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THE COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

ALL IS APPARENT HARMONY

From reports of the taxpayers road meeting held at Clatskanie last Tuesday it is quite apparent that several guns were shot off at half cock, regarding the so-called fight between County officers, state officers and particular localities. The Mist has said all along that the people who were loudest in condemnation of the officers were talking without information but were basing their shouting on ill-advised rumors. Just so soon as the facts become known it is all harmony. That every person having anything to do with the road affairs is and has at all times been acting for the best interests of all the people is now very plain and while such actions do not and have not pleased all the people all the time, with much unnecessary excitement and comment resulting, let it be said that such a state of affairs is beyond human possibility.

In justice to all parties it should be stated fairly that no one, officer or citizen, has any righteous kick coming at the service performed and being performed by the officers and Court, for it is a demonstrated and admitted fact that every effort is and has been put forth by all to secure the greatest good for the greatest number of people at all times. That the actions have not and will not meet with the approval of everybody is a foregone conclusion, and that everybody should be entitled to a fair statement of his or her views on the matter is also admitted, but the deplorable part of the whole situation is that there are some people who take it for granted that because the Court or officers do not see things like that particular individual or a particular locality, those officers or the Court is crooked and acting from some ulterior motive.

Developments to date show that there has not been the open and thorough understanding between the State officers and the County Court that there should have been, and the same developments show that the County Court has been compelled to bear the brunt of the burden of criticism of all without just cause, but, as before stated, just so soon as the true state of affairs become known and backed up by facts and figures, the people of the County are magnanimous and patriotic enough to acknowledge the mistake and take the situation as it is without complaint.

From the state of facts published on the first page of this paper it will be seen that an amicable adjustment of the whole muddled situation is very probable. There are probably many people who will not be satisfied with this statement, but the majority of the broad minded tax payers will admit that it is the best solution possible under existing circumstances and will now take off their coats and go to work to uphold the Court and the officers in carrying those plans to a successful termination in order that the most good will result to the most people and the county as a whole will receive something of value for the large expenditure of public funds on the roads.

We are printing in this issue the premium list of the Columbia County Fair which will be held in St. Helens on Sept. 23, 24 and 25 this year. President Tarbell and Secretary Brown, of Yankton, are spending considerable time in arranging for a fair that will be the greatest affair of the kind ever held in the county. They announce a premium list of about \$1400 so arranged as to cover all the products of the county. More buildings will be added before the time comes so that accommodations will be ample for all exhibitors. This year it is intended and very much desired to make this a real county fair and all parts of the county should be represented. It should be the big event of the year for all Columbia County.

Several weeks ago the Mist published an editorial in which attention was called to the poor mail service between St. Helens and other points in the county along the railroad line. Some kind hearted soul took the liberty of clipping the article out and forwarding it to the head of the railway mail service with the result that an order has been made for a separate sack between St. Helens and Warren also between St. Helens and Scappoose, so that from now on the Mist will be able to go direct from here to Warren and Scappoose without having to go to Portland and return. Thus it will be seen that a little effort along the right direction, through the medium of newspaper, will always bring results.

A CURTAIN LECTURE

It is not the province of a newspaper to keep harping on one certain subject all the time nor is it the duty of a paper to advise certain corporations or individuals how their business should be conducted, but under the existing circumstances we are compelled to take to task the officials of the Astoria branch of the S. P. & S. Ry. Co. This company is operating trains through Columbia County and depending on the trade of Columbia County citizens for at least some of its support. It is getting its full share of that support which is perhaps one of the reasons why it is being given this little curtain lecture. The local train, Rainier local, has changed time, so has the through train for that matter, but the through train is of so little use to St. Helens people and patrons of the Houlton office that it does not matter much what they do with that train, but the local train is depended upon by the people of this locality almost entirely. When a change of schedule is made by the company it would seem no more than reasonable that the people should be so informed. Especially should extra efforts be put forth when the change of schedule is adopted at the time of the Rose Festival or other attractions in Portland. But in the present case the change was made by the company without any notification whatever to the people of this community, so that during the week quite a number of people have been left on account of the earlier departure of the morning train. St. Helens is so situated that it is most inconvenient to ascertain anything about the trains; the depot is more than a mile away from the business section; the railroad is too penurious or too negligent or too something to keep a telephone in the depot office so it would seem that at least something should be done to notify the people when changes are made, and for that matter, the schedule should be published all the time. The Mist is anxious to print all news that would be interesting or would give information to the public but does not feel that it should do advertising for the S. P. & S. Ry. Co., without pay.

Since the above noted change of schedule the mail arrives from Portland and is distributed about 10:30 in the morning, at least an hour later than formerly. Less than 30 miles from Portland with several trains each day it would seem at least reasonable that our mail reach the city from Portland before such an hour. The Oregonian now is delivered to the readers a little before noon. It is no more than reasonable to suggest that the service of the railroad company to the people of this community be improved.

I-TOLD-YOU-SO-CLUB

At last St. Helens is to be represented in the Club line by the organization this week of the "I-told-you-so-Society". The by-laws are a thing of beauty and place a strict limitation upon membership; no person being eligible to membership unless he or she can take the obligation that he or she was one of the few prophetic prophets who, during the late lamented Bond election for road purposes in Columbia County, stood up to the rack and gave out the information that the Portland Automobile Club was the main instigator of the bond election and that the citizens of Road Districts No. 2 and 3 would get all the money and that poor old, despised St. Helens would get what the little boy shot at. It is a condition precedent to membership in this order that the member must be able to say that he has performed the noble duty of warning the poor deluded tax payer of this city that if bonds were voted it would be for the sole purpose of constructing a speedway for Portland pleasure seekers.

He must be able to walk up to Ham McCormick, Laud Rutherford, Swep Morton, Dr. Edwin Ross, Will Ross, Judge Harris the Mist editor and several other prominent ante-election bond boosters and looking the victim square in the eye repeat the mystic words "I told you so".

Continued next week

The Firemen of St. Helens are making arrangements to hold one of the grandest celebrations in St. Helens this Fourth of July ever held in the County. There will be many attractions and there will be many visitors to the city. Just now would be a most excellent time for the people to clean up around the houses, yards and streets. It would be a good thing from the view point of looks, and health. The visitors to the city would go away with a much more favorable impression of the city if the streets and yards were all spick and span than they would if the lumber piles, wood ricks, old boxes, cans, etcetra were lying around loose.

Not saying that the city is already fairly free from such things but a little extra effort on the part of the citizens would help considerable.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

E. S. Brown, Plaintiff,
vs.
Minerva J. Baxter, Nettie Squires and Harris Squires, her husband, Maria West, Combs Packing Company, John L. Gruber, as Receiver of the Capital Lumbering Company, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution in foreclosure and order of sale duly issued out of the above entitled Court in the above named case, directed to me the Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon, and dated June 8, 1914, upon a judgment rendered and the above named plaintiff recovered judgment against the above named defendants for the sum of Five Hundred Sixty-two and 77-100 Dollars, with interest thereon from the 5th day of June, 1914, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, Fifty Dollars attorney's fee and the further sum of Seventeen and 50-100 cents, and costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to sell the following described real property, to-wit:—

The west half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, in Township 4 North of Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian, and containing Twenty 20 acres more or less, situated in Columbia County, Oregon.

I will, therefore, on Saturday the 11th day of July, 1914, at Court House in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the U. S. all the right, title and interest of the within named defendants, or any one of them, in and to the above described real property, to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs.

Dated and first published June 12, 1914.

Last publication July 10, 1914.
C. H. JOHN,
Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon
George Tazwell, Atty. for Plaintiff.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, at the Court House at St. Helens, Oregon, until 2:00 P. M., July 6th, 1914, and then opened for the construction of a pile trestle across Deep Creek on the County Road at the mouth of Deep Creek in Sec. 30, Tp. 4 N., R. 5 W. W. M., Columbia County, Oregon.

Plans and specifications are on file and may be examined in the office of the County Clerk. Each bidder shall deposit with his bid a certified check made payable to the County Clerk for five per cent of the amount of his bid, which shall be forfeited to the County in case the award is made to him and he shall fail, neglect or refuse for a period of five days after such award is made to enter into a contract and file the required bond.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

H. E. LABARE,
County Clerk

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Charles Johnson has completed his contract with Columbia County dated April 20, 1914, for the construction of a fill on the Millard Road in Section 7, Tp. 4 N. R. 1 W. W. M., Road District No. 1 and the County Roadmaster has filed in this office his certificate of such completion.

Any person, firm or corporation having objections to file to the completion of the above described work shall file such objections within two weeks from the date of the first publication hereof, in the office of the County Clerk.

H. E. LABARE,
County Clerk

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Columbia County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at St. Helens, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, June 17, 1914, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, June 20, 1914, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon
Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.
Wednesday Afternoon
Physical Geography, Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon
Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.
Thursday Afternoon
Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon
Theory and Practice, Orthography, English Literature, Chemistry.
Friday Afternoon
School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday Forenoon
Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon
General History, Bookkeeping.
J. B. Wilkerson
County School Supt.

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