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A MILD ANSWER.

The Mist appears to have pierced the cuticle of its friend at Clatskanie, and now, if it can persuade the Chief to stand against the saloons in the coming campaign it will have achieved some good. Personalities do not count for much in this argument and we care nothing for the statement of the Chief that the Mist has its hand in the county crib. Of course the Chief would be glad to do the county printing, and does occasionally get some of it. It has access to the bills, and if it can prove that this paper charges more than a right price for work, of course it would do so. But the fact is that the county work is being done at a reasonable price, and the Commissioner from Clatskanie is enough of a business man and an honest man to see that the county is not overcharged. What work the Mist gets from the county comes to it entirely unsolicited. As to the Mist's influence we have just received two letters—one from Norman Merrill, of Clatskanie. Mr. Merrill says: "I heartily commend your article entitled, 'Silence Is Golden.'"

Mr. Judson Weed, of Vernonia, says:

"Permit me to say here that I appreciate the stand the Mist has taken on the saloon question. You deserve the support of every man in Columbia County who believes in moral decency."

The statement of the Chief that "all the ballots, election notices, etc." were printed in the Mist office is not true, over two-thirds of that work being done in Portland.

The Mist received no compensation whatever for its work against the saloons, and the loss of patronage from the Goble saloons in one year will amount to about the entire sum paid this paper for election supplies by the county.

The Chief will find before next November that the people respect an outspoken paper. There should be no such thing as neutrality in this matter. The Chief says: "We have to scratch like blazes to earn an honest living."

People who have the money itch very often scratch hard, and sometimes, in their eagerness, they forget the honest part of it. Do you believe the saloon is a good thing? Do you think it increases the moral tone of your community, and makes better men and women of your people? It undoubtedly has an influence. Is that influence (in your opinion) for good or evil? If it is for good, why do you not give it your earnest and unpaid support? If it is a thing of evil and a cause of crime, is it really honest scratching to accept its money for the publication of arguments in its defense. The plea of the Chief is centuries old, and has been used in all times to excuse similar conduct. Shakespeare tells of an instance where a desperate man applied to an apothecary for drugs to end his existence, and upon the offer of sufficient gold they were forthcoming, the apothecary giving much the same excuse as does the Chief, "My poverty and not my will consents." Come out on one side or the other. Be a man or a mouse, or a long-tailed rat. Stand up and be counted. Scratch like blazes, but remember that you can't scratch for food in a manure pile without some of the filth clinging to you.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION—The case of Marquam v. Carlson was before Judge Allen in the Circuit Court last Monday. It is a question for settlement, Marquam claiming to be the owner by virtue of swamp and ditch in the State of Oregon. Judge Pines, attorney for defendant, raised the point that the State had no authority to make the deeds until after the selections made by the State had been approved by the General Government, and that, as the deed to Marquam was made prior to such approval, it did not convey title. The list was approved in 1899 and patent issued in 1901, while the deed to the land in controversy was made in 1889. Carlson claims by his title and adverse possession. If Judge Pines is correct in his opinion it renders defective, and probably void, the titles to an immense quantity of swamp lands in the northern portion of this county.

We repair anything electrical, Columbia Electric Works.

The Modern Woodmen of America will institute a camp at St. Helens in the I. O. O. F. Hall Saturday night, December 18th, having secured twenty-five charter members. The camp promises to be a flourishing one, as there are in the neighborhood of fifteen members holding their membership in different camps who will transfer here. The degree team from Fir Camp, of Portland, will take the boys through the mysteries of woodcraft. The work has been under the direction of Special Deputy Head Consul J. O. Albary, and he is more than well pleased with the future of the new camp.

Syrup of White Pine and Tar, the old reliable cough remedy. For sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

ORDINANCE NO.

An ordinance providing licenses for certain trades, calling and professions, providing the method for obtaining same and fixing the fees therefor.

The people of the City of St. Helens do ordain as follows:

Sec. 1. That no person, firm, company or corporation shall be engaged in, prosecute or carry on any trade, business, occupation, or profession within the limits of the city of St. Helens, for which a license may be required by this ordinance, or any ordinance of the City of St. Helens, until he or they shall have obtained a license as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. That any person, firm, company or corporation, required by this ordinance or any ordinance of the city to obtain a license to engage in any trade, business, occupation or profession for which a license is required shall first pay to the City Treasurer the sum or sums required by ordinance to be paid therefor, and thereupon with the receipt of the City Treasurer, (which receipt shall set forth the kind of business for which license is required) they shall apply to the recorder, who shall issue a license to the parties applying, in accordance with the receipt of the Treasurer, upon the compliance by the applicant with the provisions of all ordinances relating to obtaining license for the business, trade, or profession for which such license is desired.

Sec. 3. Every license taken out under the ordinances of the City of St. Helens, shall set forth the purpose, trade, business or profession for which such license is granted, and the name of the person taking out the same, the time which the license is to run, the date on which the same expires and the date of issuing said license; and any person exercising or carrying on such trade, business or profession, or doing any act for which license is required, shall on demand of any city officer at his place of business, produce license, and unless he shall do so may be taken and deemed to have no license, and placed under arrest by the proper officer for the violation of this ordinance, and be brought before the recorder to be dealt with according to Section 7 of this ordinance.

Sec. 4. In every case where more than one of the pursuits, employments or occupations for which a license is required, shall be pursued or carried on in the same place, by the same person at the same time license must be taken out for each, according to the rates severally prescribed.

Sec. 5. All licenses issued under the provisions of the ordinances of the City of St. Helens, shall be in effect from the date thereof and for the term specified therein.

Sec. 6. All licenses required by this ordinance shall be paid in advance in legal tender money of the United States.

Sec. 7. Any person or persons, firm, company or corporation who shall engage in, prosecute or carry on within the limits of the City of St. Helens, any trade, business, occupation, profession or profession for which a license is required by this ordinance or any ordinance of the City of St. Helens, without first obtaining such license as herein provided, or who shall violate any of the terms of this ordinance relating to such license, shall on conviction thereof before the Recorder's court, be punished by a fine not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail not less than three days nor more than twenty days or both such fine or imprisonment.

Sec. 8. Every person or association of persons who shall peddle any goods, wares or merchandise, or any fruit or cured meats or fish, for sale within the City of St. Helens, except they be the products of their own farms, gardens, dairies, or articles of their own manufacture, and any hawk or offer goods for sale by outcry, or from a stand on the street, or any person who shall bargain, sell, or agree to deliver, or so-called peddle, either from stock or by sample at retail any goods, wares or merchandise to persons for their private use, shall pay therefor the sum of twenty-five dollars per six months or ten dollars per week and no license shall be granted for any such purpose for any other term than one of the above. Provided, that all residents of the City of St. Helens shall be exempt from the provisions of this section, and such persons who shall be considered residents, who may own real estate to the value of \$100 within the City of St. Helens, or who shall have rented real property within said city to the value of \$100 per annum for a period of not less than six months; all other persons shall be deemed peddlers and come within the provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 9. Every place where guns or pistols are kept for shooting at targets, every skating rink, all public swings or merry-go-rounds, every public game, operated by means of throwing knives, rings or missiles of any kind, all public spindle games or wheels of fortune, and all public games of skill of every description; any person or persons who shall give any street exhibition of any kind, any person or persons who shall exhibit a phonograph or other machine, and the proprietors or agents of all other shows for money, whether collected by entrance fee or by collection, not otherwise enumerated in this ordinance, shall pay a quarterly license of two dollars or a daily license of two cents; provided that all moving picture or other shows, owned and operated by a person or persons who shall furnish satisfactory proof to the City Treasurer that he or they have rented a building or premises in the city for a period of not less than one month, shall pay an annual license of \$50, payable quarterly in advance.

Sec. 10. Billiard tables, bowling alleys, pool tables, and pigeon hole tables kept for hire, shall pay a quarterly license of two dollars and fifty cents for each table.

Sec. 11. Any circus or other tent show shall pay a license according to the number of square feet included in their exhibition tent or tents, or the first 1500 square feet or less at the rate of \$5 per day or \$20 per week, and for every additional 500 square feet or less a further sum of \$5 per day. Provided, that the license committee may alter or amend the rates provided in this section at their discretion.

Sec. 12. It shall be the duty of the marshal of the City of St. Helens, to see that the provisions of this ordinance are enforced, and make complaint in the recorder's court for all violations thereof.

Sec. 13. The Recorder of the City of St. Helens shall, on the 10th day of January, of April, of July, and of October, furnish the city marshal with a list of all the licenses issued and in force at that date and thereafter he shall, from time to time during the quarter, notify the marshal of any licenses he may issue, and it shall be the duty of the marshal to arrest any person or persons liable for any license and who have not paid the same, and bring him or them before the recorder to be dealt with according to law.

M. E. MILLER, Mayor.
J. Q. GAGE, Recorder.

Cream puffs and pumpkin pie at the St. Helens Bakery, Saturday. Buy them for our Sunday dinner.

Five pianos cheap at Montgomery's.

RAINIER.

The ladies of the Catholic Sewing Society gave one of the most successful bazaars ever held in this city, last Friday evening, under the efficient management of Mrs. Chas. Clark, Pres. Too much cannot be said of the valuable aid rendered by Mrs. Lee, Mrs. B. Clark and Mrs. Sheerin, while Mesdames Chambers, O'Leary, Wertheis and Vogel, the Misses O'Leary, Nema Brough and May Gallagher all assisted materially to make the bazaar a success. Contributions also came from Mesdames Simmons, David, Burns, Lowe, Flynn and Dowling. The Boys Club has a booth all their own, and had their knick-knacks sold out long before the close of the bazaar. The ladies realized \$148.40 on the venture, and desire to thank all those who were their patrons during the evening. Mrs. Chambers was the champion ticket seller, having sold 42 before the opening. Porter Davis, Mrs. Lee and A. M. Clark, of Vancouver, each drew a beautiful cushion and S. L. Finnigan's little daughter drew a line quilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, who recently came from Boston to visit Wm. Kennedy and family, like the country so well that they have decided to purchase a piece of land and make their home here, after a brief visit to friends in California.

L. S. Thomas has built a new office building on the property owned by him on Commercial. The Boys Club has moved his office to the new location where he may be found in the future.

Coroner Sh. Wood is excavating on a lot owned by him on Water street, where he will put up a modern building for his own use.

Chas. Masters, the street contractor, was unable to complete all the street work and will finish the balance in the spring.

There will be a meeting of the taxpayers of this district next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of voting a special tax for road purposes. All taxpayers are requested to be present. It is proposed to vote a tax of ten mills which would give this district \$16,000.00 for road purposes next year. Many of the farmers and business men are in favor of the proposed tax, and it is to be hoped that ten mills will be voted.

Father Brunagel of the Catholic church, is now permanently located in this city and proposes to begin the erection of a church 30x60 on the half block purchased from A. J. Wright & Co., two blocks south of Water Street.

The Congregational church society is having the church repaired. As the church is an old landmark it will add materially to the appearance of the city.

Our work can be depended on, both electrically and mechanically correct. COLUMBIA ELECTRIC WORKS. Electric door bells installed. Columbia Electric Works.

OREGON APPLES.

Visitors who have just returned from New York, say that Oregon fruit is receiving a greater amount of publicity in the big city this year than ever before, and that in many sections of the wholesale district banners are being advertised in this state's unexcelled apples.

One resident from here, who returned yesterday, says that he counted more than 30 of these banners in various places in the wholesale fruit district, in connection with a display of the apples. Inquiry developed the fact that the banners were being supplied, them by the house they bought the fruit from. Several of them had photographs of their places taken and secured two which he brought back with him.

He states that Oregon apples, according to the dealers he consulted, are bringing a much higher price than those from other districts in the Northwest owing to their superior pack and keeping qualities and that he was told by wholesalers that they were considered the finest placed on the markets of the Atlantic Coast.

He was informed that the Western box apples that are now being sold are principally the red varieties which will be used in the Christmas trade. The Newtown Pippins will not be placed on sale until after the holidays.

Fixtures and supplies. Columbia Electric Works.

SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUES.

As shown by the assessment roll of Columbia County for the year 1909:	
1.	\$1,083,065
2.	496,180
3.	488,860
4.	114,840
5.	337,800
6.	94,105
7.	1,197,000
8.	139,345
9.	233,830
10.	271,230
11.	38,158
12.	308,680
13.	22,885
14.	193,860
15.	139,780
16.	46,705
17.	102,270
18.	80,795
19.	296,220
20.	226,100
21.	221,110
22.	211,183
23.	341,060
24.	368,207
25.	609,545
26.	71,345
27.	218,405
28.	207,915
29.	418,275
30.	123,270
31.	247,550
32.	163,190
33.	324,580
34.	5,100
35.	140,585
36.	380,780
37.	282,200
38.	238,345
39.	549,370
40.	478,375
41.	356,105
42.	381,035
43.	104,380
44.	1,985
45.	17,865
46.	56,220
47.	228,085
48.	167,710
49.	48,170
50.	170,140
51.	261,245
52.	92,375
53.	80,015
54.	167,660
55.	170,245
56.	113,600
57.	180,640
No.	
	\$14,461,495

Piano to exchange for lumber, real estate or furniture. Montgomery.

For a first class job of painting go to Jack Skinner, Houlton, Oregon.

The best people will attend the K. P. ball at Acme Hall Christmas Eve.

Let us figure on all your electrical work. Columbia Electric Works.

MINCE PIES FOR CHRISTMAS—Order them from the St. Helens Bakery.

ST. HELENS SCHOOL NOTES.

School will close for the Christmas holidays, December 24th, and reopen Monday, January 3rd, 1910.

We shall give two short programs in rooms three and four, on the second floor, on Thursday Dec. 24th, at 5 o'clock p. m. Some of the pupils of all grades, except the primary department, will participate in these exercises. The pupils of the primary grades are assisting on the Sunday School program to be given Christmas Eve.

We have given our first debates of this year. The pupils are much interested. The question debated in the advanced department was, "Resolved that a professional career is better than a business pursuit." The affirmative won under the able leadership of Hilda Cliff. The negative was led by Leota Specht. The question for debate January 8th is, "Resolved that Lincoln did more for his country than did Washington." The boys have the affirmative and the girls the negative.

Master Teddy Prescott, of Houlton, is again with us. We are glad to have him as he is a most desirable boy.

Miss Elizabeth Harum is duly installed in room No. 3.

We have added about thirty more new books to our library and a fine new thirty-day clock in room No. 4. We think it's the finest clock in St. Helens.

Christmas Presents

Of course you want something in this line and that's where I come in. My stock of Holiday Goods is now on display and it will please you.

SILVERWARE

Makes a very acceptable gift and that is why I have put in a complete and beautiful line for the Holiday Season. Prices right and goods that are first class.

FANCY CHINA

I have it—in designs that are tasty and at prices that can't be beat. Also a large variety of neat, serviceable dinner sets at the right price.

Gents' Furnishings

What is the matter with some article from this well equipped part of my store as a present for him? Be he father, husband, brother or friend you can choose an appropriate gift from this line.

FOR THE CHILDREN—Mechanical toys, a variety of Rocking Horses that would please any kid, Horns, Drums, Blocks, Whips, Swords, Dolls, Toy Trunks, and Furniture, Buggies, Engines and Wagons. In fact, everything to delight the heart of the youngsters.

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AND COME IN AND

Get in Touch With Us For Christmas

OUR LINES THIS YEAR ARE LARGER AND MORE COMPLETE THAN EVER BEFORE AND YOU WILL CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO FIND WHAT YOU WANT

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A PAIR OF SHOES If you are in doubt as to what to buy for some particular friend of your; how would a pair of shoes do? No common ordinary shoes, but a pair of fine welted shoes. A pair of WALK-OVER patent leather dress shoes for instance. Patent leather is just a suggestion. We also have gun metals, vic kids, box calfs and vic calfs. An order on us, presented to your friend, will do the business.

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