

# SANTIAM MINE DISTRICT WILL BE ORGANIZED

## Preliminary Steps Taken in Enthusiastic Meeting at Court House

### COURT IS INTERVIEWED

### Co-Operation Is Promised in Effort to Secure Proper Transportation

At a meeting held at the Marion county court house beginning at 10 o'clock yesterday, attended by a representative number of the men interested in that section, preliminary steps were taken for the reorganization of the Santiam mining district, sometimes called the Lester and Elkhorn district.

The meeting was called to order with H. H. Lotz, acting as chairman, when J. J. Langmack was elected chairman and A. C. Larsen, secretary.

Nearly all mines had representatives present. Mr. Lotz laid before the meeting the purpose of the call, namely, reorganization of the district looking to the building of roads

and the construction of bridges, making it possible to open up the eastern part of Marion county and general cooperation for the good of all concerned.

William La Fore, Carl Anderson and others gave interesting talks. Commissioners Are Convinced

The county commissioners seemed more than willing to meet the mining men half way.

A committee of three was appointed to go into the road question and everything pertaining to the organizing of the district. The chairman appointed William LaFore, W. I. Staley and Judge William Risley to act as that committee.

The suggestion was made by Mr. Lotz that no one knows what the Lester mining district is and suggested that it would be a good idea to change the name to the Santiam mining district of Marion county. On the suggestion of Otto Hanson, members of the county court, including Judge W. M. Bushey were called in and Judge Bushey explained himself in regard to aid on the road, outlining the necessary red tape that would have to be gone through to secure funds.

**Financial Aid Offered**

E. R. Anderson suggested that he was willing to make some advances, \$4000 or \$5000, towards putting the road in shape, providing he would be reimbursed later. This matter is to be taken up later.

However, the mining men succeeded in getting the county commissioners to promise to make immediate investigation of the roads and bridges from Mehama leading up to the mines, with a further understand-

ing that the bridges were to be put in shape at once.

All the way through the meeting worked in harmony and no doubt will result in a good deal of good for the district, when the organization can be fully effected and all the people of this section come to fully understand the great importance of getting all the mines in that district on a basis of actual shippers of ore.

**Basic Contract Available**

H. H. Lotz, of the Lotz-Larsen Mining company said yesterday that his company can get a basic contract with the Tacoma smelter for the treatment of ores just as soon as 400 tons a month can be delivered and as much more as possible—the more the better.

Even that much would mean a return of at least \$6000 a month, to be expended in Marion county, most of it in Salem. The Lotz-Larsen people have already shipped two cars of ore to the smelter, with all the difficulties of transportation.

The first car, mine run, returned 6.44 per cent copper, three ounces of silver and 16-100 ounce of gold per ton. The second car ran 10 per cent copper, three and six-tenths ounces of silver and 16-100 ounce of gold per ton.

The first car of ore was carried out to the road, a mile or so on pack horses.

hired man does not, but he does. He is in debt and pays a higher interest than any cigarette dealer in the city; he takes the price offered him for his goods and he pays what is asked of him for his merchandise. He lives without these little pleasures, which make a little sunshine in ones life, and that is why it is hard for him to get assistance in his work to produce food and raw material for the nation to feed, work and traffic on.

But look out, my city friends, there is a limit. You know about the last straw. A farmer cannot pay men from 50 cents to \$1 an hour for work. In your own Salem Journal. The Fruitgrower, there was an item of a jar of canned pears of 60 cents, pre war price 30 cents; of which 60 cents the producer of the pears received 10 cents and the 50 cents went for canning, wholesale and middlemen's profits. There are things right here in Salem which work out the same way. But the farmer will have to curtail production whether he wants to or not. He cannot compete in the labor market with the grafters and the profiteers of his own grown products, and then you will be up against it.

Get down and think and you very likely will awake to the real cause of profiteering.

—A Retired Farmer.

## EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

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### Farmer versus Profiteer.

Editor Statesman:

In the synopsis of the action and palaver of the Commercial Club meeting held Friday, February 20, we find ideas exposed that would remind one of a kindergarten. To charge the farmer for the high cost of living, fool legislation entailing should startle a kindergarten school. It is stated that business men are needed for legislation in place of lawyers, politicians and farmers.

In this triangle the only business man found is the farmer. Let me whisper you a secret in your ears: the hayseed is the most necessary business man and he runs the greatest business in all the world. Mr. Retail Merchant, will you take time enough to think between meditating whether to put on just only 50 per cent in place of 200 per cent on all your articles, that if it were not for the farmer you would not be in business and that the same farmer after he deducts from his gross income the actual expense like you do he would either have no profit left, or it would net a return of from 2 to 5 per cent in the most favorable circumstances; 3 per cent is the average the world over. You say he pays no taxes. When his farm is assessed as now for \$100 per acre at 30 to 35 mills, and there are from 40 to 400 acres in that farm, one would think he also pays some taxes—and his investment is fully as great as a candy, cigar or peanut or other shop, considered big brainy business who should make the laws of the country.

I know a certain hayseed state separator within 100 miles of Spokane who has the reputation of having been instrumental in having real good laws put upon the statute books, who enjoys the respect and esteem of everybody and who runs a greater business than almost anybody else in the county. Your esteemed secretary knows the senator O. K.

I do not see in what particular part our Marion county hayseed delegation made such a lamentable failure. For honesty of purpose I do think they will compare very favorably with the rest of them.

But let me tell you a secret: the farmer has been the beast of burden for to these centuries; he really pays all the bills of whatever character, even for the paving of your streets. (Get down to think, if it does not hurt too much). He works all the way from 10 to 18 hours a day. The

## EIGHT CARLOADS OF POWDER SOLD

### Thousands of Pounds of Explosives Used for Development in Valley

The Watt Shipp Powder company last month sold eight carloads of DuPont explosives in the Willamette valley. This is the record sale of DuPont explosives for this company in the 14 years it has been in the powder business.

Two hundred thousand pounds of powder in one month is an enormous amount of explosives. This demand is attributed to three types of work now all in full momentum — road building, the logging industry and last but by no means the least, land clearing by the progressive farmers who are clearing off land preparatory to setting out berries, orchards and hops, recognizing that present land values are at the zero point, and a rapid climb will commence before the close of 1920.

With the increased facilities of factories to care for produce of all kinds, it is clearly seen that markets are established that will care for the great increase of acreage. In an article in the Saturday Evening Post, issue of March 6, page 18, "Frenzied Farm Finance," the west is now enjoying a wonderful prosperity in the farming industry. It is an article worth reading, clearly showing that lands in the west have increased over 400 per cent and that by no means the least, there is no stretch of the imagination to realize that the lands of the Willamette valley are far superior in every way and with a climate incomparable will in the immediate future become recognized and enjoy even a middle west.

Mr. Shipp, in an interview stated that he attributed the record-breaking powder sales last month chiefly to the present advance in farm produce and the rise in the price of land. He went on to say that the Oregon farmers, and especially those of the Willamette valley, have come to realize their opportunity, not only in having ready outlet for all produce right at their door, but also that eastern capital is becoming interested in the possibilities of this section and the sale of lands is now an everyday occurrence. Of course, he points out, the cleared lands have the preference and command the price.

In speaking of explosives, Mr. Shipp said: "Think of the difference in their uses now as compared with the use to which they were put during the 1914-1918 period. In those years of strife and turmoil DuPont explosives were manufactured almost exclusively for war purposes and destruction as their superiority by the warring forces was generally acknowledged, but since 1918 the DuPont factories have been manufacturing explosives for peace purposes—to create and not destroy."

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1 fine sorrel team, 7 and 9 years old, weight 3000 pounds; 1 brown mare, 4 years old, weight 1400 pounds; 1 black mare, 6 years old, weight 1200 pounds; 2 colts rising 3 years old, heavy stock; 1 Jersey cow, 8 years old, fresh in April, a 5-gallon cow; 1 Jersey cow, 8 years old, fresh in May, a 4 1/2-gallon cow; 1 Durham cow, 4 years old, fresh in April, a dandy; 1 Jersey cow, 4 years old, fresh in June; 1 helper rising 2 years old; 1 Duroc Durham bull calf, 10 months old; 1 Duroc brood sow, 2 years old; 3 pigs, 2 months old weight 60 pounds each; 2 fat hogs, weight 250 pounds each; 50 chickens, good layers; 6 Ancona hens; 3 bronze turkeys; 1 set gobbler; 400 bushels white and grey oats; 100 bushels 90 day and Red Chaff Spring Wheat; 7 tons baled Cheat hay; 7 tons loose Cheat and Vetch hay; 5 sacks barley; 2 sacks vetch seed; 2 3/4 Mitchell wagons, with double box and wood rack; 1 1/2-inch two bottom gang plow; 2 No. 49 Oliver lumps; 2 John Deere double disc plows; 1 Spring tooth harrow, good as new; 1 4-section iron harrow; 1 go-devil; 1 Gunlach 14-inch hose drill; 1 5-foot McCormick mower; 1 4 1/2-foot McCormick mower; 1 10-foot McCormick hay rake; 1 9-foot Champion hay rake; 1 hay carrier; 1 good Deering binder, with tongue truck; 1 buggy; 1 buggy pole; 1 good hay rack; 1 bundle rack; 1 gravel bed; 1 8-foot corrugated roller; 1 60-foot hay rope; 2 hay forks; 1 Chatham fanning mill, with bagger attachment, good as new; 1 hay carrier; 1 good scalding vat; 6 oak barrels; 2 log chains; 4 rolling colters; 2 jointers; 1 cycle grinder; 1 set double breeching harness; 1 set double hack harness; 1 set single buggy harness; 1 set plow harness; 25 ricks dry stove wood, some 4-foot wood; 1 Empire cream separator; 1 kitchen cabinet; 1 Acorn range; 1 good extension table, stands, rugs, carpets and many other articles too numerous to mention.

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TERMS: All sums of \$20 and under cash, over that amount, time given to Oct. 1, 1920, to parties furnishing approved bank notes, bearing 8 per cent interest.

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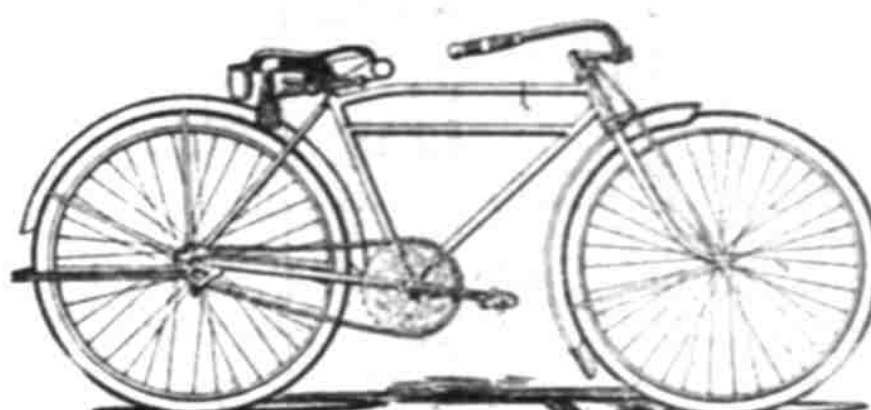
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## Types of Bolshevi kPrisoners Held at Great Camp in Poland



This photograph shows types of Bolsheviki prisoners at the gates of the great Polish prison camp at Powidly. In that camp are Reds of every description. With many of them are their woman companions and all are thriving on the bounty of the new Polish government.



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