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The Oregon Congress of Mothers is presenting to the voters of the State a Bill which it hopes will be placed upon the Statute Books of Oregon, a Bill to provide for the assistance and support of women whose husbands are dead or are inmates of some State institution, and who have small children dependent upon them.

This measure has been drafted carefully, so as to prevent waste of money, and yet made liberal enough to include the needy.

If the family includes but one child, the mother shall receive \$10 a month. If there are more children, she shall receive at the rate of \$7.50 per month per child. No mother can receive this pension for a child over sixteen years of age. No mother who receives an income from other sources is entitled to the relief afforded, unless that income is less than the one provided for by the measure. The money shall be distributed through the courts, and its distribution is regulated so as to prevent abuses.

Two States in the Union have similar laws, Illinois and Missouri. Several cities have funds to be used for the same purpose. Massachusetts, Ohio, California and Washington are considering Bills of the same import as that before us.

The home is the bulwark of the church, the school, and the nation. The home is the best and most effective place of education that exists. The mother is the truest and best natural guardian for her children. She can do more for them than any other person. Nothing but mental or moral unfitness should separate a mother from her child. And yet, all over the country, in every city and every State, the little ones are driven from their homes, not for crime or wrong, but because of poverty. Remove the bread winner, the father, and it takes an exceptionally able woman, and one gifted physically, to make a living for herself and her brood and at the same time care for her home and rear her little ones properly. Some succeed, but most fail in this desperate and unfair struggle.

It is the business of the citizens of Oregon to consider the rising generation. Conservation of mental, moral and physical health of our children is even more vital and important than the conservation of our other resources. This measure aims to make it possible for a widowed mother to keep her offspring under her own guidance and care until they are old enough to look out for themselves.

And last of all, attention is directed to the expense. This is an important matter and one which taxpayers will scrutinize closely. This Bill calls for a levy on property in each county of not more than one-tenth of a mill on each dollar. The framers of the Bill have gone over this matter carefully, and confidently assert that such a measure will reduce instead of increasing the expense to the tax-payers of the State. Mothers know how to make dollars go a long way. What State institution can support an orphaned child for \$7.50 a month, and give it decent clothing, sufficient food and proper training? Not one, neither in Oregon or in any other State. It is an economical measure, and will save more than it costs. It will pay, not only in higher ideals, and better citizenship, but in dollars and cents.

During the past two years there has been more street improvements made in St. Helens than during the entire history of the city. Only a few short years

Election Returns from California are in
---and now the great question before the people is what to buy for X'mas.

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A FEW SUGGESTIONS

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HOULTON, OREGON

ago the streets of this city were filled with trees, stumps and rocks, with ordinarily just room enough for a road way while now we have several miles of macadamized roads throughout the city. There is every prospect that more streets will be improved soon too, as we hear of petitions being circulated for the improvement of Summit Street from Willamette to the north boundary of the city and also for the improvement of one or two streets in the portion of the city near the ball park. There is no city that can have better streets than we can, for we certainly have the solid foundations and with just the expense of crushing the rock, hauling it and rolling it we have excellent streets. And talking about towns progressing, we have yet to see or hear of anything in the line of municipal progress and development in the state of Oregon that can compare with this little old town of St. Helens during the past four years.

There is considerable discussion just now as to whether or not women are liable to jury duty in the state. Sec. 990 of Lord's Oregon Laws in defining who are competent to serve as jurors, says:

A person is not competent to act as a juror unless he be:
1. A citizen of the United States;
2. A male inhabitant of the county in which he is returned and who has been an inhabitant thereof for the year next preceding the time he is drawn or called."

Another section of the law in defining a jury says: "A jury is a body of men selected from the qualified inhabitants etc."
So it would appear to be quite clear that women are not qualified under the law to serve as jurors in Oregon.

Report of The Condition of
No. 73
The Farmers State Bank, at Seapose in the State of Oregon, at the close of business November 26, 1912.

RESOURCES	DOLLARS	CTS.
Loans and discounts	22,231.75	
Overdrafts, secured	170.00	
Bonds and warrants	10,467.50	
Banking house	6,250.00	
Furniture and fixtures	2,519.32	
Due from banks (not reserve banks),	609.96	
Due from approve reserve		

RESOURCES	DOLLARS	CTS.
Cash on hand	3,325.65	
Expenses	3,310.47	
Total	53,860.64	
LIABILITIES	DOLLARS	CTS.
Capital stock paid in	12,500.00	
Undivided profits	2,883.42	
Postal savings bank deposits	140.00	
Individual deposits subject to check	27,627.72	
Demand certificates of deposit	2,348.20	
Time certificates of deposit	3,264.15	
Savings deposits	4,961.85	
Total	53,860.64	

State of Oregon,
County of Columbia ss.
I, O. M. Washburn, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
O. M. Washburn,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Dec. 1912.
J. G. Watts, Notary Public.
Correct--Attest:
J. G. Watts, D. W. Price,
Directors.

Report of The Condition of
No. 18
The Columbia County Bank, at St. Helens in the State of Oregon, at the close of business November 26, 1912.

RESOURCES	DOLLARS	CTS.
Loans and discounts	117,060.89	
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	533.93	
Bonds and warrants	32,854.58	
Banking house	15,000.00	
Furniture and fixtures	2,700.00	
Other real estate owned	1,680.00	
Due from approved reserve banks	172,85.15	
Checks and other cash items	16.60	
Cash on hand	8,777.81	
Total	196,475.96	

LIABILITIES	DOLLARS	CTS.
Capital stock paid in	25,000.00	
Surplus fund	5,000.00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,791.37	
Postal savings bank deposit	7,829.77	
Individual deposits subject to check	108,448.74	
Demand certificates of deposit	10,577.65	
Certified checks	150.00	
Cashier checks outstanding	21.24	
Time certificates of deposit	6,179.97	
Savings deposit	23,852.22	
Liabilities other than those above stated	125.00	
Total	196,475.96	

State of Oregon,
County of Columbia ss.
I, A. L. Stone, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
A. L. Stone,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Dec. 1912.
J. W. Day, Notary Public.
Correct--Attest:
Wm. M. Ross
L. R. Rutherford
J. S. Allen, Directors.

TEACHER'S EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the School Superintendent of Columbia County will hold the regular examinations for applicants for State papers at St. Helens, December 18-21, 1912.

Wednesday a. m., Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.

Wednesday p. m., Physical Geography, Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday a. m., Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.

Thursday p. m., Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday a. m., Theory and Practice, Orthography, English Literature

Friday p. m., School Law, Botany, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday a. m., Geometry, Geography.

Saturday p. m., General History, Bookkeeping.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 6th day of Dec., 1912.
J. B. Wilkenson,
County School Superintendent.

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St. Helens Oregon

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