Steel has made good in Clatskanie.

Rainier is another Columbia county city that is building fast and has a very bright future, a lasting, permanent city of busy business houses and pretty homes. When the Rainier-Longview ridge is constructed, Rainier will be the largest city in the county. She is headed that way now.

Of course there will be a few coming from California through Astoria on the Roosevelt highway who will continue to Rainier and cross the new bridge there, going on to Seattle without visiting or spending a dollar in Portland. That will be too bad. It could be avoided to a great extent, however, if the inland highway was completed from Astoria to Portland by the way of Vernonia.

It was an appreciative and encouraging Halloween message some Vernonia men, who are interested, received from southern Oregon, saying the Kelmar-Vanpet drilling had struck high paying free gold. The success of a brother townsman is always hailed with delight by the community. The mining industry of the Gold Hill district is now coming to the fore at a rapid rate.

The Fifteenth Annual Pacific International Livestock Exhibition is on full blast in Portland. Visitors report it bigger and better than ever. Oregon has a great show, America has a great show in this exhibition. It is a Livestock World's Fair. It has grown in fifteen years to be the best of its kind in America. The Horse Show, in connection, is world famed and draws the best and most famous breeds in the country.

1926 will be the best year that Oregon and the Northwest ever experienced. This isn't prophecy, it is fact thought out and made safe by sound and truthful advertising by the railroads and commercial organizations and by the fact that the prizes man seeks are found in this evergreen, fertile country. In Oregon man finds industries of every variety, crops of every nature, minerals of every description, fruits of all specimens grown in the temperate zone, agricultural land, timber land, hunting, fishing, scenery and a climate as near perfect as can be found on God's Foot Stool.

Words of praise and favorable comment is often heard from returned visitors to the city of Longview, Wash. After a visit to that city one readily sees that much of the enthusiasm and splendid opinions is received from the first impression the visitor gets in viewing such a clean city. No trash is visible; streets as neat and clean as a kitchen floor. It is generally the first impression that counts and that is lasting. Longview knows this and sees to it that their pavement is absolutely clean, its streets clean, its alleys, lawns, walks and all surrounding neat appearing. It is home pride that does it—the Longview Spirit.

It has been suggested to the Eagle editor that he ask a couple county editors, who have recently seen it their "duty" to condemn some things in Vernonia, not to their liking. "What is it your business?" and we have been

told to say: "Clean up your own dirty back yards." But no, the Eagle editor is not so inclined. We prefer, with the most earnest motive, to say to our neighbors and friends: "Come over and visit us." You will find a modern little city here, gentlemen; vastly improved and different from the little Vernonia of former months. You will find here, gentlemen, a city of nearly 3000 people, workers, home owners, busy people. A city of this size, growing daily, has people in its midst that you or I probably would not care to associate with. It isn't necessary that we do associate with them. No more of the undesirable here than in other cities of this size, however. You will find here a clean city in many respects. You will find here also bootleggers, possibly a few degenerates, loafers or would-be mashers, possibly some fallen women. You have them in your towns also in accordance with your population. Vernonia would appreciate being one hundred percent clean morally, but that is hardly to be expected. Many in Vernonia would appreciate having a city of one hundred per cent white Americans. But that is hardly to be expected. The good Vernonia citizens do not uphold fights, drunks, or disorderly conduct. The people of Vernonia really would prefer all white men at her big mill, but Vernonia isn't operating that mill. Taking an average, Vernonia is doing very well, thank you, and we repeat, "Come over, Gentlemen," and you will agree with us. You haven't heard the S. O. S. from Vernonia yet, so please "Hold Your Horses."

WANTED—MORE PEOPLE

HERE is something lacking, something unattended to, some unfinished business to be attended to in Vernonia. Vernonia's greatest and crying need is being sadly neglected. A leader is wanted; a live commercial body is necessary, cooperation is essential. To start this tale of woe, let us relate the horrible facts that from one to a dozen letters are received every day from prospective settlers—farmers—asking about Vernonia. These letters are unanswered. Again, last week a party of five Hollanders were in Vernonia looking for farm land on which to start or establish a dairy. No one looked after them, no one seemed to care and some street stander told them this was not a dairy country. The shame of it. Vernonia does not need any more stores. We have plenty. But Vernonia needs and needs badly, more people. We need farmers, chicken raisers, dairies. No better place on this globe for chickens than right here in and around Vernonia. No better dairy land or climate in the world than right here. No better fruit county on earth than in and around Vernonia. What few "Milk Men" or dairies we have can not begin to supply the local demand with milk alone to say nothing of the butter local market. Hundreds and hundreds of dollars go to outside points every month for eggs that should be kept with local Nehalem valley chicken raisers. At least five-hundred dollars go out each month for butter—do we need a creamery? We sure do. More people are needed; more farmers and fruit growers. This is a vital subject worth thousands of dollars to the community; a subject that other towns spend thousands of dollars on each year. Other towns reap the returns in real cash. Consumers; why not go after more of them for Vernonia. Where is there a better opportunity for the land seeker. It is about time Vernonia was waking up. And looking toward the future as well as the present.



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WHEN WE ARE GONE

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
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MRS. GIDDINGS was going away for a visit to her mother for two or three weeks out in Kansas and was leaving Joe, her husband, to take care of himself. This was the first time she had left him during the twenty-five years that they had been married, and she was a good deal concerned as to how he would get on. She had always looked after him and her own household affairs, and she was convinced that if she were not in charge the entire menage would go upon the rocks.

It was only the fact that her mother was seriously ill and needed her care that induced her to leave her home and her husband for so long a time. But she had a reliable maid, and she'd written out specific directions for the guidance of her husband's movements with regard to his meals and his clothing and the cat and the canary, and she thought that things could be allowed to drift for two weeks without serious disaster. She knew, however, that she'd be terribly missed.

Her stay was prolonged to a month, and when she finally got away and started back home it was with the feeling that she would find the house a mess and her husband melancholy and unkempt from lack of attention. She came in on him unexpectedly. The house seemed in as perfect order as when she left it, and Joe was just going in to dinner, clean shaven, his clothes carefully groomed, and the table set with all her best things. Whoever had ordered the dinner had shown good judgment.

Mrs. Giddings was disappointed; she was almost on the verge of tears. She had expected to find household affairs all topsy-turvy, and apparently they had gone as smoothly during her absence as when she had been on the job. It was annoying, to say the least.

"Didn't you miss me at all?" she asked Joe.

"Oh, yes, of course," he said; "but Katy and I got on very well. In fact, I gave a dinner party to half a dozen of our friends while you were away. You see a man has to do something to entertain himself."

She had supposed she was absolutely essential to the running of the house, and she found that things had been running as smoothly during her absence as when she had been on the job. It was humiliating; it took the conceit out of her.

Nobody is indispensable—not even a baseball player, or a college president, or the king of England. You may be doing your job well with the thought that there is no one quite like you in the world, but if you die things will go on just the same. It may take six men to do the work that you have been doing, but they will be waiting to step into your shoes as soon as the funeral is over. If we can only add an idea to the world's stock of knowledge or do our job a little more efficiently than it has been done before, we have made it possible for things to go on better rather than worse, when we are gone.

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