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THE COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

## QUIETLY SLEEPING

There is perhaps no other city in Oregon that has developed more nor increased more in population and wealth during the past five or six years than has St. Helens. There is not another city in the state with such a favorable location for an industrial center as is St. Helens. There is located in St. Helens some of THE largest saw mills, THE largest ship-building plant, THE largest creosoting plant, and several largest quarries, in Oregon. There is a business bustle and life here that is not excelled by any city of equal size in the state. The only reason these monster industries are located here is because of the natural advantageous location for them. They came themselves, without solicitation on the part of the citizens. It may be that other large concerns may hear about St. Helens as a good place to locate and it may be that some more may locate here.

So far as the people here, business men especially, are concerned, new industries can locate here if they want to and if they don't want to and don't have an opportunity of finding out about St. Helens, they can stay away. There is an independence here among business men that amounts to selfishness. There is absolutely no effort put forth by the business or property interests of the city to offer inducements to manufacturing enterprises to locate here, nor is there any attempt by any person, firm or corporation, to advertise St. Helens, except the St. Helens Mist which carries some information about the city, for which it gets nothing except an occasional subscription to some people in other states who may have written to some real estate firm for information. There is now no active Commercial organization. There is no place where a stranger seeking a location may look for information except to talk to people on the streets with whom they may chance to meet. There is no concerted effort, nor any other kind of effort, to let manufacturing concerns know that there are some of the best deep water sites in the world right here in St. Helens, both on the Columbia River and Willamette Slough. If any outside firm gets hold of such information it is without knowledge of the business men of St. Helens.

Such a state of affairs is to be deplored. The business men of St. Helens should throw aside individual selfishness and greed long enough to get together and form some sort of an intelligence bureau or commercial club to assist in making of St. Helens what it should be, one of the leading manufacturing and shipping cities of the Columbia River. There is not a business man or property owner in the city but can afford to spend a half hour or so once a month to talk over public matters and endeavor to cover our excellent factory sites with plants employing many hundred more men.

There is absolutely no valid reason why a live organization is not in existence in St. Helens all the time. It should be the aim of all loyal citizens to make a greater and better city, although it must be admitted that we have already what we think is one of the best little cities in Oregon. There should be more team work instead of individual cat hauling. There should be some one to look after the advertising of the city. There should be some one to see that every time any new undertaking is carried out that St. Helens don't get the little end of it. The city needs a guardian and no better or more practical way of securing one suggests itself than the organization of a good, live, wide-awake business organization backed by the entire business interests of the city.

## IS THERE ANY IMPROVEMENT?

Are Jonathan Bourne, George Chamberlain or Harry Lane any better or more able men than were J. N. Dolph, John H. Mitchell, Joseph Simon or C. W. Fulton? Is A. Walter Lafferty any better or more able man than was Malcom A. Moody, W. R. Ellis or J. N. Williamson? Is W. C. Hawley any better or more able man than was Thomas H. Tongue? Is Oswald West any greater, better or more able Governor than was Wm. P. Lord, Sylvester Pennoyer, Z. F. Moody or T. T. Geer? Is Ben W. Olcott any better or more able and efficient Secretary of State than was H. R. Kincaid, George W. McBride or F. I. Dunbar? Can T. B. Kay better care for the funds of the State of Oregon than did Phil Metchan or

Charles Moore? Can it be said with any degree of correctness that any man now in any official position in the State of Oregon, or in any County of the state, is any better or more capable than were the men of a few years ago? These questions answer themselves.

People who have lived in Oregon for any number of years know as a fact that the class of men, from the standpoint of ability and fidelity to duty, now holding the official positions in this state, with a possible exception or two, are not to be classed in the rank as were the officials in the days before the direct primary law was enacted for the purpose of disrupting political parties, and loading a heavy burden of expense on the taxpayers of the state and the several counties, with attendant improvement in governmental affairs.

Compare the men who were nominated and elected under the old convention system, with all its corruption and boss rule, with the men who have held the positions under the Direct Primary law and decide which system produced the more efficient and conscientious officers. Compare the expense of the direct primary elections with that of the convention system and see whether or not many thousands of dollars of the taxpayers money could be saved if the parties were left to nominate their own candidates at their own expense.

It will be said by many people that the advocates of any change in the sacred primary laws are corrupt but if the taxpayers will study the situation carefully from every angle and figure out the benefits derived from the present system over the old system, both as to character of officers and burdens of taxation, it cannot be agreed that the direct primary law is due to become a still greater burden if it remains as it is and that there should be some very radical changes effected if it is to survive.

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## A PARALLEL CASE

"The people of Oregon are on trial, not I" was published in the State voters pamphlet two years ago by Jonathan Bourne then a candidate for United States Senator. The trial he spoke of resulted in a verdict for the people. The people said that wherever a man set himself up as infallible and that the wheels of government would clog if he was not elected to some particular office, it was time to get rid of him. Mr. Bourne was defeated for the nomination and was again defeated after becoming an independent candidate when he failed to secure the nomination.

"If I am not re-elected to Congress, Oregon will be the loser" is what A. Walter Lafferty says to the people of Multnomah County. He was defeated for the Republican nomination for Congressman and is now running independent. It is a parallel case with the one of two years ago. The verdict will most likely result in the elimination of another public officer whose importance and greatness exists only in his own swelled head.

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Somebody is discriminating against St. Helens. Now that the city has attained sufficient importance and population to support the great American institution so dear to the hearts of all patriots, the Circus, and we get our bill boards and barns plastered with glaring red posters announcing a "One Ring Circus" carrying a menagerie of dogs, ponies and monkeys to be under one monster tent at Washington Square park, along comes the railroad company officials and refuse to haul the car down here. There can be no valid reason for such refusal except to discriminate against us and prevent our children's fathers from enjoying a day at the Circus. It ain't fair.

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A merchant opened up a general merchandise store in St. Helens about one month ago in a choice location. He made no announcement to the public in any manner. He did not solicit trade in any manner. He overlooked the advertising columns of the Mist entirely. This week he packed his goods and shipped them out of town. Just what he will say about St. Helens as a business place is hard to guess, but it is not a guess to say that if he had used freely printer's ink and let the people know that he was ready for business and had solicited business he would have been doing a good business yet. It pays to advertise.

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Lawyers are generally credited with possessing a reasonable amount of good judgment in matters concerning themselves, but when one of them will pay \$100 for the privilege of going up in a balloon, it is time to investigate.

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It is fortunate that all people do not have the same ideas of recreation, for if such was the case and everybody was like the editor of this paper, there would be no balloon races.

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The Fourth of July comes but once a year and in 1914 St. Helens people will celebrate in such a manner as to keep its memory fresh until it comes-around again.

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

E. S. Brown, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Minerva J. Baxter, Nettie Squires and Harris Squires, her husband, Maria West, Columbia Packing Company, John L. Gruber, as Receiver of the Capital Lumbering Company, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution in foreclosure and order of sale duly issued out of the above entitled Court in the above named case, directed to me the Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon, and dated June 8, 1914, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said Court and cause on the 5th day of June, 1914, wherein the above named plaintiff recovered judgment against the above named defendants for the sum of Five Hundred Sixty-two and 77-100 Dollars, with interest thereon from the 5th day of June, 1914, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, Fifty Dollars attorney's fee and the further sum of Seventeen and 50-100 cents, and costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to sell the following described real property, to-wit:-

The west half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 12, in Township 4 North of Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian, and containing Twenty 20 acres more or less, situated in Columbia County, Oregon.

I will, therefore, on Saturday the 18th day of July, 1914, at Court House in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the U. S. all the right, title and interest of the within named defendants, or any one of them, in and to the above described real property, to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs.

Dated and first published June 19 1914.

Last publication July 17, 1914.  
C. H. JOHN,  
Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon  
George Tazwell, Atty. for Plaintiff.

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, at the Court House at St. Helens, Oregon, until 2:00 P. M., July 6th, 1914, and then opened for the construction of a pile trestle across Deep Creek on the County Road at the mouth of Deep Creek in Sec. 30, Tp. 6 N., R. 5 W. W. M., Columbia County, Oregon.

Plans and specifications are on file and may be examined in the office of the County Clerk. Each bidder shall deposit with his bid a certified check made payable to the County Clerk for five per cent of the amount of his bid, which shall be forfeited to the County in case the award is made to him and he shall fail, neglect or refuse for a period of five days after such award is made to enter into a contract and file the required bond.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

H. E. LaBARE,  
County Clerk

## I-TOLD-YOU-SO CLUB

Continued from last week

He must be able to do this and more; when the mystic words are spoken in the deep guttural voice required to impress the victim that he was the sucker, he must be able to emit a rasping cackle to more thoroughly emphasize his meaning and to arouse all the fighting spirit there is left after the victim realizes that it is the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Any person who can take such an obligation and report that he got away with it is entitled to become a member, and is instructed and commanded to do his full duty by calling the attention of the victim to such state of affairs every time he meets one of them.

At the regular meeting of the I-told-you-so Club held this week a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the leasing of the Court House steps as the regular meeting place. This was the only business transacted at this time with the exception of receiving applications for membership from several prominent citizens who declared that they were able to comply with the requirements of the by-laws, some of the applicants being John Pringle, George Lemont and M. F. Hazen, E. E. Quick has also signified his intention of presenting his application as have a few more. It will be interesting to note next week just how these applicants fare when the ballot box is passed around. On account of the illness of the President no vote was taken but full proceedings will be given next week.

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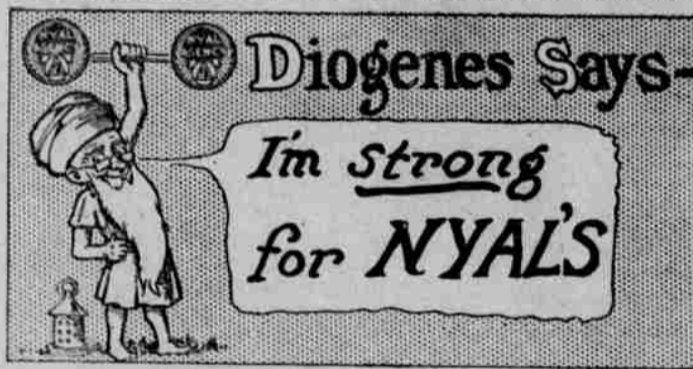
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