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## LOGGING OPERATIONS START

AFTER SHUT-DOWN--CONTRACTS LET FOR EXTENSION OF LOGGING ROAD.

### THREE MILES TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Logging Operations to Commence After One Mile of Road is Completed--Extension to Line.

The good things for St. Helens are coming right along in a row. An industry that means many a dollar to many a pocket of many a man in St. Helens and Columbia county is in full swing, that of the renewal of logging operations.

A contract was let the past week by the St. Helens Lumber company to the Elliott Construction company of Portland, for the construction of three miles of railroad, an extension to the present main line, which, when completed, will give the company ten miles of track into their large timber holdings west of the city.

After the completion of some four thousand feet of track, which will take about thirty days, logging operations will commence immediately and the company at this time will work about one-half a crew or sixty men.

Material is already assembled on the ground, both ties and rails, and P. E. Smith, who will be in charge of the construction work, will start work immediately, using sixty laborers, rushing the work to completion.

This movement only means better times for this section and with the wave of prosperity already sweeping over the county, this will add impetus and make it many times greater.

## OREGON CITY FIREMEN.

Fast Ball Game in Afternoon Forfeited to Locals in Seventh Inning.

A jolly bunch of fellows were the firemen from Oregon City, who with their chief, Jack Frost, visited St. Helens en masse Sunday, making the trip on the steamer Undine, arriving in the morning and departing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. While some 400 tickets were sold for the excursion, only two hundred and fifty persons made the trip.

In the afternoon the ball club of the Oregon City department and Ed. Ballagh's men, crossed bats at the Park grounds. It was a rooster's game as well as a fast one on the diamond, roosters for both clubs lining up on opposite sides of the diamond, urging their favorites to bring home the bacon. The score in the seventh was 9 to 8 in favor of the visitors, when they had to forfeit the game to the locals on account of the boat leaving at 4 o'clock.

The Oregon City fire department is one of the fastest in the state, taking third prize at the annual tournament last year, with St. Helens second and

## A HOME BUILDER.

Charles Kohlstrand, who resides at Mountain View, near Warren, was in St. Helens Wednesday, purchasing material for the completion of his new residence. Mr. Kohlstrand owns twenty acres of land, which is highly improved and very productive, although but ten acres of the tract have heretofore been utilized by him. About twelve years ago the owner of this small farm began the solving of the problem of working out a competency and an independence. Today he has one of the prettiest little homes in this part of the county, which he has paid for on the annual payment plan. Besides living well and rearing a family, Mr. Kohlstrand has made this small farm pay for itself. The new and modern house will soon be completed and will stand as a monument to the frugality of its owner, and a splendid example of the possibilities of Columbia county soil. Instances of this kind are numerous in this county, but the case of Mr. Kohlstrand is so noticeable that it deserves special notice.

Corvallis first. The department has a membership of 180 members, divided into six companies, and each company is allowed \$200 a year from the city. In addition to this the department has been donated \$1000, to be expended in the annual Oregon Volunteer Firemen's tournament, to be held at Oregon City the last of September.

Due to the fact that the St. Helens department made such a remarkable showing last year on very short notice and against teams with many times as much equipment and practice, the local department plans to enter the tournament again this fall, and we predict the team that wins the silver cup will have to get busy now and be up and going to make a better showing than Chief Allen's wrecking crew.

## BOY SCOUTS ON A TOUR

Nehalem Valley Infested by Livest Bunch of Youngsters Known.

Five automobiles loaded to the tops with knapsacks, skillets, canteens and twenty-seven Boy Scouts, with their leader, Rev. John Foster, headed for the wilds of the Nehalem river country, some forty miles west, made their way out of the city early Monday morning on their annual outing trip. They made the trip in the autos as far as the road lasted, and then donned their luggage and packed some ten miles further up in the mountains, where nature is at her best this time of year.

Just to be a Boy Scout, when such a treat comes off--to strap the knapsack and skillet across one's back and hike it for the tallest timber for a camp.

But it is not all play. Rev. Foster, long experienced in the Boy Scout movement, is thoroughly acquainted with every detail to get the best results, divided the camp into squads, and each squad had their particular duties to perform. When not on squad duty, they were drilled in the rudiments of a practical life and were taught the duties of young men and came back better boys for having spent a few days close to the heart of nature and better prepared to meet the emergencies which are sure to befall their pathway of life.

Renewed interest is manifested in the movement in St. Helens since the arrival of Rev. Foster, and it is his ambition to make this camp one of the best in the state, not only in quantity but in quality. And in this endeavor Rev. Foster should have the co-operation of not only each and every parent, but every citizen. These boys are the men of tomorrow, and this movement is the greatest stepping stone of modern time between boyhood and the duties of the citizen tomorrow.

## CHILD FALLS THROUGH DOCK

Friday evening, while the little son of Ben Cooley was walking across the Oregon Wood company's dock, just south of the court house, the little fellow stepped into a hole which had either rotted through the plank or been broken, falling some thirty feet below, hitting the water on his back. The child was saved from serious injury from the fact that about two feet of water was under the dock at the time, breaking his fall from the rocks.

Parties who saw the accident rushed to his aid and found the boy standing on his feet in the water, badly dazed from the fall.

## SHIPPING.

The steamer Cellulo left out yesterday evening for San Francisco and San Diego with 950,000 feet of lumber and forty passengers.

The steamer Multnomah, with 950,000 feet of lumber and piling, left the local dock today for California points.

The steamer William Murphy left out Saturday night for San Pedro and Redondo with 800,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer Klamath is expected in today to take a full cargo of piling and lumber to Honolulu, her second trip.

The steamer Johan Paulsen, with a partial cargo of lumber from the Columbia County mill, left for San Francisco.

## THANK YOU.

San Francisco, Cal., July 12, 1915. The St. Helens Mist: Gentlemen--Please change my address from the Macbeth apartments to the Pilcher apartments, 1618 Polk street, apartment C, San Francisco. I am pleased to see the good work you are doing. St. Helens needs a few more good boosters like yourselves. Sincerely yours, H. MOTT ALLEN.



DOYLE AND MATHEWS ON THE LOG.

## PACIFIC COAST LOG ROLLING TOURNAMENT MAY BE HELD HERE

During County Fair in September--Fastest Rollers on Coast Will Be Entered.

Clyde Sutherland, head buyer in the log purchasing department of the St. Helens Lumber company, has under way a feature that will give to St. Helens more publicity throughout the Coast states than she has received before, that of a log rolling tournament, which, if inaugurated, will probably be held the last of September during the Columbia County fair, as one of the special features.

Several years ago this sport was one of the best drawing cards in the Pacific Northwest, and received much attention, but was allowed to wane for various reasons, except in a few localities where the sport is yet a leading drawing card.

With masters of the calked shoe and pike pole game such as Billy Mathews of local fame, Red Nolan of Oregon City, title holder of last year's tournament for Northwest championship, James Dugan of Kelso, Oliver Knowles and Norman Pritchard of down river points, with promises of many other entries, the tournament already has the appearance of being full grown.

In the contest at Kelso at the Fourth of July celebration, the Kelsonian has the following to say of the speed of the favorite Billy Mathews, who is looked on by those who know the game, as the champion in the next tournament:

"The greatest feat of the day in a sporting way was given late in the afternoon, when the log rolling contest was called. Imagine the surprise of many when nine rollers stepped forward to compete. For a long time the log was sent twirling through the water without any visible effect upon the rollers, who were masters of the pike pole game. For more than twenty minutes young Pritchard and Mathews, the St. Helens star, battled for victory, and the judges were finally forced to call this contest a draw. After a brief rest the contest was renewed and three were placed on the log and after some twenty minutes again in a vain endeavor to send one another splashing into the water, the judges were forced to call the event a triple tie between Knowles, Pritchard and Mathews. Old time rollers, who have witnessed matches for years, say that never in their lives have they seen a wonderful display of the sport as that of last Saturday evening."

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## MORE CLASS ROOMS

BIDS ARE CALLED FOR WORK--CROWDED CONDITION NECESSITATES CHANGES.

Two Class Rooms in Basement of Building--Addition Needed to Accommodate Scholars.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a call for bids to make needed improvements and changes in the public school building in this city, the cost of which will be several hundred dollars.

The floor of the gymnasium is to be raised about two and one-half feet and a new floor then put down. Partitions are to be built on this lower floor to make two more rooms, a hallway will be necessary and several windows are to be put in.

Why all this tearing up of the manual training department and remodeling into two class rooms? Because there is insufficient room in the other six class rooms to accommodate the scholars.

What doubtless should be done would be to construct an addition of two more class rooms on the west side of the present building. Plans and specifications have already been drawn for these rooms, and the cost would be \$2000. They, according to the plans, would be the same size as the present class rooms, with entrances into present building, and facing St. Helens street with an outside entrance. They would be so connected to the old building that they would not shut out any light whatever. The toilets would be removed to the room on the lower

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In the latter event Billy Mathews was placed on the log between the team mates and both could not put the little fellow in the water without the use of his pole.

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## COUNCIL'S BUSY NIGHT

IMPORTANT MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE BODY--FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$200.

Old Dock Must Be Repaired or Torn Away--City to Have Welcome Archways Constructed.

One of the busiest sessions of the city council for some time was held Monday night at the council chambers. Several important matters were brought before the body and disposed of.

After a report of the fire and water committee on the matter of organizing a volunteer fire department, and several interesting talks made on the subject, the council, heartily approved by the Mayor, unanimously voted to donate to the city fire department \$200 for services the ensuing year, one-half of the amount to be paid them now and the balance the first of the year. This met with Chief Allen's approval, who assured the council that he would perform his duties as faithfully in the future as in the past.

E. A. Rotger being unable to serve as judge of the coming election, was excused, and John Phillip appointed to fill the vacancy.

John Phillip was present at the meeting as a representative of the Commercial Club, to see what steps could be taken for the placing of signs on the various cross roads leading out of the city, designating on these signs the name of the road and the distance to the various points to be reached. The body was informed that Road Supervisor Aiken already had such signs made, which are to be placed in the very near

future.

Mayor Morton was made chairman of a committee to ascertain the cost of constructing three large archways across the three highways entering into the city, those from Yankton and Hacheler Flat, Portland and Deer Island. On the outside of the archways will be placed the words, "Welcome to St. Helens," or "St. Helens Welcomes You," or something similar. On the inside, some phrase like "Come Again," "Glad to Have You Come." This is a worthy movement and should receive the approval of every citizen in the city. Many thousands are to pass on these highways the coming year and this is a modern way of letting the people know that the city is alive.

The question of the old dock of the Oregon Wood company was taken up and discussed. The rotten planks in the planks and holes were ordered repaired temporarily and the Recorder ordered to take the matter up with the owners of the dock, as follows:

Eugene Miles and N. F. Slaughter, Portland, Oregon: Gentlemen--Complaint has been made to the Mayor and council regarding the falling and rotten dock abutting the Strand. Recently a small child went upon the said dock, fell through a rotten plank and was nearly drowned. The citizens are incensed at the condition of said dock, and to guard against a recurrence and a possible suit for damages, resolutions have been entered upon the minutes of the council, calling for an abatement of same as a nuisance, and I am instructed by the council to notify you to abate and tear down said dock, and I trust you will comply with this resolution without delay. Yours respectfully, E. E. QUICK, Recorder.

Applications by Keever & Hanson and A. J. Kelley, for licenses to sell liquor until January 1, 1916, at Houlton, were filed.

## CIRCUIT COURT CLOSES ITS DOORS

Will Convene in September--Jury Finds for Bennett Against Consolidated Contract Company.

The continuation of the May term of the circuit court, commencing last week, closed after a few minor hearings Tuesday. A string of witnesses appeared before the grand jury, who made their report to the court late Thursday evening of last week, finding four true bills, after which they were dismissed.

Christina Keck vs. James W. Keck, complaint filed for divorce. On Friday Daniel Kern, plaintiff, vs. City of Rainier, defendant, complaint filed asking judgment for various sums aggregating in all \$12,095, with legal interest. This action is based on unpaid warrants issued to Charles Masters and assigned to plaintiff. Amelia Duncan vs. Dela B. Howard, order confirming sale. S. Plymouth vs. City of Rainier, non suit. T. W. Thompson vs. George W. Corll, complaint filed on promissory note.

Saturday, C. & N. R. R. vs. A. Kantala, judgment found for plaintiff. State of Oregon vs. John Ashburn and Alfred DeLellan, complaint filed, defendants charged with larceny in a dwelling, plead not guilty Tuesday; held for September term. They are accused of robbing the residence of E. L. Spengler at Clatskanie, May 23rd. Case filed, State of Oregon vs. Geo. Vollins, charged with selling liquor without a license. Vollins gave bond to appear at fall term.

The principal case heard during the session was Columbia County for O. B. Bennett vs. Consolidated Contract company, et al., the case going to the jury Friday noon, and after being out two hours, returned with a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount, \$1280.96 and costs. W. H. Powell represented the plaintiff, Jesse Stearns and John H. Hall, the defendants.

Tuesday, F. Earl Leavens vs. Carrie A. Leavens, complaint filed for divorce.

## ROAD WORK ON THE HIGHWAY

"Road work on the Columbia Highway is progressing very satisfactorily," stated Mr. Cantine, after being out on the work Saturday. "It looks like the highway will be ready for through traffic by the 15th of August," stated Mr. Titus, Wednesday morning, after spending Monday and Tuesday with Mr. Kelley, district supervisor, at Rainier, checking up some details of the work.

Mr. Titus further stated that the whole line is well covered with men, under competent foremen, that work at Precott Point is being rushed rapidly, and that there is enough funds to proceed to rock all dirt sections, making good roads for the winter. Three hundred men and thirty teams are being used at the different points and more men being put on every day. Comparatively all local labor is being used this year.

The section between Clatskanie and the county line will doubtless be finished before the section out this way. Two crews are now at work on Goble Bluff.

## LOOKS LIKE A WISE MOVE

COUNTY MAY MAKE A CHANGE--SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS EXPENDED ON NEEDY.

## GOES OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Never to Return--Court Has Under Consideration Plans to Improve County Farm.

The county court now has under consideration a plan to reduce the expense of the county by improving the county poor farm.

The past month, we are under obligations to Judge Clark for the following figures, \$170.80 was paid by the county to different hospitals and homes for the aged in the city of Portland for the keep of Columbia county's needy, most of them being entirely helpless and will be so the balance of their lives. \$37.50 was paid to parties at Rainier for the same purpose. About \$100 was paid to different parties over the county to buy food for hungry mouths. On a very conservative average it now costs the county \$300 each and every month to take care of these people under the present conditions, and about seventy-five per cent of this amount goes to Portland, which is a long time in getting back into local channels, if it ever does.

The county has a 57 acre ranch near Warren, one of the best tracts of land in the valley. On this land is a good barn and a very good farm house, but not at all suitable for a building which would be required by the county. What the court has under consideration is whether they can afford to spend \$3000 or \$4000 at this time and erect suitable buildings and place those dependent on the county on the farm under the care of a supervisor and matron.

After considerable thought, it would seem a wise move. In the first place, if there is no other saving than to keep the money in local channels from month to month, it would pay. Secondly, there are a great number of these persons, who are aged, crippled more or less, but not entirely helpless, who on this farm could more than earn their keep and be glad to do so. The farm, having some twenty acres in a good state of cultivation, can support a goodly number of persons, a great many more than are now looking to the county for support.

## BUSINESS MEN'S BANQUET

Creamery Proposition Thoroughly Discussed--Farmers Met With Commercial Club.

The business men of this city held their first banquet of the season at Mason's Wednesday evening, at which they took up the proposition of a creamery and cheese factory for St. Helens.

The matter was viewed from all angles and several interesting talks made on the subject. It was voted by the body to lay the matter aside, however, until Thursday night at the regular meeting of the Commercial Club, when several prominent county dairymen would be present to cooperate with the club in solving the means whereby a creamery, cheese factory or condenser can be established and successfully maintained.

As the Mist has continuously maintained, this is one of the coming industries of Columbia county, a money maker for every person, and is a movement worthy of much consideration and should be gone after and secured.

## THE SIGN BRINGS CUSTOMERS.

When the retailer lets the public know he carries articles being advertised in this newspaper His Sign Brings Customers.

Readers of this newspaper believe in advertising. A merchant's announcement attracts their attention and creates the desire to see the goods.

Readers will go to the store that shows them.

When the storekeeper puts the newspaper advertised goods in his window, he is arranging "a sign that will bring customers."