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VERNONIA'S TAXES

Complaints are often heard that the taxes in Vernonia are too high. It is said that the costs of running the town should be reduced to lessen the burden on local taxpayers. How? They don't know. But they reiterate that taxes should be reduced. And sometimes an illusion is even made to "graft" on the part of the present city officials.

To learn the facts of just how the city affairs are run, and just where each penny is spent requires only the effort of asking for the information. D. B. Reasoner, city recorder, is always willing to devote any amount of time necessary to show any interested taxpayer the condition of the city affairs.

Those who have examined the books of the city several times in the past few years, have noticed an improvement and a sure indication that taxes will not continue to be as high as at present.

Expenses that were incurred by the city from four to six years ago, and for which no allowance had been made in the budgets, were paid for by the issuance of warrants, many of which are still in existence, drawing 6 per cent interest.

Whether these expenditures were justifiable at the time they were made is not an issue to be argued about today. They constitute an obligation—a lien—against the city of Vernonia, and must be paid. By paying off about \$2000 a year the council hopes to have these old warrants all paid off in about five years. But during that time taxes must be higher in order to accomplish this purpose.

As to the cost of running the city government, all 10 members of the budget committee are heavy taxpayers and they were especially interested in decreasing any unnecessary expenditures. After due investigation into each item, the figures they agreed upon as necessary for the proper conduct of the city's business were the ones published.

A few appeared at the budget hearing Monday night to offer objections to some items in the city's running expenses. But it turned out to be a detailed explanation of why things were done thus and so. They came to object, but remained to say they merely did not understand.

If more economical plan of conducting the business of the city of Vernonia has been devised, it has not been offered for utilization. The hearing Monday night ended in a satisfactory and even friendly manner. And since he only "pay" our councilmen get is the thanks for the work they have done, it is best to turn a deaf ear to the indiscriminate knocker and so inform ourselves of city affairs that only constructive criticism will be given.

SABBATH MADNESS

The Sabbath, once the day of rest, is now fast becoming known as the day of eternal rest. For more people now go to an untimely death on that day than any other day of the week. Mad motoring is responsible for this ghastly change.

The Sabbath was made for man, to be sure, but not for the exercise to his uttermost folly. Yet as surely as Monday rolls around we have the gruesome front page news of the dead, the dying and the injured who have apparently gone mad over Sunday and have paid the price.

This is not the full extent of the bad uses to which we are putting the Sabbath day, although they are the most spectacular. Add to this list the jangled nerves of many a good wife, the tired body of many a husband, the unnatural stimulation of many children of the families that rise early and start out on a quest of distance.

Fast and furious drifting is likely to mark such a trip, with many near accidents. The mind, body and soul undergoes almost every experience and emotion except those of rest and repose and recreation. Then homeward journey and the sleep of exhaustion or, what is more likely, the sleeplessness of exhausted nerves.

The pendulum swings from extreme to extreme. The deathlike silence and stupor

of the Sabbath of the past is gone and probably gone forever. But the daily clamor of our Twentieth Century Sabbath is equally impossible. Wise motorists avoid Sunday travel as much as possible, or seek byways and unfrequented places. Or, what is best of all, use the care to take them a relatively short distance to a spot where they may make the most of the day in the rest and recreation of body and spirit which alone justify the Sabbath.

WHERE OPPORTUNITY BECKONS

Some people are forever complaining that none of the big or little opportunities come their way. They hear of a neighbor who got a real bargain in a used automobile and wonder why his chance had not been theirs. And when a neighbor shows them a bit of furniture or other household article he had picked up for a fraction of its real worth and they again wonder why others are favored over them. Thus they carry on their lamentations and self-sympathy throughout the whole catalog of human wants and possessions.

Paradoxical though it seems, these men and women who covet the opportunities offered to and grasped by others could find the secret of the other fellow's goods fortune in the newspaper read by them both. That secret is the classified advertising columns. It is there that the golden opportunities are offered and found. The "want ad" page is the mecca for those who have found golden opportunities to offer and for those who wisely hunt their "acres of diamonds" at home.

If the store with its show windows, glass cases, counters and open doors can not do business without newspaper advertisements, how can the seller and the buyer of the used article expect to "do business" without advertising? The "want" or classified advertisement is the show window and counter for the private citizen who has something to sell or wants to buy something the other citizen has.

DO IT NOW

It is never too late to learn that it is never too early to do your Christmas shopping, is the Christmas propaganda that has already begun.

There is only one excuse for putting off the holiday buying until the eleventh hour and that excuse is a financial shortage. Even this excuse is no longer being accepted by the credit departments of many stores.

The blessings of early Christmas buying are so many that it is difficult to understand why there are still people who do their shopping on Christmas eve. Depleted stocks, tired clerks, crowded stores and the necessity for haste are only a part of the arguments against the last minute rush.

Every merchant is as desirous of giving service and a good selection of stock as every customer is desirous of obtaining them and that is why many inducements in the way of credit sales, deposit purchases and Christmas storage are offered at this time of the year. There is only a certain amount of Christmas buying to be done, whether early or late, so the merchants have no other thought in urging early shopping than to make it as comfortable, convenient and satisfactory as possible.

Everybody, everywhere, predicts a record Christmas business this year, which is all the more reason to obey that impulse and do your Christmas shopping early.

The reason some girls would rather have a position than get married is because they can resign the one, whereas they would have to become resigned to the other.

A man never gets too old, bald, fat and rich to think she loves him for himself alone.

The world, says a scientist, shakes like jelly; but maybe he has been going to too many dances.

If the author uses the word "spat" with gusto and delight, he will be 24 next spring.

The swell head germ is nobody's fool. He always manages to pick out an empty one.

One reason why living costs more is because affixing a patch is no longer an art.

so little of it.

An optimist is one who lists his 1922

The Majestic

"Tillie the Toiler"

"Tillie the Toiler," Marion Davies' latest Cosmopolitan production, coming to the Majestic theatre Saturday, gives the blonde star the chance of a lifetime to make good as a comedienne. And she does! Marion's forte has been comedy, but Tillie gives her a shot at real farce and Marion has taken advantage of every opportunity it offers. The screen play was written by A. P. Younger and based on Russ Westover's comic strip of the same name.

"Cheating Cheaters"

Betty Compson is featured in the latest Universal Jewel production, "Cheating Cheaters," which comes to the Majestic theatre Sunday.

Appearing as a crook at the head of a gang planning to get possession of the coveted Palmer jewels, her role is one of the achievements of her career.

Henneth Harlan is the hero, while in support will be seen Eddie Gribbon, Lucien Littlefield, Censare Gravina, Maud Turner Gordon, E. J. Ratcliffe, Erwin Connelly and Sylvia Aston.

"The Night Bride"

We've had the "June Bride," "The War Bride," "The Blushing Bride" and now comes "The Night Bride." Marie Prevost is starred in "The Night Bride," a Metropolitan comedy which comes to the Majestic theatre Monday. Her leading man is Harrison Ford, who remains adamant to her wiles until the last flickering reel.

"Mockery"

Playing a primitive, half-animal character is more difficult than playing a normal being, according to Lon Chaney, who says that he played one of the most difficult roles in his career as Sergi the strange peasant in "Mockery," his new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle coming to the Majestic theatre Tuesday and Wednesday. Benjamin Christensen directed the new production, a vivid drama of the Russian revolution.

"The Frontiersman"

For the first time in her screen career Claire Windsor is to be seen in a historical western role. The dainty Claire, who heretofore has been seen in aristocratic drawingroom roles, will be seen Thursday and Friday at the Majestic theatre in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Frontiersman," starring Tim McCoy. She plays the role of the beautiful ward of General Andrew Jackson.

"Inside" Information

Liver and bacon makes a good dinner meal, especially prepared, with the merit of being very valuable in the diet. Any kind of liver supplies vitamins, iron, and furnishes the body with protein and calories.

Peach dumplings, baked in muffin pans, are seasonable now. Serve hot with hard sauce, liquid sauce, or whipped cream. Peel the peaches but do not remove the stones, as they give the dumpling an extra good flavor.

Uuwrap meat as soon as it is brought from the market, and place it in a clean, dry, covered dish in the refrigerator or other cold place until wanted. Don't wash meat until just before cooking. Washing

draws the juices out and hastens spoilage.

Always take the pieces of bacon out of the skillet as soon as they are delicately brown and crisp. Drain them on clean, unglazed paper. If you leave them in the fat they will be greasy. Cook bacon in a heavy, broad iron skillet over a slow fire, and watch it constantly to prevent scorching.

Butter wrappers at the Eagle.

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

ROBERT LINDSEY, C. C.
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K. A. McNeill, Secretary.

I.O.O.F.—Vernonia Lodge No. 246 meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, in Grange hall. Visitors always welcome.
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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.

Mountain Heart Rebekah Lodge No. 243 No. 243, I.O.O.F., meets every second and fourth Thursdays in Grange hall, Vernonia. Visitors always welcome.
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