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PROSPEROUS COLUMBIA.

The past year in Columbia County has been one of unprecedented prosperity. From one end of the county to the other substantial progress has been made. New logging roads have been built into the timber and new mills and factories erected on the water front. Scappoose, Clatskanie and Rainier have each received their share of this growth, while St. Helens and Houlton have made some progress. The new court house has put at rest for many years the county seat question, and with the construction of a logging road into the vast belt of timber purchased by C. C. Masten there is good reason to believe that a large sawmill will be built at St. Helens before the close of another year and that the town will be connected by rail with the Northern Pacific.

St. Helens has advantages that are not possessed by any other town in the county. It may in time be the place where the products of the Inland Empire will be loaded upon the ocean carriers. The experiment now in progress, of rafting lumber down the Columbia river, to be loaded here, may prove to be a very important matter. During the past year the lumber output of the Lewis river, amounting to several million feet, has been loaded at this port and has been the means of disbursing considerable money here. Give the town connection with the railroad, so that lumber could be shipped either by road or water, and we predict for it a rapid and permanent growth. There is a world of timber that at some time must be put into the water at or close to this city. A great deal of this timber is now in the hands of men whose business it is to turn it into sawlogs, and, as it is "ripe," they will proceed to do this as rapidly as possible. What Benson has been to Clatskanie, and Yeon and others to Rainier, we expect the Mastens to be to St. Helens. St. Helens will be on the map next year, and, though it has been slow in starting, we believe it will not stop until St. Helens and Houlton, under one municipal government, grow into a manufacturing community of several thousand people.

Not only are the towns of the county prosperous and progressive, but the farmers are enjoying their full share of the good times. Farm products find a ready sale at remunerative prices and the effect of this prosperity is shown in better buildings, more home comforts, and a desire to educate farmer's boys and girls in a manner that was beyond their reach during the hard times that prevailed from 1892 to 1896.

We look forward to the coming years with the greatest confidence. The world needs the products of Oregon, and especially its lumber. The forests of Wisconsin, Michigan, and what was formerly known as the Northwest have been destroyed, and Oregon and Washington timber must supply the greater part of the demand for years to come. Columbia County will continue to have its share of the business and more mills will be constructed here in 1907 than in any past year.

There are sections where timber is the only resource and when it is cut the land will hardly be worth the holding; but this does not apply to any great part of Columbia County. Dairying, horticulture, and diversified farming will follow the logging camp, and, as the demand compels it, the attention of capital will be drawn to the wealth of coal and iron in our hills. This means not only present but future prosperity, for no county in Oregon possesses as many sources of wealth as does Columbia, with its seventy five miles of river frontage, ten billion feet of standing timber, coal, iron, and other mineral, its dairy herds, and its thousands of acres of land suitable for the growing of the best apples on earth.

CENTRALIZATION.

The editor of the Oregonian has declared himself in favor of Secretary Root's theory of centralization, that the States have no rights the federal government is bound to respect and that the general government, meaning thereby the President, should control in all matters. The States of the Union are described as oligarchies, and all the ills under which we are suffering are laid at their door. The Constitution of the United States is liberally denounced, therefore it may be assumed that this centralization movement is in opposition to the document the President has sworn to defend. "By whom," says the editor, "are the antiquated, denationalizing sections of the Constitution invoked? Is that instrument ever quoted for the people. Does it permit the protection of children from killing toil? Of women from the horrors of night work, etc?" Well, we don't know. It takes a pretty good constitutional lawyer to give off-hand opinions on so many questions. But when it is asserted that the States are responsible for the special privileges that prevail in this country Mr. Scott must be aware that he is talking nonsense. The protective tariff, which he has denounced as the greatest of all grafts, is national, and the States have no power to prevent it. It was the national administration that gave the public domain to the railroads, and the national legislature will probably pass the ship subsidy act. It was decided to be contrary to the federal constitution for congress to pass an income tax, but the State of Oregon can pass such an act or an inheritance tax. Pure food laws and eight hour laws can be and are enacted by the States. The trouble with Mr. Scott and other Republicans is that they have decided the President to be infallible. They are his Bosworths and nothing he can do will escape their adulation. Having become convinced that he will not accept a re election to the Presidency they probably think he might be tempted by a dictatorship or a crown. Fortunately for the Republican party it has plenty of leaders outside of the mushrooms that have sprung up in the past two years. They will take no stock in this raising of a dead issue, and neither Hamiltonian nor Jeffersonian extremes will prevail. The Nation will lose none of its dignity or power nor will the States be reduced to mere territories.

OUR WATER SYSTEM.

The citizens of St. Helens have reason to be proud of the fact that they own their own water system and that each year sees a reduction of the debt and an improvement of the plant. The system was purchased October 9th, 1902, the consideration being $3,000. In order to raise the money warrants were issued bearing 6 per cent interest, and these warrants were readily cashed at their face valuation. During the ... four years the interest has been met and $2,000 paid on the principal, leaving an indebtedness of only $1,000. In addition to this there has peen expended in betterments the sum of $1,800, making $3,800 in all that has been paid out. The city now has a double line of pipe to the dam, a distance of about two and one half miles, a pumping station in the city (so that in case of need for fire or any other reason water can be pumped from the river) and two large tanks. The monthly receipts exceed the expenditures, and in two years from now the indebtedness will be wiped out. It is a record of which a larger community might well be proud.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Whereas the Almighty Master has called our brother, M. R. Emmons, to a higher grange, and

Whereas, our brother, M. R. Emmons, has labored for thirty years in the harvestfield of the Grange and his sudden call casts a deep shadow of mourning over our society; be it

Resolved, that in his death our Grange has lost a faithful and steady member, the family a loving husband, father and grandfather; and be it further

Resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for sixty days, these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Grange, a copy be sent to the bereaved family and published in the county papers.

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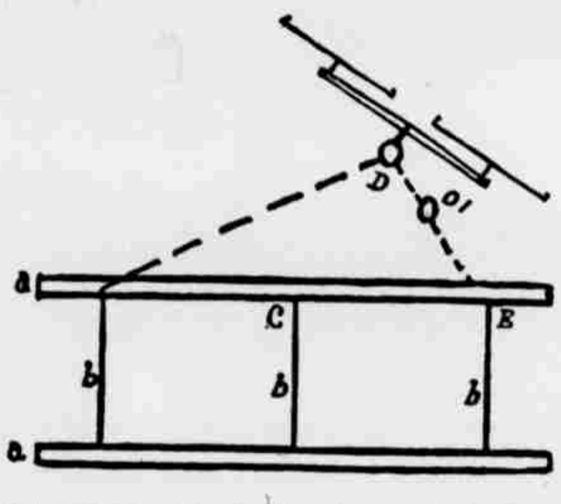
THE ROAD DRAG.

The people of Marion County have been experimenting with what is known as a road drag, and claim to have accomplished a great deal of good work with a very simple and inexpensive device, easily within the reach of every neighborhood. Judge John Scott, who has become authority upon road work, speaks very highly of it, and to his kindness we are indebted for the following description and illustration:

Description of Drag.

"Take the two halves of a split log ten or twelve inches thick and eight or nine feet long. Set halves (aa) flat sides to front, fasten thirty inches apart with strong stakes (bb) the ends of which are wedged in two inch auger holes bored through the slab. The hitch is made of strong wire or chain, the long end fastened to stake over top of the front slab.



The short end should be put through a hole made in center of the slab to prevent the back slab tilting forward. Hitch at D and stand at C on a plank laid on the cross bars for ordinary work; or hitch at D' and stand at E for ditch cleaning or to make the drag move more ...et. Face about one half or two thirds of the right hand of the lower edge of the front slab with iron, an old wagon tire, worn share of road grader or any piece of flat steel will do if you have it. If you have none of these the wood will do.

What a Road Drag Does.

The first noticeable effect is the smoothing of the road surface and this allows the rain to flow off and encourages the disposition of travel over the road from side to side. Teams usually follow the beaten trail. Dragging destroys the old trail and the new trail broadened and less defined than before is made upon a different portion of the highway. By dragging while the road is yet moist the road becomes a series of practically water proof layers of puddled earth; each one of which is rolled and pounded by the wheels and hoofs of travel. Almost imperceptibly the center of the road is leveled until you discover you have made a smooth grade which is not easily affected by bad weather. Dragging does away with the bumps in each side of bridges and culverts; as the wheel tracks are wiped out, the water does not run to the bridge after every shower as it used to do, so you can drive as swiftly over culverts as over any other portion of the road.

When to Use The Drag.

At first you will have to drag when part of the road is too wet but after awhile it will dry evenly, and the first few times you drag it will be better for you to merely drive down one wheel track and back the other, moving the dirt towards the center of the wagon track. Gradually widen as you get a chance. This will give a solid foundation. If the wagon track is at one side of the highway, begin right there anyhow. The rest will follow in time. Don't be in a hurry. First make a drag; second, use it every time you can improve the road by dragging.

The hitch is next in importance to the time at which the dragging is done. The right time is just after the road dries a little after a rain, or when it is thawed on top during the winter and spring. A smooth surface for travel is thus produced, but a more valuable result is that the road will shed the next rain instead of absorbing it. This is the reason why the road should be dragged every time so that it will always be ready for the next rain. If I do not say anything else that is remembered, and if the reader does not get any other thought, I want him to get the idea that the way to make a good dirt road is to keep it so that the next rain will not go in it.

I would like to make the following suggestions:

Don't drive too fast.

Don't walk; get on the drag and ride.

Don't wait for your neighbors to take hold; they may be waiting for you.

Don't be particular about material. An ax and a two-inch auger and almost any log can be made into a drag.

Don't try to drag with one piece; use two. With one piece you would scoop out the hollows in the road and deepen them. When two are used the one keeps the other up; and in a short time the hollows will have filled and become level and hard like the balance of the road. Go at once, brother, and make a drag, and use it whenever your road ruts up, and you will have nothing but praise for it, and remember that everywhere the rallying-cry of this movement is: "From your own front gate to your neighbor's front gate toward town." Thus, the thing always starts with the farmer's own self-interest, but leads him directly beyond his own line-fence to the place where he finds himself working for the general good of the community.

JOHN H. SCOTT,
County Judge of Marion County.

RAINIER

Willie Silva came down from Portland to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silva, of this city.

Mrs. R. P. Burns and sons came down from Portland Saturday morning to spend the holidays out at their home four miles from Rainier.

Mr. L. M Perry made a business trip to Portland Monday.

Mr. Kenyon Bourne returned home Saturday morning from a two month's visit to his old home in England Mr. Bourne found many changes in his home place, and returned to his home here much improved in health.

Mr. Arthur Barnett, of Skamokawa, Wash., came up Saturday to spend the holidays with friends in this city.

Several of the young people took in the dance at Goble Saturday night.

John Sheirn, who has been in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland the past two months with a broken leg, returned to his home in this city Saturday night.

Dolph Hooghkirk and Earl Silva, who are attending the O. A. C. at Corvallis, came home last Friday evening to spend their vacation. The boys are delighted to get back and say, "There's no place like home."

Miss L. Ceisman left Monday morning to spend two week's vacation with her parents at her home at Scappoose.

Mrs. Geo Rockey and Mrs. Ed Clark took the A. & C. train going to Portland Monday morning.

Mrs. L. S. Thomas was a Portland visitor Monday.

Mr. E. G. Harding, an employe of the Rainier Iron Works, left for Carterton, Va., having received news of the illness of his father, an old physician of that city.

Judge Taylor returned Saturday morning from San Francisco, where he has been the past ten days.

Mrs. Wm. Charters and family, of Portland, are visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. P. Williams, of this city.

Miss Christina Wilson came home from Forest Grove Friday evening, where she is attending Pacific University, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson. The pleasure was marred by the sad news which Mrs. Wilson received Saturday of her brother's death at Eugene.

Miss Olive Jones, stenographer for the Rainier Mill & Lumber Co., was a Portland passenger Saturday visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. J. L. Bell, whose husband purchased the Blanchard business recently, arrived Monday. They will reside in Rainier.

Mr. J. C. Kilby and son Jack went to Portland Christmas to spend the day at the bedside of his son Clint, in the Good Samaritan hospital. He took with him a Christmas dinner of home cooking to cheer the young man up. Clint expects to come home in about two weeks, but will not be able to be about for a long time yet. He will never recover the full use of his leg, which will be about two inches short of its normal length.

A logger called Gus started what might have been a serious row in the Log Cabin saloon last Saturday night. He had been inviting trouble and finally his invitation was accepted by a longshoreman named McAphee, whereupon the logger struck him with a pair of brass knuckles. The crowd would have given him a serious beating had it not been for the proprietor of the place, who promptly rushed him out of the back door. We understand that he was placed in the calaboose over night and allowed to depart in the morning. He should have been brought before Judge Doan and heavily fined.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.
Robert D. Hazen, Plaintiff, vs. Mary Hazen, Defendant.
To Mary A. Hazen, the above named Defendant:—

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the expiration of six weeks from and after the first publication of this summons, to-wit: 26th day of January, 1907, and if you fail to so appear and answer within said time, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit—for a decree of said court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for such other further and different relief as the Court may seem meet and equitable.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. Thos. A. McBride, Judge of the Circuit Court of of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, made and entered on the 8th day of December, 1906, and which said order directs that you appear and answer said complaint within six weeks from the first publication of this summons. The date of the first publication of this summons is the 14th day of December, 1906.

FRANK MOTTER,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

United States Land Office, Portland, Oregon, Sept. 4, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Albert Schmidlin, of Albion, county of Washington, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 7052, for the purchase of the ne ¼ nw ¼ of Section No. 20, in Township No. 4 North, Range No. 4 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 28th day of November 1906. He names as witnesses: Christ Van Bick, of Portland, Oregon; Otto Stedellman, of Aloka, Oregon; Engelbert Reinzen, of Albion, Oregon; Bernhard Royer, of Albion, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 28th day of November, 1906.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER,
Register.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

To all persons concerned, and the legal voters now residing in Goble precinct, Columbia County, State of Oregon, in particular: You and each of you will take notice that I, O. E. Hunter will on Wednesday the 2nd day of Jan. 1907 apply to the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, for a license to sell spiritous, vinous and malt liquors and fermented cider in less quantities than one gallon, for a period of six months in the village of Goble, in Goble precinct, Co Columbia, State of Oregon; which application will be supported and based on the following petition, to wit:

PETITION

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.

In the matter of the application of O. E. Hunter for a license to sell spiritous, vinous and malt liquors and fermented cider in less quantities than one gallon at Goble, in Goble precinct, Columbia County, State of Oregon.

To the Honorable County Court of Columbia County, Oregon:

We the undersigned, comprising a majority of the legal voters of Goble precinct, Columbia County, State of Oregon, and who now reside and have actually resided in said Goble Precinct for more than thirty days immediately preceding the date of signing, filing and presentation of this petition, hereby respectfully petition this Honorable Court to grant to O. E. Hunter a License to sell spiritous, vinous and malt liquors and fermented cider in less quantities than one gallon, at Goble, in Goble Precinct, Columbia County, State of Oregon, for a period of six months.

Edward Black, C. W. McFarland, W. L. Chapin, O. Young, Victor Furer, W. Bradley, T. W. Jordan, Frank Degonda, Lewis Metcalf, C. E. Hoadley, Geo R Tant, S. T. Alexander, Frank Zerner, E. G. Gore, Thos Hunter, F. Aniker, R. L. Kenny, H. M. Fowler, C. Magin, Chas E. Page, S. E. Butts, C. C. Fowler, George Pitsenberger, Louis Lenpacher, W. H. Wagner, Fred Lengacher, W. E. Hunter, Fred Jansen, A. L. Malcolm, L. Bradley, Peter Hoersh, R. Revlage, E. W. Fowler, L. Hanson, Geo. Southerland, W. F. Carey, Dan Peterson, Frank Cleaver, C. P. Anderson, H. Ward, Ira L. Withrow, G. C. Fowler, John Gillman, G. E. Dergle, Ike Bertsch, Rola H. Tipton, R. R. Tipton, Geo. Foster, Jr., M. M. Redington, Geo. H. Ackney, M. W. Murphy, Henry weller, J. M. Gowen, C. Kratzke, A. O. Jackson, Henry Wasser, T. C. Watts, Abe Link, Robert Link, W. H. Condon, R. E. Mcintyre, J. F. Bear, F. Bishop, J. M. Lindsay, F. D. Johnson, George Marcham, R. C. Carson, R. N. Hamilton, J. A. Berre, John Lee, J. Schlegel, Henry Snow, Jack Ehilinger, F. W. Makinster, Antone Wise.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.
W. A. Huntley, Plaintiff, vs. Willma Huntley, Defendant.
To Willma Huntley, Defendant, in the above entitled suit:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required and commanded to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, between now and the 14th day of December, 1906. Said suit is commenced by plaintiff against you for absolute divorce, and if you fail to answer between now and said time, for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for an absolute divorce and dissolution of the marriage now existing between you and said plaintiff. This summons is served by publication in pursuance to an order made by the Hon. T. A. McBride, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, dated October 29th, 1906. Said order provides that the first publication of this summons shall be made on the 9th day of Nov., 1906, and that the last publication be made on the 21st day of December 1906.

SPENCER, DAVIS & FARRELL,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
Land Office at Portland, Oregon, Nov. 5, 1906.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN COMpliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of Oregon, California, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4th, 1892, Gustav Adolf Scholz, of Por and County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 7111 for the purchase of the lot 4 of Section No. 2, in Township No. 4 North Range No. 3 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at Portland, Or., on Monday the 21st day of January, 1907.

He names as witnesses: Paul J. Scholz, of Aberdeen, Wash; Carl Schiwek, of Portland, Or; Fred C. Werling, of Portland, Or; William Wilson, of Portland, Or.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 21st day of January, 1907.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.
H. V. Fritz, Plaintiff, vs. Frances Fritz, Defendant.
To Frances Fritz, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 15th day of December, 1906, which is the time prescribed for answering said complaint in the order of publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to wit: a decree of the court dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and defendant herein, on the ground that the said defendant deserted the plaintiff without just or any cause and against his wish, will and consent, at Portland, Oregon, in the month of April 1905, and ever since said date said defendant has continued to live separate and apart from said plaintiff without just or any cause and against his wish, will and consent, and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable in the premises.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. T. A. McBride, judge of the above entitled court, which order was duly made and filed in said court on the 8th day of November, 1906.

The date of the first publication of this summons being the 9th day of Nov., 1906, and the date of the last publication thereof being the 4th day of Dec., 1906.

LONG & SWEEK,
Attorneys for Plaintiff,
Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Or.

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