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77 MILES TO GO 21 MILES

ROUTE FROM ST. HELENS TO PITTSBURG VIA

GOOD ROADS MAKES VERY LONG TRIP

SOME OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

A trip over the roads of Columbia, Washington and Clatsop counties in an automobile is the ideal way to get first hand information as to the condition of the roads and the distances necessarily traveled in order to get from one place to another. Such a trip was made by a party of St. Helens men the past week, one of whom was the editor of the Mist, and for the information of those who have never made the trip and those who are contemplating doing so we will give out some of the details of the present conditions and offer some suggestions for decided improvements. Leaving St. Helens in the 40-horse power Buick car of Mr. McCormick at 8:30 a. m. on Saturday the drive was made to the Germantown road or Skyline Boulevard above Linnton, where the climb over the mountain was made with little effort. The roads to the Multnomah county line on the other side of the mountain were in first class condition. Then Washington county was entered and about the best we can say for those roads is that Washington county should be ashamed to compel its own farmers and citizens to travel such roads, to say nothing of the automobile travel between Portland and Astoria. For a distance of about 15 miles, through Centerville, Roy, Banks and up to Crawfords mills the dust was from 3 to 12 inches deep and the road under the dust was so rough and rutty that not more than 7 or 8 miles an hour could be made. At Banks the pleasant information was given out that in going toward Vernonia there were no more good roads until the Columbia county line was passed, and that information was correct too. Going over the mountain from Buxton to Kist the roads are quite steep, especially on the north side, and very little work has been done. Down near the foot of the mountain where the road crosses into Columbia county a blind man could tell the difference in the roads. From Kist down to Vernonia the roads are in very fine condition and the people of that district are to be complimented for the work that has been done. Not only is the road to Vernonia in good condition, all the way to Mist and on down to Fishhawk with the exception of a few patches of corduroy which is being fixed up now. In fact, the roads from the Washington county line down to the Clatsop county line are among the best roads on the entire trip. From Fishhawk to Jewell in Clatsop county the roads are about as rough, rutty and bad as could possibly be imagined. There is considerable work being done on this piece of road, planking the most of it and it will only be a short time until a plank road all this distance will be in place on a good grade, but very narrow. From Jewell to Astoria the road is all macadam and in a very

fine condition, with easy grades over the mountain.

Taking up the matter of distances, the machine registered at Astoria just 122 miles from St. Helens. From St. Helens to Vernonia 72 miles; from St. Helens to Pittsburg 77 miles and to Mist 86 miles. While standing on the Pittsburg bridge a sign not 100 feet away says "St. Helens 21 miles," and there we had traveled, about the only feasible way to get there, 77 miles and over some grades easily running 12 to 15 per cent. Only 21 miles from the starting point and still 77 miles away. Right here it may be well to say a few things concerning the road known as the Pittsburg road. While we were going down the Nehalem valley a short distance below Pittsburg we came to the camp of E. E. Quick and A. J. Deming of St. Helens and they informed us that they had traveled over this road with one horse and a hack and that the road was in an impassable condition for autos, but that horse rigs could make it easily. A portion of the road had been washed out to some extent and in some places boulders had been washed into the road, but that so far as grades were concerned this road was far ahead of the other roads leading into the Nehalem. This statement is borne out by the statement of many others who have traveled the road and the further assertion is made that \$500 expended on this road will put it in better shape for auto travel than the Cape Horn road from Kist to Buxton. The altitude is at least 500 feet lower than is the Buxton Hill and the distance from Portland to Mist by this road will be approximately 15 miles less than by way of Buxton. Aside from making a more direct and better route from Portland to Astoria this road is very much needed for the convenience of those citizens of Columbia County on the Nehalem who have business in St. Helens and also for the people in this section of the county who have business in the Nehalem country. Already seven or eight miles of this road is in first class condition all macadamized and ready for travel, leaving only about 14 miles of the road to repair, and while repairing it a little simple engineering will take out some of the steep grades and make it even better than it is now.

That a road down the river front from Portland to Astoria will be built some time is probable, but for the present and perhaps for some time to come the road must cross over the hills into the Nehalem valley and the Houlton Pittsburg road is the most practicable route to get over. During the next week we are going to make some more observations of the roads in the county and this article will be a continuous one concerning roads until all the information we can get will be given out.

Some Hunters

THREE EXPERT SHOTS BAG BIG BUCK IN THREE HOURS HUNTING



The picture shown above represents two hours hunting by the three gentlemen shown. Clyde Sutherland has long been recognized as one of the leading marksmen of the coast, having never gone hunting without bagging at least one buck a day. To be sure he only makes about three trips each year. Hayes Estabrook is another expert shot, having won the trophies for shooting at three different contests at Knappton, Wash., and every time he goes to the hills he brings back the game. One of the principal things for which Hayes is noted is his wonderful strength and endurance in carrying the game after Clyde shoots it. Ben Perkins, the third member of the party, has not had the experience of the other two veterans, but is fast coming to be recognized in the community as a sure shot. One of the strong features of the success of Ben is his mastery of the culinary art in camp, his cooking being par excellence.

WARREN

Last Monday John Nelson saw a big black dog running through his farm snapping and biting at everything that he came near and jumping at several cows. He did not hurt the cows, but bit Mr. Nelson's Sheppard dog, which he keeps chained up, waiting to see if he goes mad. Mr. Nelson killed the block dog.

Several people are making preparations for going to the hop yards.

Threshing is about over in this vicinity. The grain acreage is larger than formerly, the yield per acre being exceptionally good.

School will commence Monday, with J. W. Allen as principal and C. E. Lake, Miss Mary Thomas and Miss Mary Dahlgren as assistants.

Miss Bertha Ream expects to go to California in a week or so with California friends who have been visiting in Oregon this summer.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ORGANIZED

On August 17th and 24th was completed the organization of an Epworth League Chapter of the M. E. church at Houlton, with 26 members. Mr. Smith of St. Helens League was present on the 24th and rendered valuable services. A charter, topic cards, secretary's book, etc., has been ordered. The League meets Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. W. H. Smith is President.

Club Organized

COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION GETTING READY FOR ACTIVE WORK

Several citizens of this city met one night last week and started things going for the maintenance of a first class, live-wire up-to-date commercial organization for the city. Many things of importance are coming up soon which should receive the most careful consideration of the citizens of the city and so far a commercial organization in this city has not been a success. A different plan has been adopted now and only those men who ask to become members will be admitted. Interesting meetings will be held on stated occasions, at which times matters of importance to the city will be discussed and acted upon. The business men of the city should all take an interest in the organization and maintenance of such a club and lend every effort to make it a success. At the meeting last week organization was perfected with A. L. Stone, as President and M. E. Miller as Secretary.

MORGUS & SON RE-PURCHASE

AFTER FEW DAYS WELL KNOWN FIRM TAKES STORE BACK

H. Morgus & Son, who were reported last week as having sold out their business here, after a few days out of business decided to go into the business again and consequently made a deal with Mr. Kiblan, who bought them out, to repurchase the store and the firm of Morgus & Son are again at the old stand and will continue the business as heretofore. After so many years of successful business in the city Mr. and Mrs. Morgus and Fred found it difficult to give up and rather than do so have purchased the store back again. Right here we want to make a correction of a statement made in these columns last week wherein it was said that Mr. Morgus came to St. Helens as a peddler. That was a mistake. He came to St. Helens some fifteen years ago and after a short stay here made a deal whereby he purchased the store conducted by Judge W. A. Harris on the corner where Estabrook & Blew's saloon now is located. After a year there he rented the building now known as the Wellington store, now occupied by Welch & Ames, and run his store there for six years, at which time he purchased the site where his present store building is and has occupied that ever since.

GOOD ROADS MEETING

ST. HELENS CITIZENS URGED TO ATTEND GEARHART SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Saturday, Sunday and Monday there will be held at Gearhart a good roads meeting concerning Washington, Multnomah, Columbia and Clatsop counties, which every person from this city should attend who can possibly do so. There will be things talked of and actions taken of vital importance to Columbia county and Columbia county should be well represented. Every arrangement has been made for the accommodation of the visitors and an interesting meeting will be held.

The dance to be given by the contestants for the prizes the Mist is offering Saturday night Aug. 30th in the City Hall promises to be the biggest event of the kind ever held in the city. Invitations have been issued by all the young ladies to the friends and now the Mist management desires through its columns to extend an invitation to all its subscribers and patrons to attend this ball.

VOTING CONTEST FOR TRIPS TO ROUND-UP CLOSING TOMORROW NIGHT

Promptly at 9 O'clock the Judges will Take Charge of Ballot Box and Commence the Count

Friends Rushing to Aid of Their Favorite

Standing of Candidates August 29th, 9 A. M.

DISTRICT NO. 1	
Miss Esther Weigle, St. Helens	110,760
Miss Grace Popejoy, St. Helens	53,265
DISTRICT NO. 2	
Miss Daisy Hutchinson, Rainier	17,935
Miss Sarah Mathers, Rainier	23,840
DISTRICT NO. 3	
Miss Nellie Dunn, Houlton	54,825
Miss Beth Perry, Houlton	14,845
Mrs. Rudolph C. Karth, Yankton	43,460
Miss Kate Baker, Warren	124,580
Miss Fannie Cooper, Warren	126,790
DISTRICT NO. 5	
Miss Mamie McClay, Columbia City	150,480
Mrs. Ira Withrow, Goble	111,680
DISTRICT NO. 4	
Miss Wilma Pulliam, Clatskanie	100,310
Miss Page, Clatskanie	8,235
DISTRICT NO. 6	
Miss Inez Smith, Vernonia	65,370
Miss Dottie Pringle, Mist	84,535

Only a few more hours remain until the close of the Grand Voting Contest for the trips to the Pendleton Round-Up, and who the winners will be is purely a matter of guess work, no one knows and no one will know until the judges make the count. Promptly at 9 o'clock they will take charge of the ballot box and no one will be permitted to cast a vote after that time.

Friends of candidates are coming to their aid as never before. The past week has been a busy one with the contest department and it is safe to say that the closing hours will witness a perfect avalanche of votes and subscriptions. Several candidates are holding back in order that their opponents will not get a line on how many votes they have, and it is going to be "nip and tuck" for first place in each district. Any candidate who im-

agines she has a "strangle hold" on the prize had better not waste any more time in idle thought, but get busy, with accent on the word "busy." You cannot be too safe and it is much better to win by a hundred thousand than to lose by one vote. You may have a few thousand in reserve—so may your competitors. Perhaps that isn't sweet music, but it's the tune just the same.

Now you have all been given some good advice, make the best of it. You are urged to work hard for your own sake, as we have iterated and reiterated; you cannot be too safe.

COME TO THE BALL

All the candidates are requested to attend the Ball tomorrow night. The Mist is well pleased with your work and will endeavor to show their appreciation by doing everything in its power to entertain you.

COMMUNICATION

Warren, Aug. 16, 1913.

Editor Mist:—Just a final word in answer to the letter published by you from O. A. Erickson regarding the money for digging the grave of M. Albertson. He says that I was anxious to get my name in the paper; that there was no foundation for my first letter, and that I had confessed to the making up of the story. Replying will say that the statement of trying to get my name in the paper is to sully to answer, but the assertion that I had confessed to somebody that I had started the story is an absolute falsehood on the part of somebody, I don't know who. Since the letter of Mr. Erickson appeared in the Mist I learned that the money has been paid to the men who earned it and that they are satisfied, and that being the case I am also satisfied with the outcome of this controversy.

Yours,
E. M. Newman.

For Sale—Fine chicken farm, with good 5-room house, chicken houses and scratch pens, barn and other outbuildings; also fruit trees and small fruit. Will sell all or part at reasonable price. See Dick Robertson, St. Helens, or call at this office for particulars.

YANKTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Tarbell are spending a vacation in Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have left Yankton to reside in California.

Miss Ruth Bonny is visiting in Rainier.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Karth were in Portland this week.

Mrs. George Wilson assists in carrying the mail between Yankton and Trenholm.

A man who had been employed only two and a half days in Masten's logging camp was struck on the head by a falling tree. He was taken to a Portland hospital and died a few minutes after reaching the hospital. A brother was located in Portland who took charge of the remains.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters unclaimed in the St. Helens, Post office for the week ending August 23, 1913.

Miss Virginia Johantjen, 1 letter
John Scheiderman

Letters unclaimed by Sept. 6, will be sent to the Dead-Letter office.
M. C. Gray, P. M.