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## County Official Paper

ON TRIAL.

The legal questions involved in the suit of Friendly vs Oleott strike at the very heart of some of the popular "Oregon System" laws. This is the suit wherein Mr. Friendly, one of the Regents of the University of Oregon, is trying to restrain the Secretary of State from placing on the ballot the referendum of the U. of O. appropriations as passed by the last Legislature, on the grounds that hundreds and perhaps thousands of names on the referendum petitions are fraudulent. That there are several thousand fraudulent names on the petitions is admitted by all and it is the contention of the friends of the University who are fighting this case, that fraudulent names on a petition invalidates the whole petition, while the contention of the Secretary of State is that those names not fraudulent should count, and if there are sufficient bona fide signatures the petition should stand.

Suppose the contention of the plaintiff is sustained by the Courts, what will become of the Initiative, Referendum, and Direct Primary laws? If a fraudulent name on a petition invalidates the entire petition it would be almost impossible to secure any initiative laws, to refer any law to the people or to get a persons name on the ballot at the primaries. It is almost impossible to obtain the signatures on a large petition without having some that are not legal, not always with fraudulent intent, but by mistake or inadvertence as well. The outcome of this case will be watched with interest by thousands of friends of the popular laws in Oregon.

The land in the vicinity of Goble now being exploited by the F. B. Holbrook Co. is the first real advertising that Columbia County has ever had. In this connection, one of the prominent and successful real estate firms in the City of Portland says: "We have handled property in nearly every section of Oregon: have placed thriving towns where before was barren lands and made gardens out of deserts, but we have never touched Columbia County: We are going to do some advertising on our own responsibility and expect to see that County advance as no other county in the State has."

Just another instance of the assured bright future of Columbia County.

While the real estate firms are making money for themselves they are bringing to the attention of the people the wonderful possibilities of our county and we will all benefit thereby.

The transfer of all the property in St. Helens owned by Mrs. Hannah Tyszkiewicz to Geo H. Shinn marks the passing of the last holdings of the original owners of the present townsite. This is the property formerly owned by Columbia Lancaster and obtained by him from the Knighton heirs, and is some of the very best property in the City, both for residence and factory sites. Mr. Shinn and his associates will soon improve, with sidewalks, water and light facilities, this property and place same on the market.

## THE FRANCHISE

The proposition of granting a franchise to H. F. McCormick for a Street Car line in the City is taking all the time and attention of the City Council these days. The franchise as proposed covers electric, gasoline and steam power car systems, or either of them, confining, however, the steam part to one single line and to transcontinental business, the main part intended to be an electric street car system. It also provides that actual construction work shall commence within two years from the date of its passage and continue until at least two miles of trackage is completed and the cars running, and shall continue for a period of fifty years. Several objections have been offered, the principal ones being that fifty years is too long a time to grant any franchise and that the streets over which the proposed line shall run are not designated and steam power. The question has been thoroughly discussed in the council and it seems that the parties interested are unable to agree and the matter is now hanging fire over these questions, with apparently little chance of agreement.

There are several things to be taken into consideration before deciding this important matter, for it is surely important to the future of the city, and we call attention to some of the more important. In the first place, St. Helens is a very small city to be at this time thinking of putting in such conveniences as a street car system; with a population of only about 1100 people it seems that a street car system, local only, would hardly be a paying investment and an undertaking that capital would not care to take hold of; this is indication of bigger things, for while the car line would not pay as a local only, it is quite evident that it will be extended to the outlying districts and eventually to the Nehalem. Such being the case, the council should consider very carefully before denying a franchise to bring to this city the trade of the surrounding country to which it is entitled and which it does not now get. Then again a car system is one of the very best methods of building up more enterprises in a small community, for with the railroads a considerable distance from the city, as in our case, business and manufacturing establishments will not locate, and a car line puts them in close proximity to the main line of Railroads. There are more and important reasons why

this enterprise should be given every encouragement from the citizens of this community, and no doubt will be, before it is finally adjusted; but in doing so the council are proceeding with caution, looking to the best welfare of the city in the future as well as at present. While we are a small community and can afford to give in quite considerably to obtain an enterprise which would be so greatly beneficial to the city, there should be certain restrictions along the lines of regulation of fares, rates, street improvements and time. It might be well to call a meeting of the property owners of the City at a date not far distant and get the views of all those interested, so that an understanding may be reached and a franchise granted that will give all the protection necessary to the promoters of the business as well as safeguard the interests of the city.

### Change of Editors

It is with a feeling of sincere regret that I take up a pen to send a message to the readers of the Mist for the last time. After nearly eight years in the Mist office as devil, printer and managing editor it is but natural that one should feel sorrow in leaving the old stand, where most of the recollections are very pleasant.

Perhaps this would be a good place to say something of the changes that have taken place here in the time I have been on the Mist payroll. This town eight years ago had a population of about 300, and sections of the city where there are now nice homes in plenty were covered with the tall and uncut. In Lottville there were three houses and in the neighborhood of Oasis Park there were none, while closer in the number of new houses built has been in proportion. The Court house was a weather beaten frame structure standing where the plaza now is, and there was no city hall. On the site of the big mill was a small plant that only operated a part of the time, and there was no rock crushing plants here at all. It will be a pleasure to come back to St. Helens some time in the future, and see that progress has made even greater strides than in the past.

M. E. Miller will take charge of the editorial work in the Mist and Mrs. Miller will be manager. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are well known in this county, and undoubtedly the Mist will continue to receive the liberal patronage that it has in the past.  
Geo. H. Flagg.

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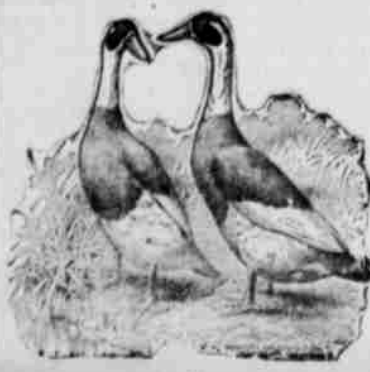
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