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## DOLEFUL PREDICTIONS

When the automobile came it was predicted it would make the horse extinct. Horseflesh costs more than ever an equestrianism continues to grow in favor. Now the oracles say the aeroplane will eliminate both automobile and horse, but like the horse the automobile grows in number and favor. The saturation point in the automobile industry is always being predicted but never reached. It will be found that horse, automobile and airship each have their purpose and will increase in number as new needs are found for them and the population grows.

From an article in a current magazine are taken a few quotations on the subject of the automobile.

"The automobile stands unique as the most extravagant piece of machinery ever devised for the pleasure of man."

"The people are becoming car-poor as their ancestors became land-poor."

"In this craze for automobile ownership the joy of security in the future is sacrificed for the pleasure of the moment."

"The whole scheme of domestic life centers in the motor car."

"Once the man who borrowed in order to buy a car was looked upon as dangerous."

With some of these statements some will agree, but it is invariably the careless who predict disaster and shaos because so many of their neighbors are on wheels and exchange old cars for new every year.

It is manifest from the popularity of the auto, from the universality of its use and from the jealous tenacity all car-owners cling to their cars, whether palaces on wheels or decrepit derelicts, that there are satisfactions derived from the automobile which the critics of the automobile-age have not discerned.

## PASSING OF THE PORCH

Another great American institution is passing. Once thought deathless, it is rejected by the rising generation. Only a decade ago it was indispensable to the American home but today it is wholly foreign to that home. For centuries it was more than an institution, it was a national tradition and an honored ideal. Today it is ridiculed, maligned or, what is still more ignominious, forgotten.

This tragic victim of progress is the front porch. No longer is it considered by architects in the drafting of their plans for the modern home, and with the "new" home-builder it is as obsolete as the woodshed and out-kitchen.

While the solarium and roofless plaza which grace the modern home have replaced the old-fashioned front porch, they can never fulfill the ancient duties of the old "front porch." Once the home was judged by its veranda. Formerly it was a coveted privilege to rock in a chair on the front porch to see and be seen, but in this revolutionary of ages it is considered very bourgeois to expose one's self in such an idle mood and reposing posture to the curious crowds. The porch has been abolished, so the household can not sit out to see the world pass by on parade, and to perfect the conspiracy against the front porch high walls and hedges now prevent the "parade" from looking in.

Some through sentiment will miss the old front porch along with the hitching post, cigar store Indian, watering trough and blushing maiden, but the viewers-with-alarm with their customary pessimism will see in it a confirmation of the report that people don't build porches because the modern home is only a place to sleep in and the report that the automobile has supplanted the porch as the great American perspective and rest-resort.

## TRY VERNONIA FIRST

"Try Vernonia First," should be the slogan of every citizen who wants to see this city progress.

It is the community spirit that brings the citizenship closer together and eliminates the lines drawn by cliques. To accomplish anything for the good of the community a sentiment in favor of the

project must be created and it is easy to create this sentiment if the proper community spirit prevails.

The man object of this life should be to make the world a better place in which to live but this cannot be accomplished with a citizenship pulling in different directions. The lesser differences should be forgotten when a project is put forth whereby the entire community will prosper and be benefitted. If every citizen of this community would get together and eliminate minor prejudices, work with but one object in view and that to make Vernonia the best city in their state in which to live, the things accomplished would form a monument to the present generation that would live through the ages and be an inspiration for future generations to continue the good work.

## INDIANA CONSERVES OLD TURNPIKES

The Anderson, Indiana, Herald, in a recent editorial, commends the policy adopted in the hoosier state of surfacing old "turnpikes" with suitable waterproof material.

It points out that these old roads are packed down accumulations of gravel that form a better base than any man can make.

Utilizing old road base in this manner gives a community a hard road free from dust and easy to travel, and enables a county or state to build two or three times the amount of road that could otherwise be secured.

With modern road machinery and tractors powerful enough to level up hard surfaces and with plastic mixtures to make a waterproof top course, thousands of miles of country roads can be improved in a satisfactory manner where entire new paving costs would be prohibitive.

## TELEPHONES EXPENSIVE IN JAPAN

When a new subscriber in Tokio wishes to have telephone service, it costs him 1500 yen, or about \$750, for installation alone; after that he must pay regular cost of service. Last year number of telephones in the United States increased 800,000. If each new subscriber had been required to pay \$750 for installation, it is safe to say the increase in number would have been much smaller.

## VERNONIA LEGION RIGHTLY NAMED

With a total of 308 members signed up for 1927 and prospects of more coming in, much credit is due Vernonia post, American Legion, for its efforts in working up one of the liveliest organizations with which this town is likely to be blessed. The publicity that will surely accrue to Vernonia through the efforts of the local post will prove a beneficial boon to the town.

The building of the Legion hall this week, only a few months after the idea was suggested, is proof of the aggressiveness of the organization. Three hundred and eight members and no politics, rank, caste, or prejudicial line of any kind drawn. And they perscribe for themselves more work to do! They intend to superintend the clean-up day April 21. They will help beautify the city park, and more that is not yet thought of or suggested. They are the American Legion, in Vernonia their members are legion, and they work for the good of the town and country in which we live.

## CLEAN-UP DAY

April 21 has been designated by the city council as Vernonia's Clean-up day, with a half-holiday to help the good cause along. Last year it was decided success and the civic pride following was justly evident. But somehow rubbish, cans, debris of all kinds collects in the corners and seldom used, but often seen, places of the city over the winter. Just at this time, before the weeds have grown high on the vacant lots and incessant rains have kept indoors the otherwise constant cleaners, much that is called an eyesore is in evidence in our city. Without a concerted effort to clean it all up, it would not be done efficiently.

Another thing: The council says that the city cannot afford to hire the streets cleaned. They are right, but that is a very good reason for not throwing rubbish on the sidewalks to be swept into the road for the firemen to clean up when they sluice the streets occasionally.

That critic who says America does no fine imaginative writing doesn't know any chamber of commerce secretaries.

**Notice to Contractors**  
St. Helens, Oregon March 24th, 1927. SEALED PROPOSALS, addressed to the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, at St. Helens, Oregon, and endorsed "Proposal for doing the following work in Columbia county, to-wit:  
The construction of a Howe Truss together with the necessary approaches and pier protection, across Westport Slough at Woodsen, Oregon, will be received by said county court until 10 o'clock A. M., April 9th, 1927, and not thereafter, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

All proposals must be made upon blank forms, to be obtained from the Roadmaster, at his office in St. Helens, Oregon. Must give prices proposed, both in writing and in figures, and must be signed by the bidder, with his address.

Plans and Specifications are on file with the County Roadmaster, Clatskanie Chief, and the Vernonia Eagle, and may be examined in the office of the County Clerk.

Each bidder shall deposit, with his bid, a certified check for an amount of at least five (5) per cent of his bid, payable to the County Clerk, which shall be forfeited to the county in case the award is made to him, and he shall neglect, fail or refuse, for a period of five days after such award is made, to enter into a contract and file the required bond. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

John Phillip, County Judge.  
T. B. Mills, Commissioner.  
J. N. Miller, Commissioner.  
G. G. Hall, Roadmaster.  
J. W. Hunt, County Clerk.

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## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATRIX'S SALE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia.

In the matter of the Estate of William Thomas Hatten, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia, duly made, dated and entered on the 21st day of March, 1927, in the matter of the Estate of William Thomas Hatten, deceased, authorized and empowering the administratrix thereof to sell all of the real property of said estate, at private sale, will, from and after the 25th day of April, 1927, sell at private sale, to the highest bidder for cash and subject to confirmation by said Court, and continue to offer for sale, until sold, the following described real property, belonging to the Estate of William Thomas Hatten, deceased, to-wit:

Lot numbered one (1) in block numbered twelve (12), original town of Vernonia, within Columbia county, Oregon, for the purpose of paying the claims, costs and expenses of administration of said estate; terms to be: Cash in United States gold coin, ten per cent to accompany bid, balance on confirmation of sale, all bids to be directed to the undersigned at Vernonia, Columbia county, Oregon.

M. B. Hatten,  
Administratrix of the Estate of William Thomas Hatten, deceased.

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## Lodge Directory

W. O. W. Vernonia camp No. 655 meets every Monday night at seven thirty at the Grange Hall. Visiting members welcome.

A. F. KOSTER C. C.  
C. C. DUSTEN CLERK.

Vernonia Lodge, No. 184 A. F. & A. M., meets at Grange Hall every Second and Fourth Thursday nights. Visitors Welcome  
K. A. McNeill, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.—VERNONIA LODGE, No. 246, meets every Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock, in Grange Hall

O. E. Enstrum, N.G.  
G. B. Smith, Sec'y.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Grange hall.

Mrs. H. E. McGraw, President  
Mrs. Earl Washburn, Secretary.

Vernonia Post 119, American Legion. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 8 p.m. H. E. McGraw, Commander. Lee Schwab, Adj.

Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S. Regular communication first and third Wednesdays of each month. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.  
Bessie Tapp, W. M.  
Leona McGraw, Secretary.

## VERNONIA GRANGE

The Vernonia Grange meets on the second Saturday of every month at 7:30 P. M. Any members of the Grange living in or near Vernonia or visiting in the community, are cordially invited to attend.  
Mrs. Minnie Malmsten, Secretary

## MOUNTAIN HEART

REBECCA LODGE No. 243, I. O. O. F. Meets every second and Fourth Thursdays in Grange Hall—Vernonia. Visitors always welcome  
Mrs. Edna Kilby, N. G.  
MRS. IRENE SPENCER, Sec'y

## T. W. LARAWAY

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Vernonia Oregon

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