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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER



BECOME A MEMBER

The rapidly increasing number who have signed applications for membership in the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce denotes a spirit of interest in the development of the town and county. It begins to look as though the "home town feeling" is about to be brought forward very prominently, and the pride which a citizen should have in his town and county, will come and come to stay. Some people play a lone hand. They do not form much attachment to the place where they live, and do not particularly regret leaving it if they have to move, and seldom does any one weep when bidding goodbye to such citizen for the community gains little from their presence.

One of the functions of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce is to create the cordial interest of every citizen in those things which are for the good of the entire community and thereby get backing for local enterprises which are for the community good. If a co-operative, unified, reciprocal feeling can be promoted, then will all work together for a bigger and better St. Helens and a bigger and better Columbia county. The officers and members of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce have this spirit and it will work out for the interests of all. If you are not a member, become identified with this commercial body, whose sole purpose is to work for the interests of the whole county.

OUR COUNTRY—AND THEIR'S

Long live the Republic of Washington! Respected by mankind, beloved by all its sons, long may it be the asylum of the poor and oppressed of all lands and religions—long may it be the citadel of that Liberty which writes beneath the Eagle's folded wings, "We shall sell to no man, we deny to no man, Right and Justice."

Long Live the United States of America! Filled with magnanimous spirit, crowned by the wisdom, blessed by the moderation, hovered over by the guardian angel of Washington's example; may they be ever worthy in all things to be defended by the blood of the brave who know the rights of man and shrink not from their assertion—may they be each a column, altogether, under the Constitution, a perpetual Temple of Peace, unshaded by a Caesar's palace, at whose altar may freely commune all who seek the union of Liberty and Brotherhood.

Long Live Our Country! Oh, long through the undying ages may it stand, far removed in fact as in space from the old world's feuds and follies, alone in its grandeur and its glory, itself the immortal monument of Him whom Providence commissioned to teach man the power of Truth, and to prove to the nation that their redeemer liveth.—From address by John W. Daniel, United

States senator from Virginia, delivered in the hall of the House of Representatives, Washington D. C., at the dedication of the Washington national monument, February 21, 1885.

McGINN'S MISTAKE

In addressing the jury which heard the Alber's case, Henry McGinn, chief counsel for the defense said, "The espionage law is the most arbitrary law ever enacted. It is a law which has no place in our institutions. We do not need laws to make our people love our government, because it is in our hearts." McGinn spoke the truth; we do not need laws to make OUR people love OUR government, but we did need laws to make ALIENS respect our government and its rights.

In endeavoring to mislead the jury from the facts in the case and get their mind on other matters McGinn said, "that our government is now in the hands of what was once the Confederacy." Even if this assertion was true, what connection has it with the Alber's case. It is apparent that McGinn attempted to confuse the issues by waving the "bloody shirt." The civil war ended more than 50 years ago and as has been demonstrated, the United States of America was a reunited country. The sons of those who wore the blue marched side by side with the sons of those who wore the gray and their bodies lie side by side in the Argonne forest, at Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel. Does McGinn wish to disturb the slumbers of those heroes who came from every section of the country when the call was sounded? Does he wish to array the mothers of the north against the mothers of the south, both of whom have given their all? Does he wish to re-open the wounds of 50 years ago? The jury was not misled by McGinn's utterances; they weighed the evidence and returned a verdict of guilt against Alber, the defendant.

WHY PEOPLE SUCCEED

This is a year of beginnings. Our returning soldiers, the girls and women taking positions formerly closed to their sex, young folks just out of school, munition plant workers returning to peace-time employment—all these are making a fresh start. All are hoping for business success and looking for chances for advancement.

It is a timely topic for newspaper discussion, to inquire why it is that some people attain large business success, while so many others secure only moderate attainment, or are buffeted from failure to failure.

Many people say it is all luck. One man, they say, by no merit of his own, had fine opportunities thrust in his face. All he had to do was to walk in. Anyone could do it with the same chance.

In so far as people inherit money, or gain positions through family influence, that is true. Yet the great majority of successful men did not have wealthy parents. If they found opportunities, it was because they had the energy to force themselves into situations where opportunities open.

If a big business concern has an exceptional opportunity to offer, it does not snap up a cent to see which office boy shall have it. It does not look around among the fellows who are doing the work requiring the least intelligence. Nor does it select the man most popular in society, who can tell the best stories and play the best pool game.

But it does devote thoughtful scrutiny to the men of its force, to see who has previously shown the most initiative and power to do things, though in a small way. The man who gets it has earned it. The fellow who says it is all luck, thereby shows that he has no conception of the methods by which success is attained.—Ex.

As a result of the prohibition bomb shell, the casualty lists are expected now to report Tom and Jerry among the missing.—Ex.

A SAMPLE INSTANCE

W. S. Sutton of Staunton, Va., has received word from his son, John O. Sutton, a member of the American expeditionary forces in France, who was severely wounded on June 18th, that up to December 6th, he had received only fifteen dollars in pay since January first, 1918. He was seven months without a word from home although many letters were written to him by his parents and other relatives.

Ballagh's bill to tax the mineral reservations of land separately from the land, is a good bill and should be passed. There are numerous farmers in the vicinity of St. Helens who have bought places and allowed the seller to reserve the mineral, oil and other rights. The present owner, when an opportunity is presented to make a good deal for his place, finds his hands tied so far as the disposal of it is concerned. The result of Ballagh's bill will make the fellow who reserved the mineral, oil and other reservations, pay a tax. This he will not do and eventually, the real owner of the farm will have his place clear of the cloud on the title.

If the taxpayers approve of a \$200 flat raise for each county officer and deputy, it appears that they showed an inclination to play fair with the county officers. The Mist is of this opinion and inasmuch as the county officers agreed to this schedule, there does not seem to be any necessity for any of them getting sore with either a newspaper or individual who dares to express opinions contrary to that which the county officials hold.

Evidently that Alber's jury didn't excuse a man for speaking pro-German sentiments even if he had a few drinks. They must have reasoned that the sentiments were in the heart, else they wouldn't have come out—drunk or sober.

It is poor community spirit to buy stuff out of town unless you know by a fair investigation that such goods cannot be bought in town. Patronizing home merchants and home industries is sure to build up the town.

So far as heard from, the publishers of school geographies have raised no objection to the extensive changes in the map proposed by the peace conference which will necessitate new text books for all the schools.

General March says enough shipping is available to bring from France 30,000 men a month. Ten divisions are expected to comprise the American share of the army of occupation.

Some men feel that they worked very hard for the war, as their wives helped regularly at the Red Cross.

SOUL'S DESIRE

(By Albert H. Laidlaw)

"Let us pay with our bodies for our soul's desire."—Theodore Roosevelt.

What is the price of a soul's desire? A great heart's throbbing joy, what cost?

Answer not, you men whose fire Burns but when the winds of hire Fan it. Die, and but a noisome pyre Is left to smell of labor lost.

Listen to one whose intrinsic years His noble purposes enrich: Man above the fowl of tears; Man immune from cringing fears Of men: off assailed with wild-flung jeers By foemen jealous of his iche.

"Let us with our bodies pay the score!"

A sacrifice on glory's fire—Flames that burn forevermore—Built for men by men before Them as signals of the wealth in store For men with souls of high desire.

It is to be hoped that Congressman Hawley will be successful in securing for Columbia county a captured German cannon. It would be a lasting monument to our soldier boys who went "over there" and took it.

With the return from foreign waters of United States navy ships, the Atlantic fleet has been reconstituted and many officers of high rank have been assigned to important commands.

Don't be afraid but that the river boats will stop at the new municipal dock if the freight delivery order calls for delivery of the freight on the city dock.

Rainier business men have the right spirit. When they want something, they go after it. In numbers there is, oftentimes, considerable more strength.

The folks who complain of the high rate of fire insurance commonly include a lot who keep their ashes in wooden barrels.

The school board advertises for bids for the new schoolhouse. Good news.

"Things are not what they seem," and that's the reason men buy tickets to burlesque shows.

We talk a good deal about respecting the opinions of others, but we don't unless they agree with ours.

A want ad costs little and often brings big returns. Nothing too big or too little to be sold by a want ad.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE WATER BOARD

St. Helens, Oregon, January 31st, 1919.

Report of the Clerk of the Water Board, for the City of St. Helens, Oregon, for the year ending January 31st, 1919.

Balance on hand January 2nd, 1919	\$ 2,827.43	
Collected for water rentals	6,762.82	
Collected on warrants	1,435.48	
Collected on bonds	1,959.43	
Collected interest on bonds	420.00	
Collected from Sommarstrom	1,000.00	
Collected on warrant	48.60	
Collected on bonds	3,000.00	
Collected interest on bonds	210.00	
Collected for sundries	1,853.03	
Collected for taps, etc.	287.76	
Collected from delinquents	1,756.91	
Collected from Penalties	3.00	
Collected for material sold	36.30	
Total	\$20,700.26	\$20,700.26

Disbursements		
Paid interest on water bonds	3,013.75	
Paid out for sundries	227.58	
Paid out for operating	88.80	
Paid out for purchase of bonds	4,107.00	
Paid out for supplies	5,004.07	
Paid out for labor	3,044.07	
Paid out for salaries	1,820.00	
Total	\$17,305.27	\$17,305.27

Balance on hand	3,394.99	
Bonds on hand	8,000.00	
Total on hand	\$11,397.39	

Cost of Columbia City Pipe Line		
Paid out for wood pipe and fittings	3,461.85	
Paid out for hauling	57.25	
Paid out for powder, fuse and caps	37.50	
Paid for supplies	30.60	
Paid for incidental expense	11.60	
Paid out for survey of line	36.00	
Paid out for labor	1,414.17	
Total cost	\$ 5,048.97	\$ 5,048.97
Collections made for water rental since completion of line	\$ 1,223.04	\$ 1,223.04
	B. E. QUICK, Water Clerk.	

ST. HELENS-PORTLAND AUTO LINE

FRANK SHEPARD, Prop.

SCHEDULE

	A. M.	P. M.
Lv. St. Helens	7:30	1:30
Warron	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	6:50

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

The Mist is still \$1.50 per year.

All Buses Call at Hotel
Courteous Treatment
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ORCADIA HOTEL
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Rates—\$1.25 per day and up
Chicken Dinner, 50 cents
Special Rates to Regular Boarders



Capitalizing Our Resources

—1919 is looked upon as a year of Opportunity. Concentrated attention and concerted action upon the part of every person and business in Columbia County will do much to promote our production, further our farming, inspire our industries and make our markets.

—The Columbia County Bank is a veritable "Companion of Co-operation." Enlist it in YOUR interests.

SHERMAN M. MILES, President
Columbia County Bank
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IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

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We carry none but the best and our customers are satisfied. If you are not among the number, start your dealing with us.

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RAY MORTON and GEORGE WILSON, Proprietors
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The Central Confectionery
ROY A. STEWART, Proprietor

Attention, Fishermen!
—The SMELT season will soon be here. We have just received a shipment of First-Class SMELT NETS.
—Perhaps you are figuring on fixing up and painting that BOAT of yours. We have good MARINE PAINT, and in several grades and a large line of BOAT SUPPLIES.
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—We carry a full and complete line of GENERAL HARDWARE, BUILDING SUPPLIES, TOOLS and STOVES. Our prices are reasonable and we invite an inspection of our line.
E. G. DITTO
EVERYTHING IN HARDWARE

Beauty and Value
are combined in the many articles of fine and reliable Jewelry which you will find on exhibit in our store.
An excellent showing of Silverware will enable you to choose just the articles you wish for use every day and on special occasions.
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JUST THE SAME AS THE PAST YEAR
MASON'S
—FOR—
—LUNCHES
—SOFT DRINKS
—TOBACCOS
—CIGARS
FOUNTAIN DELICACIES
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