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VERNONIA AND NEHALEM VALLEY MILLS - CAMPS

THE O. A. MILL

The sawmill of the Oregon-American Lumber Co., Vernonia, Ore., is operating 10 shifts per week, a schedule maintained since last December. Dry kiln facilities are being increased by the installation of six additional units, which will give the company a battery of 34 kilns, all of the internal fan reversible circulation type, designed by the Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis. Filer & Stowell trucks will be employed. When the new units are ready for use the sawmill may operate 12 shifts per week. A. C. Krauss, expert in kiln drying lumber, was brought out from Madison last October to have charge of drying at the Oregon-American plant. The planer unit is operating 12 shifts. The entire output of the Oregon-American plant is kiln dried. The company's camps are operating steadily and a good supply of logs are stacked in the pond from last season's logging operations. Key men at the plant under General Manager Judd Greenman are: D. L. Smith, sawmill superintendent; Troy Smith, assistant day superintendent; E. A. Green, superintendent of the night shift; H. V. Holcomb, planing mill foreman; W. C. Pittman, shipping clerk; Percy Hughes, night shipping clerk; F. J. Towsley, construction engineer. All the department heads meet daily in their own lunchroom with Manager Greenman for a free discussion of production problems.

LINDSEY MILL

The sawmill in Vernonia formerly operated as the Vernonia Lumber Co., has recently been taken over by the Lindsay Lumber Co., and the plant resumed operations March 15 after a general overhauling and the installation of new boilers, supplied by the Portland Machinery Co., of Portland. The company owns a tract of timber adjacent to the mill and is logging with horses. Wm. Lindsay, formerly operating another sawmill in the vicinity of Vernonia, is manager of the company. This plant was formerly operated by A. J. Kronert. The sawmill cuts about 30,000 feet per shift.

OUR BIG SHINGLE MILL

The Johnson-McGraw shingle mill at Vernonia is one of the modern shingle plants on the Coast, although operating at present only three summer upright machines. The plant operates two shifts regularly and is producing about 240,000 shingles daily. Charles Wilson is manager. The plant is electrically driven, power being supplied by the Oregon-American Lumber Co., which furnishes the plant with logs and sells the output. Bolts are bucked in the mill with an 84-inch swing cutoff saw. The plant has a two-compartment 16x108 dry kiln. A modern burner is to be installed at once.

Westerburg Pole & Piling Co., of Portland, is operating a spar and piling camp at Vernonia, managed by H. D. Davis. Both round and octagon spars are produced, the latter in sizes up to 24x22 inches in diameter and 100 feet in length. Shipments are being made regularly by rail to the Atlantic Coast trade.

Rock Creek Logging Co., of Portland, is operating two sides at its camp near Keasey. East Side Logging Co., is also operating two sides. This camp is located in the Rock Creek district northeast of Vernonia. Both of these camps are owned by the East Side Mill & Lumber Co., of Portland.

Elvin Mills has purchased and is operating a one-machine shingle mill located on the highway about two miles east of Vernonia. This plant was built and formerly operated by Henry Johnson.

Walter Turner is operating a one-machine shingle mill six miles north of Vernonia. The output is shipped over the Portland Astoria & Pacific railroad from near Keasey.

Harry L. Lloyd, painter for the Oregon-American Lumber Co., Vernonia, in his spare moments produces oil paintings of Oregon scenes on fir panels.

Koster Products Co., Vernonia, is operating two sides in its logging op-

BIRD HOUSES BY VERNONIA BUILDERS

STUDENTS SHOW MANIFEST IN RECENT CONTEST JUST CLOSED

Contest Shows Skill and Patience of Young Carpenters and Designers for Homes of the Feathered Flock.

Vernonia youngsters offered model bird houses, rent free, to our feathered songsters; Saturday at Mac's drug store a display of bird houses that certainly was a credit to the boys of Vernonia were made and designed by the boys themselves without aid of books or cuts. The building of birdhouses started many years ago in Philadelphia by a bird club formed of boys to protect the birds and has rapidly spread to all parts of the United States, and clubs or societies by these names are now among the leading organizations for boys and girls, who are helping also in the bird preservations throughout the country. The hummingbirds, hoot owls, bluejays, meadowlarks, nightingales, pelicans, golden eagle, redwing, blackbirds, why not the Vernonia boys and girls form a club and call themselves the Robin club. This county or vicinity has about 50 kinds of birds and why not study these birds and their habits and the good they do, as well as their beautiful plumage and the sweet notes they sing.

In Saturdays display the houses were judged for construction, ventilation, drainage, properly placed entrance hole and easily cleaned. First prize went to William Washburn whose house was named the "black house," a splendid little piece of construction in size and easily cleaned and proper entrance. Second prize went to Ralph Jolley a rather large house, good construction, ventilated, two kinds of entrances and painted the dark color that birds seem to prefer. Third prize went to Howard Lee, a splendid house, very artistic, made of sticks and bark, ventilated, but no drains and wrong entrance hole. Dwight Strong and Alfred Lander won favorable mention on their types of houses entered. This was the first attempt by the Vernonia boys and by next spring there will be many more bird houses entered. Stucco and boards make artistic looking bird houses, hollow logs, bark, dried gourds, tomato cans all catch the birds eye.

VERNONIA BALL PLAYERS KNOW THEIR STUFF

This Year's Team is Headed for the Top of the Ladder.

The Vernonia team handed Washougal a 7 to 5 whipping on the local grounds Sunday. The game was well played by both teams. Vernonia wobbled in the fourth frame but so recovered and played air tight ball until the finish.

A large crowd attended and they were on their toes from the start. Vernonia has one of the best teams in this section. The fans should be proud of them and give all the support as they are going to bring home the bacon. Stanle Pellitte, third baseman is very clever on that bag and a good hitter. Katula at second played in big league style. Carmody at short stopped everything that came his way. Hudson is a wonderful catcher and a heavy hitter, getting the only three bagger of the game. Heague pitched air tight ball all the way letting Washougal down with a few bingles and whipping out about eight. Chilla, center field, had a soft day but showed up good. Jack Nance was there with both in the field and with the old willow. He was lead off man. George Welch, left field, played just like Ty Cobb. Come out next Sunday to the big opener. Help these boys smoke out St. Helens. Make your slogan for next Sunday Get-'em. We are with you.

Vernonia will play at St. Helens this Sunday, make it a point to be there to root for Vernonia.

BIG FLAG POLE

American Legion Will Sponsor Work on Fixing up Flag Pole

The American Legion always leaders in civic improvement, will furnish a high climber from the I. P. camp next week, who will climb the tall snag in the park, top and bark it, paint it and place a two and one-half foot ball on top. And the Legion will furnish the big flag for the flag raising. This is indeed worthy of a celebration.

ATTENTION

All interested should by all means go to St. Helens Sunday with the Vernonia ball team for the big opening game there.

Connacher Logging Co., Vernonia is operating two sides at its Pebble Creek camp.

The Timberman

Vernonia Many Years Ago

A Nature Study of Romance, Beauty and Hardships from a Sketch of the Nehalem Valley in Early Days

(By an old-timer)

The trip into this valley was some what tedious, and had to be made on foot or on horseback. It was a wonderful trip and well worth the toil to climb over those rugged mountains through that dense forest, and to make camp at night by clear sparkling springs. This was an experience which the "old-timers" had the pleasure of enjoying.

When they reached this valley, they found a veritable paradise and haven of rest with its mild climate and fertile soil and its streams of pure water flowing from the mountains which were teeming with eatable fish. Five different kinds of salmon came up the Nehalem and its tributaries besides other smaller fish. Some of the settlers have frequently speared as high as twelve salmon in a day with a pitchfork, which were then dried to a palatable condition for the families use.

There were many luscious wild berries of which the early settlers could easily gather a sufficient supply to last them for a year. Pheasants and grouse were so numerous that a hunter could easily have game for breakfast every morning. Black bear were often surprised in berry patches, helping themselves to the ripe berries. When approached they usually raised up on their hind feet, took a good look and ran away. They were harmless except when their young were molested. However, some cubs were captured and kept as pets. The oil from the bears made an excellent hair tonic and many of the ladies were plentifully supplied by a hunter whom we called "Uncle Joe Coulter."

Deer were plentiful, while vast herds of elk with majestic forms and huge antlers were frequently seen. Very large bald-headed eagles were fairly numerous. There were large blue herons along the streams, some of which would measure four feet when standing. Silver foxes were rare but some were seen. We were not troubled with wolves for, being of the dog family they were killed off by eating salmon which acted as a poison to them.

It was a great pleasure to walk through that virgin forest with its taller trees towering for hundreds of feet into the sky; and, beneath them the graceful vine maple and the Indian arrowwood with its leathery plumage floating in the breeze.

The native wild currant bush, when in bloom appeared at a distance like a great red flame of fire. There was a most luxuriant growth of ferns and the earth in many places was covered with numerous varieties of delicate moss. During spring and summer we could walk for miles through the forest on a carpet of moss and pick exquisitely beautiful white lilies and numerous other blossoms, while we listened to flocks of canary birds singing in the trees. We could hear the drumming of the pheasant and the hooting of the grouse and see many rabbits along their runs, while the squirrels picked the fir cones apart for their seeds. As we walked in this beautiful wild garden we came into more perfect tune with

nature and the thought came to us that why are we, who are only poor mortal creatures allowed to live and walk in this virgin garden to mar here and trample there. When we climbed to the summit of the nearby hills, our vision was bountifully rewarded by the beautiful scenery in the valley below and a feeling of ecstasy came over us and we thought that here and here alone we would build our homes and dwell in harmony with nature.

Apparently the Indians used this valley only as a hunting ground, as few relics have been found, but made their homes along the Columbia.

The early settlers brought their provisions over the mountains on pack horses taking from two to four days to make the round trip. After the road was cut out sufficiently they used oxen teams. We had no jails in those days and almost no officers of the law, for those things were superfluous. The people were honest and stealing was something almost unknown in this valley. We carried guns, but they were used to kill what game was necessary for the family use. Hunters were careful and seldom killed more than was used immediately, but if by chance they had too much, it was dried or kept in salt until consumed.

We were just like one large happy family and lived in peace and harmony and in almost complete oblivion from the conflicting elements of the outside world.

During the big runs of salmon and salmon trout many of us fished together in the falls at the forks of the rivers. One man called "Grandpa Hess" often set several poles at once and some times they were all shaking at the same time. He said he was catching them coming and going. In trying to handle so many poles he was often kept very busy. At one time he got such a large fish that it almost pulled him in. However some one grabbed him by the coat-tail which saved the day. When he landed it, it proved to be a very large sucker, almost the size of a small salmon.

It was not necessary for any one to remain hungry, although a great variety of food was not always available.

For entertainments we had debates and plays given by local talent and some times community Christmas trees which almost everyone in the neighborhood worked for and helped to make a success.

We some times think it was a hard ship for us to come into this valley and build our homes, but, do we ever think what a hardship it was to this veritable paradise of nature to allow us to come here to trample and to mar and how much it is suffering each year as the axman advances carelessly and without thought? It leaves the ferns and the flowers open to the hot rays of the sun to wither and die for such is the progress of civilization.

As the years pass and civilization marches with great strides, through our gates seeking for new and undeveloped fields it finds vast resources and great wealth in this rich and fertile valley.

watching the ships pass. Speaking of present day shipbuilding Mr. Cleveland expressed the opinion that the day of wooden knees, for which Oregon fir was widely sought, is past. Steel is not only replacing wood in this particular but elsewhere through out the vessel, even to floors and deck rails.—Sentinel.

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Editor Margaret Smith

The seniors are practicing diligently on their play "Why Smith Left Home," by George W. Broadhurst. It is another of the Samuel French company's splendid three-act plays. It will be given on the 6 and 7 of May.

The senior's diplomas arrived on Tuesday. They are in silver folders lined with orchid silk. These folders have on the front the name of the school, the class, and the individual's name. Inside besides the certificate is the class motto, colors and flowers with the class roll on the back.

Our high school is to be represented at the county track meet which will be held in Clatskanie this Saturday. Since tying the meet with St. Helens, one of the county's strongest squads, we have high hopes of carrying away the honors.

Verna Shields, who has been with

W. B. A. REVIEWS TO MEET HERE

The Columbia District Rally No. 2 of the Woman's Benefit Association will be held in Vernonia on Friday, May 7th. Vernonia Review No 23 will be hostess to the reviews of the district. Dr. Ella J. Fiefield, M. D., supreme medical

MISS BINA M. WEST



Supreme Commander of Women's Benefit Association of Port Huron, Michigan.

examiner of Port Huron, Mich., and Mrs. Julia V. Ward, state commander of Portland, Or., will be the guests of honor. An afternoon session and school of instruction will be conducted by Dr. Fiefield and Mrs. Julia V. Ward. A banquet will be served by Betty Jane confectionery at 5:30. The evening session will open at 7:30. After the degree work a program will be given by local talent. Reviews participating in this

MRS. JULIA V. WARD



State Commander of the W. B. A. of Oregon.

rally are Rainier Review No. 20; St. Helens Review No. 34; Scappoose Review No. 52; Clatskanie Review, No. 37; Buxton Review No. 29. Dr. Ella J. Fiefield has been identified in the west with the order since the order was organized in 1892. She was for many years assistant supreme medical examiner with offices at Tacoma Wash., Miss Bina M. West of Port Huron, Mich., founder of the order is our supreme commander and is also president of the national fraternal congress.

DEATH OF MR. TUCKER

Thomas Marshall Tucker, died on Wednesday, at his home place near Vernonia at the age of 82 years, 3 months and 14 days. The funeral services are being held today from the Evangelical church. Mr. Tucker was one of the oldest pioneers of the Vernonia country, homesteading the place of his death 49 years ago. Thomas Tucker was born at Lexington, Kentucky, January 14, 1844. He came to where Vernonia now is in 1877. He was married to Laura Alice Kerns in 1881. The widow is living on the home place. Besides his aged wife he leaves six children and 13 grandchildren. The children, all living are Mrs. Lewis Snider, of Warren, C. H. Tucker of Ridgefield, Vernon L. Tucker of Vernonia, Everett L. Tucker, of Portland, Mrs. T. F. Keasey of Vernonia. Interment will be in the Vernonia cemetery.

OUR PARK IS IN VERY GOOD HANDS

The Boy Scouts cleaned the new city park and play ground of all the cans and rubbish last Tuesday night. They are certainly good workers, under their leaders Messrs McGraw and Carkin. Some of the business men donated lemonade and lunch and the evening turned into a picnic.

Mrs. Marshall Wilson entertained the Tuesday afternoon bridge club.

A CITY GAINS BY HAVING A GOOD BAND

A Friend Writes Favorable Comments and Makes Good Suggestions for Mac's Band

Mac's band has been augmented recently with four first class musicians namely, Mr. McCall, formerly with Shevlin Hixon band at Bend, Ore. Mr. Charlesworth, formerly director of Siverton band and Mr. L. Church, who performed in a 125 piece band in Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Al. Faber of Fabers Portland orchestra. Mr. McBaron now has a collection of musicians worthy of being heard and of whom Vernonia should be proud. The band is now concentrating on a series of concerts for the summer. Can a bandstand be built in our newly acquired park so that we may enjoy these concerts? It would not cost the city very much to do this for our band. Few people stop to consider the band is self supporting, the members paying rent for their hall, buying their own instruments, music and other incidentals and for no other purpose than to furnish the people of our city with first class entertainment, but in order to show our appreciation of the hours of practice spent by these musicians, most of whom are high school students, we believe the public should come to the front with encouragement of some material kind. There are prospects of public events at which at least in other cities, music is one of the principal items of the program. Therefore we have spent our money for out of town players. Why not keep this at home and thus show the boys that as far as our citizens are concerned the efforts of our musicians are not wasted. In recent programs in which Mac's band participated it has to be admitted the instrumental selections as rendered by them can be compared very well with any larger organization in this state. Those who attended will vouch for this. Give the band boys a chance and it will not be much longer before it is possible our new chamber of commerce will have them advertise Vernonia over the radio. Would this not be a boost for all of us. Think it over. We believe it would.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINS

Last Friday night at the high school auditorium, the Junior "Vodville" was highly entertaining to a crowded house. Standing room was even crowded and everyone there enjoyed every part of the program. In addition to the splendid program of music, plays and stunts, the juniors served hot dogs, coffee and ice cream. Everybody partook and the class realized a handsome "gate receipt."

WHY THE CLIMATE HAS CHANGED HERE IN OREGON

The last winter was so mild we had no snow, very little frost, scarcely any ice and rain fell far below the average, and spring far in advance for many years. At present the thermometer registers 90 in the shade. It is wonderful such a climate for so far the northwest. Can anyone give a solution to this? The only theory is for the last two years a number of southerners have come from Louisiana and Texas to Oregon so they have brought the climate of the proverbial sunny south land with them. This is the answer and solution to the question which is readily solved by any southern brother.

This winter in the south was very severe, severest in 50 years. If any more come the south will completely erase the name of land of flowers and sunshine and Oregon will usurp the enchanted slogan. So let no more come from the south so we will have a climate in Oregon that can't be surpassed by any on the western hemisphere, but if they keep the exodus up they may bring the heat and ninety is enough. When I say Oregon, I mean the Nehalem valley, where Vernonia nestles but not asleep. J. E. CROPPER.

City Marshal Kelly spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in bed. A clam supper was responsible for the severe attack of stomach trouble.

NEW ARRIVALS

Born on Wednesday to Mr. Mrs. Bassett, a baby girl.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. M. timer, April 22, a baby girl.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. April 27, a baby girl.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chavie, a baby boy, April 20.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kelly, April 24 a baby girl.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Boone, Saturday, April 24, a baby girl.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kempe, Saturday, April 24, at the Long View Memorial hospital a baby girl