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## CHAMBER FOR BIG VERNONIA

New Chamber of Commerce Can Accomplish Many Good Things for the Community.

It is encouraging to the populace to learn that the Vernonia chamber of commerce is again under way with every promise of a more successful organization than ever before tried in our growing and busy city.

Today Vernonia is the best and busiest town of thrice its size in the state. We have recently visited dozens of cities our size and larger that would not compare in anyway with this place. There is room here for improvement as there is in the world over. There are many things Vernonia needs and many things a really live chamber of commerce can help to secure.

We want a large fireproof hotel; we want a creamery and ice factory; we want wood ware factories and small manufacturing plants. We need farmers, small farmers, dairy

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President of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce.

farmers, egg men, bee men and better care for the splendid fruit that can be raised here. These things and many more should be looked after by a live chamber of commerce.

Realizing the importance of the occasion the chamber of commerce was brought to life. We have interested, loyal men at the head of the organization who will put their efforts behind the city and who will and should expect the aid of each and all citizens. Mr. G. W. Davis, cashier of the Bank of Vernonia, is now president of the Vernonia chamber of commerce. Mr. Davis is a splendid man for the presidency. He will do much for the city and for the farming and dairy interest surrounding the city. He has had considerable experience in good cities and with the support of the members the chamber of commerce can accomplish many things this summer.

### THE BOXING MATCHES

Last Wednesday the third boxing exhibition conducted by the Vernonia boxing commission took place. It was pronounced the best yet held. A fair crowd attended and lots of interest taken. One of the fighters for the main bout failed to appear but the absence was hardly noticed as the cards all proved enjoyable and exciting. Don Brady and Young Raymer went two rounds to a draw. Raymer and Ritz were a draw in a two rounder. Young Manual and Dane Brady fought six rounds the decision going to Manual. Billy and Chuck Bennett put on a splendid three round exhibition bout and Toney Corey and Mr. Hart wrestled, Hart getting the first fall in seven minutes. The Bennetts were both clever and showed speed and science. The boxing fans are jubilant over the evening program and are looking forward to the next event.

**Dead Fish**  
Dry weather lowered Rock Creek and as the waters lowered they left small ponds or sloughs. In one of these little slimy ponds about three miles out of Vernonia was left probably a thousand small four to five inch salmon trout. Yesterday twenty-nine dead ones were counted in the mud and all will die if not caught and put in the creek. Several men from Vernonia are talking of trying to save them at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clark had a wedding anniversary this week and Mr. Clark is celebrating by building an addition to their residence.

## Mine Officials Hold Meeting

Kel-Mar-Pet Officials Meet in Gold Hill on Business.

The directors of the Kel-Mar-Pet mine met in their offices in the Merrit building Monday and transacted the business of the mine up to date. The winding-up of the affairs of the mine before the change of name a short time past when the "Van" was eliminated, was one of the major items of business. Another important item of business transacted was the employing of Engineer Ernest Derwent of the Gold Hill Technical Laboratory, as construction engineer in charge of the construction of their proposed mills and reduction plants on their property up the Sams valley highway a short distance from Gold Hill.

This meeting is reported to be the stepping stone to actual production of this corporation and the definite decision toward building the reduction plant adds impetus to the mining game in the entire district.

The process to be employed by this company in extracting the values from the ore is a new departure from the old, wasteful system employed years past when the values in low grade ores were lost and the major mines in the district were compelled to cease operation. The new process employs oil flotation, chlorination, and amalgamation and is reported by Derwent to be one of the newest and best known processes for handling the particular class of ore in this district.

The success of this new process will be watched very critically by engineers and mining men in the entire district for it will be the answer to the mining problems here.—Gold Hill News.

## VISIT ST. HELENS

Harding Lodge Will Exemplify Third Degree Work

Members of Harding lodge, Knights of Pythias will go to St. Helens Tuesday night where they will put on the initiatory work in the third degree before the St. Helens members when Cecil Bateman of the local Harding lodge will go through the ropes, taking the rank of Knight. Heretofore when a member of Harding lodge took the third degree it was necessary to take him out of town, but now that Harding has an exceptional team they will be able to handle the work themselves. The members of the team have been faithfully practicing for some time in the work and it is expected that everything will go off without a hitch. Avon lodge at St. Helens extended a cordial invitation to members of Harding lodge to make use of their uniforms as the local lodge has not received their regalia, but which has been ordered.

It is expected that several members besides the drill team will accompany the boys over the mountain.

### Do You Read 'em.

You will, as usual, see some money saving propositions and bargains in the advertisements in this paper. Read all of them this week. Shop by the ads, do it in a systematic manner and save dollars. Some exceptional prices are printed each issue.

### To Select Faculty Staff.

O. A. Anderson, county superintendent of public instruction has left for Monmouth for the purpose of selecting instructors for Columbia county schools for next year from the teaching staff of the state normal college there. He also will obtain members for the staff of the Vernonia city schools of which he will be principal.—Sentinel.

### Eighty Years.

Comrade Justin Weed, one of the earliest pioneers of the Nehalem valley and ex-county judge, ex-legislator from Columbia county, G. A. R. man and universally respected citizen was eighty years old Wednesday, April 14. About 25 friends gathered at his home to celebrate the event. All had a grand time and at the dinner a large cake with 80 candles was featured.

They were wearing straw hats, the thermometer ran up to 86 Wednesday.

## GETS FIRST CERTIFICATE EARLY MORNING BLAZE

J. B. Wilkerson Gets First Honor; To Teach for Two More Years.

To J. B. Wilkerson, superintendent of the Vernonia schools, goes the distinction of having the first reading circle certificate to be registered for the year 1926-27. The certificate, together with Mr. Wilkerson's contract, was registered in the county school superintendent's office Wednesday morning. Mr. Wilkerson is among the first always with any reports required from him and his contracts always are registered early. The reading circle certificate is required to be presented at the time the contract is registered, showing that the teacher is doing some studying to keep up with the profession. Mr. Wilkerson reported on "The Community and Its High School," by Belting. He has been re-elected to head the Vernonia schools at an increased salary with a two year contract.—Rainier Review.

## BIG BANQUET DAY; CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EATS

The large tables were crowded, the house was full. The dinner served to the Vernonia chamber of commerce Wednesday noon by the ladies of the W. B. A. lodge was the best and most plentiful yet put before hungry men. President Davis called the meeting to order with suggestions of a permanent organization and a committee was appointed on the membership drive.

Tonight a meeting is being held to elect by popular vote a board of directors. The dues will be either one dollar or possibly two dollars which is very reasonable and just if some of the larger firms will take out several memberships. Practically all the business men, only a very few exceptions signed the roll. We predict for and hope for the chamber, a successful year, and hope it may do much for the benefit of our city and surrounding country.

### SMITH'S ANALYST

What is "Smith's Analyst?" Don't hardly know all of the reasons for its establishment or existence. It has only been born this month. It is a monthly publication published in Portland and for the benefit of all Oregon—if all Oregon will consent to be benefitted by it's monthly visit Smith's Analyst is mighty interesting reading. It deals in politics, public sentiment on all current events, reprints and opinions of various state editors and news of the state. The magazine is published and edited by Eugene E. Smith and we will certainly enjoy reading it and watching for Mr. Smith's Analyst. Long life to it.

His Honor Guy Mills was a visitor in Portland last Friday to take in the baseball game.

Has your subscription expired.

## Builds Fire in Stove and Going to Work Is Costly to Resident.

The fire alarm sounded early Monday morning and in a few minutes the boys had all apparatus on the ground and playing water. The small two room house occupied by a Mr. Johnson and wife and baby is a total loss. The house was on the same lot and near the large new residence being built by Fred Overson. By the good work of the fire department the new house was saved. Mr. Johnson works at the big mill and had started a fire in the stove and gone to work. Mrs. Johnson and baby had not arisen for the day when the house was in flames. They barely escaped with their lives. Nothing was saved, not even street clothes for Mrs. Johnson and baby.

## A CLEAN CITY OF HOMES AND INDUSTRY

Beautiful surroundings, good schools, churches, parks, streets, lodges, public institutions, home charity, donations and better stores are made sure by "BUYING AT HOME." Summer goods are arriving. Forget the mistaken idea that you can do better in Portland from a catalog house from which your dollar never returns. Patronize home. This is no paid ad from the chamber of commerce or from any set of merchants, but the Eagles advice in help making a bigger and better Vernonia.

### HOW ABOUT POWER

It is summer time. It is dry, very dry. There is no snow in the hills this spring. Last summer Rock creek got so low that our light and power was quite unsatisfactory. It then was an act of providence. The occasion last year proved that a safe guard—some arrangement—was necessary for such cases. Nothing has been done. This is the latter part of April. The creek will be mighty low before June. What is going to be done about it? If nothing is done right away the city is liable to be entirely out of both light and power.

### Wharton's to Move.

We are sorry to learn that the J. H. Wharton family contemplate leaving Vernonia next month. Mr. Wharton has resigned his position at the O. A. mill after a service of twenty-seven years under the present company.

### Large New Garage.

A large new garage building is going up east of the Hy Van hotel. The building is 44x80 and we hear will be occupied by Mr. Harper as a public garage.

To Correspondents—Please write on one side of paper only.

## Officials Get State Relief

State Department Will Hereafter Hear Traffic Complaints.

All traffic complaints whether relative to the city, county or state, must in the future be referred to the state traffic department, which is a ruling applicable to the entire state of Oregon as well as locally.

This new regulation was explained to local authorities by State Patrolman Herbert Moore, who called on Sheriff J. H. Wellington's office yesterday to consult with him on procedure in regard to the ruling. Officer Moore will make St. Helens his headquarters, having been assigned to highway and traffic work in this section.

Heretofore all traffic and vehicular problems have been handled by county officials at considerable trouble to them, and the new regime, particularly with reference to traffic accidents, will remove this burden from them.—Sentinel.

## TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Here is a good Sunday walk for you. Go all over Corey Hill and the new additions you will find in the extreme west end of town the home of Mr. J. H. Sell. Mr. Sell has two acres and from his place is a magnificent view of the town. Here Mr. Sell is seizing an opportunity to go heavy in the chicken and egg business. Thousands of cases of eggs are shipped into Vernonia each month and Mr. Sell believes in keeping some of this money at home. Go up there today and you will see nine hundred wee little chicks, the start of his flock. Indeed a pretty sight. They are two weeks old and all look alike. He has that famous "Anconas" stock, the best layers, Mr. Sells says.

## OUR WEATHER

'Tis Ever Thus Here and Then Some More.

You read the story some time ago about the Japan current changing location. Our weather the past twelve months would indicate the truth of it. Oregon is experiencing California weather, while California is having all kinds of storms, quakes, rain and cold. In the Vernonia vicinity we have not had a flake of snow or an inch of ice for a year and a half. We don't realize that we had a winter—didn't have it. While the past weeks have seen storms in many sections, including cold snaps in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, we have enjoyed glorious, warm sunshine. Here we are eating fresh garden truck.

### Free Clinic

A free clinic for children under school age will be held at the Evangelical church, April 23 and 24, 1926 from 9 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m. each day. It is desired that mothers register their children before the time of the clinic with Mrs. Geo. McGee, west part of town, Mrs. Gill crest, of Vernonia Mercantile Co., or Mrs. Hughes of O. A. hill. Clinic under direction of Miss Nina H. Little, Red Cross nurse of Columbia county. Local physicians will conduct the physical examinations.

### A Garden Spot.

I have four lots cleared that anyone can plant in garden this year. The ground was plowed two years ago. Anyone can have the use of property free this year if they will plant it and keep weeds out. Mrs. A. Lester.

### GEO. MCGOWN DIES

Vernonia Young Man Succumbs from Pneumonia at Forest Grove.

George McGown, a Vernonia young man, well known by all our school scholars, died Sunday night at a Forest Grove hospital. George had undergone a severe seige of pneumonia and while apparently recovering he received a relapse. George McGown was a good boy, very industrious and always willing.

Last year he was janitor at the new Lincoln school and well liked by all the pupils and teachers. He was about twenty years old. The funeral was held Wednesday in Forest Grove.

## WHY NOT A GOOD ONE

Cooperation Is Essential in Every Branch of Business; Let's Give More to Vernonia.

A successful Commercial club means a successful city. Suppose a live club by publicity methods and individual secretary work, secures a creamery and ice cream plant that eventually brings a hundred more cows wouldn't the new farmers and helpers mean many hundreds of dollars to each store and business house in town? Wouldn't it be worth more than a dollar a month to each member of the Commercial club? We get exactly what we pay for in this life.

Suppose a commercial club is instrumental in securing a seventy five room fire proof hotel where tourists and traveling men will stop over night by the dozens and spend three or four dollars each while in our city. Isn't that worth more than every business institution in town?

Suppose the influence of a commercial club insures us good and sufficient light and power for all time to come. Isn't that worth more than a dollar a month to all?

How can a commercial club do any of these and hundreds of more important things on a dollar a month from probably thirty men? Let's make it a better Vernonia and a better place to make more money in. It takes a little expense money as we go along, but we are only buying more prosperity. Get behind the officers of the commercial club. It don't make any difference whether you personally like them or not, get behind them all the more. It isn't to their good but the good of the city and yourself that you are boosting. Attend the meetings; say something, work, pay your dues.

### Ladies Association Entertains

On Thursday evening, April 8th the Ladies Athletic club gave another of their enjoyable parties. The husbands were guests of honor and about 75 ladies and gentlemen spent a merry evening with something doing every minute. The old fashioned spelling match was won by Mr. Kirk. The egg race was exciting and was between the ladies and men, it narrowed down till the contest was between Mrs. Graham and Mr. Black and Mrs. Graham won out. A number of games and contests were held and a game of volley ball, with both men and ladies on each side concluded the entertainment for the evening after which delicious home made ice cream and cake was served. The athletic club was organized last October under the direction of Dr. Ellis Wright, to whom great credit is due for the success of the organization. The club meets on Thursday evenings in the auditorium of the Evangelical church and the ladies of Vernonia who do not belong are welcome to come and join and share in its many pleasures and benefits.

### Juvenile Grange Meeting.

The Vernonia Juvenile Grange No. 23 met Saturday, April 10th for their regular meeting. In the evening they entertained the subordinate grange with a program, which all enjoyed. They had a fish pond and lunch. A silver offering was taken which was surely appreciated, as more than expected was received. The sum of \$9.35 will be used for needed supplies.

### Vernonia Needs

a hospital, a baby chick hatchery, poultry farms, manufacturing plants, pulp mill, fireproof hotel, creamery, ice plant, dairy cows, brick yard.

### Military Funeral

Earl Terriert, brother of George Terriert, died on April 5th in Seattle. The body has been shipped to Vernonia for burial. The funeral services are being conducted today under direction of the American Legion, from the Catholic church.

The Jap noodle house will close Saturday night. City council refusing to renew his license on grounds of frequent disorder and liquor possession charges.

### Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued at Vancouver last week to Elmer R. Reynolds, 31, and Elsie M. Russell, 18, both of Vernonia. Sunday evening friends gathered and gave them an old fashioned chivari.