

CAMPAIGN STARTED TO BOOST BUILDING

Local Firms Join National Housing Movement; Intensive Construction Planned Under Slogan "Build with the Birds."

A lively activity this spring in building in St. Helens is indicated by the interest which is being taken locally in a movement for more and better homes, sponsored by a number of local business men. For several years building has been below normal, but the low price to which most building material has dropped and the abundance of labor available for construction purposes makes it probable that with the added stimulus of this "Build with the Birds" campaign, which is now being started, there will be a building boom such as this community has not experienced for years.

"It is really to the interest of the entire community," explains L. R. Rutherford of the Rutherford Realty company, one of the active promoters of this movement, "that as many new houses be built this spring as are needed and that they be as attractive and well designed as it is possible to make them. There is nothing which marks a city as a desirable place to live and rear a family as to be known as a city of attractive homes."

"A healthy revival of building at this time would aid materially to the prosperity of almost every line of business in St. Helens. Whenever people begin to build homes they immediately begin to need all the other things that go with it, and to make up the comforts of home life, and there is scarcely a commercial enterprise in the community that is not called into service."

"Our campaign here in St. Helens is simply a part of a very general movement all over the country to promote building with a view to relieving the house shortage, which has seriously affected living conditions in many localities. Many people who have been expecting to build and were financially able to do so have been holding off until prices of material and labor became more reasonable. Men who are familiar with conditions believe that most of the adjustments have been completed and that prices have reached a stage where there can be no object in longer delay."

"The local dealers in building and home furnishing materials are lending their hearty support to this campaign and will be glad to assist with suggestions or advice with anyone who is considering building this spring. We have taken 'Build with the Birds' as the slogan and are urging that wherever possible people make their plans early for their building or repairing this spring."

BONUS FAR-SIGHTED BUSINESS MOVE

(From Astoria Budget.)
"The soldier bonus was the most far-sighted business move ever taken by the people of Oregon. After having inquired into the matter among the ex-service men and businessmen of half a dozen Willamette valley towns, as well as at home, I am fully convinced of the fact," declared Rev. William S. Gilbert, Rev. Gilbert was commander of the American Legion in Oregon when the bonus bill it sponsored was approved.
"In a time of business depression Oregon is relieving the stringency by putting into circulation \$30,000,000, most of which will ultimately be paid back into the state, with interest. In this time of shortage, Oregon is helping those who are feeling the stringency most, those men who, by virtue of their service during the war, were unable to pay by any reserve out of the period of high wages."

"I have gone into the matter carefully during a series of visits I have been paying to cities all over the state while lecturing to the various units of the national guard. Everywhere the men themselves and business men and bankers declare that the fact of the Oregon bonus is a blessing. The state has already paid out more than \$1,000,000 to ex-service men in the cash bonus. This has been paid in sums averaging about \$250. In all the cities where I have been, I have only heard of one case where a veteran used his bonus money in what might be called an extravagant way. That man took a portion of his bonus for a trip east to visit his mother, whom he had not seen for more than 20 years," the chaplain went on.

"In almost every case, the men are using the money they receive from the state to pay off debts, many of which they incurred upon their return from service. Several million dollars placed in circulation in this way appears to be the best sort of business at this time."

"I have utterly failed to learn of any case in which the bonus money was squandered on a spree or used in a spendthrift way, as was predicted by those who opposed any compensation for the ex-service men which would place cash in their hands without the necessity of repayment."

"It is true that slightly more than half of the men have found themselves unable to take advantage of the loan feature of the Oregon bonus. This is due to their inability to muster the necessary real estate required to secure the loan. Property valued at \$1,000 is required before any portion of the loan can be granted. However, thousands of the men are taking the loan, with the result that Oregon will certainly see a remarkable boom in building before long," said Rev. Gilbert.

Too Shy to Wed.

As a young couple were getting married by a justice in Chicago the bridegroom got so nervous that he blurted out, "I can't go on." The couple left, but returned two hours later and the knot was tied.

Charter No. 18		Reserve District No. 12	
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF			
THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BANK			
at St. Helens, in the State of Oregon, at close of business March 10, 1922			
RESOURCES			
1.	Loans and discounts, including rediscounts shown in items 29 and 30, if any	\$241,431.20	
2.	Overdrafts secured and unsecured	180.49	
3.	U. S. government securities owned, including those shown in items 30 and 35, if any,	65,650.00	
4.	Other bonds, warrants and securities, including foreign government, state, municipal, corporation, etc., including those shown in items 30 and 35, if any.....	118,596.63	
5.	Stocks, securities, claims, liens, judgments, etc.	447.97	
6.	Banking house, \$21,066.65; furniture and fixtures, \$10,471.63	31,538.28	
7.	Real estate owned other than banking house	14,371.22	
9.	(ab) Cash on hand in vault and due from banks, bankers and trust companies designated and approved reserve agents of this bank	80,475.97	
10.	Exchanges for clearing house and items on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	1,850.45	
	Total cash and due from banks, items 8, 9, 10 and 11	\$82,326.42	
TOTAL		\$554,542.21	

LIABILITIES			
16. Capital stock paid in	.....	\$ 50,000.00	
17. Surplus fund	.....	10,000.00	
18. (a) Undivided profits	.....	\$1,930.26	
(b) Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	.....	\$3,166.90	923.35
Demand Deposits, other than checks, subject to reserve:			
23. Individual deposits subject to check, including deposits due the State of Oregon, county, cities or other public funds	.....	252,494.29	
24. Demand certificates of deposit outstanding	.....	577.05	
25. Cashier's checks of this bank outstanding payable on demand	.....	559.21	
26. Certified checks outstanding	.....	11.50	
Total of demand deposits, other than bank deposits, subject to reserve, items 23, 24, 25, 26	.....	\$258,642.05	
Time and Savings Deposits, subject to reserve and payable on demand or subject to notice:			
27. Time certificates of deposit outstanding	.....	27,709.00	
28. Savings deposits, payable subject to notice	.....	212,262.45	
Total of time and savings deposits payable on demand or subject to notice, items 27 and 28	.....	\$239,971.45	
30. Liabilities other than above, if any: Premium on bonds	.....	5.36	
TOTAL	.....	\$554,542.21	

STATE OF OREGON, County of Columbia, ss.
I, J. E. Hutchinson, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. E. HUTCHINSON, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: Sherman M. Miles, J. W. Day, Martin White, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March, 1922.
IRENE N. DAY, Notary Public.
My commission expires December 19, 1924.

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St. Helens, Oregon Phone 128-J

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

To bury your future, kill time.
Many a woman who can't sing does.

Also, you can't teach some new dogs old tricks.

A woman is never as beautiful as she is painted.

Eggs dropped, and the speculators went broke, glory be.

Chicago is slowing down, averaging only three murders a week last year.

Spring is on the way. The seed catalogues are beginning to show up.

If the moon do lunge at the earth, what an income tax they will have to pay!

Perhaps it is said to be in great demand in Russia. Soap might be cheaper.

Sometimes a man will quit a job cold simply because he gets hot under the collar.

Must women change their minds; some men don't change what they haven't got.

Sometimes a fellow breaks the engagement, and then again the engagement breaks him.

No, that fellow Whatchisname, head of the I. W. W., who fled to Russia, never did come back.

How's Your Car?

Going right along, of course—but even so perhaps needs going over and put in shape. We are experts in auto repairing and if you are having car trouble, let us take the worry off your mind by putting your car in first-class condition.

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DOG OWNERS HASTEN TO GET LICENSES

Evidently the statement of Sheriff Wellington that he was going after those dog owners who had neglected to obtain licenses for their canines, had the desired effect, for the dog license register shows that 100 licenses have been issued during the past two weeks. Of the four hundred licenses 49 have been issued for females. The sheriff has been so busy with other affairs that he had not yet undertaken his threatened campaign, but during his travels over the county he is keeping a mental tab on the unlicensed dogs and is of the opinion that many dog owners have not yet complied with the state law relative to obtaining the license.

The newest chess prodigy is named Rzeschewski. No, we don't know how to pronounce it.

'Molly O'

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