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THANKS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department deserve much praise for their work this week in placing the Christmas trees on the city streets. They add the necessary touch of sentiment at Christmas time that is the best reminder of the "peace on earth, good will toward men" phrase that will never grow old.

Work such as this is one of the best indications of a growing pride in our home town. But a very small part of the present population of Vernonia lived here 10 years ago. And spirit such as this that is now manifested tends to indicate that most of those living here now intend to stay—which naturally follows that they wish it to be a town of which they can well be proud.

Of those who move away, most of them will remember particularly this one incident of Vernonia—the Christmas trees at Yule-tide. And it will serve immeasurably to bring back all who are able to come. Such a civic spirit as has been displayed by the fire department will assuredly have a like effect upon other organizations in the town, who in the future will strive to perform even a better deed.

Many thanks to the firemen, you are the kind of citizens that build real "home towns."

CHRISTMAS

Comes Christmas Day. What it means to you depends upon your capacity for knowing just as your appreciation of everything else depends upon your capacities. In the man who can not read, capacity is limited by so much. If he learns to read but cannot read music, his capacity still is limited. As he goes on learning, his capacity of knowing is increased and thereby his field of enjoyment is enlarged. Ignorance is not bliss, as it sometimes is misquoted as being. Greater happiness comes to those whose faculties have been prepared to appreciate at their proper values all things in life. So what Christmas Day means to all of us depends upon our capacity for knowing.

There is a Christmas tree in your home. Around it are those passing through some of the happiest moments they ever will know. Do you envy the experience of the youngest of the group seeing that tree for the first time? To that little one the tree is an amazing sight. As the years pass it will become less and less amazing but it will never lose its power to give enjoyment. Then all of a sudden, it will become amazing again when the child of today has become a parent. You, who were children yesterday, are children again today, so know the feelings of all those gathered around the tree, from the tiniest to the largest, for you have known the experiences of all of them. And how merry you are this morning! You know how to make all the toys run better than any of them—how infinite your capacity for knowing! You do not reflect upon it but it exerts its magical influence.

You know there is a Santa Claus—some of the children may look at you knowingly but, in your heart you know something they must yet learn. They have been infected by a taint of skepticism that once affected you, but you know, ah, you know. You know there is something mysterious and unseen that is more real than the perceptible—something superior to practical genuineness. You cannot give it words nor define it any more than you can the colors that you are conscious of after you look at a bright light and then close your eyelids. They are beautiful colors but they have no actual existence. Yet you see them. For colors the Christmas tree is just as amazing as that, but the children do not see them, because they do not have the same capacity of vision that you possess.

A GOOD RULE

The Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C., has embarked upon a campaign to influence greater home buying. Through the schools, the banks, advertis-

ing and every other available agency it intends to popularize the slogan "Buy in Washington."

It is a creditable movement, and charges that it is provincial and selfish will not stand. Buying at home takes nothing from national business but it aids in many ways the home town and its commercial enterprises. Buy away from home and you benefit only the out-of-town merchant and his town.

Every community should be as self-sufficient as possible. By making their purchases through Vernonia the people of this community can keep their money at home, where it will be used over and over for the benefit of the people and the community itself.

Instinctively, the American is a bargainer, and he buys shrewdly and carefully, taking into consideration every element of advantage and disadvantage in the transaction. He makes his purchases where he believes he can obtain the greatest bearing on the choice of a place in which to buy. The average shopper, however, is also interested in style, and in having a considerable variety of goods from which to make his selection.

But for all its business acumen and astuteness the consuming public is sometimes deceived. Mail order prices are like automobile f. o. b. prices—they fall far short of the price to the customer. With the extras added they cease to be bargain prices.

Vernonia merchants and business men are competent and progressive, and Vernonia shops are of the best. There is no valid reason for shopping elsewhere. It is well for citizens to make it hard and fast rule to patronize home institutions, which help to make the community what they would have it be.

THE BANK'S SERVICE

Bankers and business men are beginning to realize that the general public is in need of a better understanding of the functions of banking in relation to the interests of the average individual. The public should be made to understand that banking is just as much a part of its daily needs as are grocery stores.

The function and purposes, and in many cases the practices, of banks and financial institutions often are misunderstood or not accurately comprehended, through a lack of knowledge of the reason of their existence, and a lack of understanding of the part they play in the life of the community.

The great extension of the credit system and the payment of bills by checks and drafts as well as the financing of large business and other enterprises, has given the banking business a new meaning even to the large number of persons who do not make use of banks for their own personal convenience and the safety of their money.

SENATOR STEIWER'S VOTE

Hang 'em first; try 'em later. It is regrettable that the United States Senate acted on that arbitrary principle in the Smith-Vare cases. We honor Senator Steiwer for having protested by his vote against this despotic action by a numerical majority.

Without condoning improprieties committed by both candidates during nomination campaigns, it must be admitted that neither have been tried by the senate sitting as a high judicial court or by any committee designated by the senate to give them a full and complete trial. Meantime the people of both states elected these nominees after giving consideration to all charges made against them.

To deprive two sovereign states of equal representation in the senate, after their deliberate election of their senators, is a penalty which should be imposed only after full hearing and solemn judgment.

While public opinion is enraged against Vare and Smith, American sense of fairness and orderly procedure will be appealed to by the vote of Senator Steiwer against conviction in advance of trial.—Oregon Voter.

Home is where the keys were left, in the other pants of the two-pants suit.

Women are sensible, except at times. Some get married because they are tired of working.

The hard thing about making money last is making it first.

Love makes the world go round the bend and park in a lane.

SKAGGS SAFEWAY STORES

Distribution Without Waste

Prepare For Christmas

There is a big dinner coming up—Christmas is "just around the corner." Housewives are baking and fixing—preparing for the great feast that always makes Christmas the "day of days." Our stores has all the needed things right now. Candies, nuts, oranges, spices, flavoring, peels, etc. The Safeway man has prepared for this event months ago. His preparations enable him to serve you better and help you save more money.

Xmas Safeway Savings

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 22, 23, 24.

<p>Sugar Fine granulated 100 lb. Sc. ... \$6.29 25 lb. Cloth Bag ... \$1.69</p> <p>Powdered Sugar XXXX Brand 4 pounds 37c</p>	<p>Xmas Candies Our large assortment of high grade Christmas candies is still complete.</p> <p>Xmas Mixed Or Satin Mixed 3 pounds 39c 10 pounds \$1.23</p>	<p>Xmas Nuts Finest quality Walnuts Fancy large Oregons 3 pounds 85c</p> <p>Almonds Paper shell 3 pounds 85c</p>
<p>Rice Fancy long grain 10 pounds 69c</p> <p>Beans Red Mexican 10 pounds 69c</p>	<p>Peanut Brittle Loaded with nuts 3 Pounds 49c 10 pounds \$1.60</p>	<p>Oranges Sunkist brand, direct from grower Size 176 Size 49c 150 Size 53c 126 Per doz. 57c 100 Size 63c 80 Size 69c Extra Large ... 69c</p>
<p>Peaches Yellow free stones 3 No. 2 1/2 tins 53c 12 cans 1.98</p> <p>Pineapple No. 2 1/2 sliced 3 cans 65c 12 cans 2.49</p>	<p>French Creams with cream centers 3 pounds 73c 6 pounds \$1.43</p> <p>Gum Drops true fruit flavors 3 pounds 49c 10 pounds \$1.69</p>	<p>Brazils New crop 3 pounds 85c</p> <p>Mixed Nuts Highest quality 5 pounds \$1.29</p>
<p>Pumpkin Del Monte brand 2 No. 2 1/2 tins 28c 6 cans 81c</p> <p>Honey Eastern Oregon pure alfalfa 10 lb. pail \$1.29</p>	<p>Extra Cream Mix 3 pounds 63c 10 pounds \$1.05</p> <p>Chocolates Hand made assorted 5 lb. box \$1.49</p>	<p>Flour Eastern Wash. and Montana hard wheat. Money back guarantee. 49 lb. sack \$1.89 4 Sea. bbl. \$7.89</p> <p>Pancake Flour Big K brand 8 lb. sack. 59c</p>

The advantages of having one of our markets in your neighborhood will be apparent after your first visit. Only the very top quality meats are handled and every item is fully guaranteed. Start saving today. The following prices are good for Thursday, Friday and Saturday:

<p>Turkeys Fancy No. 1 birds Per pound 45c</p> <p>Geese Young and fat Per pound 35c</p>	<p>Chickens ...3 to 6 lbs, milk fed Per pound 35c</p> <p>Pork Roasts Shoulder, per pound 20c Legs, small per pound 25c</p>
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Fancy Mince Meat 3 lbs. for 49c

We Deliver Any and All Orders Free
Store No. 225, Vernonia, Oregon Phone 741