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**THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE**

Elsewhere in this issue of the Mist is published an item which gives interesting details of the operation of the Columbia River Canning Company, the amount paid the farmer for his products and the amount paid for labor. Totalling the items, we see that the farmers, in the past four years, have received about \$90,000 and \$35,000 has been paid for labor. From 1915 to 1918, the amount paid producers increased from \$10,000 to almost \$32,000 or more than 300 per cent. And this item brings us down to our subject. Columbia county is a rich agricultural country, but agriculture has been neglected. Every year sees more acres of logged-off land and a lesser valuation of the property on account of the timber being removed. If the logged-off land is not put to some use, valuation will shrink and industry become stagnant. It will be many years before the great wealth of timber is entirely gone, but agriculture development should not wait until the land is denuded of the timber. It should follow, year by year and month by month as the timber is taken off. Soon after the giant of the forest has been felled, the stump should be taken from the ground and the land prepared for cultivation. All encouragement should be given to the farmers and settlers, for upon them rests the future development and prosperity of the county. In these times of reconstruction, some plan should be worked out whereby this valuable, but at the present time, unproductive land, can be utilized and cultivated at a profit to the farmer.

**GOOD ROADS DID IT**

Recently a St. Helens man sold his farm of 25 acres for \$6000. The farm in question is situated about five miles from St. Helens, has substantial buildings and is on a GOOD ROAD. This is why it brought such a high price. If the same amount of land, equally as good and with equal improvements, had been located on a road which made it practically inaccessible, or which would make the delivery of the farm products to the market a very expensive proposition, it is not probable that the farm would have brought half the price it did. The Mist believes, therefore, that the man who owned this farm and who for the past ten years or possibly more, has been paying a road tax, say of \$20 to \$40 per year, has made a mighty good investment. In addition to securing a big price for his farm, he had the advantages and conveniences of a good road while he was owner of the farm. Good roads pay. The money expended in their building or maintenance is not an expense—it is an investment which is sure to bring good

returns. It is gratifying to note that the objector to a road tax is in the minority and that the number of them are decreasing as time goes on. Good roads and agriculture are the foundation stones of Columbia county's prosperity.

**THE BANK THAT SMASHED**

Here's a little extract from the day's news: "Kasson Harp, factory worker of Toledo, O., lost \$10,000, the savings of a lifetime, when a confidence man persuaded him to draw the money from the bank. He placed the money in a strong box and gave the swindler a key. When he opened the box, he found three \$1 bills. He told the police the confidence man said the banks were going to smash."

Now it is true that banks sometimes do smash. There are states whose banking laws are so lax that any private person may hang a sign "Bank" in his window and take in money from others, bearing practically no responsibility. But no national bank, no state bank, no reputable well-established bank of any sort smashes without warning, or responsibility to depositors. It just isn't done. And the shakiest of banks is not so shaky as the old sock, the bar under the mattress and the other fire and theft-attracting methods of keeping money. Nor can the crookedest or crooked banks compare in danger with giving the key to one's life savings to a stranger.

The great business of the country is done by banks. They are not only the strongest and best protection means of keeping money, but they are the only sensible means. Moreover, money idle is money wasted. Money should be earning interest, doing the country's work.

"Americanization" is nowhere more needed than in convincing the ignorant foreigner of stability of our banking systems. And many a native needs instruction also.

When some wily stranger tells you the sound and reliable banks in your town are "going to smash" and offers himself as the guardian of your savings it's just about time that his fevered brow be given a chance in the cooler.—Ex.

In the St. Helens' market apples of unknown origin and only medium quality are selling at 5 cents each or three for 10 cents. Columbia county is admirably adapted to growing apples. Friend Morris, county fruit inspector, can't you do something to help the farmers raise good apples and Friend Merchants of St. Helens, won't you do something to provide a good market for good Columbia county apples? It's up to both of you.

Those who are human will hear the cry of the victims of those inhuman. The starving Armenians should not be allowed to perish while their Christian brothers in America roll in the lap of luxury. Help swell the fund for the relief of the Armenians.

The caucus has been held and candidates nominated for positions on the city's executive board. The men nominated are representative citizens and should make good officials.

We are not inclined to dispute the assertion of one of our good friends and readers when he stated that the Mist was the "Best Weekly Newspaper Published in Oregon."

"I came, I saw" and I left. No, Wilson didn't make this remark. He is now in France. He recently visited America.

In every issue of the Mist can be found the advertisements of the live merchants in St. Helens.

The German battle fleet is making more trouble now than it ever did during the war.

**LAYS BLAME TO WEALTH**

To the Editor of the Mist: In the Mist of March the 7th, you have an article "Lack of Social Life." After reading this over for the third time, I find it contains food for thought that should not be overlooked. We agree with you that the social conditions of St. Helens are not just what they should be, but are they any worse in St. Helens than in any other little town? We think not.

We are living in a fast age, and all are carried on by the spirit of the times; the old saying is very true, "when in Rome do as Romans do." The fault lies in the standard we have set up, "the mighty dollar." The dollar mark gauges our qualifications for social standing as well as political and financial, and to bring this or any other little town that feels they have a place on the map of the great and glorious U. S. A., back to the old-time social standard would require the removal from the man's heart of the desire for power and supremacy over his fellowman.

The greed for money has degenerated man, until he is no more willing that there be such a thing as equality, but has set his mind on "might makes right." This has ushered into our social life what we call cliques or factions. And these are again divided into several classes. You often read of the lower class or the higher class. Why is this so? Are we not all the children of God? All come into the world under the same conditions, all are allowed to live by the will of God and all leave this life the same way.

It has come to the stage when a man's morals are not judged by deeds but by the amount of taxes he pays—or the amount he can dodge. We find that Smith does not entertain Jones because Jones is not able to dress as well as Smith. No, Jones is not wanted because he cannot make the outward show. I say outward show, because if one has money he has friends regardless of his conduct. If you doubt, look up some of the society scoundrels. I know what I am talking about, I have watched the system in the making and in practice.

A rich man does not entertain a poor man's family and a poor man cannot entertain a rich man's family. The bankers, the doctors, the lawyers and the merchants all have their little circles, and what is true of them is also true of the wage-earner. His social standing is gauged by the amount of salary he draws. A two-hundred-dollar-a-month man is trying to mingle with three-hundred-dollar man; he does not seek his company among the one-dollar-a-day man. Why? By doing so he cuts off his own head (social). You know that.

No, my friend, if you expect the old-time spirit of social equality you are expecting more than the present generation are willing to grant to their brother-men.

Take the best fraternal orders; they also have their little factions or cliques. Oh yes, it is in the blood. We are passing through the same experiences that Rome did before its fall, as wealth grew sociability died or arranged itself into classes, the higher, middle and lower class each striving to get higher and in their struggle for supremacy, the weaker were trampled under foot.

Remove wealth or the influence it carries and you restore social conditions as they were in the good, old pioneer days, when no man felt too rich to mingle with his neighbors. That was good fellowship. But today it is only a veneer. H. M. K.

Our friend, "H. M. K." brings out some good points. Other good points, and more in line with the article in the Mist to which he referred, have been entirely overlooked. The old saying as to "when in Rome, do as Romans do" might have been applicable to those times when policy predominated. In this age, when any honest man is the equal of any other honest man, the saying does not apply, nor is it applicable to the conditions that exist in St. Helens. We readily agree with "H. M. K." as to the removal in man's mind of the greed for money for some one who lived many years before the present generation saw the light of day, told us about "money being the root of all evil."

If our free lance writer thinks man's morals are judged by the amount of taxes he pays, then it becomes his duty to help in moulding another opinion.

There is no reason why Smith should not entertain Jones and his family and it is not necessary to go back to the olden times to cultivate this spirit in St. Helens. If a man is honest and respectable, he and his family should have their rightful place in society. There are few wealthy in St. Helens; the working class predominates. All classes, if there are classes, wrap around them the robes of unneighborly feeling and action. This is the cause of the social stagnancy in St. Helens. It is not as "H. M. K." says, "too rich to mingle with his neighbors," but it is our correspondent will make a start to cultivate a neighborly feeling with his neighbor, it is more than probable this feeling will spread and riches will be forgotten in the desire of real honest-to-God sociability. There is no reason why any are "too rich to mingle with his neighbors," nor is there any reason why those possessed with less of worldly goods should not meet with those who are more fortunate. Riches do not cultivate neighborly feeling, for it can come from the heart alone.

With all the road work outlined by the county and the big job which will be done by the highway commission on the West Side route, there is no chance that any man who really wants to work will be out of a job in St. Helens this year.

One of the splendid features of the good roads is that it makes it easier for the chronic kicker to go somewhere else. If they will make themselves known, most any autoist will cheerfully give a lift.

It's about time to think of organizing that baseball club which St. Helens must have this year.

**COURT PROCEEDINGS**

On this day the Clerk presents to the Court his statement of Scap bounties issued during the month of February as authorized, and being as follows:

February 4, 1919, Warrant No. 40 for \$1.30 in favor of Edwin Norbeck.  
 February 10, 1919, Warrant No. 39 for \$2.00 in favor of Albert Nelson.

February 14, 1919, Warrant No. 260 for \$2.00 in favor of J. F. Smith.  
 February 15, 1919, Warrant No. 202 for \$0.70 in favor of Ira Howard.  
 February 15, 1919, Warrant No. 203 for \$0.50 in favor of Roscoe Loyd.

February 24, 1919, Warrant No. 205 for \$2.00 in favor of Fred Waitlis and the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that said statement be and the same is hereby approved and accepted.

On this day there is presented to the County Court an order of the Judge of the Juvenile Court of this County, allowing widows pension in the sum of \$10.00 per month to Maybel I. Johnson and the County Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that said petition be, and the same is hereby denied.

On this 5th day of March, 1919, based upon the written petition of Mr. J. S. L. Smith, and supported by a duly executed bond of indemnity, it is ordered by the Court that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized, and instructed to issue a duplicate warrant No. 8251-4th Series dated Feb. 8th, 1918, and endorsed by the County Treasurer, Feb. 11th, 1918, in the amount of \$10.50 in favor of J. S. L. Smith.

On this 5th day of March, 1919, comes on for hearing the petition of Louis Johnson, et al, freeholders residing in the road district or road districts of the said proposed road, praying for the establishment of a County road described as follows:

Beginning at a stake marked "A" said stake being set at the Northwest corner of the School Property of School District No. 40, in Section 31, Township 7 North, Range 3 West of the W. M., Columbia County, Oregon, said point being the end of the present County Road; running thence in a Westerly direction, following the present private road as near as practical, to stake marked "B" situate just West of the John Lundin place; thence in a Southwesterly direction, passing South of the main barn on the Ole Erickson ranch, to a point on or near Township line and thence along said township line Westerly, as far as practical; thence Northwesterly along the most practical route, passing South of the main barn on the Nels Matson ranch and South of the one-acre tract owned by Ole Halgren to stake marked "C," situate on the North line of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 4 West, of the W. M., Oregon, at a point about 490 feet West of the Township corner, the end of the road petitioned for.

And it satisfactorily appearing to the Court from the proof herein that due notice of the pendency of this proceeding has been given as by law required that twelve of the petitioners are legal freeholders of this County, residing in the road district or districts of the said proposed road and that a good and sufficient bond has been given and filed herein.

Upon the oral request by petitioners to Commissioner A. E. Harvey to the effect that the desire of the petitioners are to abandon the road as now petitioned for, it is therefore ordered by the Court that said petition be, and the same is hereby denied.

On this 5th day of March, 1919, sealed bids for the improvement of certain roads were opened and examined by the Court, being as follows:

**Rock Creek at Kearns Place**  
 Road District No. 9  
 J. W. Rose, for the sum of \$494.50.  
 C. C. Keasey, for the sum of \$568.00.  
 C. U. Enstrom, for the sum of \$454.80.

**Rock Creek at Blakesley's Place**  
 Road District No. 9  
 J. W. Rose, for the sum of \$827.00.  
 C. C. Keasey for the sum of \$832.00.  
 C. U. Enstrom, for the sum of \$882.00.

**Nehalem Highway, Spencer Hill**  
 Road District No. 9  
 J. W. Rose, for the sum of \$1,194.00.  
 C. A. Mills for the sum of \$1,138.00.  
 C. U. Enstrom, for the sum of \$798.00.

And the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that the following named proposals be, and they are hereby accepted:  
 C. U. Enstrom, for the improvement at Kearns place, \$454.80.  
 C. U. Enstrom for the improvement at Spencer Hill, \$798.00.  
 C. C. Keasey, for improvement at Blakesley place, \$822.00.

It is further ordered by the Court that all other bids submitted at this time, be and the same are hereby rejected.

On this day claims against the County General Fund, as heretofore filed with the County Clerk, were examined by the Court and allowed in the various amounts as carried out by the Court on the face of said claims, being as follows:

C. A. Mills, auto hire to road master, \$5.00; Clatskanie Telephone Co., telephone service roadmaster and judge, \$1.00; Mrs. W. H. Kasper, fencing along county road, \$125.00; H. West, highway work, \$70.00; H. E. Abery, expenses road master, \$19.95; Buffington & Darling, supplies to road master, \$2.00; L. J. Van Orshoven, work for county, \$9.00; L. J. VanOrshoven, work for county, \$15.00; M. Saxon, canvass of ballots, \$3.00; John Philip, canvass of ballots, \$3.00; Gertrude Phillips, clerk for sheriff, \$69.00; Dora Shaffer, clerk for sheriff, \$39.00; Caly Stanwood, clerk for sheriff, \$18.00; Independent Auto Co., supplies to sheriff, \$27.85; James Jesse, work for sheriff, \$3.50; E. C. Stanwood, expenses for November, \$131.09; E. C. Stanwood, expenses for December, \$12.48; E. C. Stanwood, expenses,

\$29.36; E. C. Stanwood, stamps, \$20.00; J. F. Johnson, auto hire to sheriff, \$10.50; Clatskanie Chief, supplies to sheriff, \$3.80; James Jesse, work for sheriff juvenile, \$4.00; S. L. Butler, work for sheriff, \$6.50; Anna Quick, stenographer county clerk, \$66.00; Beulah E. Smith, clerk for assessor, \$66.00; Louise Black, clerk for assessor, \$24.00; Plaza Pharmacy, supplies to officers, \$14.90; Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., supplies to officers, \$68.81; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., phones to officers, \$31.50; Rutherford Realty Co., bond to officers, \$183.00; St. Helens Light & Power Co., light (Jan.), \$42.60; Coast Chemical Co., supplies to the court house, \$28.15; John Dowd, court house, \$31.27; R. Constantine, labor and supplies court house, \$5.90; E. A. Rotger, supplies court house, \$11.10; P. W. Harrison, freight, \$0.52; Fred Morgus, supplies to janitor, \$2.00; E. G. Ditto, supplies to, \$0.80; St. Helens Steam Laundry, court house, \$0.95; Helen Larson, stenographer district attorney, \$60.00; F. A. Burnham, auto hire to Harvey, \$2.00; A. E. Harve county commissioner, \$62.00; son Weed, county commissioner, \$45.00; Clatskanie Chief, postage, \$4.20; Rainier Review Publishing Co., publishing for county, \$11.00; St. Helens Mist, publishing for county, \$27.73; J. B. Doan, justice of peace, \$25.00; M. P. Hansen, justice of court, \$3.00; L. R. Rutherford, drawing J. C. jury, \$2.00; J. W. Hazen, justice court, \$0.50; M. on, justice court, \$6.75; T. E. coroner, \$10.00; C. E. W. examining insane, \$5.00; Cah Herald, printing for school board, \$2.75; J. W. Allen, age and traveling, \$40.45; C. Y. Allen, clerk for school board, \$50.00; R. E. Brown, state board of health, \$4.25; Evans, state board of health, \$1.50; John Nelson, \$1.50; O. H. state board of health, \$1.00; L. Hatfield, state board of health, \$1.25; A. I. Morris, fruit



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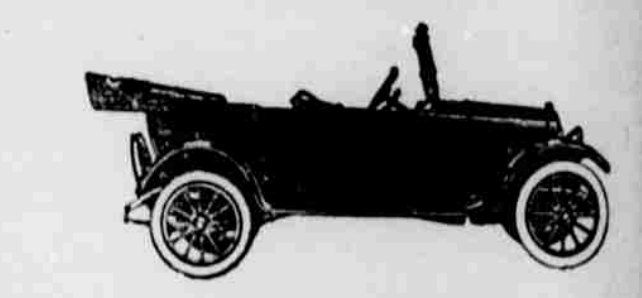
THOSE farmers who are planning this season's production on the farm have something else to take in to consideration beside plowing, planting and harvesting. The financial end must be looked after, and that more strongly than ever emphasizes the need for the Columbia County Bank with its size, strength and service to rely upon.

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