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OUR BIRTHDAY

This issue of the Mist is No. 1, Volume 38, which, in newspaper circles means that we are entering our 38th year. Judging from all available information, the Mist has had its share of vicissitudes and trials. Editors have come and gone, but the Mist has been issued and sent to the public just the same. But then, that is a matter of ancient history, and in these times, we are dealing with the responsibilities of the present and the reconstruction and adjustment period of the future.

The Mist has been under the present management almost three years. In that time it has grown from a six page ordinary country paper, to an eight to twelve page paper, which is considered one of the best weeklies in Oregon. The policy of the paper has not, nor will it be, narrow. It will not take up little personal fights, but it will take up a fight which is just and concerns the people and fight it to the end.

The Mist has grown in size and importance and being ambitious, it wants to grow more. During the coming year, it will be the purpose to bring it up to a standard where it will be recognized as the leading weekly of Oregon, and by so doing place it in a better position to be of more benefit to St. Helens and to Columbia county, its home town and its home county.

The Mist thanks its patrons and friends for their loyal support during the past year and wishes them a Merry Christmas.

Thousands of soldier boys who left home to fight for the cause of liberty and right, are now returning home. Undoubtedly this makes Dr. Doney rejoice. These boys, who have had their baptism of fire, are now protected. They are on their own home shores, and can cast off the baneful influence of the Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus and Red Cross, through whose wickedness huts were established and soldiers furnished tobacco and allowed to smoke. But a question arises; who stands highest in the estimation of these heroes? Those who went through hardships and dangers in order that the soldier boys might have some pleasure, or the man who, after visiting the soldiers, came home the same narrow-minded creature he was before the journey was undertaken.

JEFFERSONIAN SIMPLICITY

When President Wilson first ran for the presidency in 1912, the platform upon which he was elected declared for "a return to that simplicity and economy befitting a democratic administration." There was entirely too much flub dab at the White House, so to speak, and it was costing as much to run the government a year as it now costs to run it a couple of weeks.

President Wilson and his "entourage" went to Europe as the exclusive occupants of a huge vessel with a crew of twelve hundred. Here are a few of the accompaniments:

A famous hotel chef and twenty-four culinary assistants.

Two brass bands of forty pieces and George Creel.

A convoy of battleships and destroyers.

An escort of airplanes and dirigibles into and out of harbors.

A selected corps of telegraphers.

A large corps of college professors, political economists, etc.—Ex.

THE PEOPLE WOULD SAY AMEN!

The Pocatello Tribune says of the oncoming legislature: "Let's have a sane session."

An Idaho man once said the general assembly was composed of 20 level headed men and 100 d—fools.

The average legislature passes 600 to 800 new laws to keep citizens in the straight and narrow path.

When a taxpayer has nothing else to do he can breathe and bust some fool regulation.

The Tribune says: "We have all the regulation required. We are regulated to death. Out upon inconsequential legislative phisic."

"Let us hope the assembly will be actuated by constructive policies in every respect instead of 600 laws of no significance."

Repeal should be the watchword instead of enact. Correct evils of existing measures and weed out non-essentials.—Ex.

The Mist would respectfully suggest to the mayor and city council that some action be taken by the city's legislative body toward securing a depot in St. Helens. The newly organized commercial club should also take up this matter. The fact that the railroads are operating under government supervision is not an argument in favor of the old depot. Our understanding of railroad operation by the government is real honest-to-God operation, with all things taken to capacity and where facilities are inadequate, steps are taken to make them adequate. There is no question as to the inadequacy of the present depot shack. It is possible to secure a depot which will be a credit to the town, and in a manner, represent the importance of the town. If the mayor and council will take some action and then not pursue their usual method of forgetting from one meeting until another, viz: they started upon, it is possible that a new depot can be obtained. It is worth trying for.

If anything should happen to cut the cables, most Democratic congressmen would have to go into court and ask for the appointment of a new guardian.

It might be a good idea to hire Mode Griffith of Trenholm to teach the mayor and council a few fine points relative to Robert's Rules of Order.

If the traveler passing through St. Helens judges the importance of the town by the depot which bears its name, it is to be hoped that he will soon forget St. Helens.

HONOR DUE TO ALL

Thousands of boys are being mustered out of the service and returning to their homes. Probably 50 per cent of these men did not get the opportunity to cross the seas, and take part in the trenches. A goodly portion of the men overseas were far from the smell of powder or smoke of battle, and did not have the opportunity to be in the big strife. Nevertheless, they are entitled to just as much honor and glory as the boys who were in the thick of battle. It was necessary to have soldiers on the line, back of the line and at home, backing the line. They were all soldiers and did their duty, whether at home or abroad. There should be no disappointment for the job is done and all helped in its accomplishment. Honor to all who wore the uniform and took pride in it.

PEACE ON EARTH

For the first time in five years, the anniversary of the birth of Christ sees the world nominally at peace. A just God and the armies of the free people have brought victory. And, on this Christmas day, people should give thanks from the church and home altars that the cause of righteousness has prevailed.

We will have a Christmas free from the horror and bloodshed of battle, free from the lust of mankind and free from plots of murder and rapine. Civilization will rejoice in this peace of freedom and pray for its perpetuation.

C. C. Cassatt, who takes much interest in legislative affairs, is under the impression that a committee of business men from St. Helens and Columbia county should attend the legislature and aid in securing needed legislation for Columbia county. Mr. Cassatt thinks this is necessary on account of Representative-elect Ballagh having aligned himself with the losing candidate for speaker of the house. The Mist cannot agree with Mr. Cassatt in this. It admits it would be advantageous for a body of business men representing Columbia county, to call on the legislature, but it is hardly possible, they would have much influence toward securing committee appointments. The Mist is quite sure that Mr. Ballagh will be looked after when it comes to committees and it hopes Mr. Cassatt will be agreeably surprised that Mr. Ballagh has landed important and much sought after assignments. No doubt Mr. Ballagh appreciates Mr. Cassatt's well meaning plan, but it is hardly possible he will wait for a committee to go to Salem and ask for him assignment, which, in all probability he has already secured.

An opportunity is offered you; an opportunity that you cannot afford to let pass by. It is the privilege of being a member of the noblest organization in the world. For its principles, men and women have given their lives. It has succored the wounded and helpless, it has fed the starved, it has clothed the naked. It is a personification of real Christianity. The organization is the Red Cross and this week, a volunteer worker will call on you and offer you the privilege of being a member of the world's most noble organization. The requisites for membership are a heart and a dollar.

Only five days more and then Christmas. You can do a whole lot of shopping in five days and you will save time by trading at home.

Have you answered the call—the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call?

U. S. CASUALTIES

Total casualties in the American expeditionary forces up to the signing of the armistice were 236,017, General March announced. They were divided as follows:
 Killed and died of wounds, 36,154; died of disease, 14,811; died of other causes, 2,204; wounded, 179,625; prisoners, 2,163; missing, 1,160. Discussing the enormous number of wounded recorded in the total of casualties, officials said this included many thousands of men slightly hurt who did not go to hospitals and whose names never had been reported.

In speaking of the salary paid Secretary McAdoo the fact is brought out that the president of the New York Federal Reserve bank receives a salary of \$35,000 a year. And this is the administration that made so much noise about abolishing the high salaries of railway executives.

The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, after bidding the Germans good-bye, welcomed the American troops. The Grand Duchess is like the Democratic party; she has a new platform to meet every emergency.

"The difference between wages and salary these days," a Topeka railway official said recently, "is that there is more money in wages."—Topeka State Journal.

How about your W. S. S. pledge?

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LODGES
 The Loyal Order of Moose, St. Helens Lodge No. 1238. Meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month. All visitors cordially invited.
 B. E. COOPER, Dictator.
 W. W. BLAKESLEY, Sec.

Mizpah Chapter O. E. S. meets in Masonic Hall the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.
 MRS. MARY E. CHRISTIE, W. M.
 JOHN PHILIP, Sec'y.

Tillicum Tribe No. 52, Improved O. R. M., of Yankton, Ore., meets at its wigwam, second and fourth Saturdays of each month.
 W. G. BRANNON, C. of R.
 E. L. HYDE, Sachem.

St. Helens Rebekah Lodge, No. 217, meets second and fourth Thursday of each month in I. O. O. F. hall. Visiting members always welcome.
 BEULAH SMITH, N. G.
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St. Helens Lodge No. 117, I. O. O. F. meets in the I. O. O. F. building, on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, visiting members are always given a hearty welcome.
 FRED W. CHRISTIE, Noble Grand.
 C. W. BLAKESLEY, Sec.

Avon Lodge No. 62 Knights of Pythias meets every Tuesday evening in Castle Hall, St. Helens. Visiting Knights always welcome.
 EUGENE E. BLAKESLEY, C. C.
 EDISON I. BALLAGH, K. of R. & S.

St. Helens Lodge No. 32, A. F. & A. M. meets 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month. Visiting brothers cordially invited.
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 E. E. QUICK, Secretary.

St. Helens Camp No. 10,999, Modern Woodmen of America, meets the first Wednesday of each month in the I. O. O. F. hall.
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SOME SUGGESTIONS

FOR
Christmas Time
 If you are looking for something your husband, brother or friend would like, come to our store.

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 CIGARETTES, SMOKING TOBACCO**
 in Nice Packages

Candies
 In boxes and bulk. Everyday we have **ICE CREAM**

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All Buses Call at Hotel
 Courteous Treatment
STOP AT
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 THOS. ISBISTER, Prop.
 Chicken Dinner, 50 cents
 Rates—\$1.25 per day and up
 Special Rates to Regular Boarders

ST. HELENS-PORTLAND AUTO LINE
 FRANK SHEPARD, Prop.
SCHEDULE

	A. M.	P. M.
Lv. St. Helens	7:30	1:30
Warren	7:45	1:45
Scappoose	8:00	2:00
Ar. Portland	9:20	3:20
Lv. Portland	10:00	4:00
Ar. St. Helens	11:50	5:50

Saturdays and Sundays
 Special trip leaving St. Helens 6 p. m.
 Leave Portland 11 p. m.



SHOP
 IN ST. HELENS

LET this be your first Christmas consideration. St. Helens merchants are well prepared to care for your gift needs—and remember Money Spent at Home Comes Back to YOU with INTEREST.

Why not give the wife or youngsters a Savings Bank-book from the Columbia County Bank—representing your "Merry Christmas" in Dollars and Cents?

SHERMAN M. MILES President
Columbia County Bank
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 IN COLUMBIA COUNTY



Get Your Christmas Goods Here

We have many seasonable and useful gifts for the whole family. For the Ladies we have Silk Hose, Silk Parasols, Silk Waists, Handbags, Sweaters, Extra Fine Hosiery, Slippers, Belts, Kid Gloves, Silk Gloves, etc. And we have also provided for the wants of the Men. Handkerchiefs, Sweaters, Suspenders, Shirts, Collars and Hosiery. For the Kiddies—We have a nice line of Toys and Shoes, Stockings and Clothing. We have spared no expense in getting a big line of practical gifts and ask that you visit our store before making your selection.

Mrs. A. Baseel
 HOULTON, (West St. Helens), OREGON

SEE OUR LINE OF CHRISTMAS GOODS

Candies, Cigars, Stationery, Art Goods, Toilet Articles and many other items which will be acceptable Christmas presents.

Every Day We Have
 Ice Cream, Soft Drinks, Hot Drinks and Soda Fountain Specialties.

We Would Appreciate a Visit from YOU
The Central Confectionery
 ROY A. STEWART, Proprietor

Happy Holidays Everybody!
 And thanks for Remembering Us this year.

Your Christmas Dinner

—It will not be complete unless you have a Turkey, Chicken or Goose. We will have all of these fowls, dressed and ready for delivery. You'd better place your order now so as to be sure of getting just what you want and at the time you desire it.

Seasonable Christmas Groceries

—We have prepared for your wants in this department of our store. Cranberries, Celery, Nuts, Raisins, Puddings, Olives and hundreds of other articles which are palatable at all times. You will need all of these for Christmas and also other groceries. We have them and they are fresh and nice.

CHOICE MEATS

—We handle only the best of meats. A beef roast, pork roast, steak or any other good meat can be obtained in our market department. We would appreciate a trial order and be glad to convince you that quality, service and satisfaction, together with consistent prices are factors which should be given your consideration. Give us a trial order.

THE PEOPLE'S MARKET
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