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The Present Important Local Question.

There are three things from which there is no escape in this life—taxes, experience and death. Taxes must be paid, even if it takes the last cow and pig. In the event that the county seat shall be moved at this time, the taxpayers of Columbia county will go through an experience, in comparison of which the financial panic of the early '90s will be a tame affair. It has been only a short period since the county indebtedness was paid off through careful financial management. The removal of the county seat at the present inopportune time, means that high taxation and a heavy county indebtedness will squeeze the red corpuscles of life blood out of the farmers and other taxpayers. This means a condition that can only be relieved by death—after the taxpayer has plodded wearily and incessantly for years with stooped form, and left his family as a heritage a big interest-bearing mortgage and a lot of old patchwork clothes.

There will be no deduction for household goods from the assessment roll next year. The last legislature passed a law requiring county courts to levy a tax each year for school purposes that shall aggregate $6 per capita for all children of school age. This means $6,000 more taxes to raise from that source alone. A liberal legislature made appropriations aggregating considerably over a half-million dollars more than two years ago, which at the lowest estimate will increase this county's state tax to about $12,000, meaning an increase in school and state taxes of $10,000. Following is an extract from a letter published in the Mist recently, written by Max Berg, a well known resident of Warren:

"Kind citizen take your last tax receipt, add to it 10 per cent. thereof; multiply this amount by two and it will give you the amount of taxes you will be called upon to pay in 1904—in other words, if you paid $100 taxes for 1902, then next year you will pay ($100 plus 10) multiplied by 2, or the sum of $220; and if the county seat is removed a kind Providence and the county commissioners only, can tell what you will be required to pay."

It will be observed that Mr. Berg did mention that there would be no deduction for household goods next year. The new law provides that the 1903 tax shall be paid in April, 1904, and the 1904 tax in the following November of the same year. There, also, will be the cost of the special elections, and the experience of other counties has demonstrated that it is very expensive to remove county records and build new court houses and jails.

People don't usually donate their labor and material to the county for a song. In the event that a relocation is voted, it will cost a whole lot of money to build a new court house and a jail, and besides it will cost, at least, $40 per month for a janitor to take care of the new buildings and grounds. And the taxpayers will foot the bills and expense.

Rainier is circulating cards requesting voters to cast their ballots for that place and save the expense of a second special election. The enabling act could have been voted on without the expense of two special elections, had not two Rainier citizens drew up the bill in that way.

Remember that the county court made extensive improvements to the old court house last fall, and it will answer all purposes for a number of years yet.

If the county seat is moved, it will cost more to transport prisoners to the state penitentiary, reform school and insane asylum.

J. G. Watt's letter is republished this week. Mr. Watts has been repeatedly elected to positions of honor and trust in this county, and he materially assisted in getting Columbia county relieved of a heavy burden of indebtedness. Also, read the letters of K. Sessoman, W. H. Dolman and that of Dr. Caples, the oldest settler.

Every individual has the inalienable right to vote for his choice of county seat location. The majority of the citizens of every contesting place will respect men for their honestly expressed opinions, when this county seat fight is over.

K. H. G.

There will be services in the Christ Episcopal Church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned administrator of the estate of William D. Connell, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, his final account and report in said estate, and that the Hon. J. B. Doan, Judge of said Court has appointed Monday, [illegible] 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, for the hearing of said final account, and all objections thereto, and the final settlement thereof. [illegible]

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SOME REASONS WHY THE COUNTY SEAT SHOULD NOT BE MOVED AT THIS TIME.

1st. The expenses it will cost for two elections.

2nd. The unjust provisions in the bill.

3rd. We need roads more than a court house at this time.

4th. The risk of losing or destroying the records by removing the same into unsuitable quarters.

5th. The expense it would cost to procure stone for a court house at Rainier.

6th. Because we hear so much about the donation of a site at Rainier, but have heard of no writings to that effect.

7th. Because there are fair roads to the county seat at present, and they could not get to Rainier by road, only by spending fabulous wealth and bankrupting the county.

8th. This is not the time to incur so much expense, when we can at any future time, vote on relocation of county seat under the general law without extra expense to the taxpayers.

9th. It might be advisable in the future, to relocate the county seat at some other place than the three now in the race.

10th. Last, but not least, St. Helens does not have to donate a site—they already have one with a court house, as well.

Special Round Trip Excursion Rates for Fourth of July Via A. & C. R. R.

On July 3rd and 4th, the A. & C. R. R. will sell round trip excursion tickets between all points at ONE fare for the round trip, good returning July 6th.

THE ENABLING OR COUNTY SEAT REMOVAL ACT.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS.

Below will be found the act providing for the re-location of the county seat of Columbia county. We trust that every reader of this paper will carefully examine the various provisions of act, in order to properly understand its terms.

Attention is called to section 4. which provides that the place chosen shall be the permanent county seat within four months after the election.

Special attention is called to section 5 of the act, which makes it obligatory upon the county court to provide for county buildings and for the removal of the records and other property belonging to the county to the town chosen. This portion of the act appeals with special emphasis to the taxpayers, who would have to pay the enormous expense of building a new court house within the time limited for removal, or if the same cannot be completed within such time, the added expense of leasing buildings, transferring records and other property belonging to the county, and providing a temporary vault for the safe-keeping of the valuable records, books, papers and other property of the county. This latter expense alone would doubtless cost the county several thousand dollars. Of course, it will be observed under the provisions of the act, none of these items of expense will be necessary, if St. Helens receives a majority of the votes cast, as in that case no removal is necessary. In other words, if the majority of the voters say by their ballots that they do not desire a removal of the county seat from St. Helens, then no removal will be made, and consequently none of the provisions of this act will then apply relative to building a new court house, removal of records, leasing of temporary buildings, erection of temporary vaults and other necessary costs in case of removal.

The matter, then, resolves itself into this question, and each voter must decide it for himself: Is it preferable to and for the interests of Columbia county at this time to have the county seat to remain at St. Helens, and save the burdensome expense, or to remove the same to some other place with the necessary and immediate costs of removal, rents, leases, temporary vault and places of security, new buildings, etc.

THE BILL.

Section 1. A special election shall be held in Columbia county, in this state, on the first Monday in July, 1903, said election to be conducted under the general election laws, as general elections for state and county officers are conducted. At said special election the electors of Columbia county shall vote for a permanent location for county seat of Columbia county.

Sec. 2. There shall be placed upon the official ballots prepared for the electors of Columbia county at said special election the words, "For county seat of Columbia County," "Vote for one," and below these words there shall be placed in alphabetical order, and numbered consecutively, the names of all places or towns put in nomination. There shall also be left one blank space after the last name in which the voter may write the name of any other town or place not on said ticket that he may desire to vote for. Nominations for county seat shall be made by petition of 50 or more electors, and no elector's name shall appear on more than one petition, and said petitions shall be prepared and filed with the county clerk in the same manner as certificates of nomination made by individual electors under the Australian ballot law are prepared and filed. Electors shall prepare, mark, and cast their ballots as prescribed by the Australian ballot law, and that town or place shall be the county seat of Columbia county, which shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at the said election.

Sec. 3. In case no town or place shall receive a majority of votes cast as provided in sec. 2 of this act, a second special election shall be held on the first Monday in August, 1903, to be conducted as said first special election was conducted, and at said second special election the two towns or places receiving the largest and next to the largest number of number of votes at said first special election shall be placed upon the ballots prepared for the electors of Columbia county for said second special election, and the electors of said county shall vote upon said two towns or places for county seat in the same manner as at said first election, and that town or place receiving the greatest number of votes shall become the permanent county seat of Columbia county; Provided, that if two towns or places shall receive the largest and equal number of votes at said first election, the names of those two towns or places shall be placed upon the ballot to be voted at the said second election as herein provided: And provided further, that if one town or place receive the largest and two towns or places receive the next largest and an equal number of votes at said first special election, the names of those three towns or places shall be placed upon the ballot to be voted at said election.

Sec. 4. In case a choice is made at the said first election, the town or place upon which the choice has fallen shall be the permanent county seat from and after the first day of November, 1903. In case the choice is not made until the second election, the town or place chosen shall be the permanent county seat of Columbia county from and after the first day of December, 1903.

Sec. 5. The county court of Columbia county shall make all necessary provisions for county buildings, either by lease, erection, or otherwise, and for the removal of all records, books, papers, and property deemed advisable by said county county court to remove of said Columbia county to such town or place as may be selected as the permanent county seat of Columbia county under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. Owing to the urgent necessity of providing better accommodations for county offices and greater security for public records, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall be in full force and effect from its approval by the Governor.

DEER ISLAND.

Mrs. Lillie Clark, Master Everet Clark and Jonathan Edwards, were Portland visitors this week.

David Davis, of Portland, and Dr. Ross of St. Helens, were Deer Island visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Beatrice Merrill and daughters, Stacy and Iona, of Portland, are visiting with their Deer Island friends the last week and until after the 4th.

Miss Birdie Boyd, of Chehalis, is visiting with her cousin, Mrs. Emma Smith.

Divine services are being held at the school house this week, by ministers of the church of God.

The Deer Island school ground is to support a new wire fence, which is being erected by Charles Emerson and George Merrill.

James Galttens and wife made a flying visit to St. Helen, Tuesday evening.

Judson Trueman, of Carrollton Wash., is visiting with Mr. Malcolm, this week and until after the 4th.

Messrs. Holton and Quick, of St. Helen were Deer Island visitors, Monday and Tuesday.

A cougar or some other wild animal visited Albert Adams, Friday and Saturday mornings, and relieved him of several of his lambs and kids.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mott spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gore.

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Mr. Dolman's Letter.

Editor Mist: If not out of order, I beg space for a communication on the county seat removal question.

I am probably just as selfish as those who are striving for the relocation of the county seat, and no more so.

St. Helens was the county seat when I purchased a home and a business therein, 10 or a dozen years ago. It was then a vested right and had a present value.

Are we any more selfish in trying to retain these vested rights than are the people of other towns, who are making every effort to take these vested privileges from us and appropriate them to themselves. All the special pleadings that Columbia county is "blue molding" for want of a new court house, is the merest bosh.

The time will come, when a good deal, perhaps too much, of the revenues of the county will be put into county buildings. Except for increased size and safety for the fire proof vaults for the records, the time, I hope, for new and expensive county buildings will be put off until we do have good roads from the center to the circumference of the county.

Rainier intimates that "Red Fir" must have been drunk, or was a [illegible] when he sent his letter to The Mist. It may have been so—[illegible] men and fools sometimes tell the truth. That "Red Fir" letter was the deadest give away, and the most truthful statement ever sent out by a Rainier man.

Mr. A. L. Clark, in The Mist letter last week pleads Rainier's case. To Rainier's "crow" is white—the other man's crow is black; always was black. Look at Rainier, the only true county seat [illegible] see me. "Upper Nehalem," how dare you attempt to have a say in this question. Besides that, Clark says they got up the removal act. They put it through. Stand back Scappoose—don't you you see that you are narrow-minded.

Narrow minded Nehalem and [illegible] Rainier, are chickens that may come home to roost on election day.

Rainier's two letters have done much to knock out their prospects, "Red Fir" stated too much that was true, and now Clark winds up by too many assertions.

In these:—

Rainier is not nearest to center of population—has not a "better grade" to the back country—"Most of the way does not run through a well settled country." You have no traveled to and through the back country, and if you make it now, it will traverse mostly through a wilderness just the same as other roads do through the back country.

The back country is mostly a dense, forest wilderness, and that is one of the best of reasons why this county seat relocation should be nipped in the bud, until that wilderness is reclaimed, and the grand old forest is marketed in the farthest parts of the Orient. We do not know "that a petition for relocation, signed by two-thirds of the voters of Columbia county, was presented to the legislature.

It is not true that none of the articles published in The Mist on the county seat question had names attached to them." The communications of Lindley Mecker, Max Berg, J. G. Watts and M. S. Hazen are in evidence.

One of these gentlemen, J. G. Watts, is threatened with dire oblivion by the Gazette, for rushing into print, favoring the town wherein he resided, and with ability served the county for four years. "When I do frown, Scappoose quakes," is the battle cry of the Rainier sheet. Communications not signed by the author, are bad and not worthy of consideration. If they are signed, then dire calamity will be buried back at the author. "Injuns on the lower road; and if we go the upper road, we will surely be scalped."

Mr. Watts "won't be allowed to do clerical work, if Rainier gets the county seat. The Gazette, however, is quite correct in the assertion that J. G. Watts will do clerical work in Rainier; neither will the other man.

Mine is a free lance, and it is not my object to defend men who are abundantly able to defend themselves.

While correcting some erroneous statements, I beg to say I accord to everyone the perfect right of favoring the place that suits them best, and touches their pocket least. I have not made; I do not make, nor do I intend to make slurs derogatory to the sprightly town or people of Rainier. I congratulate them on their present boom. All towns have a boom at some time of life. It is only natural that Rainier should make the most of this.

Threats of what Rainier will do to any of the good people of Columbia county, that do not favor their town for county seat, are not in good taste. Don't advise us not to throw "mud," and then try to "Heppner" St. Helens.

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WILLIAM H. DOLMAN.

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COUNTY SEAT PUZZLE---FIND THE NEW COURT HOUSE

(Slightly Altered) from Little Red Riding Hood.

LITTLE COLUMBIA—Oh! Grandmother Rainier; What a big mouth you've got for Taxes!

THE WOLF—That is to eat you the better, My Dear.

Dr. Caples Letter.

Editor Oregon Mist:

Columbia City, June 23—As I am the oldest settler in the county, it seems proper that I should say something on the county seat question. While I do not presume in doing so upon anyone in want of my opinion, I only wish to state how important the proposition appears to me. It is the most trying subject that we have ever been called upon to cast a vote for in the county, and I hope I may not now make a mistake in the vote I may cast on the problem. Since the world began the question of high taxation has been the curse of man and will be just as long as we submit to the dictation of unprincipled men in public affairs.

It now seems to me to be the proper thing for the present, as it will save our taxes from being double what they are now, and God knows our property is being confiscated fast enough. I wish to be allowed to say this: It seems to be hard for the old settlers of the county who have struggled with hardships and poverty; have been deprived of the necessaries of life to build a home and have something in old age to live upon without calling on their children or a begrudging public for a support; to have the last cent forcibly taken from them to build a court house just to help out a small town or place. This is not just or human. Yet I know the strong are prone to pray upon the weak. Shall it always be so?

I hope not, especially on this occasion.

The wealth of the county is in its timber, and it must be removed before the county can settle up, and that will take 10 or 20 years if we judge the future by the past. One taking a trip through the back country to Nehalem, will bear me out in the above assertion.

It seems a sensible man would say before voting himself and friends to the verge of starvation, to wit until all the timber is removed and all the land made into farms—then we can tell where the court house ought to be located. I am too old a man to attempt to persuade anyone. I trust in the honor and judgment the people, believing that they will not do, what in after life they will regret. Show that we are not slaves to [illegible], but reason on [illegible]

[illegible] CAPLES.

The Watts Letter.

Editor of The Mist:

Scappoose, Ore., June 16—The county seat question as handled by "X Ray" last week has proved an eye-opener in this part of the county, and right well it should.

There was no necessity, whatever, for forcing two extra elections upon us at this inopportune time, as the cost of the elections will be heavy, and besides the indifference of many of our voters will result in an unsatisfactory vote in the end, and still the county seat will be open for further dissension.

It is not to be presumed in a moment that the election will make us a "permanent" county seat. Such a thing is folly, as we can by act of legislature open up this matter at any future time.

Again, the cost of moving the records hurriedly and not providing for their safety, is a large item and a dangerous proposition, to say the least.

To erect a suitable court house and jail would cost the taxpayers, at least, $25,000, and the prospects of having a large indebtedness thrust upon the county, is not very encouraging to a people who have just unloaded a big debt, and are just now in a condition to build modern roads and bridges throughout the county.

Figure out the extra tax and it will prove a very prosy affair—this county seat agitation.

It will take 10 years of 2 extra mills levy per annum to pay out the debt proposed, and but few of the many agitators for a change, would agree to have this money expended at St. Helens where the county seat buildings now are.

One-half of the voters of the county can reach St. Helens on easy roads without boats or train, and no other point can make such a fair showing, and by every test, St. Helens stands for the most people.

It is not for the voters to attempt to please or displease any town, but for them to vote to secure the greatest advantage to the greatest number.

Our county is in its infancy and needs more development before changing its seat of government, and it behooves every thoughtful person to promptly record his vote in favor of St. Helens, and "no change."

J. G. WATTS.

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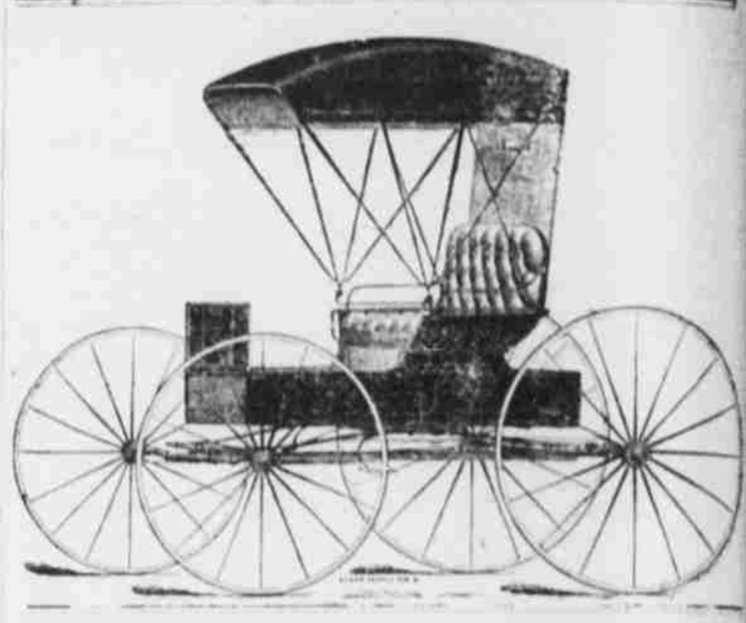

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