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VERNONIA VICTOR OVER VANCOUVER

THE BIG DUCK TODAY

Is Chief Gunner Davis, who shoots the slants down to Huddy. Smiling Davis, as he is known, always thinks before he speaks and seldom speaks. Any way, from the time he arrived in Vancouver until he left, there was no comfort for the barracks ball team. He had those Vancouverites moaning so loud that even Seattle complained of the noise. It was a lovely day for surprises and the Lower Columbia league sure got one, when the news spread that the mighty Davis had given Vancouver a ten to three mauling.

Score	R H E
Vernonia	10 11
Seventh Infantry	3 7
Batteries: Davis and Hudson; Morris, McDermott and Quinn, Grant.	

Flying in a "V" shape the Vernonia Ducks journeyed to Vancouver last Sunday. They arrived at Kellics field on time and in the best of condition. Every one in town was there to greet them, including the general and chief of police. For some unknown reason every one felt sorry for the Ducks, they had traveled a long way and were to face the best team in the league. There was one that never felt that way and that was Hudson, our new manager. He listened to their boasts and praise about their wonderful team, grinned and walked away. Huddy knows this ball business so well that it will take a far better team than Vancouver to beat them. The Ducks just swam all around Vancouver, it was easy pickings for them and toward evening they flew home with a 10 to 3 victory.

When Morgan quit the team last week it was feared that a new short stop would be hard to find, but by Hudson's wit, Norwest was shifted to short and Nance to second and both shine up like a million dollars. The fans are going to go wild over the way Kotula plays third base. His work has been wonderful and everyone hopes that he will remain on that position. Our outfield, Welsh and Escallier is a combination that can't be beat. Escallier stole so many bases last Sunday that he was almost given a court martial. Next Sunday Washougal and the Ducks will have it out at Washougal.

BANQUET AND TALKFEAST HELD BY VERNONIA C. of C.

Last Friday the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce held a dinner and social meet at the Grange hall. President Davis in the chair and about twenty members present. The eats were immense and the talks at the table interesting, important and sound. Many subjects were discussed that will receive immediate attention by the board of directors. The subject of a Princess from Vernonia to attend the big ceremonies at Astoria July 21, 22 and 23 was talked over and several thought it would be a good publicity stunt for the city, as many thousands of visitors will be in Astoria those days. A popular voting contest would be the proper way to select the lady and each lodge and order in the city should bring out a contest. It was decided to join the Lower Columbia association of commercial clubs. The subject of gravel for the last mile on the Keasey road was brought up again and discussion failed to finish the road, but it is believed that the work will now be completed soon, as will also some work on Bridge street from the Vernonia hotel to the foot of the O.-A. hill. Noon luncheons will mark every meeting. The chamber can accomplish much for the town and valley if we will all take an interest and attend regularly. The dues are one dollar a month.

35,000 FISH IN VERNONIA WATERS

Game Warden Wm. Brown was in Vernonia Thursday supervising the planting of 50 cans, or about 35,000 new fish in the Rock Creek, in the Vernonia city limits, near where the creek flows into the Nehalem river. The new fish is Cut Throat trout, six inches long and they come from the Necanicum hatchery near Seaside.

Dora Sexton, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon will pay her official visit to Mountain Heart Rebekah Lodge No. 243 of Vernonia on June 11, 1926 at 8 o'clock. All Rebekah's please come.

Lumber Mill Inspected

VERNONIA PLANT VIEWED BY RAIL HEAD AND PARTY.

W. F. Turner, President of Spokane, Portland & Seattle Line, Heads Visitors.

W. F. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, accompanied by John H. Burgard, Nathan Strauss and R. W. Pickard, directors arrived here last Friday on an inspection trip over the lines and to view the chief industry of this locality, the Oregon-American mill. With the railroad party were Ralph E. Williams, republican national committeeman of Oregon; Emery Olmsted, Portland banker, and Ira F. Powers, Portland business man.

The visitors were met by members of the Vernonia chamber of commerce on arrival here and entertained, with a visit to the mill conducted by officials of the Oregon-American company. The plant is said to be the largest electrically driven establishment in the United States and Mr. Turner expressed gratification at the volume of business handled. It was shown that 50 carloads of logs daily are brought over the rail line from Keasey, 10 miles distant to the mill here, and that between 500 and 600 carloads of lumber are shipped each month, the revenue on this business amounting to between \$150,000 and \$190,000 monthly.

Mr. Turner, in summing up the resources of this locality, mentioned the operations of the Inman-Poulsen company, the East Side Logging company and the Rock Creek Logging company, all outside concerns which depend largely upon the timber tracts here for much of their material. President Turner explained that his visit at this time carried no special significance.

LADIES' ATHLETIC CLUB HOLDS SURPRISE MEETING

At their regular meeting Thursday night of the Ladies' Athletic club as Dr. Ella Wight called the class to order all lined up like good soldiers but as she started to give instruction, the class balked and as she stood in wonderment, Mrs. Martin stepped to the front and presented Dr. Wight an umbrella and asked her to please open it for the benefit of the class and she done so dozens of beautiful handkerchiefs fell to the floor and in appreciative words, Mrs. Martin told how the class had enjoyed and benefited by the work that Dr. Wight has given them. This being also the doctors birthday, they had prepared a party in her behalf. Many games were played and races which created great enjoyment. Dr. Wight's faith in her class is so great that she says you just can't tell what this club may accomplish once they get started.

MISS DIXON WEDDED TO HERMAN MILLER

Miss Lois Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dixon of St. Helens became the bride of Herman Miller of Scappoose at a wedding at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday afternoon. About fifty friends of the couple witnessed the ceremony.

Miss Lois Smiley acted as bridesmaid for Miss Dixon and Norman Miller, brother of the bride-groom was best man. Rev. S. Darlow Johnson performed the ceremony. Mrs. Carl Hutchinson of Portland sang and the wedding march was played by Mrs. S. Darlow Johnson.

Miss Dixon is a graduate of the St. Helens high school and of the Oregon state normal and has a host of friends in St. Helens. She was a teacher in the Scappoose school last year.—Mist.

Names of children whose reports came in from A. N. Palmer Writing company after school closed are: Students improvement certificate, Julia Selig and Anna Hamlin. Progress pins, Clarence Dunnigan, Ila Sessman, Kenneth Miller, May De Ess Throop, Sheila Hopson, Helen Lameraux, Carl Berg, Allie Simmon, Glen Gibson, Flora Roles, Ford Berr, Mary Oberst, Luella Williams, Jack Christensen, Kenneth Parker, Goldie Flannery, Ralph Warner, Velda Mellinger, Helen Bergerson, Ben Spencer Mildred Chapman and Cleo Hall. For Palmer method buttons, Joe Lindsley, Helen Crowley, Leroy Cook and Edith Brady.

GIVE 'EM A PLACE TO PLAY

This is the slogan adopted at the meeting of the Ladies Athletic club when they decided on Saturday the 12, all day, as a tag day for the benefit of the Vernonia play ground or city park. Never has the city needed anything so badly as it needs this park. The land has been paid for and much work has been done, such as blasting and burning stumps. Now it must be graded and a band stand, benches, swings must be built where our band can play and public speakers may hold forth, where our visitors and hotel people, our mothers and their children may have a place to sit and enjoy a park, right in the heart of our city and on the banks of Rock Creek, all this would be worth many thousands to many cities to have such wonderful trees and such a pretty stream of water to beautify their park. The American Legion has started work on the big cedar tree, that will make one of the largest flag poles any park could ever have. Let every citizen, both man, woman and child, give their little might to this wonderful park and let Vernonia go on the map as having put over the biggest tag day in history. It is the boys and girls of today to whom we must look forward too, as good citizens, to take up the affairs, not only of our city but of our nation. Nearly every city of any size throughout the great U. S. has a city park or play ground. The spirit shown by the athletic club of ladies and mothers, representing all sections of the city and their unity and understanding of the things that go to make Vernonia a good commercial city and that we must all help to make this city inviting to investors, tourists, citizens and to our future citizens our children all indicate that these ladies are interested in the progress of development, they produce a feeling of optimism, they give us confidence of the future, they encourage a purpose to do. Let's all go, to make this play ground a success. Dr. Ella Wight, Physical Director.

GIVE THEM A PLACE TO PLAY

By Dennis McCarty
Plenty of room for dives and dens (glitter and glare and sin!)
Plenty of room for prison pens (gather the criminals in!)
Plenty of room for jails and courts (willing enough to pay!)
But never a place for the lads to race no, never a place to play!
Plenty of room for shops and stores (Mammon must have the best.)
Plenty of room for the running stores and that rot in the city's breast!
Plenty of room for the lures that lead the hearts of our youth astray.
But never a cent on a playground spent; no, never a place to play!
Plenty of rooms for schools and halls plenty of room for art;
Plenty of room for teas and balls, platform, stage and mart.
Proud is the city—she finds a place for many a fad today,
But she's more than blind if she fails to find a place for the boys to play
Give them a chance for innocent sport, give them a chance for fun
Better a playground plot than a court and a jail when the harm is done!
Give them a chance—if you stint them now, tomorrow you'll have to pay
A larger bill for a darker ill, so give them a place to play!

TAX DELINQUENCY BELOW LAST YEAR

Payments for the first half of the 1925 taxes totaled \$462,126.14, according to B. P. Graves, chief deputy to Sheriff Wellington, in charge of tax collections.
This amount is \$56,439.36 short of the amount on the tax rolls for collection and represents a delinquency of about 11 per cent. The rate of delinquency is smaller than last year, however, when it was slightly above 14 per cent. The delinquency in dollars, also, is smaller this year, though the tax roll is larger.

HAD A BIRTHDAY

J. P. McDonald had a birthday last Saturday. Most everybody that we have known has birthdays occasionally and Mac has one regular every year about this time. He didn't think much about it as he has become accustomed to having them and the day probably would have slipped by with no notice of the event had not Mrs. McDonald told a few of their friends that the big day had arrived. Hence a few gathered that night at the McDonald home to tell him about it. Cards were indulged in, splendid refreshments and a general good time had. Those there included Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Aspland, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.

Orel Bateman has returned from his vacation which was spent in southern Oregon and other parts of the state.

P. S. WOODIN IS REELECTED HEAD OF MINING BUREAU

Mining Bureau Annual Meeting Held in Riverside Park Last Saturday—has Enthusiastic Attendance.

The following are some of the statistics gathered at the offices of the Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau during the past fiscal year ending June 1st:

421 men actively engaged in mining at peak season.
Sixteen bonafide sales of mineral claims and properties.
Samples received from 120 properties.

Data listed on 161 prospects and properties.
1100 interested visitors have viewed exhibits.

The question of the difference in assays between local assayers and those from outside of the state was the main subject of discussion at the meeting of the Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau as they were assembled in their annual meeting at Riverside Park last Saturday afternoon. The subject of assays was first brought up by Dr. Herschel Parker, a prominent geologist of nation wide reputation, who stated that few outside assayers knew how to recover the values from ores in which the mineral was as finely distributed as it is in many of the large mineral bearing bodies in this district. Local assayers have, after long years experience with Southern Oregon complex ores, developed a method of recovery, said Mr. Parker, that is unknown to outside engineers or chemists.

Dr. Parker stated that there is no place in the known world where there are such large bodies of precious minerals as can be found in Southwestern Oregon. They appear in immense formations and dikes and though the mineral is evenly distributed throughout the rock in almost microscopic quantities, by proper recovery methods most of these large bodies can be mined, milled and treated at a cost of less than three dollars a ton. There are but few of these large formations that will not recover more than six dollars a ton.

"These bodies of ore," said Mr. Parker, "are unlimited in size in mineral bearing ore and with sufficient water could be developed to be as profitable as the famous Treadwell property in Alaska and other extensive mining developments."

The report that Southwestern Oregon is nothing but a "pocket country" is false, said Dr. Parker. "The only trouble with the engineers who are sent to investigate for Eastern capitalists is that they have not as yet learned how to recover the values from ores in which the particles of precious minerals are as fine as they are in Southwestern Oregon ores. In ordinary assay methods, which are chemical methods, the fine particles are lost through oxidation or are floated off with the water while the assayers of this district, who have learned its peculiarities, use other methods of recovery and get more of the values. This problem is holding the district back," said Dr. Parker, "and until outside assayers learn how to treat our kinds of ores, it will be difficult to interest outside capital," he said.

A report of a trip made by Mr. E. Derwent of Gold Hill to Tacoma where the Gold Hill chemist showed a Tacoma assayer how to recover values from Southwestern Oregon ores was read and truly appreciated by the miners present. In this report the Tacoma assayer, who had previously made an assay return on a sample of a few cents, after learning Mr. Derwent's method of recovery returned an assay of over \$40 per ton. Each at some time during his experience, found great differences in the assays made of his ores and this report begins to show him a way out of his difficulty.—Southern Oregon Spokesman, Grants Pass.

YOU KNOW THEM

Fourteen pages of ads, at one day's advertising brought the M. & F. store in Portland the biggest business day in history of the store with no exceptions. One day's advertising at about fourteen thousand dollars paid. They used 4,000 clerks. The largest advertiser always does the largest business, whether the town is small or large. One new customer is worth hundreds of times more than his first days purchase. And then the everlasting keeping of the name before the public makes the firm a household word.

The St. Helens chamber of commerce is sponsoring a voting contest to select a Princess from there to the ceremony in Astoria in connection with the dedication of the memorial column, July 20, 21 and 22. Such little enterprising moves are aids to growing cities, helping to put them on the map before the public eye.

Patronize the city library, located in the city hall.

LITTLE UNEMPLOYMENT IS FOUND ON WEST COAST

Berry Pickers in Demand—Building Construction Active—More Highway Work Started—Logging Slower.

Portland, June 7.—(Special).—Berry pickers are in heavy demand throughout the fruit districts of western Oregon and Washington, and last week growers were advertising for large numbers of workers, according to the 4L employment letter published here today. Prices for picking are slightly higher than those of last year, the letter said.

Fire logging, however, is not so active as it was two months ago. During the past ten days a few large camps have been closed down, and sides laid off at several others. Lumber manufacturing in the fruit districts is also at a lower level than it was in April, night shifts having been laid off at many operations. Announcements made last week by some concerns point to a possible repair shut-down earlier than usual.

There appears to be no let-up of building and construction activity, the 4L letter stated. All towns and cities report a large amount of the work being done, and men in the building trades are well employed. The strike in some of the trades at Aberdeen and Hoquiam, Wash., was brought to a close late last week and after nearly four weeks of inactivity, work has been resumed.

Many contracts for highway paving have been let during the past month and several of these jobs are now getting under way, with a consequent demand for men. Railroad are employing about the usual number of extra gangs on section and construction work.

In general, there is at present little necessary unemployment along the west coast.

PEOPLE AND MONEY CONTINUE TO COME; PUBLICITY IS REAPING GOOD HARVEST FOR STATE

One hundred twenty-nine new settlers were reported to the Land Settlement department of the Portland chamber of commerce, cooperating with the state chamber during the period from February 1 to May 31. There new residents are valuable economic units in the state for they have invested over \$375,000.

During the month of May the Portland office received signed statements from 102 families who declared their intention of coming to Oregon bringing an investment of no less than \$240,900. Thirty-one others indicated in their letters their expectation to come to this state.

The department operations continue active in correspondence with new inquirers as well as with those who have extended their exchange of letters over a year or more. Letters aggregating 2421 have been sent out in May, accompanied by 3399 pieces of literature addressed to those who indicated sincere interest in Oregon farm opportunities.

Carrying the message to Oregon's desirability as a farmer's goal as well as a vacation land, Irving E. Vining, president of the state chamber, has just returned from a successful tour of California where he was received with great enthusiasm. It is expected that the travel of Californians to Oregon will be stimulated by Mr. Vining's inspirational addresses, and others who have sought homes in California without finding just what they desired will be encouraged to come to Oregon before leaving the Pacific coast. Stressing the similarity of problems of the coast states, Mr. Vining has made a valuable contribution to the unity of methods of solving these problems. After spending the week in Coos county, the state chamber president will come to Portland to deliver addresses here as well as in a number of neighboring cities.

GRAND OFFICERS WILL VISIT

State Officers of Pythian Sister Will Visit Vernonia Temple.

Mrs. Helens Wrightman, grand chief, Mrs. Rose Farrington, grand keeper of records and correspondence and Mrs. Leah Ballah, grand junior will pay an official visit to the Vernonia Temple on Wednesday night June 16. All members are urged to be present at that time.

A good sized fire, though kept under control, burned itself out before reaching green timber at the O.-A. property west of Vernonia, the first of the week. Men of the camp worked hard in the fight.

Strawberries grow as nice here as one ever imagined they could grow anywhere. Mr. Cropper takes a great pride does considerable work with his lawn and garden, and this week Mr. Cropper brought us a box of his home grown strawberries that proved to us the Vernonia berry is unequalled. They were delicious.

FOREST FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF \$25,000

Connacher Logging Co., Operating Near Vernonia, Suffers Heavily From Blaze; 4 Million Feet of Timber Burned Over.

The Connacher Logging company operating about five miles southeast of Vernonia, suffered approximately \$25,000 loss in a forest fire that began Sunday.

Four million feet of cut timber was burned over and probably would be at least damaged to half its value of more than \$20,000.

In addition the company lost four donkey engines, the rigging of one side of its operations and four carloads of logs.

The fire is reported under control, after a fight by employes of the company, but operations of the plant have been suspended until after the Fourth of July. The company was protected by insurance.

The company's camp is three miles away from the operations and was not affected.

TRUCK IS SENT TO MOVE FAMILIES TO SAFETY

Banks, June 8.—A fire in the vicinity of Timber is reported to have endangered several families and the local fire warden was sent in with a truck to move them to safety. No further report has been received but the families are believed to have been safely gotten out.

The heavy wind in this vicinity blew the large hop house on the Newt Griffin farm from its piling foundation.

EXCURSION TO CLATSOP COUNTY STATION JUNE 21

There will be a farmers' excursion to the John Jacob Astor experiment station near Astoria on Monday, June 21. All farmers and others interested are invited to visit the station at that time. All those expecting to visit the station will assemble at the Hotel Astoria before 10 a. m. as we will leave from there promptly at 10 to visit the station which is located about four miles south of Astoria.

There has been two excursions to the station from Columbia county in the last two years and it has been of considerable interest to the farmers to see the work carried on there with the forage crops and the handling of the dairy herd, especially the system followed out in providing feed during the entire year.

The forage crop demonstrations include the growing of clover, peas, vetches, root crops and pasture which are adapted to the coast sections of the county.

Bring your basket dinner and picnic in the splendid grove located at the station.

ATHLETIC CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Ladies' Athletic club enjoyed a hike to Parker's grove, Thursday, June 3rd, where they enjoyed a splendid lunch, waded in the river and played volley ball. As it was the regular meeting the session was held under the tree. The resignation of Mrs. E. S. Thompson, first president was handed in and accepted, Mrs. Ed Bell was nominated president. Mrs. E. A. Martin was elected secretary. Mrs. Space was voted in as treasurer an office she has previously held. Dr. Wight appointed a committee of three, Mrs. Sheeley, Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Brady to draft a set of rules and by-laws to be read at the next meeting, by which the club will be governed.

Plans for "Tag Day" which they are going to have Saturday June 12 for the benefit of the childrens play ground was materialized for next Saturday.

All members are urged to be present at all the meetings and new members will be gladly welcomed.

The Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Folger Tuesday afternoon. Among those present were: Mesdames Lindley, Davis, Space, Bergman, Armstrong, Glen Robinson, Whalater, Blake, Tipton and Black. Mrs. Blake received first and Mrs. Robinson consolation.

Mr. and Mrs. Phypher of Molalla visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDonald this week. Mrs. Phypher is a sister of Mrs. McDonald.

Ten thousand berry and cherry pickers were advertised for at Salem this week.

NEW ARRIVALS

CULBERTSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Culbertson, Friday, June 5, a baby boy.

SAMUELS—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Samuels, June 5, a baby girl.