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The Editor, St. Helens Mist.

An editor who endeavors to build up a community, no matter in what legitimate way, deserves the attention and time of his fellow citizens. In the first place, the press is the most powerful means of uniting the people for the furtherance of projects which are considered likely to redound to the common prosperity.

In consideration of this latter fact, I find it very singular that the Editor of the Rainier Review and he who presides over the destinies of the Clatskanie Chief have maintained a sepulchral silence regarding a matter which, in a thoughtful editorial published some weeks ago, you proposed to them for their opinions.

You advocated the formation of a Columbia County Chamber of Commerce to be composed of members from the principal towns in the county. And in so doing (if I may say so without seeming to flatter), you proved yourself commendably free that spirit of provincialism which has been a woeful drawback in many a town's career.

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce met at St. Helens, or "it met at Rainier, Seapoose, or Clatskanie." To the outside world it becomes known that the people of this county are united, enterprising and determined to make the county a desirable place to live.

Let us hear from the other editorial sanctums.

OUTS.

A GREAT INSTITUTION

The State of Oregon owns a great institution in the Oregon Agricultural College. It was the pleasure of the editor of the Mist to visit that institution recently and the impression received of the college and the faculty was the highest.

The aid given by the state to this great college is an investment from which the state will receive large returns and the Mist hopes that the legislature will make the necessary financial provisions.



YOUR SUCCESS

WE WISH IT AND WILL WORK FOR IT

MERELY wishing you success won't bring it by any means. Therefore, we desire the opportunity of the work of our hands in making your aims for 1920 become accomplishments.

January first was semi-annual interest payment day here at the Columbia County Bank for Our Savings Depositors. Did YOU get some of that 'velvet'?

SHERMAN M. MILES, President.

Columbia County Bank ST. HELENS OREGON IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

BANK MONEY IS AT WORK

The Muskogee Times-Democrat narrates a sad story about a certain Mrs. Murphy, who went to her fruit jar bank one day and found that someone had taken the savings of many years, to-wit, eight hundred dollars.

The money in the fruit jar was idle, it was out of circulation. It was rendering no service to anyone.

Yet there are hundreds of persons in every community who are handling money in the same foolish, unproductive way.

Whatever is said about banks, money placed in them is more safe and a basis of credit.

Bank deposits add to the credit of the individual, the bank and the community, in resources and stability.

Always a certain percentage of deposits are loaned out to carry on industries, business enterprises and to employ labor.

On top of this, banks are reaching out to help the farmer enlarge his herds, improve his equipment and increase production.

MERITED.

The Mist heartily approves of the action of the county court in increasing the salary of Deputy Sheriff Butler from \$100 to \$120 per month. Columbia county has no more hard working official on the pay-roll than Butler and he works 30 days per month.

From Washington comes the news that "a conference on the high cost of living is planned for spring." This announcement is likely to cause some surprise to those who have heard about Attorney General Palmer's numerous statements that the government has already brought down prices, and his prediction that prices will come down more after the first of the year.

The Community church idea may be all right and the proper thing for St. Helens, but we venture to assert that if one half of those who do not attend church would go to church that two big community churches couldn't have room enough to accommodate the crowd.

It is computed that 10,000 threads of the web of a full-grown spider are not larger than a single hair of a man's beard.

Looks as though 1920 was going to be the "Banner Year" for St. Helens.

The political session of the Oregon legislature holds forth at Salem.

Indiana May Act Soon.

Governor Goodrich will call a one-day session of the Indiana Legislature immediately for the purpose of ratifying the woman suffrage amendment if he is assured only this question will be considered.

The Governor made this statement following a conference with representatives of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana. It was said by the conferees they believed it would be possible to have the one-day session by January 15.

Knowledge Unnecessary.

Little seven-year-old James came home from school the first day with a determined look on his face. He was decided on one point, "Mother," he cried, "I'm going to quit school and be a schoolteacher." "Why," "How can you?" "You don't know James," said his mother, laughing, "enough." "Don't know enough," explained the would-be teacher, "You don't have to know anything. All you have to do is ask questions."

COURT PROCEEDINGS

On this day the Clerk presents to the Court his statement of scalpounts issued during the month of December, 1919, as authorized, and being as follows:

Dec. 13, 1919, warrant No. 2121 for \$1.20 in favor of Lyle Luffka.

Dec. 16, 1919, warrant No. 2122 for \$1.10 in favor of Nettle Lampa.

Dec. 26, 1919, warrant No. 2124 for \$5.00 in favor of Orville Makin.

Dec. 27, 1919, warrant No. 2125 for \$2.00 in favor of Peter Beran.

Dec. 29, 1919, warrant No. 2126 for \$2.00 in favor of A. L. Parker.

Dec. 30, 1919, warrant 2127 for \$2.00 in favor of G. Lillich.

On this day the report of the County road viewers on the John Wattson road was read in open court for the first time.

On this day comes on for hearing the petition of H. E. LaBare and S. L. Butler praying the court for an increase in the salary of the Deputy Sheriff, and the court being in the matter it is ordered that the said statement be, and the same is hereby approved and accepted.

On this day it is ordered by the Court that Mr. P. W. Harrison be, and he is hereby appointed janitor for the Court House for the year 1920, and that the salary for said janitor be, and the same is hereby fixed in the amount of \$100.00 per month.

On this day it is ordered by the court that Mr. A. L. Morris be, and he is hereby appointed Fruit Inspector for Columbia County, Oregon, for the year 1920.

On this day it is ordered by the court that Dr. L. G. Ross be, and he is hereby appointed Secretary of the Board of Health, in and for Columbia County, Oregon, and the salary of such office is to be \$20.00 per month, payable as by law provided.

On this day there is presented to the Court the report of Mr. H. E. Ahry on the vacation of a part of the Wilson road, being as follows:

"Being familiar with the location of the road mentioned in the above petition, I submit the following: 'The length of the road that it is desired to vacate is 1754 feet, with grades as follows: 300 feet of 5.5 per cent grade; 900 feet of 6.9 per cent grade; 534 feet of 3.6 per cent grade, making an average grade of 5.6 per cent.

"The grade of the present road, and which it is desired to substitute for the Wilson road, is on a 8.3 per cent grade for a distance of 1320 feet, the entire distance from the intersection to the Shiloh Basah School House, and that is the best grade obtainable by that route.

"As it has been the policy of the County Court to construct all new roads on the best grade obtainable, and, knowing that the Wilson Road is properly located, I am of the opinion that the Wilson road should not be vacated.

"Respectfully submitted,

"H. E. Ahry, Co. Roadmaster."

It is now ordered by the Court that Wednesday, March 3, 1920, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. be, and the same is hereby set as the date of hearing said report, and that notice be posted as by law provided.

On this 7th day of January, 1920, comes on for hearing the claim of Burt West of Seapoose, Oregon, for indemnity in the sum of \$5,000 for 27 trade cows over the age of two years, and 2 non-graded cows over the age of 2 years, slaughtered under the supervision of the State Live-Stock Sanitary Board, under Chapter 113, General Laws of 1919. And it appearing to the Court from the evidence and affidavits on file relating thereto, that said animals were slaughtered on the 3rd day of Sept., 1919, at North Portland, Oregon, under the supervision of Dr. A. Parker for B. A. J. and that said claimant has complied with all the provisions of Chapter 113, general laws of 1919.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said claim be, and the same is hereby allowed and that the Clerk be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to issue a General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$228.38 in favor of Burt West, this amount being one-half of the sum so allowed as indemnity.

It is further ordered by the Court that the Clerk prepare and transmit to the Secretary of State, a certified copy of this order.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 1 and expending the amount of \$4800.00 as set out in the Budget prepared for that purpose, in improving roads in said district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to determine the levy necessary to raise the amount as set out, and extend the same on the tax rolls for the year 1919 against all the taxable property within the said road district.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 3 and expending the amount of \$13,100.00 as set out in the Budget prepared for that purpose, in improving roads in said district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to determine the levy necessary to raise the amount as set out, and extend the same on the tax rolls for the year 1919 against all the taxable property within the said road district.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 4 and expending the amount of \$7,000.00 as set out in the Bud-

get prepared for that purpose, in improving roads in said district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to determine the levy necessary to raise the amount as set out, and extend the same on the tax rolls for the year 1919 against all the taxable property within the said road district.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 5 and expending the amount of \$5,375.00 as set out in the Budget prepared for that purpose, in improving roads in said district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to determine the levy necessary to raise the amount as set out, and extend the same on the tax rolls for the year 1919, against all the taxable property within the said road district.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 6 and expending the amount of \$13,500.00 as set out in the Budget prepared for that purpose, in improving roads in said district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to determine the levy necessary to raise the amount as set out, and extend the same on the tax roll for the year 1919, against all the taxable property within the said road district.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 7 and making a levy of 10 mills on the dollar on all taxable property within the said road district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to extend the special levy of 10 mills on the dollar on all the taxable property within the said road district on the tax rolls for the year 1919.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 8 and making a levy of 10 mills on the dollar on all taxable property within the said road district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to extend the special levy of 10 mills on the dollar on all the taxable property within the said road district, on the tax rolls for the year 1919.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 9 and making a levy of 10 mills on the dollar on all taxable property within the said road district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to extend the special levy of 10 mills on the dollar on all the taxable property within the said road district, on the tax rolls for the year 1919.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 10 and making a levy of 10 mills on the dollar on all taxable property within the said road district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to extend the special levy of 10 mills on the dollar on all the taxable property within the said road district for the year 1919.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 14, and expending the amount of \$4,500.00 as set out in the Budget prepared for that purpose, in improving roads in said district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to determine the levy necessary to raise the amount as set out and extend the same on the tax rolls for the year 1919.

On this day resolutions for specially improving the roads in road district No. 15 and making a levy of 10 mills on the dollar on all taxable property within the said road district, are duly examined and approved by the Court, and the Assessor is hereby ordered to extend the special levy of 10 mills on the dollar on all the taxable property within the said road district on the tax rolls for the year 1919.

On this day it is ordered by the Court that Mr. T. S. Wilkes be, and he is hereby appointed to the office of County Road-master in and for Columbia County, Oregon, for the year 1920.

It is further ordered by the Court that the salary of the said Roadmaster be, and the same is hereby fixed in the amount of \$1800.00 per annum, payable from the General Road Fund as by law provided.

It is further ordered by the Court that the amount of Bond to be furnished by said Road-master be, and the same is hereby fixed in the sum of \$1,000.00.

On this day comes on for hearing the petition of I. S. Baumgardner et al, free-holders residing in the road district or districts of the said proposed road, praying for the establishment of a county road as follows:

Beginning at a point in the center of the present County Road that is Northerly 315 feet from the intersection of the centerline of said County Road with the South line of Section 5, in Township 7 north of Range 4 west of the Willamette Meridian, said intersection point being 1954.67 feet West from the South East corner of said Section 5; from said point of beginning running Westerly or Northwesterly along the most practical route to a point on the Kania Drainage District, said point being further described as being North 500 feet and East 75 feet from the Quarter Post on the South line of said Section 7 and on the East right of way line of the Clatskanie & Nehalem Railroad.

And it satisfactorily appearing to the Court from the proof filed herein that due notice of the pendency of this proceeding has been given as by law required, and that twelve of the said petitioners are free-holders and residents within the district or districts of the said proposed road, and that a good and sufficient bond as by law required has been given and filed herein.

It is now ordered by the Court that the board of road viewers meet at the beginning point of the said proposed road on the 15th day of January, 1920 or on their failure

to do so, then within ten days thereafter, and proceed to view, survey and lay out the said proposed road as set forth in said petition and assess the damages and file your report on or before Feb. 20th, 1920.

It is further ordered by the Court that L. J. VanOrshoven, County Surveyor, E. D. Tichenor and Fred Mann be, and they are hereby appointed as a board of road viewers to survey and view out said road.

On this day the report of the County road viewers on the John Wattson road was read in open court for the second time.

On this day it is ordered by the Court that a General Fund Warrant in the sum of \$10.00 be drawn in favor of Estella Winchell, as attorney ad, and that a like warrant on the first day of each month thereafter be drawn on the further order of this court.

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