

THE ST. HELENS MIST

Issued Every Friday by
THE MIST PUBLISHING COMPANY

S. C. MORTON Managing Editor

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
One Year\$2.00
Six Months\$1.25

Entered as second-class matter,
January 10th, 1912, at the Postoffice
at St. Helens, Oregon, under the act
of March 3rd, 1879.

COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

Member National Editorial Association
and Oregon State Editorial
Association.

PRESENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS

In their Business Digest which is
sent out quarterly by the United
States National Bank of Portland,
the financial condition of Oregon is
reviewed at length. As a prelude
to interviews with numerous bank-
ers and business men throughout the
state and under the heading, "Busi-
ness Conditions as the Appear to Us," they say:

"We are now paying prosperity's
debts. It was human nature to run
up bills during good times, and we
did it. Now we are paying our bills
under pressure. We borrowed fifty-
cent dollars, so to speak,—now we
are repaying them with eighty-five
cent dollars, and as prices continue
to come down, it will be necessary
to repay additional dollars obtained
in boom times, with dollars which
will be twice as hard to earn. Of
course it is hard, and the worst is
not over. Though prices have fallen
greatly, there is still further deflation
to be accomplished. We are
paying the penalty for violating eco-
nomic laws, and all are guilty from
the Federal Government down. Ex-
travagance, perhaps justifiable under
the necessity of winning the war,
was the order of the day. For sev-
eral years, figuratively speaking, we
were borrowing ourselves rich. Now
we suffer because we must pay back.

"But our people are looking facts
in the face. The country is not
broke—it is merely bent. Common
sense and hard work—honest work
—thrift and economy will pull us
out of the hole. It is time to take
off our coats, go to work, take our
medicine no matter how bitter, suf-
fer our losses and benefit from our
experience. There have been times
before when financial conditions
seemed almost hopeless, but always
common sense has prevailed, and
thus it will be again."

After reading the reports of the
bankers. The Mist believes that
there is no cause for alarm. The
reports indicate a slow but steady
improvement in the business situa-
tion is taking place month by month.
Fear of collapse has entirely van-
ished, and has given way to a feeling
of quiet confidence that our indus-
tries, taken as a whole, are gradually
bettering their condition.

The bank statements of the Colum-
bia County Bank, the First Na-
tional Bank of St. Helens and the
First National Bank of Scappoose
which were published in our last
issue is proof indisputable of the
substantial condition of this section,
and also the stability of our finan-
cial institutions, for a bank statement
is a reliable business barometer.

It is true that general business in
this locality has been somewhat
quiet, the strike of the marine men
being to a large extent responsible.
The prospects are that the strike
will soon be settled and lumber car-
riers available. The mill can then
ship their stocks and relieve the con-
gested conditions of the yards. The
outlook in this vicinity is bright for
an early resumption of normal busi-
ness and with the consequent sound
financial conditions.

THE DIKING PROJECT

By their almost unanimous vote
in favor of diking that portion of
Sauvies Island which is in Colum-
bia county, the property owners ex-
pressed their ideas as to the fur-
ther development of the county's
agricultural resources. Evidently,
they were not in the least discour-
aged because one weak spot in the
Woodland dike, gave way when the
June freshet came. They saw the
remedy for such weakness of the
dike and there will be no such weak
spot when the Sauvies Island dike is
built.

The building of the dike will re-
claim several thousands of acres of
fertile land which now is unpro-
ductive because of the uncertainty of
the stage of water in the Columbia
river at certain seasons. It is our
belief that the amount invested in
the dike will return to the property
owners large returns. We admire
them for their nerve and faith in the
future.

WELL KNOWN "FIRE
BUG" SENTENCED

Lorenzo E. Dole, of Florence, Ore-
gon, was sentenced to four months
in the Multnomah county jail by the
federal court in Portland on July 11,
for wilfully setting off fires in the
forest in 1920.

This case has attracted a great
deal of attention both on account of
the unusual conditions of the case
as well as the unusual character of
the defendant. On May 17, 1921, a
federal jury sitting at Portland,
brought in a verdict of guilty against
Dole for maliciously setting a fire
within the Siuslaw National forest
on May 16, 1920. According to
statements of forest officers, Dole
had long been suspected of setting
forest fires and efforts had been
made year after year to secure evi-
dence against him but without suc-
cess.

From the statement of witnesses,
Dole's method of work was original
and only an unusual combination of

circumstances brought about his con-
viction. It seems that by long prac-
tice he could flip a burning match
into brush along a road or trail, even
from horseback. Forest officers
say that he tried this once too often,
for on May 16, 1920, as brought out
in the evidence, one of the witnesses
was that day trying out a new tele-
scope by casually watching through
the glass occasional passers-by on a
road some few hundred yards dis-
tant, and happened to see Dole de-
liberately strike matches and flip
them while still burning into the
dry ferns and brush along the road-
side.

Dole is a professional land locator
having operated in the Siuslaw coun-
try for years, from headquarters
near Florence. His application for a
new trial was denied by Judge Wol-
verton and he will begin his sen-
tence on October 1, having been
granted a stay of execution until that
time to harvest his crops.

CATTLE CLUB WILL
PICNIC JULY 23RD

All calf club members of Colum-
bia county are expected by H. C.
Seymour, state club leader, to at-
tend the Jersey Cattle club picnic
at Sunny Brook farm Saturday, July
23, reports C. J. McIntosh, agri-
cultural editor of the state college
experiment station who was a visi-
tor at the Mist office last Saturday.
L. J. Allen will be present and give
some pointers on judging.

"Mr. Seymour said to tell the St.
Helens people that we are expecting
the usual good work of the county
club members this year," said Mr.
McIntosh. "We are also looking for
an excellent exhibit from Columbia
county at the state fair."

Some unusually good clubs in sew-
ing, garden and cooking are here,
Mr. Seymour reports.

Mr. McIntosh is looking over some
of the experiment station and ex-
tension work in various counties,
and makes a special point of calling
on the newspapers in the interests of
a generous use by them of country
news. He has just concluded an
unusual newspaper contest—perhaps
the first of its kind ever held in
the country—in which it was shown
that community prosperity as well
as newspaper prosperity quite gen-
erally go with a good rural service.
He called attention to the fact that
the St. Helens Mist has had general
recognition as a newspaper that does
a great deal to build up the rural
community industries and social life.

The station representative called on
T. J. Flippin, county agent, and
commended the work on projects

leading to a better utilization of
farming resources, such as co-op-
erative marketing, silo campaign
and tubercular testing just now be-
ing organized.

Speaking of the adequate market
and some 60 cent premium on the
Columbia county strawberries mar-
keted cooperatively by the grocers
in standard packs he said:

"This is the usual result to be ex-
pected. At Gresham the growers or-
ganized for cooperative marketing
and canning, and have opened a mar-
ket for all their raspberries and
loganberries even at a time when
unorganized growers are letting
their cans fruits rot on the vines.
The Gresham growers told me that
this would have been their ill for-
tune but for cooperative market-
ing."

As to tubercular testing of cows
the visitor mentioned an instance in
a neighboring county in which a
dairy herd supply a city trade was
shot so full of tuberculars that in-
spection showed 28 out of 36 dis-
eased. The entire herd was put out

of action, but the owner received
compensation. Had the testing been
done earlier the major part of the
herd might have been saved and the
industry continued.

A good word was also put in for
the silo as a saver of feeds and an
improver of milk yield. Where the
value of the silo has been tested
best it is most popular. Union coun-
ty began silo construction in a large
way first and still leads with 360
now in use. The more farmers
know about silos the better they like
them, Mr. McIntosh said.

Cannery managers, both home and
commercial, as well as growers of
canning produce, are cordially in-
vited to put their by-products prob-
lems before the horticultural prob-
lems department of their state col-
lege. They may call on or address
Ernest Weigand in charge, or take
the matter up through Mr. Flippin.

Eugene people underwrite \$20,-
000 McKenzie road bonds for Thurs-
ton-Wallerville road.

Get the Habit

Of trading at our store. You will
find us ready to meet your require-
ments and give you satisfactory ser-
vice and the best line of Groceries,
Fresh Fruits and vegetables. Tele-
phone us your orders.

J. L. WILLIAMS & SONS

Phone 34-W

West St. Helens

"Try Our Malted Milks"
—THE REXALL STORE—

Vacation Needs

Talcum Powder (Jontel)
25c and 50c
Cold Creams (all makes)
Tooth Paste (Lilly).....50c
Dermicidal Soap.....25c
Kodak Supplies
Stationery
(Symphony Lawn)
Sunsun Lotions

Take Home
a Quart of
Mutual Ice Cream

Brick Specials
for Sundays
and Holidays

Buy Your

Cigars and Cigarettes
From Us—We carry
a Complete Line of
Van Dycks, Owls,
Little Bobbies,
Chancellor (10c size)
and Others.

Our Prescription
Department is Always
at Your Service. A
registered Pharmacist
is in Charge
at All Times

PLAZA PHARMACY

Masonic Building
Columbia St. St. Helens, Ore.

...Business Growth...

is largely dependent upon the financial strength be-
hind the ability of executives.

This Institution constantly aims to advance com-
munity progress. It extends every legitimate as-
sistance to business interests in need of additional
working capital.

Our Officers cordially invite consultation.

SHERMAN M. MILES

J. E. HUTCHINSON

President

Cashier

Columbia County Bank

ST. HELENS

OREGON

IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

It'll Refresh You

A cool and refreshing Ice Cream
Soda or Sundae

WILL GIVE YOU MORE PEP TO FINISH THE
DAY'S WORK. ALL FRESH FRUIT FLAVORS
AND PUREST, RICHEST ICE CREAM.

RIVERSIDE CONFECTIONERY

BUY YOUR

Meats and Vegetables

—AT THE—

PEOPLE'S MARKET

Always Cold and Fresh We Buy only the Best.
We Appreciate Your Trade

VON A. GRAY

RELIABLE WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER

Will repair your watch, clock or jewelry
of any kind. Keeps always in stock an
exceptional line of watches, clocks, rings,
pins, pendants, and silverware.

St. Helens, Oregon. — — "Gifts That Last"

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 com-
pany, 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 un-
usually heavy.

One reason cited by Ford officials for the unpre-
cedented demand for Ford cars is the present ten-
dency 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 109,000 cars and trucks, or a production of
4360 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
6½ seconds.

Fieldhouse Motor Co.

St. Helens, Oregon

"EVERY DAY A FINE DAY IN A FORD SEDAN"