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HEARTACHES SIGNAL US.

There is a signal danger for every community in the recent attempted robbery of the bank at Halsey, as a sequel of which one lad was killed and two others injured, with the injured lads and the fourth lad, uninjured, well on the way to a penitentiary sentence.

Too few will heed this warning. They will be thankful, if parents, that their lads are not such as these. If boys, they will be thankful that they have gotten into no such escapade.

But there are many lads who know that they have fallen only a little short of getting into some such escapade and there are many parents in every city who know not how close their boys may have been, or how close they are getting, to getting into some such escapade.

It is not very long ago that The Sentinel was called upon to publish as news the escapades of some of the young lads of this city similar to the above.

This week we learn that a lad threw a stone at a train and an injured engineer was the result. We do not presume for a moment that the lad intended any harm, but the stone might have put out an eye. It might even have hit the temple and have inflicted death. And there must have been lack of responsibility or the lad would have realized that he should not have even carelessly hurled the stone at someone else's property.

We learn also that lads are stealing torpedoes, placing them on the railroad tracks and are having lots of fun watching the trains as the crews search for the cause of the signal. The expense to the railroad in stopping its trains and parking the crews for the time they must waste is considerable, not to mention the aggravation to the train crews.

These are little things compared to bank robbery and resultant death, but they are the little things that lead that way and it is a pretty safe bet that 99 per cent of the parents of boys who are doing these little mischievous acts would stoutly maintain that no child of theirs would do anything of the kind, so there is just as much danger in the blind confidence of parents as there is in the irresponsibility of their youngsters.

It is remarkable how many lads who seem worthless, good for nothing youngsters make fine citizens in later life. The recovery is often remarkable, but that should not allow us to take no heed of the warning in the incident we have referred to. The remorse of the three lads who yet live after their escapade and the sorrow and humiliation of the parents may well be a lesson to save others from the same predicament.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

To a certain extent the same conditions exist in St. Helens and West St. Helens. There have been numerous petty violations of the laws of the state and the ordinances of the city. Mayor Ballagh and the council realize this for the mayor asked that an ordinance be drawn so that a record could be kept on articles purchased from minors. The mayor is of the opinion that too many idle boys congregate on the streets and he believes the truth of the old saying: "an idle brain is the devil's workshop."

The parents of St. Helens have a responsibility, one which cannot be shirked. If they realize the responsibility and appreciate it, possibly there will be fewer heartaches and the thoughtless boy or girl of today will be the respected citizen of tomorrow.

RAILROADS VS. AUTO BUSES.

As a matter of good business, we believe in patronizing the railroad company in preference to the auto buses. The railroad company pays about one-tenth of the entire road tax in this county, employs a number of men and is a permanent institution. The railroad company pays its proportion, and it is a considerable proportion, towards maintaining our school and its proportion of the county expense. The Oregon Voter in a statement of taxes paid by the railroads in the counties of Oregon states that of the \$797,399 tax levy in Columbia county, the S. P. & S. pays \$78,212 or 9.8 per cent of the entire tax. The auto buses pay a small sum into the state treasury as license fees and a comparatively small tax (in Multnomah county) on their bus line property. They use the roads which the railroad was forced to help build and which, in most instances, parallel the railroad. The auto bus and auto truck used for the roads to be built and then jumped into competitive business with those who built the roads. The buses or trucks paid nothing for the roads; all they were required to do was to furnish the rolling stock, and use the road built at the expense of others.

Both the auto bus and the auto truck are in an experimental stage of operation and as a general rule neither has proven to be a satisfactory all year round service, but we expect the railroads to give such service each and every day in the year and we likewise expect them to

pay their proportion of every tax. This we do not expect or demand of the auto bus. We are not reasonable.

You are either drifting down stream with the tide and the dead ones, or you are pulling for all you are worth against the current of events. You cannot anchor, for life is one continuous voyage. You are either reading, studying, working, or you are fooling away your most valuable asset—time. If you are trying to improve yourself you are going ahead. If your brain is full of nonsense you are drifting down the stream, bet your boots.—The Silent Partner.

A glance at the statements of the St. Helens and Scappoose banks shows the healthy financial condition of these institutions and the statements likewise reflect the prosperity of this portion of Columbia county.

Women never will be able to understand why two lawyers in a court room will become so violent as to start throwing ink bottles and then walk out of the room arm-in-arm.

The numerous residences now under construction in St. Helens are positive evidence of the faith of the people in the future of the town.

"Easy money" is the kind that everybody else gets but you.

A pleasing personality covers a multitude of sins.

Making money is a talent; saving it is an art.

DEATH LOSS IN TWO GREAT WARS.

In discussing legislation for disabled soldiers who fought in the world war, Congressman Sweet, of Iowa, presented official statistics on the civil war and the one that has just ended. In the civil war there were 2,772,408 Union troops engaged, and in the world war there were 4,800,000 soldiers, sailors, and marines engaged. Of the latter, 2,086,000 went overseas and 1,390,000 fought in France.

There were 115,000 deaths in the world war, divided as follows: Battle deaths, 50,000; wounded overseas, 206,000; died from disease, 57,500.

There were 349,944 deaths among the Union troops in the civil war, divided as follows: Killed in battle, 67,058; died of wounds, 43,012; died of disease, 199,720; died from other causes—accidents in prison, etc.—40,154.

Congressman Sweet showed that the total amount of pensions paid by the government from 1790 to 1919, inclusive, and not including pensions paid to world war veterans, is \$5,617,483,127.11. This does not include cost of administering the pension system, which totaled \$135,598,717.69 during the period 1866-1919.

ORDINANCE NO. 269. AN ORDINANCE requiring and directing the City of St. Helens, Oregon, to purchase all of the tide lands lying east of and in front of Blocks 1, 2 and 3, and Lots 12

to 21 inclusive, of Block 11, in the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, for the sum of \$900.00, and directing the Recorder of said City to draw a warrant on the General Fund of said City in payment thereof.

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, deems it advisable to secure to said City all the tidelands possible lying immediately in front and easterly of said City in the Columbia River;

AND WHEREAS, the City of St. Helens now has the opportunity of obtaining an assignment of the Sheriff's Certificate of Sale issued upon a mortgage foreclosure upon said tide lands in the case of F. M. Miles vs. Oregon Wood Company et al., the sale of which was confirmed December 20, 1920.

AND WHEREAS, many of the largest taxpayers of said City have sanctioned such a purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City of St. Helens, Oregon, by and through its Common Council, is hereby directed, ordered and required to take, purchase and acquire an assignment of said Certificate of Sale, or so much thereof as appertains to all the tide lands lying east of and in front of Blocks 1, 2 and 3, and Lots 12 to 21 inclusive of Block 11, in the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, for the sum of \$900.00.

Section 2. That the Recorder of said City be, and he hereby is directed and ordered to draw his warrant on the general fund of said City in payment of said purchase.

Read the first time June 27, 1921.

Read the second time June 27, 1921.

Read the third time and passed July 11, 1921.

Approved by the Mayor: EDISON I. BALLAGH, Mayor.

Attest: J. B. GODFREY, Recorder.

Astoria—Good oil indications cause casing of well; drillers in hope of flow beneath rock.

Make Camp Grounds Sanitary.

Sanitation of camping grounds is a problem now being considered by the people of Oregon. With the opening of many new highways has come the problem of accommodating the scores of campers and tourists who wish to spend their vacations out of doors.

Many cities have made attractive camping grounds, but aside from this the responsibility is left to the individual.

Carelessness in camp sanitation is the cause of most of the typhoid epidemics. The old saying, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," proves its worth in a case like this. Care in the selection of food and water supply and in disposing of garbage and sewage is the best safeguard.

Pure water is often difficult to find so it is usually best to treat all drinking water, suggest specialists at the agricultural college. Boiling is a safe and sure method. Chlorine tablets, which can be bought at any drug store will kill most germs.

When the City of Happiness is placed on the map it will be found in the State of Mind.

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Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR. FORD PLANT BUILDS 108,962 IN JUNE. Demand Exceeds Output as Ford Breaks All Previous Records. During the month of June, the Ford Motor company, through its Detroit factories and 22 assembly plants throughout the country reached the production of 108,962 Ford cars and trucks, setting up a new high record for one month. Production of Ford cars and trucks has been steadily increasing since early spring, and shows substantial gains over the same period last year. The second quarter of 1921, viz., April, May and June, shows an output of 301,796 Ford cars and trucks against 220,878 for the same three months of last year, or a net increase of 80,918. Despite the fact, however, that the Ford plants have been running at maximum capacity, the demand for Ford cars and trucks is not being met, and at the present time, many thousand unfilled orders have been piled up ahead so that Ford sales are still limited by manufacturing facilities rather than marketing possibilities. Particularly is this true with respect to enclosed cars, for which the demand has been unusually heavy. One reason cited by Ford officials for the unprecedented demand for Ford cars is the present tendency toward economy. Many of those whose names have been added to the long list of buyers might well have afforded larger and more costly cars than the Ford, but it is the belief that most prospective motor car buyers are investigating all of the costs incident to motoring much more carefully than at any period during the past five years. The estimated output of the Ford factories for July calls for 100,000 cars and trucks, or a production of 4300 a day for 25 days. Since the assembling of cars is being handled during an eight hour work day only, the hourly output will be 545 cars. In other words, one Ford car or truck leaves the assembly line every 6 1/2 seconds. Fieldhouse Motor Co. St. Helens, Oregon. "EVERY DAY A FINE DAY IN A FORD SEDAN"

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