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OUR COUNTY ROADS.

Is there any one thing that is of the utmost importance to the taxpayers of Columbia county it is the matter of the judicious expenditure of money on the various roads.

The people had about bad roads, and wonder where the money is going to. The roadmaster can save the county hundreds of dollars by determining how a certain piece of road shall be improved.

There is a howl against the office of roadmaster before he has had an opportunity to demonstrate what can be accomplished. When a roadmaster was first appointed in Clatsop county...

The improvement of the road near Pittsburg now under way shows what can be done by the roadmaster in the way of permanent improvement.

It is not the purport of this article to belittle the work of road supervisors for many of them have done exceedingly well.

One thing is certain, however, Columbia county is not getting sufficient returns for the money expended on the roads.

It is impracticable for members of the county court to continually travel over the county and see that road improvement is done systematically.

The Mist makes every effort to secure the news from every part of the county, and news correspondents are being added to the list.

It was a commendable move on the part of the county court in compromising the matter of settlement for damages on account of the location of the English road through Pat Hughes' place at Deer Island.

County Judge Ryan, of Oregon City, informed an Oregonian reporter that Marion is the only county in Oregon that is out of debt.

The gratifying success of the Pomona Grange meeting at Clatskanie, is an indication the Grange movement in the county is having permanent and solid growth.

Clatsop county has demonstrated that it pays to have a roadmaster, and the conditions are similar in Columbia county.

If the governor don't call a special term of the legislature to elect an excise law, warrant brokers will have a hard time, and school and road districts will suffer.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF DELINQUENT TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1902.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY virtue of a warrant for the collection of delinquent taxes of the assessment of 1902 in the County of Columbia, State of Oregon, which were to be paid in my hands and in which a sum of \$1000.00 is as follows:

On Thursday, the 10th day of Dec., 1903 at the front door of the County Court house in St. Helens, Columbia County, State of Oregon, beginning at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

STATE OF OREGON. Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon.

Name Description Tax Adams, J. M., Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 1, Columbia addition to Verona, Oregon, Tax \$21

Name Description Tax Allen, Clark, South 1/2 of Northwest 1/4 of section 22, township 2 north, range 4 west, Tax \$18.22

Name Description Tax Allen, Mae E., West 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of section 21, township 3 north, range 4 west, Tax \$8.75

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YANKTON.

Are the saloons a benefit to the tax payer of Columbia county? There are in the county fifteen or more saloons, probably half as many as there are general merchandise stores.

What are their claims as a benefit? 1st. They furnish employment for a number of men.

2nd. An indispensable of the product of the breweries they furnish market for a large amount of grain.

3rd. They pay \$400 each into the county treasury. Into the county treasury? Ever-well, part of it goes into the treasury of the county.

Who pays the license? The saloon keepers of course. Oh! pretty generous set of fellows, aren't they? Er-well, of course they make something out of the business, too.

Then they are not the fellows who really pay the license? Oh! if you put it that way of course the ones who buy the drinks pay the license.

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WARREN.

Mr. Bacon has at his store, a squab raised by Norman McKay which weighs over eight pounds. Who can beat it?

A valuable pair of cats owned by Henry Larson was struck by a N. P. passenger train Sunday morning.

Mr. McQueen of Vancouver, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. S. E. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cooper have lately returned to their home here, after nearly a year's absence among friends here.

The district school at the home of Mrs. N. E. Fisher, Westlake, evening, was well attended.

Val Grange held its regular meeting Wednesday evening with a fair attendance.

New members in The Mist will be seen from time to time.

The Mist Premium Rates.

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Dr. Caples Wants a Condensed Milk Factory.

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St. Helens School Notes.

The following books were recently added to the school library: The Conquest; A Tale of Flanders; Lewis and Clark; Little Folks of Other Lands; The Log School; Home and Handrail; by Abbott.

The pupils reorganized the Grange Literary Society last Friday afternoon electing William Slater, president; Alfred George, vice-president; LeVern Watkins, secretary and treasurer.

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