

650 inches of Ads in The Mist During February

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A Smooth Swindler

Rainier Bank is Victim of Clever Confidence Game

GETS \$500 OF BANK'S MONEY

Former Agent at Scappoose Arrested in Indiana and Confesses. Will be Brought Back

The State Bank of Rainier was the victim of a clever swindler and as a result is out \$500 with very little prospect of getting much of it back. On Feb. 5 a man giving his name as Joe Smith entered the bank and offered his personal check on the Bank of Deming of New Mexico for \$500 which was promptly refused by the Cashier, but the man was so insistent that he applied for information from the bank officials as to how to proceed to get the money, assuring them that the bank of Deming held his money but that he was in a hurry to get the check cashed for immediate use. He was informed that a telegram from the bank of Deming authorizing the Bank of Rainier to cash the check would be sufficient, whereupon the man departed and on the next day the telegraph operator at Rainier delivered a message to the bank signed by the Bank of Deming authorizing the payment of the money and requesting them to waive further identification. Armed with this telegram the cashier paid "Smith" the \$500 but after waiting several days for the money to arrive from the Deming Bank and its failure to do so, Cashier Fuller wired the Deming Bank and in response received a wire that they had not sent such a message nor did they know Smith. Investigation was immediately made and it was found that the man's name was not Joe Smith but was Jos. B. Landgraves, an operator for the S. P. & S. at the Scappoose office and that a former operator at that place had some blank checks on the Bank of Deming which he used for the purpose. Pinkerton Detectives were set upon the trail and last Saturday located the man at his old home in Marion, Indiana. Complaint was sworn out before the Justice at St. Helens and a warrant issued and placed in the hands of Sheriff Thompson who immediately wired to the officials at that place to arrest him. Yesterday the Sheriff received a wire that the man had been arrested and had confessed his identity and would return without extradition papers. Sheriff Thompson left St. Helens last night and will probably make the trip to Indiana himself to bring back the elusive swindler.

YANKTON

A new business place will be opened here in a few days. Watch Yankton Grow!

Mr. DSpain has men at work on the lower bridges over Milton Creek. Mr. DSpain and Mr. Al McIntyre were out Sunday looking over the road. Work on the new grade will begin right away.

Miss Demaria Crouse, Miss Maggie Spence and Albert Faxon from Houlton were in to visit our school Friday.

A nice program was given by the pupils of both rooms on Wednesday afternoon commemorative of Lincoln and Washington.

Miss Hult's boys and girls gave a very pretty flag drill. A goodly company of the parents and friends of the school were present.

The dance given by the I. O. of R. M. Saturday evening was the biggest social event of the season. The Orchestra was from Portland and many visitors were present.

Our New patrons are SOON OLD patrons and THEIR satisfaction, our Best advertisement.

The County Poor Farm

St. Helens, Ore., Feb. 27, 1912. Editor Oregon Mist, St. Helens, Ore.

Please give your taxpaying readers some information in regards to the County Poor Farm. What is the condition of the land and what buildings are on it?

Who is running it and how much money has been expended on it?

A Reader.

In answer will say that the County owns 58 acres of choice land near Warren and which is leased to W. D. Case for a period of five years. The agreement of lease which he holds with the county provides that he shall pay \$100 per year as rental and shall pay the same by clearing at least 4 acres of land each year. He has been there a little more than one year and has some 5 or 6 acres cleared and in cultivation. At the end of his term there will be at least 20 acres cleared and probably much more, as the contract also provides that he shall be paid \$25 per acre for clearing all land in excess of his rent.

The County has recently erected a good two story house with a sufficient number of rooms to take care of perhaps 20 charges, also a good barn. The cost of the improvements was approximately \$1800. There is at present one county charge living with Mr. Case and who is helping in clearing the land.

WARRI

Mr. John Nelson returned to his home here last week after a visit of several months in Sweden. He enjoyed his visit immensely but was very glad to get home again.

Mr. Stockwell the Clatskanie banker was a visitor at the homes of J. Erickson and O. A. Erickson last week.

Mrs. J. Erickson Sr. returned Saturday evening after a weeks visit with her daughters in Portland.

Miss Kate Baker came down from Portland to spend Saturday and Sunday at her home here.

Miss Ury of Houlton was a guest at the Baker home Sunday.

Miss Alice Erickson entertained a few of her friends at Five Hundred at her home last Tuesday evening.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson Friday evening in honor of Mr. Nelson's return from Sweden. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hedlund, Mr. and Mrs. Ream, Mr. and Mrs. J. Erickson Jr., Mrs. Chute, Mrs. Newmar, Misses Alice Erickson, and Bertha Ream, Messrs. Fred Ream, and Rudolph Hedlund. The evening was spent in playing games after which refreshments were served.

The regular quarterly meeting will be held at the Evangelical church Friday evening March 1st. The services will be conducted by the presiding elder and regular pastor.

Mrs. Southard returned to her home after a weeks visit in Portland.

County Treasurer's Notice

Notice is hereby given, that all outstanding county warrants, county road warrants, and warrants on the special road district funds of Columbia County, Oregon, will be paid upon presentation at the office of the County Treasurer, in the Court House, at St. Helens, Oregon. Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, March 1st, 1912.

A. T. Laws, County Treasurer.

A GOOD MOVE TRY Wellington

Shipping Notes

The Bark Lord Templeton will complete her cargo of two million feet of good Oregon lumber towards the last of the week. She will probably get away immediately and set her course for Melbourne, Australia.

When the steamer Klamath arrived early Sunday morning, she had on the first consignment of machinery for the new ship yard. Several skilled mechanics accompanied Supt. Price and they are now busily engaged getting things in shape for the other machinery which will arrive later.

The Steamer Klamath is now at the Mill Company's dock receiving her cargo of a million feet of lumber. She will be loaded Thursday night and after the load is brought down the 50 passengers which have booked for this trip, she will sail for Southern California ports.

The British ship Dunsyre has been chartered to transport lumber from St. Helens to Africa. The vessel is now out 20 days enroute from Newcastle, Australia for San Francisco and will probably not arrive at St. Helens until some time in May.

TRENHOLM

Arthur Fowler went to Mastens Camp to work last Monday.

Mr. McDonnell of the firm of Mc Donnell and Sharp, was a Trenholm caller a few days ago, and while here he made arrangements with O. F. Foster to work his farm the coming summer.

Mrs. Kyle came out from St. Helens last Friday to see how Osceas was getting along, returning Saturday, and being asked by our Trenholm reporter, how she liked St. Helens, said St. Helens is allright, but Oh! you Trenholm.

J. F. McAboy drove the Tremholm Houlton stage two trips this week, in the absence of Mr. Wilson the regular driver.

We have had several chances lately, to have factories of different kinds locate in Trenholm, but they make so much confusion with their whistles, we concluded we didn't want them, but referred them to the St. Helens commercial club, and told them their headquarters was in that new wooden structure with the mud hole in front, in case they should move their headquarters or the mud hole we would like to be notified.

The 499 club were entertained at the home of J. F. McAboy last Wednesday night, the evening was spent in games and discussions, at midnight they were ushered into the dining room where the tables were filled with all the bountiful securities that could be had in Trenholm, during the meal we were treated to violin music, the piece was a medley of ragtime and the music that is set to the Moody and Sankey songs, some one identified it as Larabee's March to Houlton after bacon and lard. It was noted to have a rag chewing contest at their next meeting between N. O. Larabee and Frank Tatro the winner to get the rag.

Bids too High

At the Council meeting last Monday night bids were opened for the improvements ordered on Hemlock Street. There was only one bid submitted, for something over \$4000, which the Council very quickly rejected and will order the work done by the day. At the bid submitted in the bid it would cost on an average of over \$60 per lot to make the improvements, which would have the effect of confiscating the property. It is estimated that the improvements can be made according to the specification for less than one half of this amount.

FOR SALE - A No. 1, young cow and calf and one half horse power gasolene engine, cheap. A. J. Lott St. Helens

Local Mention

Miss Wilson spent Sunday in Portland, returning on the late boat.

Judge Thomas A. McBride was in St. Helens for a few hours last Saturday.

A. B. Swift was a business visitor to St. Helens on Monday.

Mrs. Ed Watts was a guest of Mrs. D. J. Switzer the past week.

Dr. Lowe, Mar. 13.

Dr. McLaren, of Rainier, was a St. Helens visitor Monday.

Fred Cramer of Rainier was on our streets during the week.

Housekeeper wanted; apply at the Mist office.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Linton were Rainier visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Powne of Erskine, Alberta, visited with friends in St. Helens on Sunday.

BORN - On Feb. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. O. U. Powell of St. Helens, a daughter.

Mr. Phillip Neer of Warren, was transacting business in St. Helens on Monday.

A. L. Fuller, Cashier of the State Bank of Rainier, was a business visitor in St. Helens Monday.

The Ladies of the Guild will serve tea in the Guild Hall on Tuesday March 2nd from 2 to 5 only.

James Gaittens and H. F. Loyd of Deer Island were business visitors in St. Helens Monday.

Mr. T. J. Kruggar, an attorney of Portland was transacting legal business in St. Helens on Monday.

Gust Johnson, a merchant of Deer Island, was a St. Helens visitor during the first of the week.

Hugh B. Esson, from Portland is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone.

John Counterline, son of Rev. J. C. Counterline, of Scappoose, was a St. Helens visitor on Monday.

Little George Harrison who was taken to Portland last week for treatment, is much improved and returned home last Friday.

Mr. M. M. Bimford has opened up a general merchandise store in the Hazen Store building on Willamette Street.

Miss Helen Curtis from White Horse, Yukon, is spending a few days in St. Helens, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ross.

J. H. Wellington went to Portland today to select the base ball suits for the Wellington White Sox, which team will represent the City during the season of 1912.

A Couple of Central Oregon real estate operators gave a lecture in the City Hall last night concerning the great possibilities and resources of Bend, on the Deschutes. The lecture was an illustrated one, showing stereoptical views of that country.

F. Fleming and M. Rasmussen caught a sturgeon in the river here this week which weighed 250 pounds. While trying to land the big fish in their boat Mr. Rasmussen was knocked down and out by the fish, but he was finally landed.

Joseph Hayborn, who has been in the Government employ as light house keeper at Warrior Rock light house on Sauvie's Island for more than 20 years, has resigned his position on account of ill health, and Mr. Thomas Stanfield of Astoria, has been appointed to the position.

Registration of voters for the city election will begin on March 1st 1912 and continue for 20 days. Registration shall be made with the City Recorder at the City Hall. The city election will be held on the first Monday in April at which time there will be elected a Mayor, two Councilmen, and Treasurer.

Cooper Whitney, who lived at Scappoose for a number of years, but now a resident of Boynton, Florida, sent to the Editor of the Mist a Cocoa nut in its natural state. It is quite a curiosity around here and attracts considerable attention. Mr. Whitney, as

REUBEN NOTES

Mrs. Jane Zenor is visiting her grand children at Seaside this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tipton entertained last Saturday evening at their home in West Reuben, The Reuben Rubes Whist Club. There were Five Tables. Mrs. Ira Whitrow and R. B. Tipton carried off the monthly honors, as well as beautiful prizes. And Mrs. M. C. Jordan and Ira Whitrow the booby prize. The results were announced, and most delightful lunch was served.

Miss Mary A. Tierny will entertain the Club at its next meeting. To be held at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. T. C. Watts March the second.

Ernest and Miss Freda Kable of Tide Creek was in town on Wednesday.

The news in this part of the woods is scarce. Nothing new but rain more rain.

H. L. Harber who has been section foreman for the A & C R Co. left for his old home in Missouri on Wednesday.

The scholars in Mrs. G. F. Collins' room had an old fashioned dinner last Wednesday noon, and the scholars in Miss M. A. Tierny's room will have a dinner party at noon today.

well as Mr. Grewell and Mr. Wambke and others from this county who went to Florida last Fall, are much pleased with their new homes in the Everglades.

An ordinance has been introduced in the City Council which, if passed, will restrict the number of saloons in this city to four until the city has a population of 2000, after that time to one saloon for each 500 of population over 2000.

The County Assessor is all ready for the spring work of making the assessments of the county and will start out on Monday the 4th of March. Look out for him.

Up to Monday night the Sheriff had collected in taxes, about \$25,000 besides about a hundred letters containing remittances which had not been entered at that time. The force of deputies and clerks in the office is working about 12 hours a day making out receipts and collecting the money. Indications are that a very large portion of the taxes will be paid before the 15th of March.

J. H. Price, the Superintendent of the ship yard under construction here, has arrived with the machinery and work is now progressing on the buildings and ways. Other men who will work in the yards have also arrived and the site of the ship building plant on Sauvie's Island, just across from the Mill, presents much activity. Just as soon as the buildings and machinery are placed work will be started on the construction of the first vessel to be built on the Columbia River.

Mr. Thos. A. Cloninger of Scappoose, was operated on last week at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Last 4th of July Mr. Cloninger was operated on for ulcerated appendix and never recovered from the operation, and a second one was considered necessary. He has been constantly under Dr. Gillette's care since the first operation. In Nov. he had a slight stroke of paralysis which helped to greatly enfeeble him. But his physicians hope to have him soon on the road to recovery.

The 500 Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. J. H. Wellington last night. A very pleasant evening was spent in playing the regular number of games, and after the scores were counted it was found that Mrs. W. B. Dillard held the high score of the evening. Mrs. Wellington proved herself to be a very entertaining hostess ably assisted by Mrs. Dr. Wood. Luncheon was served to the guests. The Club will be entertained next Tuesday evening by Mrs. W. B. Dillard.

TO PROBE LIVING COST

President Taft Wants to Know Cause of High Prices.

One subject in which the average householder has a vital interest is the high cost of living. Much has been written and spoken about the ever growing expense of the American household, but the blame for the condition which seems to prevail all over the country has not yet been fixed.

President Taft proposes to do this, and one of the most timely subjects he has discussed recently is this same problem. President Taft proposes to appoint a commission, consisting of experts, to carry on an investigation as to why food prices are steadily going skyward. The middleman is being freely blamed because it seems to cost more each year to live and many believe the charges well founded. President Taft's proposed commission would ascertain this fact accurately, and the causes once learned, it is thought the problem could be solved.

President Taft himself says of the plan: "One legitimate advantage of such an official investigation and report, is the enlightened and informed public opinion, which of itself, will often induce or compel the reform of unjust conditions or the abatement of unreasonable demands."

Louis Fluhrer, the leading merchant of Mayger, was in St. Helens last Saturday and while here filed his declaration of intention with the County Clerk of becoming a candidate for the democratic nomination for County Commissioner. Mr. Fluhrer is a large property owner of the lower county and is well known all over the county. He is a successful business man and would make a good commissioner; Of course his besetting sin is his affiliation with the democratic party, but a good man never the less.

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