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People who spade their grounds, plant flower seeds, train and care for flowers in a yard to make it beautiful and homelike are entitled to more protection and consideration from the vandalism of care free and unthinking young people, both sexes. We hear of complaints being made along the Houlton road where people have worked hard and taken great pains with flower beds and after getting some flowers that they could admire and enjoy, have some of the youngsters who have no ideas of justice and whose sole ambition seems to be to appear "smart" or funny or daring, to come along, break down the fence and gather all the flowers in bloom and trample down the remaining vines. Young men should be taught a lesson by the officers of the law while young ladies who do such things should be soundly spanked by their parents and given a lesson in responsibility. It is high time to call a halt on such practices.

Again we are forcibly reminded that the mail service between St. Helens and other Columbia County points is about as rotten and inconvenient as it would be possible to make it. In getting a letter to Warren, four miles away and on a rail road where four or five trains pass each day, it is necessary for that letter, if mailed after 10.30 in the morning, to go through Warren to Portland and be handled there and then come back to Warren that evening or the next day. The same rule applies with equal force to the service between St. Helens and Scappoose. It is even worse the other way toward Rainier. Think of it. One mail a day out of St. Helens for Columbia County points while there are several mails each day between St. Helens and Portland. This is a matter that should be taken up by the citizens of this city and county with the Postal Department to see if some relief could be had in the matter.

The registration books at the court house show that of all the precincts in Columbia County there are fewer voters registered in the three St. Helens precincts in proportion than in any other one. Just why this is so is not apparent, unless it is too handy for voters to go into the Clerk's office and register so they put it off from day to day. There is actually less than 40 per cent of the legal voters of this city who are registered. It was the same way in the City election, not one half the voters who voted were registered and not more than one half the voters voted. Such a state of affairs is to be regretted. It shows that people do not take the interest in the affairs of government of the city, county and state that they should. It is the duty of every legal voter to register and vote. Do your duty.

A new sign on the City Hall adds much to the appearance of the building.

As a reward for valiant services performed in spreading the Gospel of Socialism, Mrs. Flora I Foreman, the Socialist School Teacher of Quincy, has been

nominated by that party for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. There is no cause for alarm however, because it is not thought probable that she will poll more than a couple of dozen votes.

A letter from Eastern Washington and addressed "Oregon Mist" was received this week by this paper. That there was not another word on the envelope goes to show that the Mist is widely known all over Washington and Oregon. Ditto St. Helens.

Judge Cleeton's decision regarding the payment of taxes seems to have the approval of the entire people and has been accepted by the officials.

The suspense will soon be over.

TRENHOLM

J Christensen made a trip to Portland Tuesday.

Mrs Geo Wilson and son Max, made a shopping trip to St Helens Tuesday.

Mrs Oliver Smith and daughter Leah of Happy Hollow, spent Thursday at the home of her niece, Mrs Myrtle Schneider.

Mr and Mrs D R Fowler and children visited friends at Yankton Sunday.

Mrs Marion Hutchinson and two boys of Rainier visited at the home of her mother, Mrs Nina McIntire.

The house of A M Campbell caught fire Tuesday morning and caused some excitement for a time at Trenholm. However, the blaze was soon extinguished without much damage being done to the building.

A M Campbell made a trip to St Helens Wednesday.

Mrs F Schneider entertained the ladies of the "Silver Tea" Thursday afternoon, and it also being her fifth wedding anniversary Mr and Mrs Schneider were presented with a fine oak rocker by the following ladies: Mrs C Hein, Griffith, Wilson, McAllister, Wittnebel, Nina McIntire, Kyle, Kelley, Churehill, Christensen, Ketel, Lois Foster and Glapha Brown. An excellent luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by Nina McIntire.

Columbia City

William Saurvein oldest son of Christopher Saurvein has bought the old home place recently owned by Mrs. Emma Vivian, deceased. He is putting the place in a first class condition and making the old place look brand new. Mr. Saurvein is of legal age and unmarried. This ought to look encouraging to some girl who is looking for a good home.

Quite a lot of building and repairing is in progress in our village. Capt. Spinner was busily engaged in constructing a building on his property which we took to be at first sight, a green house, but later Mr. Spinner said it was only a chicken house.

Since the spring time has clothed St. Helens in her summer tinery, it is growing attractive to Columbia City residents. Mr and Mrs Harry Caples, Herbert Wharton, Mr McCoy, Mr McVey, motored up Tuesday.

Unclaimed Letters

Letters unclaimed at the St. Helens, Oregon post office for the week ending April 4th:
 Mrs E E Clark
 James Spencer
 J T VanDolsh
 Letters unclaimed by April 18th will be sent to the dead letter office.
 IVA E. DODD, P. M.

Real Estate Transfers

O J Lott to A Cottis, lot 19, blk 3 Florence add.
 M D McSweeney to H and P Ny-storm, land.
 J and G McNaughton to Walter Bal-ton, tract 17 and 19, McNaughty add.
 Rainier Land Co to L and M McGione, land in 17 7 2.
 Rainier Land Co to T R Daves, tract 48 and 49, Boulevard acres.
 C A and C Anderson to A and M E Sandalin, lots 5 and 6, blk 1 in Clatskanie.
 A and M E Sandlin to R and S Sar-son, land in 19 6 4.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

Oregon's "Mr. Dooley" Presents His Views on Matters and Things to Columbia County Folks

"Well, Casey," says Judge Harris, "did ye see the number of names on me pitchune?"

"I did," says Casey, "and while they's well up into the thousands wan thousand would have had the same illict on Bin Alletup whin it comes to his official count, yit," he says, "fer the moral illict on the public ye did well."

"Still," says Casey, "I'd sooner have the votes run into the thousands at the primarees than the nemes on the pitchunes before the primarees. Politics is warmin' up. The pot is beginnin' to boil, so is some of the cardidates. 'Tis safe to say that all the govners is burn that will be born this year ixcept the independint cardidates, who're usu'ly born after the primarees."

"The justices of the soopreme court has all got their gowns ordered, soob-ject of course to confirmachure after May 15."

"The attorney gin rils is all closing up their local offices, ready to move to Salem on short notice."

"Hal Patent and Frank Miller is each countin' ties, and both is sure of illichune to the high office of railroad commichuner."

Bin Sellin' is back in the game, and this time he's goin' to the lower house. In all me political ixpirinche," says Casey, "I never saw a better play than that. Bin shows his frinds and his inemies that he'll work annywhere, double or single, and stand without hitchin' so long as he can hilp old Orgun. Just keep yer eye on Bin in the next session of the legislature. Later ye can keep yer eye on the columes of the papers, fer Bin will yit be back in Washington riprisintin' Orgun in the sinit."

There's a lot of intrist clattered these days," says Casey, "about the office of labor commichuner. They's feer lads out fer he job. Down in Multnomee they's a husky bye be the name of Mudhen, a longshoreman be prefeh-one, who is after the piece. Old Hoff-andhoff, the prisint incumber, is out again so that he can make it four terms straight. He must be a Bryan'te wokrin' fer sixtane to wan, yit he s registered as a raypublican. Another man who is out fer the office is a man be the name of Miller from St Helens, and the fourth is from Salem be the name of Bynon. Mudhen and Miller and Bynon is each sure of the labor office, and 'tis a safe bet that two of thim will have to labor after May sixt, at which time the gooses of two of thim will be cooked. Hoffandhoff is a great campaner. He's will up on modern methods of pooblicity. He's strong no lettin' the pooble know what he's doin', ispecially just before illichune time. Ye pick up a Sunday paper and ye read from a colume to a colume and a half of heart renderin' accidints where the labor commichuner has

rushed in with first aid to the injured. 'Tis an intristin' list of catastrophes ye'll find fer brickfast each Sunday mornin'. Listen while I read ye a few:

"Peter Mullen, machinist, lost his timper flin' a saw."

"Maude Brown, waitress, lost her chewin' gum distributin' beans in a restrant."

"Jack Callahan's cow strained her milk goin' to preteer."

"Pat Murphy, logger, hair cut and shave fifty cints."

"Alois Haufbrau, baker, knee wr cked, sint fer new one to Africa where the negros."

"Sarah Silverstein, seamstress, also knee wricked, sint fer new wan to Jerusalem where the she knees gro s."

"Ralph Moores, fly swatier, caught in fly wheel."

"Tim Kelly, lumberman, hurt politically logrollin' at Salem."

"Jawn Shanahan, polecseman, shot in the fracas."

"Michel Hennesay, stevedore, choked unloadin' a schooner."

"Larry Finn, laborer, lost a toe durin' operachune fer tomato poisonin'."

"Charley Pomreoy, chicken inspietor, eye sprained durin' inspiichune."

"Kate Malloy, domestic, feelins hurt, notice given."

"Sam Mendelbaum, travelin' sales-man, short changed at Albany."

"Beassie Swansen, balley dancer, legs condimed by meat inspietor."

"And so it goes down the line for a colum or moar. Ye'd think that the prisint incumber was the busiest man on earth patchin' up these bruised and bleedin' toilers, but 'tis not so. He's much busier patchin' up his poittical finces, but 'tis of no use. The public is up in arms this illichune and many a poor old prisint incumber is goin' to be turned out after long years of workin' for the state, and new wans will take their places. These is strenuous days at the state house, Mr. Harris," says Casey. "I seen be the Sunday paper where Nick Hess of the secretary of state's office has just got six tons of supplies out'n his system, all sint to the 34 county clerks for the oncomin' primarees. is tons of supplies to hilp illict a gunner whin they's twinty of the lys volntheered their services of their own free will! Still," says Casey, "the people want to spind their money which they have contributed in the way of taxes and it seems as if there was no way of stoppin' thim."

"What would you do, Mr. Casey?" says the judge, "How would you stop this wasteful extravagance?"

"What would I do?" says Casey. "well, 't would be cheaper to lict the cardidates for the sivrul offices all sit into a game of poker, wan game for each office, and at the ind of the game lict the man who has the most chips be declared the people's choice."

Are You in Need of SUGAR

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A. S. HARRISON St. Helens

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COFFEE—35c lb.....	3 lbs. 1.00
COAL OIL—Pure Pearl Oil—per gal..... 17c	5 gal..... .80

F. J. BASEEL Houlton

NOTICE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.

In the matter of the estate of Oscar J Clark, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that A L Stone, the administrator of the estate of Oscar J Clark, deceased, has rendered and presented for settlement, and filed in said court, his final account of his administration of said estate, and that Saturday the 9th day of May, 1914, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. of said day at the court room of said court at the court house in the city of St Helens in Columbia county, State of Oregon, has been appointed by said court for the settlement of said final account, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file exceptions in writing to the said account, and contest the same.

A. L. STONE,
 Administrator of the estate of Oscar J Clark, deceased.
 Dated April 10, 1914.

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