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**County Official Paper**

Prior to the recent activities along industrial lines in St. Helens, this city was very dull. There was no magnet to draw even the farmers to town; there was very little, if any, market here for the products of the farm and garden; trading was done by the farmer at the nearest point regardless of market, for the only market worth speaking of was in the cities of Portland and Astoria and as a natural result very little interest was taken in St. Helens by the people of the surrounding country.

Now things have changed; there are enough people here to attract the farmer with his products and a market for some of it. There is more attraction in every way; the farmer is becoming interested in the city and its improvement. The city has become more of a magnet and as it grows the attraction will be greater. What is good for the city is good for the country and what is good for the country is good for the city.

Back of and adjacent to St. Helens is one of the finest farming countries in the world. Fruit of any kind will grow and mature here as well as in any part of Oregon, with the possible exception of peaches and watermelons which are reputed to be not adapted to this climate. Grains and grasses raised in this section are not equalled in any other on the Pacific coast as evidenced by the prizes awarded at all the fairs of the Northwest. Our farmers are a prosperous and contented class. They are improving their land and making homes that are inviting and comfortable.

There is a unity of purpose between the farmers and the citizens of our city which is mutually beneficial. We of the City of St. Helens are proud of our farming community and like the farming community and like the farmers. Probably no other town in Oregon has better farm surroundings and a mutuality of friendship between farmer and city man than we have.

When we speak of St. Helens in nearly every sense it is intended to apply to Houlton as well. Houlton and St. Helens are so situated as to be practically one city. There should be one city government and one city only. The interest of one is the interest of the other. There is no dividing line between them, and before many months it is to be earnestly hoped that the two cities will consolidate and run under one city government and act together in a spirit of boosting rather than one of knocking.

All the arguments on the question of Women's Suffrage during this campaign are coming from the people in favor of it. There seems to be no one, in this neighborhood, who is opposing it, and yet it is safe to say that when the votes are counted there will be a goodly number against it. It seems to be the policy of the country papers to ignore the question, for of all our exchanges we notice very few who are advocating it, and none who are fighting it. As for the Mist it is going to continue the policy already adopted of keeping out of it. It is a well known fact around St. Helens that the editor of this paper is opposed to woman's suffrage, but we are not going to say anything about it any further as the people who vote on the question are thoroughly familiar with all the arguments to be produced on both sides, and this paper is not so strongly opposed to it to do anything which would prevent the women from voting if they want to. We feel sure that it is going to carry and then if the

experiment proves successful all will be well, but we have serious doubts about the success of the thing.

Just a glance at the personnel of the State Central Committee of the Bull Moose party indicates that Columbia County is pretty near the "Whole Show". Out of the 20 members, this county has 7 and out of the seven, St. Helens has 5. If that ratio prevails in the vote of the state in November, Roosevelt will not carry a county in the entire state because indications are now that he will not carry Columbia County by considerable. In fact during the past few weeks his strength here is fast falling and before the time comes to vote he will run a poor third with three in the race.

People arriving in St. Helens by boat are given an impression that is anything but favorable to the appearance of the city by getting a look at the old, tumble down, rotten, dangerous dock on the strand just next the Court House. It is within somebody's power and jurisdiction to see that this public nuisance is removed or repaired, and certainly something should be done for the safety of the public as well as the looks of the thing.

**SMALLER PAPER MONEY.**

Secretary MacVeagh's Plan to Reduce the Size of Banknotes.  
 The size of all United States currency and national banknotes will be reduced by one-third and their design revolutionized for the sake of economy to the public and safety against counterfeiting if Secretary MacVeagh of the treasury has his way.  
 It is proposed to make the dimensions 4 by 2 1/2 inches. The paper money now in circulation measures 7 1/2 by 3 1/4 inches. The designs of all paper money—United States notes and certificates and national bank notes—would be systematized and made uniform for every denomination.

This move is expected to save the government about \$900,000 annually and the national banks, which pay for the plates for their notes and part of the cost of redemption, about \$200,000.  
 For many months the only deterrent to the step by executive authorities has been the belief that it would be necessary for congress to appropriate about \$1,000,000 to replace the national bank plates which have been paid for by the national banks. This problem has been solved by a plan to have the general design of all national bank notes uniform, requiring only one engraved plate for each denomination, and to place on the notes by surface printing the name, location and charter number of the bank. This would do away with separate plates for each bank.

Eighteen months would be required to effect the change. To meet the objection that for a time at least there would be two sizes of currency in circulation it has been suggested that the government print in advance a sufficient quantity of the notes of the new size to be exchanged at the subtreasuries and national banks on a fixed date. The change could be substantially accomplished within a few days, treasury officials believe.

There are now nineteen different designs of currency. The change would reduce these to nine. Each denomination would be characterized by a distinctive American historical portrait engraved in the center of the note. In addition there would be a distinguishing feature of each denomination and would be a safeguard against counterfeiting, especially the prevalent practice of raising a note to a higher denomination.—Kansas City Star.

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 But it has been found that the new product is not only an efficient substitute for ivory, but can easily be prepared so as to take the place of amber, horn, coral, celluloid and such like products and it is claimed, can hardly be distinguished from them.  
 It is in its position as a substitute for ivory that the new material has caused most surprise, however, because it has the appearance of being another instance of improving upon nature. The new ivory takes a very high and lasting polish and probably will not lack a commercial field for itself, as natural ivory continues to grow scarcer and dearer year by year.—Allahabad Pioneer.

**Germany Asking "Why?"**  
 Germany is beginning to be troubled over the declining birth rate throughout the empire. Last year the excess of births over deaths in Prussia was 430,000, but in 1910 it was 281,000, showing a loss of excess in one year of 150,000, or nearly 35 per cent. In Bavaria the excess of births over deaths in 1910 was \$1,000 and in 1911 only 73,000, a loss in excess of 11,000, or over 11 per cent. The complete statistics for the empire are not yet available, but the Berlin statisticians regard it as certain that the year's increase in population will be less than 750,000. As a result the government of Prussia has instituted an inquiry into the causes of the decline.—Exchange.

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