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SILENCE IS GOLDEN.

The Mist notes with pleasure an increase in the advertising patronage of the Clatskanie Chief. For many years the saloon men of Goble had been in the habit of having their liquor petitions published in the Mist. It amounted, for the two saloons, to \$40 per year—a sum not to be sneezed at by the editor of a country paper. But all this is changed, and the golden rivulet has been diverted to the coffers of our esteemed contemporary of the Gateway City, as a reward for its silence during the recent campaign. It is money well earned. Had the Chief stood for a dry town we have no doubt it wields sufficient influence to have secured the seven votes necessary to have effected the change. But it stood for nothing, maintaining the attitude of the non-combatant in war times. A great principle was involved, and it said, in effect, "We care nothing. We have friends on both sides. Our columns are for sale. If the price is paid we will publish any article you want to print. We are here for the cash; and all is fish that comes to net." It is an attitude that commends itself to a great many people, and it is not immoral, but decidedly unmoral. We commend the action of the Goble saloon keeper. He is right in refusing to spend his money with the Mist. This paper is the enemy of his business, and he would be foolish to continue to patronize it. One good turn deserves another always, and as the Clatskanie Chief is the only paper in the county that does not openly oppose the liquor business, it should receive the full support of the saloon men.

ORDINANCE NO. —

Enacted an ordinance granting to W. G. Pomeroy and his associates, known as the Scappoose Telephone Association, or assigns, the right and privilege to erect and use poles or upon the streets, parks, and other public grounds and property of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, poles and wires for the transmission of currents of electricity, for the purpose of transmitting and conveying telephonic messages in the City of St. Helens, in the State of Oregon.

Sec. 1. That W. G. Pomeroy and his associates, known as the Scappoose Telephone Association, or assigns, be and they are hereby authorized and permitted to erect and use poles, wires, and other public places and public grounds of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, for the period of ten years from and after the passage of this ordinance, poles and wires for the transmission of electric currents for the purpose of transmitting and receiving telephonic messages, and for the purpose of installing telephonic instruments, and the right and privilege to fix rates and charges and to set rates and tolls for messages transmitted or received, and to fix rates for telephonic instruments furnished and used, or in their use.

Sec. 2. That W. G. Pomeroy and his associates, known as the Scappoose Telephone Association, or assigns, in the exercise of the rights and privileges hereby granted, shall so erect their poles and stretch their wires so as not to interfere with the unobstructed use of streets for travel, and erect their poles at such reasonable points in the streets and other public places, and place their wires at such heights above the said streets of public places as the city council of the City of St. Helens may designate.

Sec. 3. Whenever it shall become necessary in the erection, repair, or maintenance of the said poles or wires for the said W. G. Pomeroy and his associates, known as the Scappoose Telephone Association, or their assigns, to dig into or in any way interfere with any public street, park, ground, or other public property, said W. G. Pomeroy and his associates, known as the Scappoose Telephone Association, their assigns, agents or employees, shall, with dispatch, without delay, put the street, park, ground, or other public property in as good condition as it was before it was dug up, disturbed, or interfered with, and shall remove all sand, stone, earth, rubbish, or other material which may have been placed or accumulated thereon by or through the said W. G. Pomeroy and his associates, known as the Scappoose Telephone Association, their agents, employees or assigns.

Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons not in the employ of acting under the direction of said W. G. Pomeroy and his associates, known as the Scappoose Telephone Association, or their assigns, to molest, disturb, break down, remove, hack, destroy, or in any manner injure or interfere with any pole, support, wire, or any property maintained or used by or through the privileges herein granted under the provisions of this ordinance, within the said City of St. Helens, Oregon, and any such person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 for each offense, and in default of the payment of such fine be imprisoned in the city jail one day for each \$2 of such fine.

Sec. 5. In consideration of the rights and privileges herein granted to said W. G. Pomeroy and his associates, known as the Scappoose Telephone Association, and assigns, any officer of the said City of St. Helens shall have the right to send and receive messages free of all charges in the said City of St. Helens; provided, however, that any message so sent or received shall relate to public business of the said City of St. Helens.

Sec. 6. All rights and privileges herein granted to W. G. Pomeroy and his associates, known as the Scappoose Telephone Association, shall expire at the end of ten years from the date of approval of this ordinance, and the said W. G. Pomeroy and his associates, known as the Scappoose Telephone Association, or assigns, shall file their acceptance of the conditions of this ordinance within thirty days from the approval thereof, or the same shall become null and void.

Passed and approved this 29th day of November, 1909.

Attest: M. E. MILLER, Mayor; JOHN Q. GAGE, Recorder.

CHEAP STUMP LAND—300 acres at from \$5 to \$8 per acre. This tract of land is on county road and school building on line. The greater portion of it is good lying, fertile land. Suitable for fruit or general agriculture. Will be sold in tracts to suit purchaser. See A. T. Laws, St. Helens.



(For December.)

The shades of night were falling fast As Paul Revere went dashing past "T. Roosevelt is dead!" he wailed, But everybody laughed aloud, And as he pushed upon the reins, They cried, "Go tell it to the Danes!" Whereat the herald winked his eye And said, "I'll have to change the cry. Prosperity's returned!" he howled, The next town site he overhauled; But this town, too, for all his pains, Just smiled and said, "Go tell the Danes!"

Wherefore Revere, still raising wells Upon his moult, planned something else.

"Cook has confessed!" was his halloo The next township he galloped through; But these were also knowing swains, And yelled, "Go tell it to the Danes!" At which rebuff he frowned a frown and said: "I'll try just one more town." Ah, on the solums track resolved, Cried, "Standard oil has been dissolved!"

But this town said, and shook its noggin, "Keep right on, Paul, to Copenhagen!"

December was anciently the tenth month, and its name is from the Latin decem (ten). It has always been the last month in every calendar. Like ourselves, the ancients were not quite sure whether they could afford it or not, and it was therefore always placed where it could be dropped with the least disturbance of the calendar year. Alexander the Great always attacked his enemies immediately after Christmas, when they didn't have a cent, and Julius Caesar, who could see farther than Jim Hill, repeatedly warned of Rome against the Gothic and Vandals, who, like the trusts, gave each other no Christmas presents.

The cost for the annual Christmas carols will be as follows: Santa Claus, Mr. Taft, Sed, Mr. Carnegie, Helms, Mr. Kahn, Mr. Losh, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Payne, Bells, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Sage, Whip, Mr. Lawson, Snow, Chancellor Day, Moon, Mr. Archbold, Roof, Mr. Ryan, Chimney, Mr. Hill, Paek, Mr. Sherman, Tree, Mr. Rockefeller, Sleeping child, Mr. Morgan. The performance will be given on the night of the 24th. Mr. Morgan is said to be in the awakening scene the most delightful child in the history of the play.

The natural phenomena of the month will be encouraging. On the 12th there will be a partial eclipse of the sun, visible in the region around the South Pole. During the eclipse 15 ounces of sugar will weigh a pound at the New York

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The breath of Boreas will blow, and lo, the soft and flakey snow will lay its mantle on the hill and look for cubby holes to fill. The furry cat will feel the fine on-come of winter down his spine, the which will make him buck and squeal and snap the cracker on his keel. The chilly dog will snuff the air and don his suit of heavy hair, and in his igloo made of snow the blubbering Eskimo will twinge with rheumatism and goat and wonder how the fight came out. The lassy calf will bawl and baw and burrow in the stack of straw, and winter, with its biting wind, will urge him inward from behind. The rabbit hunter, red of face, will prosecute the thrilling chase, and the flying rabbit, frightened daft, will run like Roosevelt were afoot.

The cost of living, plump and stout, Will dare the Christmas shopper out, And chase him headlong through the door And here and there around the store; And every time he shall espy A prep it he would like to buy The swift pursuer, fell and grim, Will knock his pins from under him And slap him smartly on the gills With seven pounds of household bills.

At which the drums will sadly beat and all the dollies fair and sweet will weep in concert, and the toys will make a thunder of a noise. The melancholy horns will toot, and the little soldier in his suit will wave his trusty haversack and stab the tyrant in the back.

We must have Christmas in these parts, no matter who it is that smarts or what the blooming tariff is, or any man desires for his. We've got to fill those empty sox no matter if the planet rocks, or if the plutocrats we rile go round barefooted for a while. We don't mind being made the goat and wearing our old overcoat year in and out, and being spent, and sifting ashes for the rest; but when the holidays advance and Fatty Morgan hangs his pants upon the mantle, with the cuffs tied up with strings and other stuff, and tells the rest of us to git, by thunder, we won't stand for it.

There will also be something doing in social and political phenomena. Congress will assemble at Washington on the 5th, and an emergency session of the Standard Oil legal staff will begin at Cleveland on the 8th. Mr. Taft's ultimate conclusions as to golf and other great issues will be read on the 6th, and Mr. Rockefeller's annual message will be made public on the 9th. The insurgents will bivouac across the Potomac from the Capital, with Mr. LaFollette in command, Mr. Cummins as scout and Mr. Beveridge as lookout.

On the 21st we shall pass under the influence of the zodiacal sign of Capricornus the Goat. This will cause Mr. Taft, who is going for Rip Van Winkle's record, to turn over, and the consumer will be the goat.

And then the new year will arrive To swell the sum of years, And the man from Elba will return To set us by the ears—

Have you thought how fine it would be if you had some one or something doing your days work for you? Ask the Columbia County Bank to explain today.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Following is the Roll of Honor for the St. Helens Public School for the third month, ending November 27th.

ADVANCED GRADES.

Fred Morgan, Berlin Yeomans, William Gaylord, Frank Thorp, Charles Laws, Carl Hamilton, Nathan VanOrden, Cecil Ross, Kenneth Spicht, James Muecke, Eugene Baumig, Hilda Specht, Mary Hamilton, Lena Specht, Laura Barber.

GRAMMAR.

Clive LeBar, Roy Laws, Leila Beaver, Warren Thorp, Ilex Barber, Bernice VanOrden, Dorothy Johns, Marna Yeomans, Fay Lynch, Keturah Dixon, Christie Brought, Charlie Smith.

INTERMEDIATE.

John Deaning, Robert Dixon, Walter Gage, Rex Miller, Neva Gartman, Dorey Smith, William Barber, Harold Decker, Robert Schell, Ethel Lynch, Maud Richardson, Ella Hattan, Garold Weeks, Edward Malvin, Edith Hamilton, Charles Bendure.

PRIMARY.

Willie Lynch, Jimmie Ellis, Bulea Ellis, Edna Gartman, Margaret Boulby, Thelma Sholt, Louis LeBar, Allan McKie, Roy Gage, Agnes Wicks, Viola Woolley, Venna Woolley, Frances Glinieski, Lila Woolley, Bonnie Gorman, Laura Grant, Ruth Nixon, Grace Farning, Grace Nixon, Eleonor Taylor, Gordon Isbister, Gladys Lake.

NOTICE.

My wife, Maud Ternahan, having left my bed and board I hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

ROBERT TERNAHAN.

Dated at Scappoose, Ore., Nov. 26 09

Wellington's shoe patrons do not suffer with cold feet.

Cream puffs and pumpkin pie at the St. Helens Bakery, Saturday. Buy them for your Sunday dinner.

SCAPPOOSE SCHOOL NOTES.

(Written by the pupils.)

Ver-a Brown, who has been sick for some time, is improving under the care of Dr. Hatfield.

The fifth grade is just beginning fractions.

An addition to the library of forty-eight new books has just been made. The total number of volumes now is 446.

Mr. Barker's room has a new clock. The primary and second room gave a very interesting joint program in the Assembly Room the day before Thanksgiving. About 75 visitors were present.

The pupils of U is school were very generous about reading provisions to the Boys and Girls Aid Society. A cash donation of \$7.15 was also sent.

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Mr. John Tompkins returned to Scappoose recently and four of the children started to school. "Mamma," said a little girl from Miss Tibcomb's room, "May I see your hands?" "Why do you want to see my hands?" "I wish to see if there are any microbes on them." "Why, child, what makes you think there may be microbes on my hands?" "Because our physiology says so. It says right here on this page, 'There are microbes on every hand.'"

Miss Goldie Duncan has been employed to a sister Mr. Barker in his room. There are 26 pupils in that room doing work of the 8th, 9th and 10th grades.

A GREAT MAN'S TELEPHONE.

"His great instrument was the Telephone," said a biographer of the late Edward H. Harriman, in the Wall Street Journal. "He always had it beside him. The Harriman switchboard was one of the best equipped and the busiest in New York. Whether in his office, his library, his bedroom or his bathroom, the telephone was always there, and when he went into the Oregon wilderness the telephone would go too."

"A slave to the telephone," wrote a New York editor in commenting on Harriman and his telephone. "Nonsense," said Harriman, when this was called to his attention, "the telephone is a slave to me."

It is altogether likely that much of the power and influence of the late Mr. Harriman was due to the aid of his telephone. In fact, he admitted as much. His telephone was his ever present messenger, always ready for service. With it he reached all of his business associates and every corner of his vast railroad territory. A man who puts the telephone in his home places himself in the avenue of approach to millions of other homes, shops, offices and farms.

Just as with the railroad king, so it is with farmers and men in all other walks of life. The telephone in the home or business place of many a man less famous than Harriman is performing a work just as great in importance, and perhaps is proving even more of a blessing than to the capitalist whose every command could be carried out. The instrument was probably just as important in the mind of the farmer who wrote:

"I would as soon think of mowing my hay with an old-fashioned scythe as try to conduct my farm successfully without a telephone."

Throughout the farming world the telephone today is a popular and useful instrument. It was not so long ago when its use in rural sections was unheard of. Now it is the farmer's greatest aid in business, in home life and for protection. He sells his crops with the aid of the telephone, catching a fluctuating market at its very tip. In the spreading of weather reports it has saved many thousands of dollars every season to the fruit growers of the country. It brightens the lives and enriches the social opportunities of the wives and daughters on the farm. It is their protection against robbers and marauders when the men folks are away. Perhaps its greatest service is in bringing nearer to home the physician and the veterinary—in answering instantly every emergency of farm life.

The telephone on farms are growing more and more popular and numerous. The statement is made by the Western Electric Company, manufacturer of the "Bell" telephones, that over 100,000 of its new type of rural telephones have been sold in the past ten months. There are now close to two million telephones on farms in this country.

When President Roosevelt's Country Life Commission went among the farmers last year, hearing testimony on conditions of farm life, it reported that the greatest encouragement to farming of the better sort and more healthful life in country districts was given by just such agencies as good roads, the extension of the rural mail system and the farm telephone.

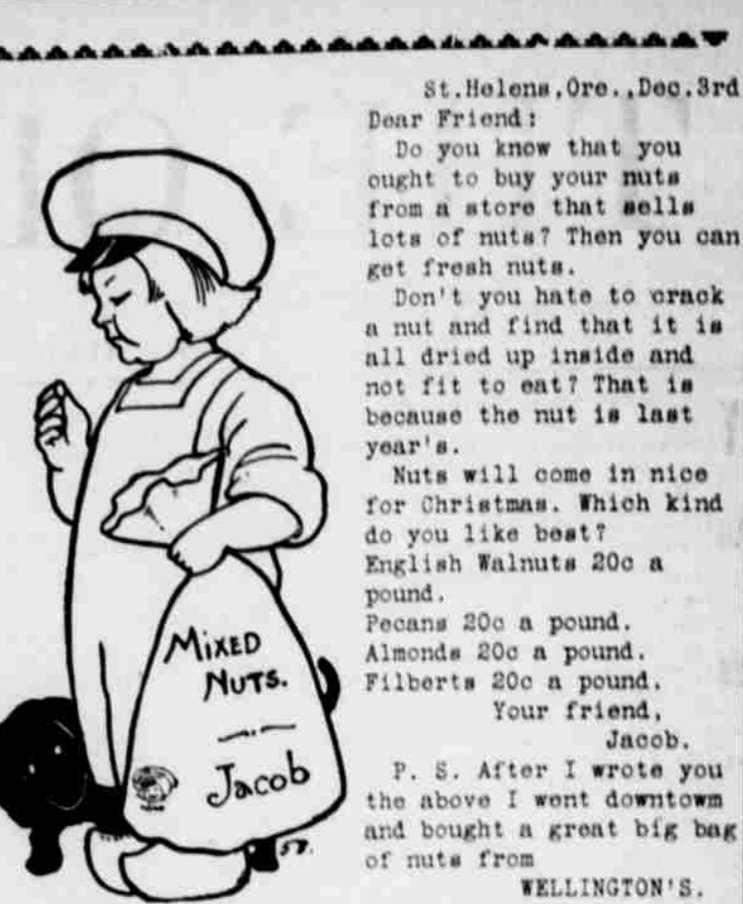
Let us figure on all your electrical work. Columbia Electric Works.

Wellington makes a specialty of children's shoes. He has them for \$1.25 up.

NOTICE.

The undersigned, taxpayers of road district No. 15, Columbia County, State of Oregon, give notice that a meeting will be held in Zillgitt's Hall, Vernonia, December 27th, 1909, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of voting on a special road tax levy:

R. Sesseman, C. Endstrom, F. C. McGraw, Gust Gustafson, D. L. Early, Charles Malmsten, O. G. Hult, P. E. Malmsten, L. Slegert, O. E. Dent, A. M. Parker, W. L. Hall, John Pringle, C. A. Mills, B. F. Lane, L. B. Stuart, W. H. Hess, L. A. Sheeley, M. J. John, A. R. Stanton, N. J. Armstrong.



St. Helens, Ore., Dec. 3rd

Dear Friend:

Do you know that you ought to buy your nuts from a store that sells lots of nuts? Then you can get fresh nuts.

Don't you hate to crack a nut and find that it is all dried up inside and not fit to eat? That is because the nut is last year's.

Nuts will come in nice for Christmas. Which kind do you like best? English Walnuts 20c a pound.

Pecans 20c a pound. Almonds 20c a pound. Filberts 20c a pound.

Your friend, Jacob.

P. S. After I wrote you the above I went downtown and bought a great big bag of nuts from

WELLINGTON'S.

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FOR THE CHILDREN—Mechanical toys, a variety of Rocking Horses that would please any kid, Horns, Drums, Blocks, Whips, Swords, Dolls, Toy Trunks, and Furniture, Buggies, Engines and Wagons. In fact, everything to delight the heart of the youngsters.

And a fine line of seasonable articles for the rest of the family. Lack of space prevents mentioning them all, but you are invited to call and see what we have.

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AND COME IN AND

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