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## PLAY GROUND FOR VERNONIA

### Enterprising Citizens Make Possible a City Playground

## MONUMENT ASSURED

### Harmon Institute of New York City Sends Check for \$150 to Make Last Payment.

A few months ago, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the idea of a playground within the city limits. Three acres belonging to C. A. Mills just a block off Bridge street and situated ideally for a park on the banks of Rock creek, was on the market for \$1800. Headed by workers in the persons of Dr. Ella Wight Lester Sheeley and W. O. Galaway, the campaign was on to raise the amount. Mr. Mills donated \$300 off the purchase price and citizens loyally came through with the balance except the final ten per cent, which the Harmon Foundation of New York donates. Today the Harmon Foundation sends their check for \$150 and Vernonia is proud to claim ownership of the park and playground. The following letter arrived today:

November 23, 1925.  
Mr. W. O. Galaway  
Bank of Vernonia  
Vernonia, Oregon.  
My dear Mr. Galaway:

Owing to the fact that Mr. Harmon has been out of the city it has been impossible to forward our check which is to be used as final payment of the purchase price of the play land at Vernonia, the title to be rendered being free and clear of all incumbrances.

We assume that the title to the land will be vested in either the Board of Education of the Town Council, and that the deed will include a provision that the land is to be used in perpetuity for recreation purposes. This is the basis on which the Division of Playgrounds is functioning.

The Division of Playgrounds makes no requirement that playgrounds receiving this 10 per cent contribution be known as Harmon Field. Our actual requirements are that the land be deeded either to the Board of Education or the Town Council as permanent play land, and that our payment is the final one, rendering a title free and clear of incumbrances. If, however, your playground wishes to become eligible to enter competitions open only to affiliated playgrounds, we may make from time to time, it is essential that the field be known as Harmon Field or that the name Harmon be incorporated in the name. If you select the name Harmon Field we will send you one of our bronze tablets to be used in marking the field. The wording on all these tablets is as follows:

### HARMON FIELD

This playfield was made ours through the assistance of the Harmon Foundation.

Dedicated forever to the plays of children, the development of youth, and the recreation of all. "The Gift of Land is the Gift Eternal." 1925. Wm. E. HARMON

This will rank you with the other permanent playgrounds as a part of the permanent playground movement.

We should like to hear from you as soon as possible in this regard and should also like to have on file the name and address of the chairman of the Playground Committee, together with those of any other individual to whom information should be sent from time to time.

Our check for \$150 is enclosed.

Very sincerely yours,  
MARY BEATTIE BRADY,  
Division of Playgrounds.

### County School Census.

The 1925 school census of Columbia county shows St. Helens has an enrollment of 1055, Vernonia has 717, Rainier 700 and Clatskanie 559. As usual, all children from 4 to 20 years old are included. A recent count showed the Rainier high school leads the districts of the county in number of students enrolled.

### No Fishing on Rock Creek.

Game Warden Brown called last week and told us that we could inform the public that there can be absolutely no fishing of any kind in Rock Creek or the Nehalem river from now until April 1st. So be careful, or the game warden will get you.

2,000 men working on Southern Pacific Natron cut-off, with only 25 miles of track still to lay.

## Air Guides for Aviation

To assist in the development of aviation, and to increase safety and certainty of air travel, the Standard Oil company (California), following a suggestion from the office of the Chief of Air Service, War Department, will establish a widespread system of guide signs for aviators along the airways of the Pacific coast states, giving the Pacific coast its only marked airways and the first of the kind in the country. These signs will take the form of names of towns painted on the roofs of the company's buildings. The army air service will designate points which should be marked. The company will also offer cooperation to the naval air service, the air mail service and commercial fliers.

At first the effort will be clearly to mark the present airways and towns adjacent to flying and landing fields. There are now established airways from San Diego to Seattle and from San Francisco to Reno. Along these routes the company has distributing plants at frequent intervals. The towns on these airways which should be marked are now being selected and the signs will be painted at once. As other airways are developed and necessity requires, additional signs will be set up.

The company has stations at most ports on the Pacific coast and at these will establish signs for the guidance and assistance of seaplanes.

The Standard Oil company (California) has more than 650 distributing plants in California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho and Utah. Each of these plants has a warehouse and it is upon the roofs of warehouses that the guide signs will be placed. In addition, there are many other buildings suitable to the purpose in the oil fields of the San Joaquin Valley and southern California, at pump stations on pipe lines, and at refineries.

The roofs available for signs range from 530 square feet in small towns to several thousand square feet in the large cities, giving in all cases, abbreviations thereof, will be signs. The signs, consisting of the names of towns, or possibly, in some cases, abbreviations thereof, will be in large white block letters on a dark background, giving a high degree of visibility. Owing to the fact that the storage tanks are painted white the company's distributing plants afford a conspicuous landmark from the air and are considered especially suitable for the purpose at hand. They are also all located on railways, which present airways usually follow.

### COUNTY RED CROSS REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

The Eagle is in receipt of the county nurses report from Miss Nina H. Little, R. N., Red Cross nurse which reads as follows:

Visits to schools, 20; visits to towns, 8; visits for county court, 11; letters written, 14; specimens school drinking water to laboratory, 3; specimens found polluted and not safe for drinking purposes, 3.

Defects: Teeth, permanent, 339; tonsils, 260; vision, 25; suspected goiter, 3; hearing, 1; exclusions, 13.

Notes to parents, 445; visits to homes, 18; visits for county court, 11; letters written, 14; specimens school drinking water to laboratory, 3; specimens found polluted and not safe for drinking purposes, 3.

### Treat 'em Rough.

When boosters organize a club to put their town upon the map, you'll always find a dub who tries to give 'em a slap. He'll ha, ha at their doing and try to break it up by sad and woeful woeings of any mongrel pup. The trouble is he'll find too many who will listen to the pessimistic whine if this bum from the cistern. Any man who likes his own won't listen to such bunk. He'll calmly set him down by giving him a hunk of good hard common sense that will send him on his way in ugly self defense to bide another day. When knockers come around me yelling their awful tale of woe, and with lies try to pound me, I can hardly let 'em go. I want to take them by the neck, wrench their tongue from their throat, then stand back and say, "By heck, now go ahead and gloat."—Ragson Tattlers.

## THE VERHIAN

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Editor ..... Margaret Smith

We are glad to welcome Elster Williams back to the freshman class. He has been attending the Rainier high school during the past few weeks. Shella, his sister, has also reentered the junior class.

The freshmen who play basketball, intend to organize an all-freshman team in a few days.

The freshman class has charge of the sale of the 1925 Red Cross Christmas stamps.

Lena Gibson, Mildred Bergerson and Margaret Smith, delegates to the high school conference at the University of Oregon, will leave for Eugene Thursday morning. Mrs. Cole, who will represent the faculty, will take them in her car. The conference opens at nine o'clock Friday morning and closes at 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

The boys turning out for basketball, started their regular practice last Monday night. Coach Austin is putting the boys through a stiff practice every night. We have plenty of good material and expect to have a winning team this year.

### PHILLIPINO FORGES OREGON-AMERICAN CHECK

The raising of an Oregon-American mill check from \$18 to \$68, proved to be an easy job for G. Lusco, alias G. Cabell, even with all its check protector stamped on it. The check was cashed at the Kullander Jewelry store here this week by the Phillipino as a payment on a watch which he had purchased that day. The check was taken, as many of them are cashed there at times, and no close watch was paid to it. Mr. Kullander at the close of the evenings business, in looking at the check noticed that it was a little different from the rest that he had and in closer inspection found that the Phillipino had been making a close study of the inks that the mill used and by taking a pen he pierced the check to look like the genuine at a first glance. After cashing the check he made aasty trip to Portland, and as yet has not been located.

### THE LITTLE THINGS

Oh, it's just the little homely things, the unobtrusive, friendly things, the "wont-you-let-me-help-you" things that make our pathway light. And it's just the jolly, joking things, the "never-mind-the-trouble" things, the "laugh-with-me-it's-funny" things that make the world seem bright. For all the countless famous things, the wondrous record-breaking things, those "never-can-be-equalled" things, that all the papers cite, are not like little human things, the "every-day-encountered" things, the "just because-I-like-you" things the "done-and-then-forgotten" things those "oh-it's-simply-nothing" things that make life worth the fight.—Grace Haines

### Visit in Frisco.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Whittaker leave today for a two weeks visit in San Francisco. Both going to see relatives that they have not seen for five years.

### Bridge Club Entertained.

The Bridge club was entertained at the home of Mrs. A. J. Black at her home on Rose avenue Friday. Those present were Mesdames Smith Wahlater, Burgman, McNeill, Space, Richardson and Brady. Mrs. Space winning first prize and Mrs. D. L. Smith consolation prize.

To California readers, as well as those in the east and Florida, too, we just want to remark that in Vernonia, we haven't put on our "heavies" yet, and the past week many homes were without fires in the heaters. It rained here this week. Good warm rains that make the grass and trees green the year round.

### THE HARDEST JOB

About the hardest thing to do I know of, would be to have a separate a nickle's worth of salt from the same quantity of sugar, while wearing a pair of boxing gloves. Still, trying to pick the fly specks out of a lot of black pepper, would be a rather tough proposition.

The tonic for the business world—newspaper advertising.

The football season is over. The Thanksgiving game with Clatskanie which ended with a score of 0 to 0, was the final game.

The carnival committee and the play cast are working hard. Don't forget the "Sob-Buster" carnival to be held December 11.

Mildred Cates visited her father during the Thanksgiving vacation. Miss Cates is a former student of our high school.

A census of the student body was taken Wednesday morning. Each student was requested to give his name, native state, and expected vocation. The results were as follows: Pupils present, 154, states represented, 27 born in Oregon, 73 born in other states, 81 born in Canada, 7 specified vocations, 19.

The junior civics class is starting the study of parliamentary law judging from the interest that is being shown, we should have some helpful citizens in our town in the future.

The six weeks exams and the Thanksgiving vacation are over. The next six weeks, which cover the Christmas and New Years' vacation will conclude the first semester.

### VERNONIA MINERS DO MUCH FOR SOUTHERN OREGON

To the several interested, we hear in todays mail that the Kelmar-Vanpet Mining company, has found a market for their limestone at a hand some profit. And that their several gold veins have broadened in every shot. True fisher veins going around \$60 to the ton is the latest development with millions of tons in sight. The smelter for Gold Hill is now assured and smelter stock will make all holders independent. These facts are taken from actual surveys, assays and engineer reports from well known authority. It runs like a fairy tale that Vernonia men, comparatively poor financially, have developed in a few months mining property that is today worth millions with no let up to the ore body. Evidently it is the "Mother Lode."

### THE OREGONIAN IS SEVENTY-FIVE TODAY

The Oregonian. Those words mean much to Oregonians. Since 1850 the Oregonian has made regular visits to Oregon homes. For seventy-five years Oregonians have read and depended on The Oregonian. Next to the Bible the Oregonian has held the center of the table. There are readers in Oregon today who have kept up with every issue of the great paper since it's first year of existence. In the world, the Oregonian ranks with America's best daily papers and in Oregon it is an essential as the morning meal. The Vernonia Eagle is in receipt of an invitation to a celebration for the Oregonian's birthday, reading as follows:

The Oregonian, 1850-1925. The Oregonian cordially invites you to be present at its Seventy-fifth birthday anniversary celebration, Friday, December 4, 1925, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. at the public auditorium, Third and Clay streets, Portland Oregon.

### GO AFTER THE BUSINESS

Small towns complain that the big cities draw all the business from rural communities. This is a mistaken idea. All over the country there are shining examples to prove that manufacturers, publishers, writers, motion picture producers, mill operators and numerous other productive enterprises are establishe, thrive and distribute all their products more economically from a small town than from a populous center.

The Central Illinois Public Service company of Springfield, Illinois, has issued a folder entitled, "Fertile Fields for Factories." It has not waited for rural towns in Illinois to set forth their advantages, but is going ahead and showing how low production costs are possible in the communities in which it operates.

Envoy Lillian Gray, state campaign worker from the financial department of the Salvation Army, visited Vernonia this week. Mrs. Gray covers the entire state in her work for the Army and White Shield home. In Vernonia ninety per cent of the populace are in hearty sympathy with the work and spirit of the Salvation Army.

## Former P.T.A. Pres. Writes

Mrs. Aristene Felts of Portland, former president, Oregon P. T. A., who is spending the winter in Paris, has written an interesting letter to J. J. Handsaker, northwest regional director of the Near East Relief. She says:

"America must continue her work in the Near East for a few years more for she is dealing with children and some of the most promising children in the world. Little is being done by relief agencies for adults, although they are worthy of help; for the Armenian will not beg; he will work at everything and anything at any price, for his daily bread. The presence of these thousands of refugees has demoralized the labor situation in a country where labor is already poorly paid and where there is little work and little money."

"Boys trained in American orphanages will have much better chances than the present generation for they are being taught carpentry, blacksmithing, etc., while most adults refugees are fitted only for common labor. I wish I could take you through the little carpenter, shop in Nazareth where the boys are learning carpentry just opposite the spot where Jesus learned his trade."

"What tugs at your heart most is the babies four and five years old of whom there are more than 2,000 in Near East relief orphanages now. Children are leaving the orphanages at the rate of 300 a month making room for others in the refugee camps. In the last two years homes have been found for 25,000."

"I am most enthusiastic over the work the Near East Relief is doing and feel that the magnitude and necessity of the work can not be overestimated," concluded Mrs. Felts.

Dispatches the last few days have pictured war conditions in Syria. Tucked in between the accounts of the movements of the revolting tribesmen and of the French forces, are brief accounts of the suffering of the people driven from their homes and congregating in refugee camps. "Sanitary arrangements totally inadequate, water scarce, many refugees ill, no medicine, children sick."

At this time it is impossible to say whether the Near East Relief will be able to help these refugee children as its funds are exhausted in the care of the 35,000 children now in its orphanages and homes. Aid to these sufferers will depend upon the responses made to Near East Relief on Golden Rule Sunday and Christmas.

The Portland papers have been carrying big Christmas advertisements for weeks. People in adjoining towns who have autos are sometimes in the habit of answering these ads and trading, more or less, in Portland instead of keeping their money at home to help pay home taxes and build the home city. The Eagle has recently closed a tremendous subscription contest, making practically EVERY home in this whole valley a reader of the home paper. Readers may be discouraged in not finding these big Christmas ads, suggestions and prices in the home paper, like the Portland papers. But, readers, we assure you that Vernonia stores are well stocked now with Christmas goods—both toys and substantial merchandise. We know the prices are as good and sometimes better than you will get in the city. We have always advocated "Trading at Home," and are sincerely advocating "Trade with Home Advertisers." Read the ads and look for new ones. Next issue will have many large Xmas ads. Merchants can keep more home trade if they go after it.

This paper as not been in the habit of running outside advertising. In the past it has not been necessary.

The Ladies Athletic club, which has been meeting in Coyle's hall voted at their last meeting to move to warmer quarters and decided on the social hall of the Evangelical church, where their athletic class will meet Friday night at 7:30. Dr. Ella Wight is well pleased with the work of the class and has started folk dances and has two fine volley ball teams, and says, the ladies here take to the work, just like children with a new toy, and by spring they will be able to have some mighty fine games outdoors.

## COL. COUNTY CONFERENCE

### Farmers of County Will Meet at Rainier, December 11.

## AGRICULTURE IS TOPIC

### Five Nehalem Valley Farmers are to Take Active Part in Program.

Every essential phase of agricultural production and marketing will receive attention at the Columbia county agricultural economic conference which convenes next Friday, December 11, at 10:00 a. m., in the city hall at Rainier, according to Geo. A. Nelson, county agent, who has been assisting in organizing the event. Committee of ranchers from practically every section of the county have been at work for several weeks gathering data on livestock, dairying, farm crops, poultry, beekeeping, fruit raising and the utilization of logged-off lands.

That such an agricultural conference should be held in the county was decided several weeks ago by a committee representing the grange, farm bureau, the various commercial organizations and breeders association in the county. At this meeting Warren Young, master of the Pomona Grange of Clatskanie was chosen general chairman of the conference.

The chief purpose of the two-day event is to make a business study of the county's agricultural and to determine upon ways and means of making farming more profitable. Out of this conference is expected to come a program of agricultural development which will serve as a guide for the future. The session will attempt to determine what farm enterprises are most profitable and to what extent marketing facilities will permit local farmers to engage in them.

Those who are in charge of arrangements for the conference promise that there will be something of interest and value to everyone interested in agriculture in the county and to such an invitation is extended to participate in the event.

Assisting each committee in its work will be the various specialists from the Oregon Agricultural college extension service. Among those who will be present are: H. E. Cosby, poultry specialist, E. R. Jackman, crop specialist, G. R. Hyslop, logged-off lands, H. A. Scullen, beekeeping, C. L. Long, fruit raising, N. C. Jamison, dairy specialist and H. A. Lindgren, livestock specialist.

The conference at Rainier will be the 18th similar conference held in as many counties in the state during the past two years. In each instance they have been pronounced among the most helpful agricultural events over held.

The county's annual agricultural income is \$1,226,095. Of this amount: \$517,879 or 42 per cent is derived from the sale of dairy products, \$243,000 or 19.8 per cent from livestock, \$140,000 or 11.4 per cent from grains, 10.6 per cent from vegetables nine per cent from fruit, 5.4 per cent from poultry and 1.6 per cent from hay and forage crops. One of the chief functions of the conference will be to determine which or whether or not all of these sources of income should be increased.

Frank Peterson, A. M. Berg, Joe Banzer, Frank Gowan and E. H. Webber are among those in the Nehalem valley who are serving on the conference committees.

### STOPPED ALL TRAFFIC

In New York a back alley cat decided to move her family of five kittens across the street. She was so well known that Officer Cudmore stopped all traffic and motor cars while she carried the five kittens safely on the other side of the street. The world pauses sometimes when the American sense of kindness is appealed to.

P. J. O'Malley of St. Helens took Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kemper in Vernonia. Mr. O'Malley is Mrs. Kemper's father.