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## ON BEING A HOME-TOWN BOOSTER

This paper believes in Vernonia and Vernonia's future. It believes that Vernonia is destined to be a much greater city than it is today. It believes that the great majority of people living in Vernonia have an abiding faith in the city's future and in the Vernonia of today. It is faith that has made Vernonia and it is this same faith that is going to continue to make Vernonia a greater city.

No one need talk of "putting Vernonia on the map." For, all the world knows, Vernonia is already on the map; it has a conspicuous place there for many years. And it is going to remain there—forever.

Vernonia is already a great place in which to live. If one were to look all around the world, none better could be found. When everything is considered, no one honestly can say that any other town is a better place than Vernonia.

For that reason, if you have any money to invest, invest it in Vernonia. It is safer at home than it is any place else. Keep out of the clutches of the oily-tongued stock salesman who comes from a distance and wants your money to invest in an enterprise, the merit of which you know nothing save what is told you by the man or men seeking to "separate you from your coin."

If you have any money to invest, think it over—and then invest in Vernonia. Every resident of Vernonia ought to be a booster for Vernonia and Vernonia enterprises. Owing Vernonia real estate will go a long way toward making all citizens a booster for the home town. Build or buy a home—and grow with Vernonia. and enjoy to the full all the benefits of being a Vernonia home owner.

## THE REAL COMMENCEMENT

The seniors are graduating. From the elementary schools, from the high schools, from the colleges and universities they are being ushered forth to new fields of activity, new experiences, new problems.

Some of them are through with school. For them this is a real commencement of the battles of life.

But though some are through with school none is through with study. Though some are through with scholastic preparation, none is through with that continual, sustained application which is the accumulative preparation of all who are fired with the ambition and zeal of which success is born.

Whatever the field of action to which the graduates now seek entrance, they will find that the price of advancement, of service and reward, is needed the commencement of study and preparation upon an ever-increasing scale.

Some there are, no doubt, who like to think that they now are "through." In-



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deed they are through—through with hope and through with ambition and through with advancement—unless they now commence.

## STRAW HAT TIME

One may now inquire without being premature, what kind of a straw hat his neighbor will wear this year. But the question will not provoke a discussion of the new, spring styles in straws and their relative merits and popularity. Invariably such an interrogation will bring one of two answers, either "a new one" or "last year's."

The straw hat has developed among the members of the stronger sex a strange inconsistency. Men may venture forth in a refurbished last-year's model but the most unconventional, whether the owner of a new or resurrected grass kelly dare not treat with disdain the calendar limits fashion has erected around the straw hat season. To appear in public wearing a straw hat before the season opens and after its fall closing is to invite suspicions of eccentricity or rusticity. Only country squires and retired judges can violate this fashion decree with impunity.

It may be true that men observe the rules and edicts of fashion less strictly than women, but the women could not observe any one of their multiplicity of vogues and modes more rigidly than man conforms to the calendar limits on the season for wearing straw hats.

## THE VERNONIA-HARMON FIELD

Receipt of the marker for the Vernonia-Harmon field, which is locally known as the city park, recalls to mind the often-expressed need of making improvements there for the benefit of the most part and of folks in general.

The suggestion has been made that the mayor declare a holiday at some time this summer, when donation labor by the townspeople would clean up the field, level the bumps, fill in the gullies, plant shrubs, build a swimming hole, construct dressing rooms, and perhaps even tennis courts, for the benefit of young and old alike.

With but a small sum upon which to draw for expenditures, the improvements this year must take the form of labor. In that we shall be able to claim the help promised by the Harmon foundation, which takes the form of equipment for playgrounds. The improvements must be made before May 1 of each year for a park to benefit thereby, thus Vernonia is eliminated for this year, since nothing has been done in the past year. But this summer is the most reasonable time for the work to be done, and next year the playground equipment will be available. The Harmon foundation will do nothing until the citizens themselves take the initiative.

"The last shall be first" may apply to baseball at the end of the season.

The only check an extravagant woman wants put on her activities is a bank check.

The multi-millionaire with chronic indigestion is one man who wants little here below.

Unless a man gets a great deal more than money out of his job, he is missing a lot of satisfaction.

By the time all the states get their good roads programs finished the world will be riding in airplanes.

Be not deceived! The car that comes out with new designs has the same ones on the pedestrian.

Fashion note says a woman should have a hat to match every costume. Still, she would never have anything fit to wear.

The girls seem to have adopted the slogan of the paint trade and imagine that when they save the surface they save all.

An experienced wife is one who can dream of other things while pretending to listen to her husband's description of his symptoms.

That bulletin of the department of agriculture which read "The cat crop ranks third in importance" would not have been so far from the truth had the last two words been omitted. Even the printer should have known the difference between oats and cats.

## THE LESSON OF TREE PLANTING

(Continued from last week.)

About the cabin and in the shadow of the old stumps were a myriad of young Douglas fir trees from 30 to 60 feet in height. Their delicate green branches pointed upward, promising that some day they too would be far above the ground.

"Who planted these hundreds of trees in the clearing?" she asked wonderingly, thinking of her tollsome tree planting as a little bird.

"We do not plant many trees out here," answered the old man of the cabin. "Mother Nature tends to that for us. We cut our big trees, some of them have stood for hundreds of years, since before white men came. I do not mind cutting them when I think of the many comfortable homes they build all over America."

"I cleared this land 30 years ago to make my home," he continued. "I built the cabin from the biggest tree of all and we lived here five years. Then we had to go back to the city. The little trees had already begun to carpet the clearing with green. I returned this summer to find they had grown into the young forest you see here."

"You did not need to plant the trees," repeated the girl. "That seems very wonderful to me. But who watered them and took care of your young forest all these years?"

"The fogs and rain of winter kept the soil soaked with moisture, the summer days brought sunshine. Mother Nature tends to growing our trees as well as planting them. She does a good job of it. The foresters tell me there is no place in America where trees grow so fast as they do on this west coast."

"Nor as large," echoed the girl. "Why, your young forest is bigger than our old forests back home."

The old man smiled. "I remember your land grows fine, tall corn and oats. The broad leaves of the corn used to seem as far above my head when I was a small boy as these trees do now. The hot nights and the black soil back there are mighty fine for growing and ripening corn even if they aren't much good for growing tall trees."

"We can't grow corn like yours on our steep, rocky slopes or down in cool, dark canyons. But we can grow trees. The winds, full of moisture from the ocean, the heavy winter rainfall, the even climate, the soil made by grinding glaciers of centuries ago, these things are as good for tree growing as is the climate of your old state for corn growing."

"Nature made this country just for tree growing, it seems to me. From these rocky peaks in the Cascades, you see them where on the skyline, to the foothills facing the blue Pacific, trees, the tallest trees in America are the greatest crop we can grow."

The little girl, now grown to womanhood, saw that what the old settler said was true. She remembered the slow growth of the little elm tree and marveled anew at the wonderful work of Mother Nature in this country of big trees and widespread forests.

### "Inside" Information

Here are three fine points in frying potatoes: Use a heavy skillet; let the pieces brown on one side before turning them; and cook only enough at one time to cover the bottom of the skillet, in a fairly thin layer.

Do you know poke shoots? They grow wild in many localities. The young tender shoots and tips of the more mature stalks are excel-

lent as greens. Because of the slightly bitter taste, the first water is usually thrown away after the poke shoots have boiled a few minutes. Do not over-cook them. Serve in any of the ways asparagus is served.

Have lots of Saturday or weekend picnics this spring if you own a car. Take the whole family along. Keep a special box or picnic kit equipped with paper or unbreakable plates, cups, silver, paper napkins, and waxed paper. Then a lunch can be picked up in no time at all together after the picnic spot is reached. On your emergency pantry shelf keep always in stock a few things in cans or cartons for these occasions.

Don't work a slow horse and a fast horse together. There will be friction and loss of power, in addition to irritation to both driver and horses.

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K. A. McNeill, Secretary.



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O. E. Enstrum, N.G.  
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## 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 Maimsten, Secretary

## MOUNTAIN HEART

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