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RAY D. FISHER, Editor and Publisher

### Forty-One Years Ago

From the Nehalem Journal, September 2, 1889 (Vol. 1, No. 1). Gus H. Bynon, Editor, Wm. H. Bradon, Business Manager.

"It is rumored pretty strongly that there will be a paper started at Vernonia. We hope the brother quill-pusher will succeed, but he goes to a very thinly settled section to begin."—Oregon Mist.

The managers of the grist mill at Pittsburg have sent for a new set of burrs to enable them to do first class work.

The warm, sandy soil of the Nehalem is especially adapted to hops . . . with a railroad to give cheap transportation to market, Nehalem will become in the near future one of the principal hop-growing districts of this state.

Em Sheeley is rapidly recovering from the effects of his recent accident. He was thrown from a wagon against a stump and the hind wheel passed over his chest, injuring him severely.

At the last meeting of the Evangelical church the officers for the ensuing year were elected, board of trustees, P. Peck, president, John Campbell, secretary, and T. H. Lavender, treasurer. It is the intention of the church society to erect a commodious house of worship in the near future.

Thomas E. Mills, residing two miles below town, met with what may prove to be a serious accident last week. While dressing a stick of timber, his axe glanced and cut a deep gash in his left foot.

Surveyors for the Astoria and South Coast railroad are searching for the most desirable route from Vernonia to Jewell, hoping by this means to shorten the distance from their starting point in Washington county to Astoria.

The people of this part of the valley are rather anxious to have the county surveyor fulfill his promise that he would return at his earliest convenience and establish several lost corners in Vernonia. It has been nearly eight years since the matter was first agitated, and settlers are beginning to wonder at the delay.

S. P. Donkel's oxen ran away with his swagon, crossing the river with it three times, breaking it and Mr. Donkel's temper in several places.

Following are the local advertisers in this issue of the Journal: R. W. McNutt and Co., general merchandise, (Main store at Cornelius); Vernonia Mill Company, S. J. Brown, manager; Thomas Lavender, general blacksmithing; Lewis Brothers, carpenters and builders; J. C. Coul-

ter, market; T. L. Adams, nursery; Campbell and McNutt, real estate; Israel Spencer, notary public; C. H. Newth, physician and surgeon; Vernonia House, A. B. Lewis, manager; Joseph Van Blaricom, real estate.

### The Open Forum - -

To the Editor: The Portland papers a few days ago carried the announcement that the State Fish and Game commission of Oregon had authorized the discontinuance of the Gales Creek trout hatchery, giving as their reason, the lack of water. Matt Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries has been ordered to close the hatchery and sell the property.

It seems to be an opportune time for a delegation of the leading or representative sportsmen of the Nehalem valley to appear before the State Fish and Game commission at their meeting in October and ask that a trout hatchery be established in the Nehalem valley.

Lying as it does in close proximity to Portland and within easy reach of thousands of people in the Willamette valley this river is entitled to more consideration in the future than has been bestowed upon it in the past by the game commission. Ranked in the past as a wonderful trout stream it has through neglect in keeping it stocked, been almost depleted of its finny inhabitants, and if properly taken care of now, could in a few years be brought back to that stage where it would equal any

stream in the state for its piscatorial pleasures.

There are many ideal locations in the Nehalem valley for trout hatcheries where the supply of water is sufficient the year around and anyone who has indulged in the Waltonian arts has had the fact attested that there are enough crawfish, the natural food for cut throat trout, in the Nehalem river, to feed all the trout a dozen hatcheries could supply.

The Gales Creek plant was ordered closed, as I stated before, on account of lack of water, so if water is the only reason, then it would be a good time to get action on this matter for it would cost no more to maintain and operate a hatchery in this valley than it did at Gales Creek and a plant here could amply take care of the needs of Gales Creek and its tributaries as well as the Nehalem river.  
S. J. SMITH.

ASHLAND—(UP)—Although many persons live on it, Jack Wurtz found cooing didn't suit his temperament or desire to sleep. Doves in an adjoining cote was the cause for the maternal disturbance.

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ED TAPP                      CASS BERGERSON

### THE WATER POWER ISSUE

It has long been a favorite trick of politicians to erect a man of straw, pelt him vigorously, and look around for popular applause, as a celebrated evangelist is said to have bowled over an effigy of the devil in a prize ring.

Such appears to be the situation with reference to the power issue in this state. Some politicians would have us believe—to quote from a speech which Julius Meier is reported to have recently made in Tillamook—"The power trust is stifling the very life blood of the people of Oregon."

Puzzle: Find the power trust. Pepco of course most nearly fits the description, but it has to meet the very vigorous competition of another large corporation, the Northwestern Electric company, and if either were to attempt much stifling its business would shrink to the vanishing point. Scattered throughout the state are a number of power companies, home and foreign owned, in no way dependent upon Pepco or the Northwestern Electric. Not much power trust at present.

Conceivably, of course, there might be one some day, and legislation to prevent unrestrained monopoly of Oregon's natural resources is much different from clamor about a power trust that does not exist. To safeguard the interests of the public by providing for reversion of rights that are abused, to regulate rates fairly, to require essential though not always immediately profitable service—should be the policy of the state. On the other hand, to prohibit the development of water power by private capital on the theory that the state or a municipality might at some indefinite time in the future want to go into the power business for itself would inflict upon industry a bad attack of anemia.

Another point that is often overlooked is that water power is not the only economical and effective means of generating electric current. The Diesel engine is proving highly successful, particularly in communities of moderate size where sufficient water power is not readily accessible. Take for instance the city of McMinnville, rightly pointed to as one of the best examples of municipal ownership in the state. Originally it depended upon a water power plant some ten miles distant. As the city grew, service became inadequate, and interruptions in stormy weather due to fouling of the transmission lines were annoyingly frequent. Accordingly the city installed a Diesel plant in town, which furnishes the chief supply and the Baker creek plant is merely auxiliary.

After all, is it not the little fellow for whom the independents are ostensibly waging a campaign? They are not concerned over enterprises like the Oregon-American or Clark and Wilson, who can buy their power or manufacture it themselves, according to their own best interests. The small consumer wants cheap electricity which the big man is in a position to get anyhow, and he wants a sufficient amount for his purpose. The farmer craves electric power for his pump, and his wife for her washing machine, while both, perhaps, desire a radio. Away from the centers of population or the source of supply, a Diesel plant, municipal or private, is the more promising agency for that desired power.

To change the straw man figure, the independents fabricate a grotesque balloon, duly inflate it, and then shoot it bravely with an automatic. They annihilate the power trust of their own imaginations.

### VERNONIA NEEDS AN AMBULANCE

Picture for yourself—it has happened more than once, and can happen again: A man lies in a logging camp, seriously injured. A call goes to Portland for an ambulance, which comes as soon as it can, but there is an unavoidable delay of just the length of time it takes the ambulance to make the trip to get the patient. Pain is unassuaged . . . Life hangs in the balance. An ambulance stationed in Vernonia might have saved the life; certainly it could have brought prompt relief.

By all means, Vernonia should have an ambulance.

ICRA—(UT)—A. N. Doerfler didn't want to see his \$1000 prize hog die in the ignomy of a sty. When he whistled in a familiar manner, the pig following him from the pen, dropped dead.

WARRENTON—(UP)—While other huntmen withstood untold sufferings to bag the coveted

stag, Les Kindred and John Adair shot a 200-pound five pointer in Warrenton city limits, two miles from the business center.

ASTORIA—(UP)—When Jack, friendly Irish terrier was necessary to the success of a pet parade here, radio broadcasts asked his whereabouts.

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