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THEN AND NOW

In its Order 499, May 2, 1919, the Oregon Public Service commission, when authorizing the acquisition of the Home Telephone and Telegraph company by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, said, "the acquisition of the automatic system by the Bell interests will, in our opinion result in improved and more efficient service and by the removal of duplication, save to the telephone users of the four cities named not less than \$200,000 annually and it is anticipated that the equipment purchased will take care of the greater part of the new business expected for the next three years." Our readers will recall that a short time ago the Public Service commission granted a raise of 30 per cent in phone rates so that the company could extend and improve its service. At this time it is hard to see where the \$200,000 saving came in. One thing sure, it doesn't seem that it went to the phone user. The commission forgot its statement of May, 1919.

CLEAN-UP DAY

Tomorrow is Clean-Up Day and every citizen of St. Helens who takes a pride in his home town should cooperate in every possible way with the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce Clean-Up Committee. These men are giving their time and energy gratis and for the benefit of the city. And after Sunday is passed and we have disposed of the trash, accumulation of tin cans, etc., let us continue the work of cleaning up. Lawns will be made more attractive in appearance by the use of the lawn mower and the residence will look better with a coat of paint to brighten it up. Some of the sidewalks will look better and be safer for pedestrians if loose boards are nailed down and rotten planks replaced with sound lumber. A brush hook or scythe will accomplish much towards cutting down the grass and weeds which grow alongside many of the sidewalks. There are hundreds of little things to be done which require little labor or expense and will add greatly to the appearance of the city.

FROM WEEK TO WEEK

First thing we know the year will be run out of weeks. We have weeks that are set aside for this and that propaganda until we have hardly enough to go around. Saftoy first week is apt to lap over into better babies week. We have so many crusades on that old home week doesn't have much of a chance. We are to have another humane week beginning April 11, and a health promotion week to start on April 17. We are to be kind to dumb animals the week before we be good to ourselves. There is no serious objection to that, but why not take the impulse of a week and spread it over the year? Why not be gracious to the brutes for a year instead of a day or a week? Have the habit. Let this be golden-rule year instead of don't-beat-your-wife week.—Los Angeles Times.

GEN. WOOD ON IMMIGRATION

Discussing immigration at San Francisco Wednesday, Major General Wood stamped the question into a short sentence when he said, "The American cement now has about all the sand it will stand." General Wood cordially approved the California determination to limit immigration to types which can be assimilated. "In the east," he said, "we have taken in an assortment of people which it will be difficult to assimilate."

Our outstanding business as Americans is to pass on the republic to our sons and daughters as strong, as righteous and as free as it came into our possession from our fathers and mothers. Nothing should be allowed to count against that, not rapid growth, nor easy moneymaking nor wealth nor luxury nor indulgence of any kind. Immigration is desirable only to the point where it makes the nation stronger. When it begins to weaken the American cement, the patriotic spirit and the national fiber, the bars should go up against it.—Exchange.

Be sure and attend the Chamber of Commerce dinner tonight and hear Colonel Holbrook tell of the great things the Farm Bureau is going to accomplish for Columbia county.

Count Bum de Bean says "Why will a woman leave her children with a semi-stranger to go and hear another stranger talk on 'How to Rear Children'?"

A suggestion to the St. Helens high baseball team: if you need more practice, challenge McCredie's baseball team.

The polite employe never is able to hold one job very long; he's always boosted to a better one soon.

If you're easily discouraged, you've no business trying to live.

PUBLIC FORUM

TAXPAYER OFFERS SUGGESTION

To the Editor of the Mist:
As one who is just getting back his breath after paying taxes, I am wondering how it was done and doing some speculating on prospects for future years. I see no relief in sight, but on the other hand an increase for the things we have to have, such as schools and roads. In the street improvements already proposed there are nineteen intersections and nine lots which the city will have to pay for, leaving about 1700 feet to be paid for out of the general fund. These and other streets must be improved and it behooves every one of us to assist in getting it done in the most economical manner.

When Hemlock street was improved the contractors offered to grade it for \$4000. The council set Mr. Despain at it on force account and it was graded and rocked for \$1800. The street work done in the past few years has cost all that the adjoining lots are worth.

In the matter of our schools, it is plainly evident that we must have added school room. And there is no use in waiting for a consolidated high school because outside districts will not vote more debt upon themselves. Those who have the votes also have to pay the taxes, and they feel that they have enough already. We have been unfortunate in getting value received for what has already been built. First repairs cost \$20,000 and all that we got for that money was two school rooms and the auditorium. The present building was to be completed for \$35,000, but the figures at the finish were \$47,000 and no explanation was ever given for the increased cost.

There is no use in saying THEY did it. The fact is that WE did it. Those who did not go to school meetings are just as guilty as those who do go. As a means of getting out of our present difficulty of inadequate school room, I suggest that as many rooms as are needed be constructed on the grounds belonging to the district (individual houses), and as these are eliminated in the future by other arrangements they can be sold at about cost. Portland is using a great many such buildings and finds them very convenient.

It behooves the taxpayers to look after their own business and not allow petty politics to dominate the meetings as has been done in many cases in the past. The taxpayer has to foot the bills and the bonds we are voting have to be paid sooner or later.

A POOR TAXPAYER.

CHINA-NEAR EAST RELIEF FUND REPORT

Supt. Wilkerson, county chairman of the China-Near East Relief drive, reports a total collection of \$849.16 from cash donations and sale of stamps throughout the county. The sale of stamps by the different schools in the county amounted to \$291.86, while cash contributions from the county districts totaled \$647.24. No reports, however, are in from Scappoose Rainier and Clatskanie, which Supt. Wilkerson estimates will bring the county total up to \$1500.

The following is from the sale of stamps by the schools, with the district and teacher:

- Mrs. Mollie Wilson, Canaan, \$6.00;
- Miss Mary Burns, Kerry, \$6.00;
- Mrs. Bird B. Clarke, Birkenfeld, \$18.00;
- Miss Florence Larson, Bachelor Flat, \$6.00;
- Mrs. Mary Colvin Happy Hollow, \$6.00;
- Frank Pimm, Yankton, \$1.41;
- J. W. Thompson, Alder Grove, \$3.00;
- Miss Anna Gallup, Mayger, \$7.30;
- Miss Sue M. Hicks, Columbia Heights, \$2.40;
- Miss Mabel Ballinger, Trenholm, \$10.80;
- Mrs. Elsie Dew, St. Helens, \$10.00;
- Miss Madge Allen, St. Helens, \$8.58;
- Miss Clara Ketel, St. Helens, \$7.15;
- C. E. Lake, St. Helens, \$4.13;
- Miss Florence Melis, Burn, \$4.65;
- Miss Ruth Brooks, Seaside, \$2.00;
- G. W. Brown, Vernonia, \$16.61;
- A. B. Haverly, Quincy, \$6.54;
- Miss Beth Perry, Fern Hill, \$6.00;
- Miss Carrie Anderson, Cedar Grove, \$2.50;
- Mrs. Jessie Gatens, Tideland School Dist. 5, \$3.00.

The following are the amounts donated from the districts named to-

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FOR up to the minute Auto Repairing, come to our shop—

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gether with the chairmen in charge: Judge Martin White, St. Helens, \$532.19; C. J. Sacarinsen, Quincy, \$49.15; Mrs. Addie McAdams, Downing, \$50; Mrs. J. M. Burkhead, Bachelor Flat, \$4.00; Mrs. Frances Davies Happy Hollow, \$3.25; B. A. Eldred, Deep Creek, \$3.50; Miss Sue M. Hicks, Columbia Heights, \$2.50; R. P. Graham, Prescott, \$5.00; G. W. Brown, Vernonia, \$23.25; Mrs. E. E. Malabar, Goble, \$7.00; Miss Eleanor Larson, Warren, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shatto, contributed, \$3.00; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Duffy, contributed, \$1.00.

Do some Dirty Work on Saturday, April 23, Clean-Up Day.

CALL FOR WARRANTS

There is money on hand to pay all warrants issued by School Dist. No. 3, Deer Island, Oregon. Interest on same will cease on date of publication, April 22, 1921.

JANE ARMSTRONG,
Clerk Dist. No. 3.

Use plenty of soft paper to clean frying pans while they are still hot. The paper absorbs every particle of grease. It may subsequently be used for lighting the fire. To finish cleaning the pans sift any soap powder into them; rub it about with the sink brush and turn on hot water from the spigot.

Fruits and Vegetables

supply organic salts, phosphates and other food elements essential to one's health and well-being, and furnish economical nutrition.

BUY FRUIT AND VEGETABLES FROM US

and be assured of the best on the market in both fresh and canned goods. Our line of staple and fancy groceries is superior to many retail stocks.

Larsen & Co., Grocers

"THE HOME OF THE MARKET BASKET"
PHONE 27



The lesson all the mercantile business houses and trades are trying to teach this week is one of THRIFT.

In other words, that the way to thrift is in the saving of that which is already yours—maybe by an added investment to offset natural depreciation.

Now our CLEAN-UP, PAINT-UP and FIX-UP story is short. That one word, THRIFT, tells it.

"TAKE CARE OF THAT WHICH IS YOURS"—and that applies likewise to your earnings—to your income—however it may come.

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Get Down To Plain Figures

CHECK up the nationally known mechanical units of the Chevrolet cars. Compare them, one by one, with those of other cars selling at higher prices.

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