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## CITY OF PORTLAND LEAVES FOR AUSTRALIA

### LARGE LUMBER CARGO

Motor Ship Carries Over 2,000,000 Feet of Lumber.

Carrying the largest lumber cargo ever shipped from the Columbia river in a wooden vessel, the City of Portland cast loose her lines and left the dock of the St. Helens Lumber Company early Wednesday morning. Her cargo consists of mining timbers destined for Port Pirie, Australia, and measures more than 2,000,000 feet in measure. Monday the big vessel went to Ollton to take on sufficient fuel for the trip to Australia, though the vessel's draft was 21 feet and it was heaving a strong breeze, she made an average of 5 miles per hour on her up river trip. It was a very satisfactory showing to her builders and owners. The vessel handled well and her engines worked without a skip. After taking her oil supply, the City of Portland returned to St. Helens from which place, as stated, she sailed Wednesday morning, arriving at Astoria at 11:30 o'clock, making the miles in 7 hours. At Astoria she is the center of attraction for hundreds of people, who were allowed freedom of the ship. While in Astoria Captain Johnson went through the formality of having the customs officials sign up his crew. She crossed the Columbia river bar Wednesday evening, and is now on her way to Australia via San Francisco. At the Bay City she will stop long enough to put ashore Consulting Engineer Hewitt, who went with her to see how her behavior was at sea. The City of Portland carries a crew of 21 men; a captain and two mates, a chief engineer and three assistants, three oilers and eight sailmakers. A cook and two mess boys look after the culinary department. Captain Johnson, formerly of the McCormack steamer Multnomah, has charge of the engine room. Captain Johnson thinks he will bring the vessel to Port Pirie, a distance of 9,000 miles, in 5 days. After discharging her lumber cargo, 2,000 tons of Australian coal will be taken aboard and she will sail for Honolulu. At the island port, the vessel will probably receive a cargo of sugar for San Francisco, returning to the Columbia river for her next lumber cargo. Captain Johnson hopes to be back in St. Helens in about four months. The City of Portland is a St. Helens product and many here have interests in her. Her initial trip will be watched with much interest.

## RAINIER LOSES TO BRADFORDS

### Last Game of Season for League Teams.

St. Helens witnessed the last league game of the season last Sunday when Rainier, who assumed the place of St. Helens in the Inter-City League, was defeated by the Bradfords 10 to 1. The game was featureless except for the pitching of Red Lund, who struck out thirteen of the Rainier boys and allowed only three safe bingles. While the score would indicate that it was a loosely played game, it was not except for two innings, when Rainier went to pieces and made costly bores, allowing the Bradfords to scamper across the plate at will. Rainier has a good team and with a little practice will give a good account of themselves. The steamer Iralda brought some fifty people up from Rainier to witness the game, and while they rooted real hard for their favorites, the following score will show that it takes some base hits to win a ball game.

The score: R. H. E.  
Bradfords ..... 10 17 0  
Rainier ..... 1 3 4

Batteries—Lund, Dillard and Barr; O'Dell and Colvin.

## FAMILY ARRIVES ON LONG AUTO TRIP

Martin Bestiro, wife and daughter of Brownsville, Tex., arrived in St. Helens Friday last and after spending several days with a relative, Mrs. J. C. Wreford of St. Helens, left on their return trip to Texas. Mr. Bestiro and family, after fixing up a Ford car like a little home, left Brownsville early in last May and have been motoring in a leisurely way since then. They came via El Paso, Tex., and through New Mexico and Colorado before striking the California line. From the Golden state they came to Oregon. Since leaving Texas in May they have driven their car 5,000 miles. Mr. Bestiro gives some very interesting facts concerning the Mexican situation as it was when he left Texas, and from his intimate knowledge of Mexicans and what is going on in Mexico, he is of the opinion that sooner or later the United States will have to take a hand in that benighted country's affairs. Mr. Bestiro, who is taking the trip on account of his wife's health, states he is in no hurry to get back and will go wherever he takes a notion to go, but expects to be back in Texas in September or October. As stated, he has his machine so equipped that he can camp at most any old place, and has many of the conveniences of the modern home. H. E. Cornthwaite of this city is an old acquaintance of Mr. Bestiro, and these old pals spent many hours in going over the old times they had down in the Lone Star State.

## CHICAGO WANTS ST. HELENS GOODS

A representative of the Armour Packing Company of Chicago visited the Columbia County Cannery a few days ago and contracted for thirteen carloads of beans and other products, and wanted more. If the run exceeds the contract this big company wants the entire output. Fifty thousand labels were received this week from the Armour for the goods. As this plant puts up a first-class article, it has experienced no trouble in finding a desirable market.

The cannery expects to commence on beans next week. The season is unusually late, as at this time last year the plant was running to its capacity on beans. With the new machinery and additional buildings, the plant is now in shape to turn out a lot of goods.

## TAKING A WELL EARNED VACATION

Carl Christensen, for the past several years one of the foremen at the shipbuilding company plant, left Wednesday for a two weeks vacation in California. He will visit his old home in Eureka and then spend a few days in the Bay City before returning to St. Helens. During the construction of the City of Portland, Mr. Christensen has been on the job constantly and is certainly entitled to a well earned vacation.

## DEUTSCHLAND SAILS ON HOMEWARD VOYAGE

### OUTMANEUVERS ENEMY

#### Submarine Now in Open Sea on Her Way to Germany.

The German submarine merchantman Deutschland slipped quietly out of the Virginia capes at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night, and is now headed for her home port in Germany. The open sea was reached after dusk, and the submarine submerged within the three mile limit. Only one warship was seen off the Virginia coast during the day and it is more than possible that the submarine has eluded this vessel. This wonderful vessel left Baltimore Tuesday afternoon and proceeded down Chesapeake bay, and when darkness began to fall made a dash for the open sea. A private telegram to the Mist received at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, states that nothing further had been heard of the Deutschland, and it is the presumption that she is now well under way to the fatherland, carrying the valuable cargo and nickel which she loaded at Baltimore. A sister ship of the Deutschland, the Bremen, is daily expected in some United States port, bringing a cargo of valuable dyes and other cargo much wanted by American manufacturers.

## GRAND LODGE K. OF P. OFFICERS

### Martin White Secures First Step on Official Ladder.

Grand Chancellor—Harry G. Wortman, Medford.  
Grand Vice-Chancellor—Leslie E. Crouch, Portland.  
Grand Prelate—Arthur Hallgarth, Elgin.  
Grand Keeper of Records and Seals—Walter G. Gleason, Baker.  
Grand Master of Exchequer—J. W. Maloney, Pendleton.  
Grand Master-at-Arms—O. E. Effenberger, Nehalem.  
Grand Inner Guard—Martin White, St. Helens.  
Grand Outer Guard—E. B. Maxwell, St. Johns.  
Grand Trustee—Willard L. Marks, Albany.

## LOCAL LODGE MAKES GOOD SHOWING

Avon Lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias, made a very creditable showing in the big parade in Portland Tuesday afternoon. St. Helens Knights to the number of 48 were in attendance, and 12 automobiles, each one bearing a St. Helens banner, attracted attention and applause from the thousands who lined the streets. Remarks such as, "Here comes the shipbuilders;" "Hurrah for St. Helens;" and "Good for you, St. Helens," were frequently heard and demonstrated that the St. Helens contingent made a showing equal to any.

## MOONLIGHT SOCIAL

The Christian Endeavor of the Congregational church held a moonlight beach party last Saturday evening on Columbia beach. They met at the church at 7:30. Although there was no moon, light was supplied with bon fires and lanterns. Games were played and a general good time was enjoyed. Wieners were roasted and made into sandwiches and as water was scarce, coffee was served. Toasted marshmallows disappeared in no time. It was almost Sunday morning before they left for home.

## DEER SEASON OPENS AUGUST 15TH

Deputy Game Warden Brown left Wednesday morning for the Nehalem country, going by the Pittsburg route. Mr. Brown stated that so far, very few infringements of the hunting law had come under his observation, and he hopes all true sportsmen will wait until August 15, the opening of the deer season, before doing any shooting. The reports are that deer are plentiful in the county, and Mr. Brown attributes this to the fact that sportsmen have obeyed the law.

## CITY WATER SYSTEM OPERATES AT PROFIT

### Monthly Report Shows Net Earnings to Be \$685.18.

The following monthly report covering operations for the month of July, submitted by Clerk E. E. Quick to the water board, shows that the water system is on a paying basis. The receipts for the month of July show an excess of \$685.18 over the disbursements.

Receipts	
July rentals	\$ 558.15
Delinquent rentals	169.85
Houlton rentals	100.40
Steamer rentals	18.00
Irrigation rentals	28.50
Taps and connections	11.25
Material sold	.75
Total collected	\$ 886.90
Disbursements	
Paid for operation	\$ 29.50
Paid for supplies	56.57
Paid for labor	115.65
Total	\$ 201.72
Making the receipts over the disbursements \$685.18.	

## HARRY G. WORTMAN



Elected grand chancellor of Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of Oregon. He lives in Medford.

## BEACH PICNIC AND SOCIAL EVENING

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the summer was the picnic given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Wilbur Muckle for her cousin, Miss Erma Keithley of Portland. Mrs. Muckle had engaged a launch to take the girls to the beach about 3 o'clock. The girls enjoyed a good swim during the afternoon and the boys came in time to enjoy the picnic. The feast consisted of all the good things imaginable. Mrs. Muckle hadn't forgotten a single good thing to make that supper complete.

The crowd returned in the launch at about 8:30 and repaired to the spacious rooms of Mrs. Muckle, where dancing and singing filled the evening hours. Each lucky guest was enthusiastic over the perfect success of the afternoon and evening.

Those present were Mrs. Wilbur Muckle, Mrs. Peter Brakke, Miss Erma Keithley, Miss Eugenia Deming, Miss Lois Clear, Miss Dorothy John, Miss Leona Perkins, Miss Josephine Moorhead, Messrs. Edgar Muckle, Ben Dorris, Huntington Saxon, Reuben Sten, Raymond Deavers, Oswald Deming and Harley Turner.

## LARGE CLASS INITIATED

J. H. Cronkrite was a Portland visitor Wednesday night, going up to attend the meeting of Khorassan order, a side issue of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Cronkrite says that a class of more than 50 were initiated into the secrets of the order. Following the initiation an elaborate banquet was spread, at which the newly made members wore the guests of honor. The feasting began at midnight and continued until early Thursday morning. Several other members of Avon Lodge No. 62 were present to witness the candidates cross the hot sands.

## HORRIBLE EXPLOSION AT TIDE CREEK QUARRY

### SIX LIVES WERE LOST

#### Bodies Mangled Beyond Recognition by Terrific Explosion.

- THE DEAD
- Frank H. Lewis, 40.
  - Leroy Lewis, 16.
  - Joseph Keelan, 19.
  - George Hammar, 32.
  - Herman Voss, 20.
  - C. E. Winchell, 35.

The most horrible accident recorded in the annals of Columbia county occurred Monday forenoon at about 11:30 at the county quarry on the Fred Adams place, on Tide creek, eight miles north of this place on the Columbia Highway, when six men lost their lives in a flash.

The scene of the accident is horrifying beyond description, as portions of human bodies were scattered over an area of nearly two acres. Pieces of human flesh were hanging on trees and parts of bodies were blown nearly a quarter of a mile distant. Out of the mass of human wreckage only two bodies could be recognized, that of Leroy Lewis and Joseph Keelan.

The road workers had finished drilling a "coyote hole," a "T" shaped tunnel into the solid rock, and were storing and tamping black powder and dynamite when the death dealing blast occurred.

"Coyoting" a hillside is done to save time and labor and has been followed in the road work. Instead of blasting away the obstruction bit by bit, a tunnel is driven into the hillside and a huge quantity of explosives rammed into place. The result usually clears away the hillside.

Such force accompanied the fatal explosion that the countryside was shaken. Persons living and working nearby came rushing to the smoking tunnel and in the flush of excitement were unable to take coherent action. Mr. Akin was the one to notify the coroner, who gathered the severed atoms of flesh and bone to return them to this city.

J. W. Akin, superintendent of the quarry, and the only survivor, was at the mouth of the tunnel in which seven cans of black powder had been loaded. A few minutes before the accident, F. H. Lewis, who was in the tunnel with the other men, asked him if he would take the cover off a can of powder. Just as he bent over the can to do so, the explosion took place. An avalanche of rock passed over him, thumping him on the head with small fragments of rock, but aside from being badly shaken he escaped with slight injuries.

He saw the great volume of dirt and rock pouring out of the tunnel. When the dust cleared a little, he went to the tunnel. Lewis had been near the edge of the opening and Keelan was directly at the mouth when he saw them before the explosion, but they were nowhere to be seen except bits of flesh and scraps of clothing. Mr. Akin's coat was only a short distance from him and it was torn into shreds.

The real cause of the accident will remain a mystery. Mr. Akin is of the opinion that it was caused by a flashlight coming in contact with the explosives, thus making a connection. He is quite sure that none of the men were smoking, as smoking was strictly forbidden by Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was a powder man of many years experience and took every precaution to guard against accident.

Just before the explosion occurred young Lewis came out for the explosive, while the crew remained in the hole helping to set the charges. This accounts for the fact that his body was not mangled, as he was nearest the opening. His body was blown a distance of perhaps a quarter of a mile and his head in the opposite direction, landing at the edge of the creek. Keelan's body was torn in two and found almost a quarter of a mile from the mouth of the tunnel. The other bodies

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## RAILROAD STRIKE SEEMS A CERTAINTY

### Entire Railroad System in United States Involved.

A ballot taken among the 400,000 employes of 225 different railroad systems of the United States in their operating departments indicates a general strike. The railroads have urged congress to take swift action towards averting the threatened strike. President Wilson has been appealed to and is watching the situation closely. A strike just at this time would seriously affect the whole country. Running out of Portland on the Astoria division of the S. P. & S. Railroad are some 100 men in the train and engine service, and if a strike occurs the service will be demoralized, which will affect St. Helens and surrounding country. At the time of going to press, the Mist has received no definite word of what the final decision is, but it is hoped the federal authorities will intervene and save the public the great inconvenience which is now threatened.

## BACK FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

Glen R. Metsker and family returned Sunday from a ten days visit to Washington and British Columbia. Mr. Metsker, after driving his automobile to Tacoma, left his wife and daughter in the City of Destiny and motored to Wenatchee to drop in his ticket which entitled him (if he was lucky) to a choice portion of the Colville reservation. Mr. Metsker did not wait to see just what section he would get, but drove back to Tacoma, got his family, and for the past week has been motoring through British Columbia. He states the roads are in fairly good condition except the portion of it which crosses the Cascade mountain range. During the entire trip of more than 1,200 miles, he had no auto trouble except one puncture just as he was about to enter Oregon territory.

## SUTHERLAND'S TEAM WINS BY CLOSE SCORE

The team headed by Sutherland had all they could do to nose out ahead of Copeland's team at the gun shoot last Sunday, as the following score shows:

Targets.	Broke.	Ave.	
Sutherland team	150	125	83.3
Copeland team	150	118	78.6

The Sutherland team was composed of Sutherland, George and Deavers; the Copeland team were Copeland, Burgess and Van Orshoveu.

If the regular shoot the following scores were made:

Targets.	Broke.
Sutherland	50 40
Copeland	50 46
George	50 42
Van Orshoveu	50 37
Burgess	50 35
Deavers	50 43
Mrs. George	15 10

President Sutherland states that the members of the club wish to have at least one more practice before the contest for the Mist cup is held, so in all probability the first contest between St. Helens and Rainier will be on Sunday, the 13th, due announcement of which will be made.

## M'BRIDE FOR JUDGE ON INDEPENDENT TICKET

At a mass meeting of citizens held in Portland Wednesday night, George M. McBride, present joint senator of Multnomah, Clackamas and Columbia counties, was nominated as an independent candidate to oppose the regular nominee for judge of Multnomah county, George Tazewell. McBride has the endorsement of several of the strong commercial bodies in Portland and his election seems a certainty.

## IN JUVENILE COURT

On a charge of delinquency, Fred Biggs, who recently has been making his home in Clatskanie, was in the juvenile court Monday. Certain extenuating circumstances being brought out and on promise of his parents, who live in Sellwood, to take the boy home, caused Judge Hattan to continue the case, and the boy was allowed to go with his father.

The Industrial edition of the Mist to be issued on September 8 will be a 28-page edition descriptive of Columbia county and its important towns, and 4,000 copies will be issued. Those who wish extra copies should notify the Mist immediately. The price will be 10c. After you see this edition you will want some extra copies, so send in your order now.