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## Vernonia, A Good City

Compared With Any City in the Northwest Twice Our Size, We Show More Activity and Business

Vernonia is a good town. A population of 2000 industrious individuals, pleasant homes, splendid schools, with three modern school buildings, over 700 pupils and 24 teachers. Vernonia has three church organizations, all with good congregations, a lodge for every night in the week, electric lights and power, a municipal water system and sewer system, paved streets and cement walks, houses and streets all numbered, modern store buildings with large mercantile stocks, wood working plant, mills, logging camps, theatre, grain and produce company, lumber dealers, Chamber of Commerce, railroad, stage lines, truck lines, dance halls, good hotels, eating houses, laundries, all lines of business is represented and the city is the home of the largest saw mill of its kind in the world, employing hundreds of people and running both a day and night shift. Vernonia is on the Inland Highway, halfway between Portland and Astoria.

### MUCH TO BE DONE

Development of these great natural resources to date has scarcely scratched the surface of possibility. The vastness of the reward is tied to the immensity of the necessary development, but much in the way of sound investment and construction has been accomplished and already the tide of prosperity grows stronger.

### Sources of Wealth.

Vernonia is surrounded by the finest districts of timber left in the world. Her forests are a source of immense wealth and have been the cause of a steady golden stream flowing into the coffers of the community. Her agricultural land is of the finest. The climate is especially suited to the dairy industry and making a glowing mark in the dairy industry of the Pacific coast. Her cattle are free from the bane of tuberculosis, and her people have learned the lesson of pure-bred success in production. Her capacity for truck gardening is only limited by the demands of the market. The poultry industry is flourishing and capable of unlimited development. Even the busy bee finds a peculiarly suitable working ground in this section.

### Health.

No more healthful climate can be found in the world than that in the Nehalem valley. Winters are moderate and summers delightful. Mortality is at its lowest ebb. The great destructive forces of nature are seldom pointed at its citizens. Winter does not claim victims in its icy grip, nor does humidity wilt and pass under the drive of solar heat.

### Opportunity.

It is a land of opportunity. A land where there is room for all, and a chance for accomplishment. Those who look longingly toward the West cannot afford to overlook Vernonia, Columbia county. Here they will find what they are seeking, a chance to move ahead, the pleasant companionship of an industrious and ambitious people, a future home for their children, where youth is cared for by the most modern educational facilities and where worthwhile examples is ever present.

Vernonia is a city with a future that is bound to make history.

The local O.-A. mill has a capacity of over 600,000 feet of lumber a day, two shifts.

The Vernonia Eagle has considerable over a thousand paid subscribers, which means over three thousand readers every week.

Hard to find a prettier, or more romantic spot in Oregon for a city. Situated on the Nehalem river where Rock creek, running through the center of the town, empties into the river. A natural picnic ground for miles in every direction. Surrounded by tall trees, hills and valleys. All one of the best works of nature.

### Six garages in Vernonia.

Something is being done in Vernonia every day. There is never a day without the sound of hammer and saw. New improvements, new additions or new buildings going up every day. It is a growing city and on a Saturday night our main street resembles a carnival. Nearly every citizen is an auto owner and the majority are home owners.

The east part of Vernonia, that large plot known as Hillside, is the residence district near the big Oregon-American mill. The mill company plotted the land and cleared it; graded streets, put in lights and a splendid water system and built eighty-five splendid, little modern homes. The houses they rent to mill employees and that part of town is a pretty resident district that the county can well be proud of. It lies on the main road to St. Helens and from the beautiful homes one gets a superb view of the town and valley.

Vernonia has a city play ground of three acres right in the center of the city. Next spring this ground will be equipped with swings, seats, slides, stands and made one of the pretty parks of the state.

The Bank of Vernonia is an institution that all the valley is proud of. With its modern banking building, its safe and sound policy, its eagerness to serve in all conservative business ventures and its great desire and wish to aid in all farm and dairy enterprises, make it the center of Vernonia's activity.

The Standard Oil company maintains a large oil station at Vernonia.

Best depot on the railroad between here and Portland.

An average of forty sacks of mail arrives in Vernonia daily.

The lodge directory elsewhere in this paper tells all strangers when they can find a night at home in their favorite lodge. We have a meeting nearly every night, to each of which members will find a royal welcome.

The Vernonia volunteer fire department is one of the best assets the town has. The fire department has paid for itself many times over. The members are ever ready to go and anxious to work when duty calls. The apparatus owned by the company is good, composed of an auto truck for ladders and hose. The boys never ask for anything, and the citizens should remember them with a substantial Christmas gift for the department. More equipment wouldn't hurt now as the town is growing.

The Johnston-McGraw Shingle Mill is another big institution for Vernonia. This is a new mill owned by local men and one of the best and largest in the state. They run both day and night and their product is declared to rank far above the average. The cost of the new mill was \$40,000, put up by local capital and their success is well merited. It will furnish work to Vernonia men for many years to come.

Lindsey and Bennett have recently acquired control of the saw mill located opposite the depot and we understand will put it in operation early in the new year, furnishing work for thirty or forty more men. Another asset to the city.

Three years ago, Vernonia had 200 people, today she has over 2000.

The Vernonia Woodworking company, Stankey & Son, is one of the best cabinet shops in the state. Their work isn't eclipsed any place and they are busy continually.

Vernonia wants and needs a creamery, ice plant, wood manufacturing plants of various kinds, small factories and more farmers. Room for dairymen, chicken raisers and truck farmers.

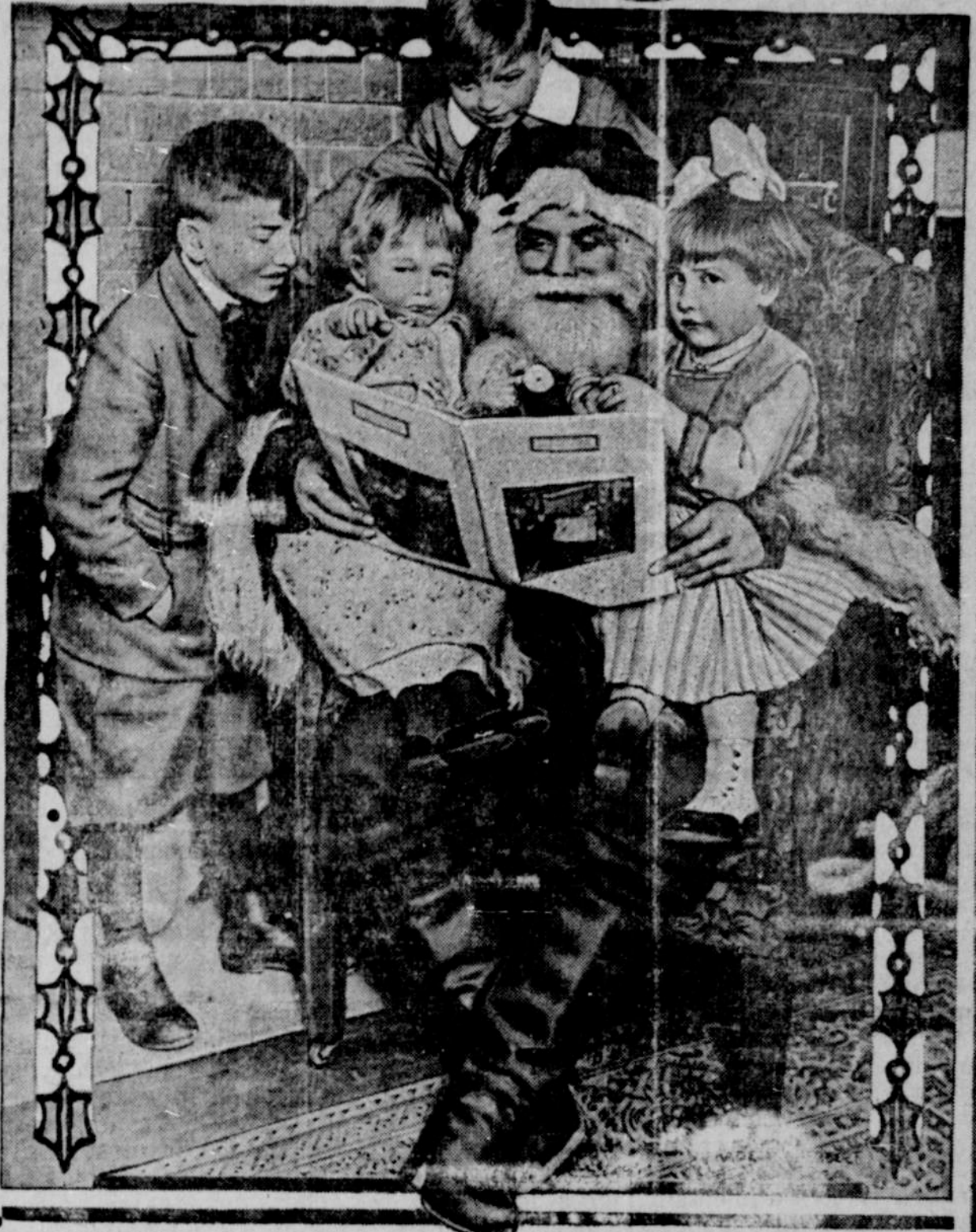
Vernonia has a good band just organized with a membership of real musicians, besides the material for splendid orchestras.

Vernonia has an athletic association and one of the best ball parks in the state.

Vernonia has a ladies athletic club with nearly a hundred members.

The big shingle mill of Vernonia sawed 154,000 shingles in eight hours Saturday.

## The Wonderful Story



### PORTLAND—ASTORIA INLAND LOOP HIGHWAY

Vernonia is half-way between Portland and Astoria on the Inland highway. This highway will be paved—it is a necessity—it will relieve the heavy traffic of the Columbia River highway—it is a scenic route—it is an outlet for hundreds of farmers, fir mills, camps and flourishing towns. It is a military highway that the nation surely needs. Tourists coming up the Roosevelt highway to Astoria, can take a short cut to Portland via the Inland highway. Vernonia, the hub, has no competition within 30 miles—a 60 mile trade territory, and the busiest city on the highway.

Oregon Agricultural College, Dec. 2—Alvin Parker of Vernonia has been appointed second lieutenant of the college R.O.T.C. engineer unit. Mr. Parker is a senior in forestry.

F. Loomis, Creswell—A. W. and W. A. Prioleau sold The Creswell News to Chas.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., Dec. 6—Three students from Vernonia attended the high school conference held at the University Friday and Saturday. They were: Lena Bigen, Mildred Berger and Margaret Smith.

The conference was divided into four divisions: Oregon High School Press Association, Association of Student Body officers, which included who are secretaries; and the faculty advisers. Approximately 500 delegates from all parts of the state were present at the various meetings.

This was the largest and most successful conference held since the beginning six years ago, according to Carl Dahl, general chairman.

Prominent speakers were Miss Marion Brown, dean of girls at the University high school, Oakland, Cal.; Marshall Dana, associate editor of the Oregon Journal, Portland, Ore.; Arne Rae, editor of the Tillamook Herald; Dr. H. D. Sheldon of the University administrative committee and other faculty members.

A. W. Petersen, Chas. D. White Ray Reasoner, C. C. Brown and Paul Robinson were in southern Oregon this week, attending to business affairs in connection with the installation of mine mill machinery and looking after the development of various mining properties. A mine that the Vernonia people are interested in, has proven to be one of the richest in the country, and the smelter to be built at Gold Hill will be one of the best investments in the state.

### DRUG STORE TO MOVE

Mac's Pharmacy is going to move to the building formerly occupied by the Mellinger Hardware company. This will give the drug store a more central location for business. The windows are being enlarged for better display and the exterior of the building arranged in better shape for the store. Mac's Pharmacy is making a good move and we predict a better business in the new location near the business part of the city.

### AIREDALE HAS MORE VALOR THAN DISCRETION

Mickey, an oversized Airedale dog set out Thursday morning last, to investigate the habitat of a badger on the dike land of his master, Sam Lumjarvi, near Quincy. That afternoon Mr. Lumjarvi brought Mickey to St. Helens for much-needed repairs.

The Airedale, having been brought up in the neighborhood, evidently thought he was well posted as to the general disposition of the badger family. This particular Mrs. Badger, however, did not run true to Mickey's previous experience for she hustled out to see who was snooping around her household.

Airedale like Mickey substituted valor for discretion and opened hostilities. A few short minutes convinced him he had made a mistake. But it was not until his neck, body and legs were a mass of slashes from the razor-edged teeth of the badger that the dog was willing to call it a day.

Dr. G. W. Tyson of St. Helens took stitches in a dozen different places before Mickey was altogether again.

The badger returned, presumably, to her household duties.

The tonic for the business world—newspaper advertising.

## PARK DONATORS ARE THANKED

Dr. Ella Wight, who last spring talked at the luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce in behalf of the Harmon Foundation of New York, in offering their fund for play grounds for boys and girls of America, pleaded for a play ground for Vernonia's girls and boys, and Dr. Wight was appointed chairman ex-officio with a committee of four to work with her and they immediately took steps to procure the three acre track on Rock Creek as the most logical spot in Vernonia for a play ground, for it is near the business center, has the creek for a wading pond and a natural cedar tree for a flag pole, not to say anything of the many advantages in other ways. The check from the Harmon foundation has been received and our playground has been assured.

Now comes the task of clearing and grading the grounds, building a band stand, benches, swings, teters and a sand pile for the little folks. Who will be the big kind hearted person or lodge that will see that the big cedar tree is barked and nailed and a flag raised? Who will donate lumber for our band stand and benches and we are sure that those who will give a few hours of their time to help build them will feel doubly paid. What a grand place it will be for our high school band to give concerts in the evenings and Sunday afternoons, and last, but not least, who that has horses will be kind enough to help us either blast or pull out two or three stumps that are in the ground? The ladies of Vernonia are planning big things in planting flower beds and shrubs that go to make up a fine playground. If the schools and organizations of Vernonia will cooperate they can make this the most beautiful playground in Oregon, and whether we have children or not, what a wonderful satisfaction there is in knowing that we help the children of Vernonia to have a beautiful, well equipped playground. Dr. Wight takes this opportunity in thanking each of her committees who have worked so faithfully to make this a success and to all others, especially the business men who gave so generously and the city council and chamber of commerce who went over the top to make this playground a reality.

The P. T. A. will meet next Monday evening at 7:30 at the grade school. The following program will be given. All cordially invited: Recitation, "Lost Tommy," Veda Webster exercise, "Santa's Little Son," by six boys, piano duet, "Over the Waves," Billie Culver and Wilton White, recitation, "When Xmas Comes," Oscar Ross, dramatization, "Mother Goose Rhymes," second grade children, solo "Wild Flowers," Betty Culver, accompanied by Myrtle Mills, recitation, "Boys Rights," Jack Taylor, a discussion, Mr. A. W. Johns

**NEW STREET LIGHT**  
Fourteen large new street lights are being installed along Bridge St. The new lights will shine over the center of the pavement instead of on corner poles as previously.

**DISAPPEARED**  
The local Odd Fellows lodge has been requested to locate if possible George (Bud) Crow, age 15; 5 feet 8 inches tall; weight 115; fair complexion, dark brown hair, small round face; pleasing personality, small bunch or scar under left jaw near ear; very faint scar across neck in front.

He disappeared from his home in Gooding, Idaho, on August 18th and is believed to be in this vicinity. Mrs. Crow is prostrated and any information would be appreciated. If Bud sees this he should write home immediately and relieve his mother's anxiety.

### OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF THE OREGON-AMERICAN PLANT AT VERNONIA

Sawmill, powerhouse and machine shop of steel and concrete construction.

Lumber always under cover from the initial operation to the freight car.

Kiln drying of all lumber up to two inches thick, including uppers, commons and lath.

Monorail system for handling the entire output in unit packages; hand piling only in the dressed lumber shed.

Complete Tanner system of sorting, edge piling and unstacking, permitting segregation of lumber as to length, thickness, grade and species.

Ample shed room for concentration of rough dried stock for specific orders before surfacing.

Timber storage facilities for 6,000,000 feet.

Use of Martin air dogs on cuttings.

Complete motorization of the mill, with each machine driven by an individual motor.

## The Twelfth Month

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OH, MOTHER LOOK'T HERE ONLY A COUPLE WEEKS MORE

