

**HIGH AND LOW RATIO**

People generally have the idea that counties with high valuation pay a higher percentage of state tax than counties with lower valuations. The following figures are taken from reports sent out by the state tax commission to prove that Columbia county with a low valuation for the year 1912, paid a higher percentage of the state tax than for the year 1915, with a higher valuation. The following is the equalized value to land and per cent of state taxes to be paid by the several counties:

Counties	Rate	Year	Year
		1912	1915
Catsop	.58	.023589	.025013
Multnomah	.62	.356990	.367671
Washington	.53	.024874	.028566
Columbia	.77	.016814	.015743
Lincoln	.93	.007997	.007599

The counties of Clatsop, Multnomah and Washington are used for the reason that they join Columbia county, and besides they have a much lower ratio than Columbia. Lincoln county is used for the reason that it comes the nearest to Columbia county in the state assessing at the same cash value and gets the highest ratio of any county in the state.

**LIVESTOCK SHIPPING ASSOCIATION STARTS**

A number of Oregon farmers are trying to try the plan of doing their livestock shipping. A co-operative livestock shipping association

has been organized by a representative group of farmers in the vicinity of Dayton, Yamhill county. The organization has the usual officers with the customary duties prescribed, and its activities are directed by a Board of Directors. The methods of operation are explained by R. E. Reynolds, Agricultural College live stock extension specialist, as follows:

The business of shipping and selling is conducted through a manager who serves for a commission. When any member of the association has a bunch of livestock about ready for shipment he notifies the manager by phone or otherwise. He tells the manager of the kind, number and general quality of his shipment, and the approximate time at which it will be ready for shipping. This information is recorded by the manager and when enough stock has been listed for shipment he notifies each grower when to bring his stock in.

When the stock arrives at the shipping point it is marked for identification, and proper records are made. Then the stock is taken to Portland or other markets by the manager, where each lot is sold on its own individual merits and the proceeds credited to the owner. After deducting the expense of shipment and sales by adjusting the charges pro rata among the members, the net proceeds belonging to each owner are turned over to him by the sales manager. In this way the growers are able to save the buyers' profits for themselves. They also secure the advan-

tages derived from sales in large lots, and at the same time receive the price brought by their individual lots.

**FIREMEN WILL DANCE**

On Saturday evening the Firemen will have the second of their series of dances at the Sunset Athletic Club. The last dance they had was a distinct success and the large attendance was most gratifying to the fire boys. They will have good music and floor management at this next dance.

**UNCLAIMED LETTERS.**

Letters unclaimed at the St Helens, Oregon, postoffice, for the week ending April 15, 1916:

Mr. Conrad Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Smith.

Letters unclaimed by April 29th, 1916, will be sent to Division of Dead Letters. IVA E. DODD, P. M.

**SUMMONS**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia. Cora Fish, plaintiff, vs. Samuel Fish, defendant. To Samuel Fish, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby commanded to appear and answer or otherwise plead to the complaint filed against you in the above suit, on or before six weeks from the first publication of this summons, which first publication is on the 31st day of March, 1916, and the day on or before which you are required to appear and answer said complaint is the 12th day of May, 1916, and if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead to said complaint on

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed proposals, addressed to the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, at St. Helens, Oregon, and endorsed: "Proposals for Improving the following roads in Columbia County, Oregon," to-wit:

**In Road District No. 7**  
Upper Nehalem Road, south of steel bridge.  
Upper Nehalem Road, in Sec. 26, T. 4 N., R. 5 W.

Or such of the above mentioned roads as the contractor may elect to bid upon, will be received by said County Court until 2 o'clock P. M., April 22, 1916, and not thereafter, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

All proposals must be made upon blank forms, to be obtained from the Roadmaster, at his office in St. Helens, Ore.; must give prices proposed, both in writing and figures, and must be signed by the bidder, with his address.

Plans and specifications are on file and may be examined in the office of the County Clerk and also at the residence of Judson Weed, County Commissioner, Vernonia, Ore.

Each bidder shall deposit with his bid a certified check, cash or a surety bond for an amount of at least five per cent of his bid, payable to the County Clerk, which shall be forfeited to the County in case the award is made to him, and he shall neglect, fail 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.

A. L. CLARK, County Judge.

A. E. HARVEY, County Commissioner.

JUDSON WEED, County Commissioner.

H. E. ABRV, Roadmaster.

A. P. BARNETT, County Clerk. 17-2t

**NOTICE**

To whom it may concern. Notice is hereby given that the contractor for the construction of sewers in sewer district No. 1, section "B," in St. Helens, Oregon, has fully completed the work to be done under his contract, and has fully completed said sewers; and the Surveyor for said city on April 17th, 1916, filed his certificate of such completion with the Recorder of said city, and the Common Council of said city will, on Tuesday, April 25th, 1916, at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., of said day, at the Council Chamber of said city, consider the acceptance of said work.

At which said date, or at any time prior to said date, any owner of any interest in, or the agent of any property to be affected by the assessment for the payment of said improvement, may file his objections, if any he has, to the acceptance of said work.

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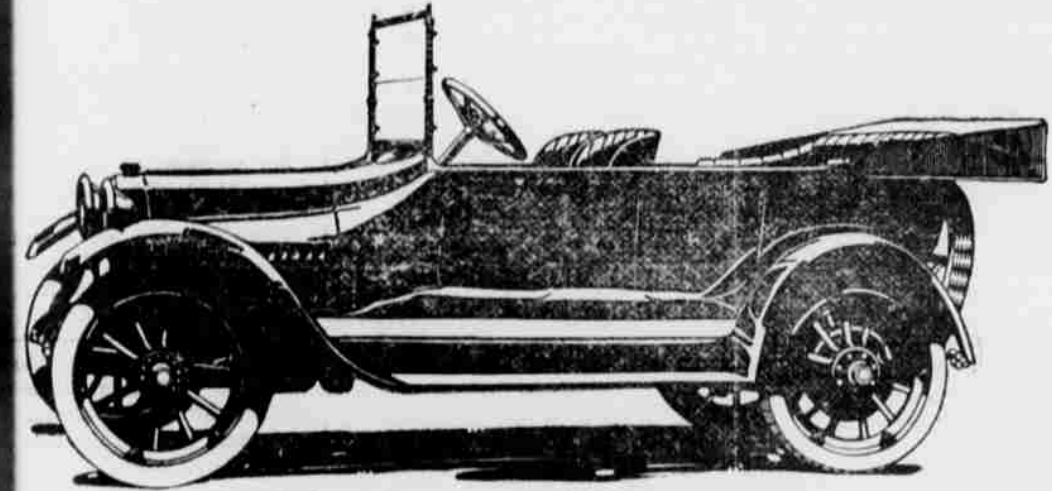
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or before May 12th, 1916, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief sought for in her complaint, to-wit: that the bonds of matrimony between herself and you be dissolved, and a decree of divorce be awarded plaintiff, on the grounds of wilful desertion of plaintiff by you for a period of more than one year preceding the commencement of this suit.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. J. A. Fakin, Judge of the above entitled court, made and entered on the 28th day of March, 1916, ordering that this summons be published for six consecutive weeks.

W. E. CRITCHLOW,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Date of first publication, March 31, 1916.

Date of last publication, May 12, 1916.

**CITATION TO SHOW CAUSE ON APPLICATION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County. In the matter of the estate of Alice M. Stout, deceased. To Rowanana Long, Rowan Long, James Long, Cicero Long, C. C. Stamper and all others unknown, heirs at law of the estate of Alice M. Stout, deceased.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby commanded to appear before the honorable County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Columbia county, at the court house in the city of St. Helens, on the 31st day of May, 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., of said day, then and there to show cause, if any exist, why an order of sale should not be made according to the prayer of the petition of the administrator of the above entitled estate, for the sale of the real property belonging to the said estate, the said property being described as follows, to-wit:

Block 12, and Lot 3, Block 9, all in Railroad Addition to the city of St. Helens, Columbia county, Oregon.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court affixed this 15th day of April, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) A. F. BARNETT,  
County Clerk.  
By H. E. LABARE, Deputy.  
First publication, April 21, 1916.  
Last publication, May 26, 1916.

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