

**PHILIP WRITES ON RECONSTRUCTION**

The Editor, Helens Mist.

The principle subject under discussion at present is reconstruction of the war and finding work for returning soldiers. I will write a skeleton of a plan which, in my opinion, would be workable and the greatest benefit to the state general and encourage the back-to-land movement.

Nearly every plan is taking men the stump land and assisting them to clear homes for themselves. In my opinion, is a rather poor outlook for them.

My plan would be to buy all large tracts that could be bought and divide them into about 40 acre tracts, not less than 20 acres in cultivation on each tract and finance the owner whatever he requires to put on a paying basis. Oregon has over the top in every effort to win the war, and in the same way Oregon would go over the top to finance for peace. Let the public spirited citizens who have the liberty loans use the same spirit in boosting for a peace plan.

Have the bonds pay, say 4 1/2 per cent to the bond holder and charge the borrower 5 per cent, leaving the one-half per cent to pay the cost of handling the bond; the state to guarantee the bonds and have a state commission of management.

In every county have an unpaid committee of competent business men to assist in selecting the lands and recommending the settler as far as lands are available and the amount to be advanced in that county.

Have the county agricultural agent direct and advise this committee and the settler and have much co-operation in agricultural implements as possible and to specialize in the class of farming best suited to the different localities.

The class of men suitable for this scheme must be married, as a single man on a farm like this would be unable to farm to advantage. I would prefer to give men who have been in the service the first chance, other things being equal. But I do not believe that one in twenty of the returned boys will want to go on the farm. But whenever a man was selected his place would be open for one else.

A settler would need to have been a resident of Oregon for the three years preceding and of undoubted Americanism; known to be diligent and dependable and of good courage. He and his family must be able to be happy without the little conveniences of the city and be satisfied with an independent living and a comfortable home.

America made the world stand amazed at the magnitude of her efforts in building camps, docks and roads and in every effort of the war. Why not put the same push into assisting in building up for peace. It would not take much of an effort to double the production of this western part of the state.

The security of farm homes of this kind would be gilt edged and the bonds would soon be paid off and a revolving fund created that would cause all available land to come under cultivation.

**11,450 MOLES TRAPPED \$11,450 IN CROPS SAVED**

Success of Rodent Control Attracts Attention of Federal Officials

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.—"Oregon reports of rodent control work by county farm bureaus are among the best I have seen," said H. W. Gilbertson, agriculturalist in charge of the federal states relation service for the Northwestern states, to the county agent conference at O. A. C., January 27. Here are some of the items of mole destruction listed in the Oregon reports drawn by the state leader, Paul V. Maris:

	Pelts Sold	Value	Crops Saved
Benton	809	\$ 225	\$ 809
Clatskama	2537	590	2537
Columbia	1400	336	1400
Josephine	200	50	200
Polk	315	73	315
Tillamook	900	225	900
Washington	4382	1348	4382
Coos	900	225	900
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,450</b>	<b>\$3072</b>	<b>\$11450</b>

It is definitely known that two Portland firms have this season purchased 22,000 mole pelts. The actual saving, therefore, is not completely covered in the above table, which is based on the statement of the United States bureau of biological survey that one mole will destroy more than a dollar's worth of food in a season.

**THE CAMP AT BREST, FRANCE**

Is the fever camp of Chickamauga in the war with Spain to be duplicated by the mud and squalor of the concentration camp at Brest? Is the showing of the cantonments at home to be shared by the misery and filth and wretchedness of the place in France where 70,000 Yankees await ships to carry them across the Atlantic.

Writing in the Washington Post—one of the last newspapers in America which would offend the administration—George Rothwell Brown says the camp at Brest is the worst disgrace that has come to American arms in the war. It is located in a swamp. Not a dry spot exists in the area occupied. Men walk in mud, sleep in mud, have the stuff served them in their food. There has been grave mismanagement in provisioning the soldiers. Their tents are thin and insufficient. Tasks far too heavy for soldiers ill-nourished and cold and utterly weary and depressed are imposed. Only one thing buoy up the spirit of the camp—the hope that the ships will come and the men may sail for home.

A brigadier general is quoted as saying "It is the worst place which I have ever seen anywhere on earth, and I have traveled all over the world."

Nothing less than a breakdown in the organization of the army will excuse the condition of the camp at Brest. No cable censorship or threat against the press or talk of the "exigencies of war" can prevent an investigation. And Congress should investigate at once, compel better treatment at Brest and punish those who have been guilty of this gross mismanagement. This foul ingratitude to the soldiers.—Detroit Journal.

**FREEDING IDAHO OF GROUND SQUIRRELS**

By combating ground squirrels Idaho farmers saved over \$1,250,000 in crops in 1918. Twenty-two counties and 4,025 farmers co-operated with the biological survey of the United States department of agriculture in stamping out the squirrel pest, and as a result 277,751 acres were cleared of the rodents.

It is estimated that this ground squirrel eradication work in Idaho saved at least 5 per cent of the total crops of that state which formerly went to pay the yearly rodent tribute. As one farmer phrases it, "I used to consider that the squirrels had a mortgage on 25 per cent of my crops as they devoured one-fourth of all I produced. Now after I have cleared my farm of squirrels, I harvest and save 100 per cent of all the crops I grow."

**SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.**

May Bush, Plaintiff, vs. Edmund A. Bush, Defendant. To Edmund A. Bush, the above named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer or otherwise plead to the complaint filed herein against you by plaintiff in the above entitled suit, on or before the 15th day of March, 1919, which date is six weeks after the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead within said time, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint, namely, for a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between you and the plaintiff, and that the care, custody and control of the minor child the issue of said marriage be awarded to the plaintiff, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable in the premises.

This summons is served upon you by publication by virtue of an order of the Honorable J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court, and which said order was made and entered on this 29th day of January, 1919, and requires that this summons be published once a week for six consecutive weeks in St. Helens Mist, a newspaper of general circulation published in Columbia County, Oregon.

Date of first publication is the 31st day of January, 1919.

Date of last publication is the 14th day of March, 1919.

B. W. TAYLOR, Attorney for Plaintiff. 914 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.

**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION IN FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIEN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.**

Mrs. Wm. F. Schneider, Plaintiff, vs. Mrs. Nick Larson, widow of Nick Larson, deceased; Nick Larson, Jr., and John Doe Larson, heirs of Nick Larson, and all other persons, unknown, if any, having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the real property hereinafter described, Defendants. To Mrs. Nick Larson, widow of Nick Larson, deceased; Nick Larson, Jr.; and John Doe Larson, heirs of Nick Larson, the above named defendants: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified that Mrs. Wm. F. Schneider, the holder of Certificate of Delinquency numbered 247, issued on the 5th day of October, 1918, by the Sheriff of Columbia County, State of Oregon, for the amount of \$14.96, the same being the amount due for taxes for the year 1913, together with penalty, interest and costs thereon upon the real property assessed to you, of which you are the owner as appears of record, situated in said county and state, and particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Quarter post between Sections 7 and 18, Township 7 north, Range 4 west of the Willamette Meridian and running thence south 1100 feet; thence east 441 feet and 10 inches; thence north 1100 feet, and thence west 441 feet and 10 inches to the place of beginning, containing 19 acres of land, in Columbia County, Oregon.

You are further notified that Mrs. Wm. F. Schneider has paid taxes on said property for subsequent taxes with the rate of interest on said amounts as follows: Year's tax, 1915; date paid October 5, 1915; amount \$11.83; rate of interest, 12 per cent per annum. Year's tax, 1916; date paid October 5, 1916; amount \$10.20; rate of interest, 12 per cent per annum. Year's tax, 1917; date paid October 5, 1917; amount \$7.27; rate of interest, 12 per cent per annum.

Said Mrs. Nick Larson, widow of Nick Larson, deceased; Nick Larson, Jr.; and John Doe Larson, heirs of Nick Larson, deceased, as the owners of the legal title of the above described property as the same appears of record, and each of the other person above named are hereby further notified that Mrs. Wm. F. Schneider will apply to the Circuit Court of the county and state aforesaid for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described and mentioned in said certificate. And you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the first publication of the summons exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend this action or pay the amount due as above shown, together with costs and accrued interest, and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above named.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable J. A. Eakin, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia, and said order was made and dated this 23rd day of January, 1919, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 31st day of January, 1919.

All process and papers in this proceeding may be served upon the undersigned residing within the State of Oregon, at the address hereafter mentioned.

C. D. CHRISTENSEN, Attorney for Plaintiff. Address: 1403 Northwestern Bank Building, Portland, Oregon.

**GETTING RID OF COLDS**

The easiest and quickest way to get rid of a cold is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation has been in use for many years and its value fully proven. No matter what remedy you use, however, care must be taken not to contract a second cold before you have recovered from the first one, and there is serious danger of this. A man of middle age or older should go to bed and stay in bed until fully recovered. It is better to stay in bed three days at the start than three weeks later on.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.**

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Mattson, Deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles Mattson, deceased, by the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, and has duly qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at his residence at Mayger, Columbia County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published, January 31st, 1919.

JOHN OBERG, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Mattson, Deceased. W. A. Harris, Attorney. St. Helens, Oregon. 7-11-5t

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Alexander McPherson, deceased, in the State of Oregon, has filed with the County Clerk of Columbia County, Oregon, his final account of the administration of said estate and said Court has fixed the 8th day of March, 1919, at 10 o'clock A. M., as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house in St. Helens, Oregon, as the place, for hearing said final account and all objections thereto, and for settlement thereof.

Now, Therefore, All persons interested having objections to said final account are required to file the same in writing with the County Clerk of Columbia County, Oregon, before the time fixed for said final hearing.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1919.

GEO. L. McPHERSON, As Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Alexander McPherson, Deceased. 7-11-5t

**SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.**

Fanny O. Johnstone, Plaintiff, vs. Wm. J. Johnstone, Defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer plaintiff's complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before the 11th day of February, 1919, and if you fail to answer or otherwise appear, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint which is a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and you.

The service of this summons is made upon you by publication thereof in pursuance of an order of the Honorable County Judge of Columbia county, made and entered on the 30th day of December, 1918, ordering such publication in the St. Helens Mist, once a week for six consecutive weeks, the first publication thereof being the 3rd day of January, 1919 and the last publication on the 7th day of February, 1919.

C. H. PIGGOTT, Attorney for Plaintiff.

**SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.**

Jacob Tausend, Plaintiff vs. Jennie Tausend, Defendant. To Jennie Tausend, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 3rd day of March, 1919, said date being more than six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit: That the marriage contract and bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, cancelled and held for naught, and that plaintiff have such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof, in the St. Helens Mist for six consecutive weeks the date of the first publication being January 17th, 1919 and the date of the last publication being February 28th, 1919, in pursuance of the order of the Honorable J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court, and which order is dated January 16, 1919.

CLINTON A. AMBROSE, Attorney for Plaintiff. 313 1/2 Washington Street, Portland, Oregon.

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