

### St. Helens Mist

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#### COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

MEMBER ST. HELENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

St. Helens is a shipping point of importance, and is entitled to consideration by the U. S. Engineers in the matter of harbor improvement. Millions of feet of lumber, ties and piling are shipped each year and the products of the mills go to the ports of the world, and hundreds of vessels are loaded here. Up to this time, no help has been given St. Helens though appropriations have been made for other improvement work on the Columbia river.

At the present time there is urgent need for harbor work. With the present low stage of water in the river, the channel is not deep enough to accommodate the larger steamers which are to call here for cargoes. The channel at the mouth of Nigger Creek should be deepened and the channel in Willamette Slough should likewise be deepened.

If a strong and united effort is made to secure Federal aid, in all probability it will be obtained. If, however, such aid is not forthcoming, St. Helens must do something on its own initiative. The port belongs to St. Helens. The manufacturing and shipping is the very life of St. Helens and surrounding country, and without them the town would go backward. This being the case, it is apparent that St. Helens must do something for herself, and the something in this case is to maintain its harbor and provide facilities for its greatest asset—shipping. How this can be accomplished is another matter, but it should be given serious consideration by all who are interested in the city and its growth, and some plan formulated and carried out whereby harbor improvement can be made and the commerce of St. Helens continue to grow.

#### BANKS

It is not as popular today for the multitude to condemn banks as it was a few years ago. The people have found out during the war that the great system of banks in the U. S., in cooperation with the people, made it possible to provide the government with the money that carried the war to a successful termination.

We could no more in this day and age transact the business of our country without banks, than we could harvest our crops of grain and hay by the old method of the scythe and the cradle.

Our banking facilities must expand in advance of our industrial development.

That is why leading banking institutions the country over are increasing their resources and extending their field of operation.

At the same time they are furnishing every possible assistance and encouragement to our growing industries.

A progressive bank is one of the greatest assets of any growing community.—Exchange.

Proceedings to condemn the Central school building at Bend probably will be taken within the next few days as the result of a recent inspection by a representative of the state fire marshal's office. Better to condemn the building than to place in jeopardy the life of a child.

#### THE SMALL FRUIT INDUSTRY

Oregon has no more promising field for community development than by extension of the small fruit industry.

There is practically an unlimited market for berries and cherries in the world demand for juices, jams and preserves.

This is entirely aside from the immense market for such products from the canning industry and the market for plants.

Very little capital is required to put out from one to ten acres of loganberries, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries or gooseberries.

The manufacturing plants located in towns and cities are ready to help the grower with information or even with capital to start.

Every community should get behind this movement and induce as many families as possible to start a berry patch.

A good example of returns is given by a farmer near Salem, Oregon, who sold \$790.00 worth of strawberries from one-third acre, at 8 cents per pound.

#### FIRE STARTERS

August saw an increasing number of forest fires in Oregon and Washington and much valuable timber was destroyed. Many of the fires were started by criminally negligent campers, tourists and home people who know the dangers.

Oregon has made a start in the right direction. Its fire wardens have secured the evidence and brought charges against numerous prominent persons for starting dangerous fires in the woods.

So far, Columbia county has been fortunate in not having any big forest fires, and the Mist hopes that with the people realizing that timber is the chief wealth of the county, that during the remainder of the dry season, extra precautions will be taken and none of the county's valuable timber will be destroyed through carelessness of anyone in starting a fire.

#### TAX PROFITEERING

The so-called "luxury tax" was devised in haste to raise money quickly during the war. With the war over it falls far short of its purpose in that it taxes the public for necessities of life by merely calling the article a "luxury." It adds to the cost of living of every family and strikes the poor hardest if all as the extra tax penalties they have to dig up eat heavily into their income.

Everyday articles of use such as toilet supplies, ice cream and candy, can hardly be called luxuries and yet the tax in these and similar articles adds materially to cost of living today.

The war is over and our tax problems can now be faced in an intelligent manner and arranged over a period of years instead of heaping unnecessary loads on industry and the public.

The Cottage Grove Sentinel in discussing the idea of paying ransom to Mexican bandits to liberate Americans, states that such procedure is getting nerve racking and adds, "It is time to tell Old Whiskers (Caranza) where to head in." We fully agree with our esteemed contemporary and would remind him of the fact that "Old Whiskers" has been duly cautioned many times during the past several years. We would also remind him of our "Watchful Waiting" and "He Kept Us Out of War," program and then ask if it is any wonder that Mexican bandits are bold and defiant of the U. S.

The investment in the improvement and the installation of conveniences at the St. Helens beach has afforded much pleasure to thousands and incidentally helped to advertise St. Helens.

A blind girl says she can't see why she should love the man she is suing for breach of promise, but she can feel that she does. That is getting the sense of touch developed to a fine point.—Ex.

A country exchange says "Mr. Silas Jenkins is enjoying a visit from his mother-in-law." For Mr. Jenkins sake we hope it is true.—Ex.

#### YOUR COUNTY FAIR

The Columbia County Fair, which is to be held September 17, 18 and 19th, is YOUR fair, and the success of the undertaking depends, to a certain extent upon YOU. The officers of the association are working hard to make a grand success of the fair. They want the best agricultural exhibits, the best livestock, the best fruit and the best of everything on exhibit to show the stranger that Columbia County is one of the BEST counties in Oregon. The fair is not a local enterprise; it belongs to the entire county and is a part of the county and everyone who is interested in Columbia County should consider that he is a stockholder in the county fair and it is incumbent upon him to do his part in making the fair a success and a credit to the county.

#### COURAGE ON ROADS

While it is admitted that the present cost of road building is perhaps 100 per cent higher than it was a few years ago, it should be kept in mind that it is the general opinion among men of affairs the country over that present high prices in all lines are likely to continue for years to come and if this opinion is correct it would be futile for Morrow county needing roads as badly as she does—to drop the good road campaign so auspiciously begun because of high cost of construction.—Heppner Herald.

The railroad wreck at Deer Island further convinces us that it is better to be born lucky than rich.

#### HOODLUMS

Several nights ago there was a performance of merit at the Liberty theatre, and there was a large and appreciative audience. However, there were some hoodlums in the audience who, apparently, thought they were the only ones in the theatre and that their boisterous conduct made their presence the more noticeable. In the latter surmise they were correct, their behavior brought merited censure from the greater number who went to enjoy the show, and who paid their money to be entertained—not by the hoodlums, but by the performers on the stage.

The performance of the hoodlums was disgraceful—that of the entertainers good.

"When water becomes tea," asked the teacher, "what is the great change that takes place?" "The greatest change, ma'am," said the little boy, "is the change in price."

"I can't imagine what's the matter with me, doctor. I'm continually thinking about myself."

"Tut, tut! You must stop worrying over trifles."

The home merchant who does not advertise in the home paper is encouraging the mail order business which he so loudly berates.

Salem, September 22-27—Splendid agricultural, livestock, and industrial exhibits, best of amusements, an excellent racing card, bigger and better than ever. A. H. Lea, Secretary, Salem, Oregon. 36-43-51

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St. Helens, Oregon Telephone 80

## A Fair Proposition But Nothing Doing

Under the above heading the Santa Ana (Cal.) Register thus tells of an experience of another publication in its section of the state. The facts furnish their own commentary:

The wind bloweth where it listeth;

And no answer cometh;

Neither cometh the wood or the corn or the 'taters or the eggs or the bacon;

Some days ago, a good, liberal, loyal, generous, broad-minded citizen of one of the "cow counties" wrote the local weekly paper that he wanted to subscribe for it during 1919 and get the county news, and would send in his subscription if the paper would be sent him at the old price (the price had of necessity been advanced from \$1.00 a year to \$1.50).

"We immediately wrote him," says the editor, "we would accept his proposition—provided he would bring us a cord of wood, a barrel of corn, a bushel of sweet potatoes, a basket of eggs, or a side of bacon AT THE PRICE HE GOT FOR THESE COMMODITIES FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO, when there was some profit in publishing a newspaper at \$1.00 a year.

"Seven long days have passed—and no wood, no corn, no 'taters, no eggs, no bacon;

"He couldn't afford to do it. Yet, he was generous enough to ask us to send him the paper for \$1.00 and make him a present of 50 cents. Of all the 33,285 people in the county this kindly disposed individual is the only one with gall enough to ask us to send the paper at the old price—and we do not believe there is another in the whole county."

Every user of a telephone who stops to think knows that he would be paying an inadequate rate now if he was not paying substantially more than he was before the war.

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### "Settle Up With St. Helens"

THAT'S a good slogan to remember. Any one who lives and works in St. Helens owes St. Helens something in return. That something is his PATRONAGE. By spending and banking one's money here at home it stays in the community and contributes over and again to the welfare of all. You'll find the Columbia County Bank both practicing and preaching development of everyone's interests

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