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THE RIGHT THING TO DO

The Mist heartily approves of the action of the council Monday night when they voted a $1000 appropriation to aid in deepening the Nigger creek bar. For the past ten years, this bar has been a thorn in the side of shipping. Shipowners knew of the bar and the impossibility of getting deep draft vessels over it. A vessel owner hesitates to send his ship to a port where there is a likelihood of the ship touching bottom. Such was and is the case in St. Helens so far as vessel of over 20 feet draft is concerned.

The McCormick interests have done their full share by subscribing $3000 for the work and the other shipping interest who own no property here, have shown their faith in the port by subscribing $1000 more. Only a paltry $1000 remains to be raised before the full $6500, the cost of deepening the channel or the removal of the bar, is raised.

Possibly there are some who will wish to know why the taxpayers of St. Helens should contribute any sum towards this improvement. To those the Mist will state that the deepening of the bar or its removal, is a matter of great and vital importance to St. Helens and surrounding country. When the bar is removed, big vessels can come to St. Helens and take on cargo. These vessels will give employment to many men at high wages. The money earned will be distributed in St. Helens and the fact that large vessels are able to load at St. Helens will add much to the importance of the port. The increased business which will follow and the distribution of a large payroll will benefit every resident of the city. The deepening of the channel is city business and the council took the right view of the matter. The $1000 they invested will bring large returns and in the near future.

MEETING OF ST. HELENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

An important meeting of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce will be held at the City Hall on next Wednesday evening, February 25th, at eight o'clock. It is expected that this meeting will interest all of the 150 members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Many important matters will be taken up, among them being the Union high school question, the Sauvies Island drainage matter, organization of a port of St. Helens, and other interesting topics.

Mr. A. Neppach, a prominent Portland manufacturer, will address the organization. Mr. Neppach has reputation as an entertaining speaker and the Chamber considers itself fortunate to have secured him.

Colonel House's success in discovering one Moses in the bull rushes hardly justifies him in hunting around in the tall grass for another.—Ex.

One reason we are a great nation is because we have been unable to exhaust our resources in spite of our best efforts—Ex.

Nobody listens to your troubles when you tell them because he is so anxious to tell you his.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH WILSON?

Since the unfortunate Lansing-Wilson episode, has any one asked you "what is the matter with President Wilson?" Several have asked us this question. In one word we can answer the question—everything, and by that we do not mean anything, physically, for the supposed to be blood clot on the brain of the president would not have made him do the things he has done.

A few short months ago, it appeared that President Wilson's name would be carved indelibly upon fame's highest pinnacle. In the light of present and recent developments, this can never be. Opportunity has battered at the president's door, but the door remained shut. Between President Wilson and the people of this country there had been a thrill but now it is changed to a chill. His actions have been discredited at home and abroad. He negotiated a treaty which this nation has repudiated and because of his arrogant obstinancy and his ego, he is discredited abroad. Never has a man shown his incapability more than has Woodrow Wilson. He is to be pitied.

As a phrase maker, he was peerless, but in his performance he has stumbled, faltered and fallen far rearward of his promises. A one man government is not the kind that America desires. Wilson has found this out, but is too stubborn and egotistic to acknowledge it.

VAST WEALTH CAME FROM THE FARMS IN 1919.

The United States department of agriculture estimates the value of farm products in 1919 at $24,982,000,000. These stupendous figures, however, are misleading, for they include large duplications. Grain and hay fed to live stock, for example, is counted twice—first for its feed value and later in the estimate for meat products, and to some extent still another in poultry and eggs.

But when large allowance is made for these duplications enough remains to leave a total measuring well up to the cost of the war to the United States. Products taken directly from the soil had a value at the farm of more than $16,000,000,000, while the direct money cost of the war, from April, 1917, to April, 1919, was $21,850,000,000, according to the statisticians of the war department.

The 1919 gross total of $24,982,000,000 is nearly three times as much as the corresponding gross total of farm products 10 years ago. Taking the 1909 production as an index figure of 100, the total for 1913 stood at 109, for 1913 at 115, for 1914 at 116, for 1915 at 126, for 1916 at 157, for 1917 at 226, for 1918 at 263 and for 1919 at 292.

While a great part of this advancing value was due to rising prices, some part of it is ascribable to actual increased production. The American farmer was not an industrial slacker during the war. He worked harder than he had worked in time of peace, and that spirit of willing industry is still with him.

The Mist believes that in the not very far future, the American people will begin to appreciate and honor those senators who have held out for a treaty or League of Nations pact that gives the U. S. full representation and relieves it of the responsibility of protecting Europe and Asia. A peace treaty should have been signed long ago, but when the treaty becomes entwined with a league of nations, it looks as though the foreign powers were attempting to slip one over. Congress should have some say about the league even though President Wilson does consider himself the entire government. The constitution as framed by our forefathers is still in existence, even though Mr. Wilson does not recognize it.

When things go from bad to worst, because they haven't yet gone from worst to worst.

If it is true that President Wilson "kept us out of war," please tell us who is keeping us out of peace.

PUBLIC FORUM

Winner of first prize of $2 in Scappoose School contest; subject, **Why Scappoose Should be Incorporated.**

Scappoose is the startnig of a nice little city, only twenty miles from Portland. It is located on a good railroad and the beautiful lower Columbia Highway, over which thousands of people will travel to and from the Coast.

With its dairying, farming, and lumbering industries, and with prop make a city of thousands. But no community or anderiaking of any kind is a success without co-operation.

In the near future when the highway is completed Scappoose will scarcely be a whistling station. No doubt its people wiuld be in great danger on account of traffic on the highway with no power to enforce the speed laws.

Several burglaries have taken place in Scappoose the past year and other laws are being violated every day such as boys smoking cigarettes and running away from home.

An incorporated city has four councilmen and a mayor who are elected by the people of the city. The councilmen appoint the necessary officers to enforce the laws. Therefore, if Scappoose is incorporated, she would not have to send nearly ten miles away to get an officer if a crime is committed. The councilmen have the power to establish an electricity plant and sidewalks which are needed very badly in Scappoose.

Attempting to manage a town without co-operation would be like trying to run an automobile without a steering device. Also remember the old motto, "United we stand, divided we fall."

KINSLEY ALLEN,
Scappoose High School.

Will power is something that makes you do things that you don't want to do.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Herman Zatterberg, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, and has duly qualified. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified as by law required, at the law office of J. W. Day, in St. Helens, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published February 13th, 1920.

OLOF FORSBERG,
Administrator.

J. W. Day, Attorney.

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Emery N. Blodgett, Plaintiff, vs Marcella Blodgett, Defendant.

To Marcella Blodgett, 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 Court on or before the 23rd day of February, 1920, which is six weeks after the 9th day of January, 1920, the date ordered for the first publication ofthis summons; and if you fail to so appear and answer, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to-wit: For a decree dissolving the marriage contract heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and defendant herein, and for such other and further relief as to the Court should seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof pursuant to an order of the Hon. J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court, made on the 3rd day of January, 1920.

First publication, January 9, 1920.
Last publication, February 20, 1920.

CLINTON A. AMBROSE
Attorney for Plaintiff.
314½ Washington St.,
Portland, Oregon.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

St. Helens, Oregon, Feb. 17th, 1920.

Sealed Proposals, addressed to the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, at St. Helens, Oregon, and endorsed "Proposal for Doing the Following Work in Columbia County, to-wit:

A. A. Smith Road in Road District No. 3.

Highway Addition Road, in Road District No. 14,"

will be received by said County Court until 2 o'clock P. M., March 3rd, 1920, and not thereafter, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

All proposals must be made upon blank forms, to be obtained from the Roadmaster, at his office in St. Helens, Oregon. Must give prices proposed, both in writing and in figures, and must be signed by the bidder, with his address.

Plans and Specifications are on file: A. A. Smith Road with U. W. Clark, Houlton, Oregon. Highway Addition Road with T. J. Flippin, Rainier, Oregon, and may be examined in the office of the County Clerk.

Each bidder shall deposit, with his bid, a certified check for an amount of at least five (5) per cent of his bid, payable to the County Clerk, which shall be forfeited to the County, in case the award is made hime, and he shall neglect, fail or refuse, for a period of five days after such award is made, to enter into a contract and file the required bond.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

MARTIN WHITE, County Judge.
A. E. HARVEY, Commissioner.
JUDSON WEED, Commissioner.
T. S. WILKES, Roadmaster.
JAMES HUNT, County Clerk.

Henry Breck Log., candidate for senator from Missouri, says posterity should pay at least half of the war debt. That's right, posterity didn't do a blame thing to help win the war.—Washington Post.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Helens, Oregon, February 9th 1920.

The City Council met on the above date, in the City Hall St. Helens, Oregon, in regular session, all officers present.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Reports: The Mayor stated that he had examined the placing of light poles in West St. Helens, from the P. O. south along the highway, to Milton creek, and in his opinion the lihts wege a necessity, and had ordered the poles to be placed.

A representative from A. G. Long and Co. was present and exhibited samples of hose. A motion was made and carried that the City purchase 750 feet of 2½ inch hose as selected by sample, at $1.35 per foot.

J. B. Wellington brought up the question of the improvement of a portion of Casenau street in front of his property, and objected to improvement now being made as it did not follow the center of the street and would be of no benefit to him, the same was discussed at length, and the matter was laid over and taken under advisement.

An Ordinance empowering the City Council to lease a portion of the tide land in front of St. Helens street to J. W. Akin was read the third time in full, and on motion made and carried put on its final passage and was passed by the following vot: Dixon, yes; O'Conner, yes; Larabee, yes; and was signed and approved by the Mayor, and attested by the Recorder.

In the matter of driving piling on dolphins at the City Dock, this matter was taken up and discussed, and a motion made and carried that two dolphins consisting of five piling each be driven at the Dock.

The bill of L. J. VanOrshoven whic was laid over from last meeting was taken up, and on motion ordered paid by warrant on the Treasurer.

The question of open privies was taken up and discussed, and a motion made and carried that open privies shall not be constructed nearer that 20 feet from the property line of any lot within the city limits, and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance to that effect.

The Recorder was instructed to notify all persons within the limits of any sewer to connect therewith.

No further business appearing on motion made and carried the meeting adjourned.

Attest:
E. E. QUICK,
City Recorder.

CITATION

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of William B. Derebery, Deceased.

To Emma L. Derebery, Percy Derebery, May Mellinger, Maude Signett, Perry Derebery, Myrtle Dunlap, Anna Signett and Edna Signett, heirs of William B. Derebery, deceased, and to all others unknown, if such there be, Greeting:-

In the Name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited to appear at the March term of the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, at the Court room of said Court in the City of St. Helens, on the 30th day of March, 1920, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, then and there to show cause, if any exist, why an order should not be made and entered in said Court and cause, authorizing and directing Perry Mellinger administrator of said estate, to sell the whole of the real estate of said deceased, at either private or public sale, as said administrator shall judge to be most beneficial for the estate, said real property being described as follows, to-wit:

The west half of the Northwest quarter of Section 35, Township 5 N., R. 5 West of the Williamette Meridian, in Columbia County, State of Oregon, excepting 50 acres and a right-of-way conveyed to the DuBois Lumber Co. by deed dated Feby. 18th, 1911, which deed is recorded in Book 14 of the Deed Records of Columbia County Oregon, at page 440, to which Deed record reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said excepted 50 acres and right-of-way.

Witness the Hon. Martin White, Judge of the County Sourt of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, this 16th day of Feby., A. D. 1920.

Attest:
J. W. HUNT, Clerk.
10-14-5t.

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