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## THE SHIP IS DOCKING

"When my ship comes in," has been applied to every delay in reaching certain goals or realizing fortunes. After the approach of this marvelous ship for seventy-five years, she is now in the harbor and docking at the gold fields of southern Oregon. The mineral deposits of this district are too well known to go into details on that subject at this time, other than the statement that the district is proving richer than oft repeated descriptions have placed it.

As one of the world's best authorities and geologists recently remarked "Why go to foreign fields or to Alaska to suffer hardships, bulldoze roads and spend fortunes in looking for treasures that exist in greater quantities right here at home."

The little mining town of Gold Hill in Jackson county, is the hub of this rich gold district, forming a circle fifty miles in each direction. Here mother earth has practically every known mineral, especially rich in gold and copper. Surface digging with wonderful success as been carried on here for many years, but deep mining to the base ore has just been brought to the fore through the past eight months work of the Kelmar-Vanpet company. This company is a cooperative company of Vernonia men, who have had little to say, choosing rather to saw wood—dig and get results—their reward is well merited. A. W. Petersen a Vernonia merchant, is president of this company and very active on the subject; the board of directors is composed of Wm. Martineau, A. E. Kellogg, Paul Robinson, C. C. Brown, Chas. D. White, Dr. Hughes and Wm. Lindsay, all Vernonia citizens with the exception of one.

It is the Kelmar-Vanpet company that is now making southern Oregon their development and discoveries have created a new era for the state. Their principle mine is one of the richest in the west; they are producers. Good judgement, some financial investment, the spirit of chance and perseverance have won. It is this company that is responsible for the actual building of the first unit of a smelter at Gold Hill, work on which is now well under way. Here is a company purely Oregonian; a mine, that has no stock to sell.

They are in a tunnel five hundred feet and their ore at last station is valued at \$200 to \$300 per ton. Mining men from various states and foreign fields have recently visited this rich strike and pronounce it marvelous, the greatest new mine of the country.

Situated within a quarter mile of the Southern Pacific railroad, joining the city limits of Gold Hill and on a good gravelled highway, makes it easy of access. The progress made, the distance in on the tunnel work, have been done for a few thousand dollars, where the same progress in some mining districts would have cost the promoters probably millions. And, now with success assured and the building of a smelter, this vast mining district of southern Oregon is at the beginning of a mining boom to equal that of the Klondike. Much new industrial wealth will be added to our state and to southern Oregon cities will enlarge.

To men with nerve, the love of adventure and pride in Oregon development work, is due credit for their efforts. The mining world is watching the progress of the district, the Northwest is talking of the "finds," and Oregon is ever appreciative of new industrial development.

A. L. Morris was in town Monday leaving fruit and ornamental trees at various homes.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER GOES KAFLOOEY

State Prohibition Director William S. Levins, with nine state agents, co-operating with Robert McFarland, federal agent, Monday arrested D. W. Weller and William Eider and confiscated their large still near St. Helens. The prisoners are confined in the county jail at the county seat.

The still seized was of 80-gallon capacity and was hidden cleverly in a canyon on the St. Helens-Vernonia road, about 11 miles from St. Helens. Trails leading to the plant were camouflaged with trees planted to hide them; With the still were taken 2000 gallons of mash, a steam plant used in operating the distilling apparatus, 180 gallons of moonshine whiskey and 150 empty one-gallon jugs.

The still evidently had been operated about six months, turning out 40 gallons of double distilled liquor every ten hours, most of which was sold in Portland.

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Keasey, Or., Oct. 14  
Mr. Paul Robinson,  
Editor The Vernonia Eagle.

Dear Sir:

Allow me to compliment you on the appearance of your annual number. The cover design is wonderful and certainly appropriate. In fact, the whole paper is up and a comin'. The merchants too, have the spirit that makes for a real live city. From the looks of things, Vernonia will be boosted and The Eagle will do its share of boosting.

Very truly yours,  
GEORGE KING.

## SHOWER IS GIVEN

The friends of Miss Sybal Ornduff met at the Ornduff's home on last Thursday, December 10 and showered her. Many useful gifts were given. A mid-afternoon luncheon was served. Those present were: Mesdames Ora Smith, Daisy Smith, Mae Ohler, George Ohler, Mary Ohler, Roy Townsend, Mrs. Haskens and daughter, Tillie Bergerson, Hannah Bergerson, Mrs. Joey, Dr. Cole, Mrs. Johns, Mary Anderson and daughter, Melissa Jones, Vada Rainwater, Mrs. Ornduff, Sybal Ornduff, Mrs. D. W. Rainwater, James Griffin, Carl Ohler, Neta Ohler and Jean Townsend.

## GOVERNOR PIERCE TO SPEAK

Everyone in Vernonia and the Nehalem valley will want to be present January 12, whether you like 'em or not, to hear the Big Issue Discussed by Governor Walter Pierce. It will be the biggest rally the old town ever had. Governor Pierce will tell us a few things at the Evangelical church, Tuesday, January 12, at 2 o'clock p. m. Something is going to "Pop."

T. J. Flippin, ex-mayor of Rainier, and well known over the county, was a Vernonia visitor last week.

The Dreamland Dance hall is a new dancing hall opened up on the river, one mile east of the city limits.

Sheriff Wellington was in Vernonia Monday admiring our new streets and lights.

## HAS PEPPERMINT FARM

Judge Reasoner called us in the city hall Tuesday to show us a big glass jug full of peppermint oil, valued today at about \$300. This oil is distilled from an acre of the peppermint grown in the Reasoner farm in Washington county. Peppermint grows splendidly in the Vernonia district and properly cared for is certainly a money maker. If you don't believe it, ask the judge for proof.

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**H.S. CONFERENCE REPORT—**  
The delegates to the conference at Eugene, Lena Gibson, Mildred Bergerson, Margaret Smith and Mrs. Cole, faculty advisor, gave their reports of the trip Monday afternoon.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—**  
The high school's Christmas program is in charge of the senior class.

**ABSENTEES—**  
Sheila Williams was ill Monday and Tuesday.  
Bernard Dowling has been absent for several days on account of a bad cold.  
Clarence Wardle was absent Wednesday.

## WHAT IS A FRIEND?

What is a friend? I will tell you. It is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. Your soul can be naked with him. He seems to ask you to put on nothing, only to be what you are. He does not want you to be better or worse. When you are with him, you feel as a prisoner feels when he has been declared innocent. You do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, so long as it is genuinely you. He understands those contradictions in your nature that lead others to misjudge you. With him you breathe freely. You can avow your little vanities and envies and hates and vicious sparks, your meannesses and absurdities and, in opening them up to him, they are lost, dissolved on the white ocean of his loyalty. He understands. You do not have to be careful. You can abuse him, neglect him, tolerate him. Best of all, you can keep still with him. It makes no matter. He likes you—He is like fire that purges to the bone. He understands. He understands. You can weep with him, sin with him, pray with him. Through it all—and underneath—he sees, knows and loves you. A friend? What is a friend? Just one, I repeat, with whom you dare to be yourself. C. Raymond Beran.

A. L. Morris, who represents the Washington Nursery, tells us that this year they have shipped into Columbia county \$12,000,000 worth of fruit trees. Who says we are not a big fruit county and getting better every year.

Mrs. Esther Coulter is expecting a visit from a brother, she has not seen for 30 years.

**CARNIVAL—**  
The carnival "Sob-Buster," was a success, thanks to the loyal cooperation of the students and the generous support of the own. We wish to thank especially the business men who helped us in so many ways.

**PRACTICE GAME—**  
Our boys will play the St. Helens basketball team in a practice game Friday in St. Helens.

**WEEK-END IN FOREST GROVE—**  
Lygia and Lynn Burt spent the week-end in Forest Grove.

**ANNUAL—**  
Boost our annual.  
**CHURCH CANTATA—**  
Several of the high school students are taking part in the Christian church cantata, which is to be given Wednesday night, December 23.

## LITTLE TOTS ENJOY BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY

The eight birthday of little Dee Garland Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo G. Davis, 1050, 2nd, avenue, was celebrated Friday, December 11th. His host of little friends gathered, and the time was spent in playing games, of which several won presents. In another room was waiting a nodding little cedar tree, on which was eight little colored electric lights, together with little treats for each guest. Old Santa was on the job just as real as could be.

At the proper time a large birthday cake appeared, bearing eight pink and blue candles, which were lighted by four boys and four girls. After the candles had burned out, the cake was cut and served with ice cream. Little Dee Garland received a nice present from each one. At the hour of five, they all departed wishing their little friend many more happy birthdays. Those present were Helen and Rolla Blum, Norma, Melvin and Wayland Hobson, Dorothy Babbs, Louise Whittell, Virginia Ruth Perry, Floyd Hayden, June and Wayne Williams.

John Friday of Banks, one of Washington county's pioneers and retired farmers visited over last week-end in Vernonia.

We can have a fruit and vegetable cannery in Vernonia if we want it.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Asplund were in Portland over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Whittaker have returned from a ten day visit in California.

## WORLD'S FAIR—PORTLAND 1930

## A Newcomer in Washington



## ON LEAVING OUT NEWS.

Hardly an issue of a paper passes without the editor being requested to omit some item of news. The request to omit are often as numerous as those to please print. The editor of a newspaper in a city the size of Cottage Grove usually has a heart and it never is a pleasure to publish items that are going to hurt someone. It is much more pleasant to publish something that will bring joy and happiness. But a newspaper is a newspaper, and it has certain duties which it can not neglect even for the closest friends.

One of these duties is discouragement of law violations by giving publicity to such violations. Publicity is the greatest known deterrent of crime.

Another duty is to its readers. Within certain bounds they are entitled to all the news, and what is news when it concerns someone unknown to the paper is also news when it concerns one who may contribute heavily to the paper's support.

The Sentinel often omits the names of children for a crime story or their parents that there will be no need for another such request. The Sentinel feels that it is warranted in doing this and it knows that it is much more pleasant to handle cases of child delinquency in this way. It feels that it has accomplished something in helping youngsters, and this is recompense enough to offset any criticism.

Speaking generally, however, news is news, regardless of whom it may concern, and so far as possible friend and foe receive the same treatment.—Cottage Grove Sentinel

## ST. HELENS K.P.'S VISIT.

Several K. P. visitors were over from St. Helens attending the Vernonia Harding lodge Monday night, and helping to give a half dozen candidates the mysteries of the first degree. The local lodge has a membership campaign on and many of Vernonia's best are learning more about Pythianism.

## AMERICAN LEGION ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

At a meeting of the American Legion, Vernonia Post No. 119, held Monday night at the Legion hall the officers who will take charge of the post's duties for the year were elected. They were: Wm. Folger, commander; Gene Shipley, vice commander; Tom Graham, adjutant; H. E. McGraw, finance officer; Ray Carrol, sergeant-at-arms. Executive committee, Dr. Hurley, A. L. Kullander and Geo. McGee. The office of Chaplin has not been filled as yet.

Ovella Daoust has sold his farm on the Timber road, to Weaver Clark. Mr. Clark will move on the place and Mr. Daoust will move to Vernonia to devote his time to building and contract work.

Mrs. Ray Emmott is visiting her parents in Hillsboro, where she will remain over Christmas.

A. W. Petersen was a Portland visitor Monday.

Prosecuting Attorney John L. Foote is back in Kansas, visiting with his mother.

## SCHOOL CARNIVAL ENJOYED.

The Vernonia Union high school student body gave a public carnival and entertainment last Friday night. The event was a big success in every way. The vaudville show and the little comedy both enacted with school talent were very good indeed, and accomplished their aim of drawing out laughs from the audience. In the basement of the building were booths selling good eats, a fishing pond and cool refreshments. Hundreds of patrons enjoyed the night and the student body realized \$215 for their work.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE, 1925-26

The schedule for the 1925-26 season of the Lower Columbia Athletic association was drawn up at a meeting of the league directors Saturday at Clatskanie.

Astoria, Seaside, Warrenton, Westport and Knappa will play their sectional games in a tournament. In this section includes Rainier, Scappoose, St. Helens, Clatskanie, Vernonia and Hill of Portland. The two sections will play off for the title on March 8 and 9 and in the case of a tie another game will be played on March 10.

The schedule:  
January 8—Rainier at Hill, Vernonia at Clatskanie, St. Helens at Scappoose.

January 15—Scappoose at Rainier, Clatskanie at St. Helens, Hill at Vernonia.

January 22—St. Helens at Hill, Rainier at Vernonia, Clatskanie at Scappoose.

January 23—Vernonia at Scappoose, Rainier at St. Helens, Hill at Clatskanie.

February 5—Scappoose at Hill, St. Helens at Vernonia, Clatskanie at Rainier.

February 12—Hill at Rainier, Clatskanie at Vernonia, Scappoose at St. Helens.

February 19—Vernonia at Hill, St. Helens at Clatskanie, Rainier at Scappoose.

February 22—Vernonia at Rainier, Hill at St. Helens, Scappoose at Clatskanie.

February 26—Clatskanie at Hill, Scappoose at Vernonia, St. Helens at Rainier.

March 5—Hill at Scappoose, Vernonia at St. Helens, Rainier at Clatskanie.

## PARENT-TEACHERS HELD MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

The Parent-Teachers meeting last Monday night at the Washington school was fairly well attended and the program was an interesting and entertaining one. Some of the smaller grade pupils gave class exercises that were appreciative. The only drawback to the Vernonia Parent-Teachers meetings is the fact that not enough people attend.

## SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION TODAY!

Have you secured your certificate of title to your motor vehicle? Have you applied for your 1926 motor vehicle license?

The law provides that no motor vehicle can be operated on the public highways of Oregon after January 1, 1926, without a 1926 license.

No 1926 license can be issued by the Secretary of State unless certificate of title has been previously procured by the motor vehicle owner.

There are approximately 235,000 motor vehicles in Oregon subject to the provisions of the certificate of title and motor vehicle laws. Application blanks for applying for 1926 licenses were mailed out to all motor vehicle owners of record early in November.

To date less than 6,000 applications have been received by the secretary of state for 1926 motor vehicle licenses. This means that over 200,000 applications must be received and licenses issued within the next 20 days of the calendar year, or an average of 10,000 per day, if the requirements of the law are strictly met.

A physical impossibility—unless you, who have not, cooperate with the secretary of state in the discharge and observance of the law and save yourself worry, annoyance and inconvenience of enforcement irregularities after January 1. Send in your applications now!