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**County Official Paper**

There is a movement on foot to divide Road District No. 3, which includes St. Helens, Houlton, Yankton and Bachelor Flat. It is proposed to make the City of St. Helens a district by itself. This has been largely brought about by the feeling displayed between the people of some of the other localities and the people of this city. A levy of 3-1-4 three and a quarter mills was made at the meeting last Saturday for special improvements in the district of which amount St. Helens pays about 40 per cent while the balance of the district pays 60 per cent. This pro rata has existed for some time, not quite so marked as the past two years, but the people of this city are claiming that they pay nearly 40 per cent of the special taxes and that not over 10 per cent has been used on the roads in the city. On the other hand some of the other people are claiming that St. Helens is trying to get more than its share. So, taking all things into consideration it has been suggested, and action has already been started to divide the district so that the City shall be in a district by itself. Let us do a little figuring and see whether or not this would be a good move. A levy of 3 1-4 mills in the entire district will raise approximately \$7500. The same levy in the City of St. Helens will raise about \$2500. With that amount to spend on the county roads inside the city limits each year for a few years every foot of road in the city could be paved with hard surface pavement. But when it is distributed over the roads of the district it helps to make the roads all over the district in good shape. So that taking the same levy the city, from a strictly selfish standpoint, would be much better off to be in a district by itself. On the other hand a levy of 3 1-4 mills on the balance of the district would raise about \$5000 which when scattered all over the district would just keep the roads in their present condition and permit of some permanent improvement each year. If the district is divided the city will get much the better of the argument, for the levy will not have to be nearly so much in order to make the same kind of improvements as are being made now, while the country will have to make a higher levy in order to keep up the work already started.

But there is another side to the question which should be considered. It is of great moment that the roads leading into the city should be such as will permit the farmers to come to town any time of the year, with their produce. The country trade is important to our business life and unless we do our share toward making it easy for the farmer to get to town he may go to some other trading point. Then it can be argued that money spent by the taxes raised by the property of the city on the roads leading into the city, is money well spent. However taking it from all angles, considering the apparent bitter feeling between some of the outlying districts and the city, it looks like the proper thing to do is to divide the district.

The fight being waged by some of the good ladies of this city against the granting of a saloon license to George Brinn appears to be ill advised. The ladies are making a mistake. They are taking a course that is bound to weaken the influence for good that women generally will have in the affairs of the government under their recently acquired right to vote.

**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**

LADIES'	GENTLEMEN	CHILDREN
SKIRTS HANDKERCHIEFS NECKWEAR FANCY GARTERS GLOVES COMBS STATIONERY HOSIERY	UMBRELLAS SUSPENDERS GLOVES POCKET KNIVES RAZORS HOSIERY HATS, SHIRTS COLLARS, TIES	TOYS SHOES SWEATERS CAPS STOCKINGS STORY BOOKS DOLLS DRESSED AND UNDRESSED

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They are bringing ridicule upon themselves without the chance of accomplishment of their purpose. They are doing the thing which will compel persons to take sides one way or the other, and a great many of the people will be against them on account of the way in which they are going about it. However it is their fight and by the time that have passed through a few campaigns as active participants they will probably see the mistakes they have made.

No fair minded person questions the sincerity of purpose of these ladies, but it is evident that they have not considered sufficiently the method they have adopted to bring about a reform which can never be accomplished in that manner.

It seems to be conceded that the new President will select a man from the West for his Secretary of the Interior. Several names have been mentioned, each of the western states having a favorite son, but so far none of the names mentioned has met with the hearty support of the entire people as has the name of J. N. Teal of Portland. There is a prospect of the position being tendered to Mr. Teal and the people of the Great Northwest will be satisfied if such is the case. No man is more fitted for the position in the entire nation than is Mr. Teal. The west is entitled to this office. J. N. Teal should be appointed.

The office of a newspaper in a small community is to print the news, comment editorially on matters of interest to the people and do legitimate advertising. When a paper, asking and expecting the support of a moral and law abiding people of a community, prints stuff that is too indecent to be read at the family fireside, its existence is doomed and a very short life will be the result.

**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	
Loans and discounts	117,060.89
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	543.93
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	17,852.15
Checks and other cash items	16.60
Cash on hand	8,777.81
Total	196,475.96
Liabilities	
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 deposits 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 deposits 29,352.22  
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.

**Report of The Condition of**  
No. 73

The Farmers State Bank, at Scappoose in the State of Oregon, at the close of business November 26, 1912.

Resources	Dollars	Cents
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 approved reserve banks	4,975.99	
Cash on hand	3,325.65	
Expenses	3,310.47	
Total	53,860.64	
Liabilities	Dollars	Cents
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	2,483.20	
Time certificates of deposit	3,264.45	
Savings deposits	4,961.85	
Total	53,860.64	

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**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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