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NEW SHIP IS TOWED TO FRISCO

WAPAMA TAKEN IN TOW BY STEAMER KLAMATH

MACHINERY WILL BE INSTALLED

New Boat is Larger Than Any Other Built at St. Helens—Be On Run April 1.

Tuesday night at 9 o'clock the steamer Klamath took in tow the new Wapama and started down the river on the first lap of the trip to San Francisco. Captain Jahnson of the Klamath was in charge of the Wapama and had on board a small crew, consisting of a cook and two or three sailors. Captain Green was in command of the Klamath. Upon the departure of the big new hull from the docks at St. Helens, the whistles of the mill and other boats gave a parting salute lasting several minutes. The new boat will reach San Francisco about today or tomorrow and will then be fitted up with modern engines and other machinery ready to go on the run carrying St. Helens products to Southern California ports. The Wapama is one of the best boats ever put out by the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company. Her dimensions are slightly larger than any heretofore built and she will have a carrying capacity of a few thousand feet more than the others. The very latest and most modern passenger accommodations will be fitted up on her and it is intended to make this one of the popular passenger boats between Columbia River ports and San Francisco during the coming summer.

The machinery will be installed within the next 60 days and the Wapama will then be out for business.

FORTY THOUSAND AUTOS FOR EUROPE

F. D. Beal, manager of the St. Helens Crossote Company, returned home yesterday from a three weeks' business trip in New York, Pittsburgh and other Eastern cities. While he was there, a single order for 40,000 automobiles came from a European firm. The steel and coke plants around Pittsburgh are being started on an extensive scale and some of them have been running to capacity for some little time. He found considerable optimism prevailing in business circles, but everyone was hoping for an early end to the war.

MRS. CLARA JOHNSON PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Clara Johnson, a resident of St. Helens for several years, died at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland last night after suffering for several months. Mrs. Johnson was well known in this city and had many friends here who will be sorry to learn of her death. The body is being brought to this city where funeral services will be held, and interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery near Warren. One brother, Nels Carlson, policeman at Rainier, is the only relative in this county.

SAM SONNELAND SELLING INSURANCE

Sam Sonneland has taken the local agency of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company and has started work along that line. Mr. Sonneland is a very capable man and will without doubt make a successful insurance man. He is with a first class company offering good contracts and will probably be able to secure considerable business for them in this community.

Thomas Banse, Clerk of School District No. 25, Quincy, is in St. Helens today with the records from his district as evidence in the Foreman case.

Miss L. Rebecca Perkins accompanied by Mrs. Edith Muecke spent the day in Portland shopping.

FLORA I. FOREMAN VS. SCHOOL DIS. 25

Suit to Recover Salary as Teacher Being Contested.

In the Circuit Court today the case of Flora I. Foreman vs. School District No. 25, Quincy, is on trial before Judge Eakin and a jury. This is a suit to collect one month's wages, \$85 by Mrs. Foreman for services as teacher, and which the district refuses to pay. It is contended that Mrs. Foreman was discharged and was not entitled to her wages, but she claims to be entitled to it because she continued to hold a school and that she was not legally discharged. The case is the outgrowth of the troubles of that district early last year when there was a neighborhood scrap over the methods of teaching by Mrs. Foreman, which methods were well aired at the time, and the recall of school directors, arrests and other interesting happenings. The case will probably be finished tomorrow.

LIFE INSURANCE MAN SUCCESSFUL

A. B. Lake, of this city, has proven himself to be a successful insurance man. About four weeks ago Mr. Lake took up the work of selling Life Insurance for the First National Life Insurance Company and since that time has written a number of policies. His company has commended him very highly, awarding him the first place in the roll of honor for the past two weeks. The company he represents has a very liberal and safe contract to offer and Mr. Lake is able to relate the merits of his contract in a very persuasive manner. He has entered the insurance business with a determination to make it a success and if his first work is an indication he will surely succeed.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES.

"A church home for friends and strangers."

Regular services every Sunday. Public worship and sermon 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible school 10:00 a. m.

Christian Endeavor service 6:30 p. m.

As a church we seek to render a progressive, substantial service to our community and age.

We invite all who are not affiliated with other churches of the community to come, attend the services and co-operate with us.

There's a welcome and a place for you.

"Come thou with us and we will be thy good."

F. J. MEYER, Pastor.

WILBUR MUCKLE GOES FARMING

Wilbur Muckle will leave St. Helens within a few days for Snake River Junction, Wash., where he and Loyd Hattan have leased a large wheat farm. Wilbur has on hand a number of horses in that country and with little prospect of disposing of them at reasonable prices he decided to lease a place where he could make good use of his animals. The boys will start as soon as weather permits to get in their crops after which Wilbur will return to St. Helens for some time before harvest.

PROBABLY IN A MEAT BARREL

K. F. Larson, the well known Warren farmer was transacting business in St. Helens Tuesday. Mr. Larson recently lost two of his yearling heifers and has been unable to locate them. A thorough investigation of the loss of these animals is being made and if his suspicions are found to be correct there will be some interesting disclosures before long.

SMALL SALE IS REPORTED

St. Helens Improvement Company this week made the first sale of land for some time. The 40 acre tract of logged off land owned by W. C. Francis near Deer Island was sold to Mr. Crest Besotes, who will go to work clearing immediately and will soon have a truck farm in operation.

SENATE GETS FIGURES OF MAJ. BOWLBY

Senator McBride Gives Some Interesting Facts About Road Construction

COLUMBIA COUNTY IS TAKEN AS AN EXAMPLE

When the Bill Pertaining to Expert Engineering is Under Discussion These Figures are Very Pertinent.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Senator McBride, of Clackamas, Columbia and Multnomah Counties led a sharp attack against State Highway Engineer Bowlby and his service in connection with the road work in Columbia County, when in the Senate yesterday he pointed out wherein the engineer's specifications for road work had proved unreliable and unsatisfactory to the county.

Senator McBride's expose of the workings of the State Highway Engineer's office met ready response from numerous corners of the Senate and the fusillade became general before the debate was over.

The question came up from the discussion of Senator Garland's bill relating to the construction of bridges. The bill, as presented from committee, allowed competitive bidding, but also allowed that the county court would have the option of rejecting all of the bids for bridge building that had been submitted and allow the construction of bridges by day labor. This section was bitterly opposed by a part of the Senate and it was insisted that the court should have the advice of a competent engineer.

Here Senator McBride interposed and from the floor of the Senate pointing out objection after objection of the work of State Highway Engineer Bowlby and suggested that his home county, for one, was sufficiently experienced in using the advice of such expert engineers.

Among other things which were brought out by Senator McBride, he included a statement showing some of the discrepancies in the specifications of the State Highway En-

gineer with the actual cost of the work, this statement being in part, as follows:

"Based upon the specifications furnished for the Marsland Section, Miles 1 to 5, inclusive, the contract amounted to \$72,477.25, the report of the State Highway Engineer shows that October 31 there had been earned by the contract company the sum of \$69,877.07, the cost to complete this section as per said report is \$32,945.88 making the cost of this section \$102,822.95 which is \$30,845.70 more than the contract price based upon the estimates furnished Columbia County.

"As for some of the various items, for instance the specifications called for the grubbing of 765 square rods at the contract price of \$1.25, which would cost \$956.25. The report shows that to October 31, 1914, there had been grubbed 4083 square rods at a cost of \$5103.75, and there remains to be grubbed to complete the section 2532 square rods which will cost \$3165, making the total cost of grubbing this section \$8268.75, or \$7312.50 more than the specifications called for.

Other expense charges shown in the statement included those specifications for loose rock, hard pan soft rock and heavy clearing, in each instance the cost to the county being greatly in excess of the specifications as prepared by the State Highway Engineer. For instance the cost of loose rock was \$10,015 more than the contract price based upon the specifications of the highway engineer, the cost for hardpan \$15,206 more, the cost for soft rock \$7493 more and the cost for heavy clearing \$17,693 more.

SHIPPING NOTES OF THE WEEK

The steamer Klamath left out Wednesday night with a cargo of one million feet of lumber and 48 passengers, bound for San Pedro and San Diego. The Klamath took the new steamer Wapama in tow, but latest accounts is that both the Klamath and her tow are still inside the Columbia River Bar waiting for more favorable weather before making the trip to San Francisco.

The Steamer Pontsen after loading a full cargo at the docks of the Columbia County Mill left out Tuesday night bound for San Francisco.

The Steamer Multnomah is due to reach St. Helens Sunday morning. She will take on a million feet of lumber here and probably sail Tuesday night for Southern California points.

The Steamer Willavis which enjoys the distinction of being the only steamboat registered out of St. Helens, is on the ways at Portland undergoing some needed repairs. It is expected to have her out and ready for the freight and passenger business the early part of the week.

The Steamer Cello left San Francisco for St. Helens on Thursday night. She will probably be in the river Sunday and after discharging her Portland cargo, will come to St. Helens for her lumber load. This trip the Cello will go to San Diego.

John Avidson, who was in charge of the finishing work on the Wapama, sailed on the boat when it was towed to San Francisco, and will complete the work at that place.

Mr. Davidson, Assistant Superintendent of the S. P. & S. Ry. Co., was transacting business in St. Helens and vicinity during the week.

PORTLAND PAPERS REMAIN SILENT

For Some Reason They Don't Like Columbia County News.

For some unknown reason the Portland papers are extremely silent when it comes to any matter of publication involving the construction of state highways, or any law suits resulting from the construction of such roads. During all the time that State Highway Engineer Bowlby has been under fire by Columbia County and other counties, it has been the policy of the Portland papers to keep out any news relating to it. And now during this week a most important case involving the reliability and reputation of the State Highway Engineer is being heard in the Federal Court in Portland, and never a word is published by the city press.

Numerous articles have been sent to the Portland papers concerning the work of the State Highway Engineer in Columbia County, but none of them have appeared. All of the city papers have a considerable number of readers in Columbia County who feel that they are being somewhat overlooked in this matter, and there are many sharp words of criticism indulged in towards them. An abstract of the records of this county showing the figures of records here made by the State Highway Engineer in connection with his work in Columbia County, and then a comparison of the same figures as furnished by the same officer in his report to the State Highway Commission, is being prepared, and will be sent to the daily papers of Portland. These figures do not represent any particular fraction of the county, but are actual records, and it is to be hoped that the Portland papers, in justice to the people of the State of Oregon, will see fit to give them publicity. In any event they will be printed in pamphlet form and given the widest distribution, whether the Portland newspapers publish them or not.

NEW BUSINESS FIRM TO OPEN

Next Monday will occur the opening for business of the latest enterprise in St. Helens. The doors of the Columbia River Canning and Produce Company will swing open on that date for the transaction of business with the public, and the new firm will have on hand ready for distribution all kinds of seeds, fruit spray, land plaster and fertilizer. About March 1st the company will be ready to contract for produce and quote prices on everything that can be handled by them. They have had a phone installed in their new building and one of the firm is now there and will remain continuously so if any information is desired call up phone 832, St. Helens.

WILL LECTURE AT YANKTON

A talk on "Parasites of Domestic Animals and Man," will be given in the Grange Hall in Yankton, Saturday afternoon, February 6, by Dr. J. E. Gutherlet, professor of Zoology, University of Oregon. The lecture will be given at 2:00 o'clock under the auspices of the Yankton Grange and will be free to the public. Dr. Gutherlet made parasites the subject of two years of research work in the University of Illinois and is the author of a thesis on "Chicken Parasites." His lecture Saturday will be illustrated with a collection of parasites he will bring with him.

SOME TAXES BEING COLLECTED

On January 18 the tax rolls were turned over to Treasurer Hattan. On January 23 the first tax for the year was paid and up to noon today, Friday, \$6,487.42 has been collected. Most of the payments thus far are from the small taxpayers, the largest individual payment being about \$1100 while most of the payments are under \$100.

Mrs. E. B. Woods entertained her musical class at her home in St. Helens last Saturday afternoon. The members all appeared in hard times costumes and musical program was rendered. A jolly good time is reported. Mrs. Woods served delicious refreshments.

IMPORTANT CASE IS BEING TRIED

RAILROAD COMPANY IS ASKING FOR DAMAGES

WANT RETAINING WALLS REMOVED

Case Involving Several Thousand Dollars Damages on Trial in Federal Court.

The case of the S. P. & S. Ry. Co. vs. the Consolidated Contract Company and Columbia County was begun in the Federal Court at Portland last Monday, and is still in progress. District Attorney Dillard is representing the county in the case, while Judge C. H. Carey represents the Railroad Company. This is the case resulting from the work done by the Contract Company on the Columbia Highway below Clatskanie last summer a portion of which slid down the hill on to the railroad track and right-of-way and caused some damage. The company is also trying to secure an order requiring the county to tear down the retaining walls along that portion of the road as a means of safety, to prevent any more slides on to their property. A large sum is asked by the railroad company for the damages already done and it is on this question that the county is particularly interested. The outcome of the case is awaited with considerable interest.

BLAMED FOR DEATH OF LONGSHOREMAN

A coroner's jury last night held Captain Charles Green, master of the steamer Klamath responsible for the death of Jens Sorenson, longshoreman, who was killed yesterday afternoon when a pile of lumber collapsed on him at the foot of East Pine street. The verdict declared that the master was negligent when he allowed a guy wire to extend from the cross arms of the vessel to the shore while he moved the vessel which was loading lumber. The guy wire caught on a pile of lumber on the dock and upset it on Sorenson, who was crushed. Sorenson is survived by a widow and two children.—Telegram.

AN ENJOYABLE SURPRISE PARTY

After attending in a body the basket ball game at the Fireman's Hall Saturday night, the members of the S. M. Club gave Mrs. L. G. Ross a surprise party at her residence on Willamette street. Miss Dode Shafer a sister of the hostess, assisted in receiving. The game of the evening was Five Hundred. Mr. Rutherford winning first prize and Mrs. Lena Deming the consolation. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen, Mr. Laud R. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Deming, Miss Deming, Mrs. C. D. Sutherland, Miss Hellborn, Mrs. S. C. Morton and Miss Morton.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

John Jolma, a merchant of Quincy, is attending Court in St. Helens this week as a witness in the case of Flora I. Foreman vs. School District No. 25.

Several of the local fishermen have been reaping a harvest the past few days, having been able to secure large quantities of smelt which has found ready sale to the people of the community.

L. C. Halstead returned this week from Hood River where he has been working in a barber shop for some time.

Miss Hanna, who has been teaching school at Astoria this winter, stopped over in St. Helens yesterday to visit Miss Jones. Miss Hanna is on her way to her home in Oklahoma.

A baby daughter arrived at the home of Mayor and Mrs. A. W. Mueller Thursday, February 4. The little Miss was a most welcome visitor and will be christened Ann Mary.