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JUDGE R. S. HATTAN CALLED BY DEATH

APPOXY THE CAUSE

County Judge Robert S. Hattan is dead, the result of a stroke of apoplexy which he suffered Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The judge was on his way from his residence to his office and was about to ascend the steps of the courthouse to the second story of the building when he was stricken. County Roadmaster Abry, who was in the hall on the second floor, heard him fall and hastened to his side. He was asked if he was hurt, but was unable to answer. The judge was taken to the treasurer's office and Doctors L. G.



ROBERT S. HATTAN

Ross and A. J. Peol were called. The stricken man was unconscious and had lost the use of his entire body. He was removed to his residence and although the attending physicians gave all aid within their power, the judge passed away at 7 o'clock in the evening, without having regained consciousness. Deceased was born in Livingston county, Illinois, November 2, 1860. At the age of 12 years the Hattan family removed to Wilson county, Kansas, and in that county the judge received his early education. On March 6, 1889, he was united in marriage to Geraldine Overturn and a few months later the couple came west, settling in the lower end of the county, where Mr. Hattan taught school for several years and engaged in other work. He came to St. Helens in 1896 and was deputy sheriff. He acceptably filled that office and in 1900 was elected sheriff, serving two terms. He won the confidence of the people by his conduct of the sheriff's office, and in 1904 was elected county judge, serving in that capacity until 1908. During his administration the new courthouse was built, and it was largely through his strict attention to business and interest in the matter that the building was erected and completed at a minimum cost. In 1913 Mr. Hattan was elected county treasurer and served in this capacity until elected judge. His record in county service, which was for a period of twenty years, was excellent, and although a staunch democrat and living in a republican county, he held the confidence of his constituents and was respected by all, regardless of party affiliation. The funeral Thursday afternoon was held from the Methodist church and attended by a multitude of sorrowing friends, more than half of whom could not gain admission to the church. Rev. Hisey, in a short funeral service, paid deceased a deserved tribute and spoke feelingly of his many sterling qualities. Hundreds followed the body to the Odd Fellows' cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest beside that of his wife, who preceded him to the grave ten years ago. As a mark of respect to the late judge, all business houses were closed during a portion of the afternoon and flags on the public buildings were displayed at half mast. Deceased leaves to mourn his loss a large family, three sons and five daughters. The sons are Searle, who resides at Aberdeen, Wash.; Lloyd, who lives at Snake River Junction, Wash., and Virgil, who is attending

the University of Oregon. The daughters are Besale, Goldie, Ella, Melba, Ora and Agnes, all of whom reside in St. Helens. Citizens from Scappoose, Warren, Rainier, Clatskanie and other points in the county were here to pay their last respects to the memory of the deceased.

PUBLIC ASKED TO GIVE AID

Railroads as Well as the Express and Postal Men to Be Busy.

"At no time in the previous history of the country have there been so many men away from home and family in the service of the country. The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and it is intended that every man in the service shall be remembered.

"To properly handle the packages for our soldiers and sailors is not alone going to tax the facilities of the postal department and the express companies, but will require unusual effort on the part of the railroads of the United States," said F. W. Robinson, traffic manager of the O-W. R. & N.

"To give efficient service the railroads, which will be called upon to make delivery of these Christmas remembrances, ask for the co-operation of the public. To insure delivery by December 25, Christmas packages should be mailed during the latter part of November or early in December. If this is done our boys who have joined the colors will get their presents on time. A little individual effort will go far toward relieving congestion, and avoiding disappointment both on the part of the giver and the recipient."

GOOD RECORD OF STATE FAIR BOARD

Financial Statement Submitted at Meeting Held.

At a recent meeting of the Oregon State Fair board, Secretary Lea submitted his annual report and turned over to the board \$19,297.44, as cash on hand after paying all expenses of the 1917 fair. This represents twice the amount of cash turned over after the 1916 fair, and the turnover at that time exceeded any in the previous history of the institution.

Secretary Lea's report will show receipts at the last state fair aggregating \$61,855. This does not include legislative appropriations. Among the receipts is \$10,489.64 produced by concessions.

WEEKLY NEWS LETTER FOR SOLDIER BOYS

A group of people interested in keeping the soldier boys away from home posted on home events have organized and will publish the Soldiers' Weekly News Letter. The object of the association is to publish a weekly newspaper for supplying the Oregon boys in the trenches with news from their home towns. The paper will not be run for profit; it will carry no advertising, nor will there be any subscription charge, but the entire cost of publishing and maintaining the paper will be borne by the association. The Mist is a receipt of a letter from the association asking that we encourage friends and relatives of the men from this district to furnish the kind of news the boys will be glad to get. Send it in to the Mist and it will be forwarded to the association in Portland. The editor of the Mist feels honored in being appointed an associate editor and honorary member of the association, and hopes the people interested in the plan will help in the work.

ORDER RECEIVED FOR AEROPLANE STOCK

Through the office of Colonel Disque, who is in Oregon to rush the production of spruce and fir lumber suitable for aeroplane construction, the St. Helens Lumber Company has received an order. That the colonel means business and wants the lumber immediately is indicated by his sending down the order with instructions to "get it out immediately." The stock must be clear vertically. The grain and will be subject to a strict inspection before being loaded for shipment to some Atlantic coast point.

DIRECTORS ARRANGE TO ISSUE SCHOOL BONDS

TO DRAW 5 1/2 PER CENT

All Outstanding Warrants to Be Taken Up.

The school directors of this district, No. 2, have arranged with Morris Bros., Portland bonding people, to buy school bonds in the amount of \$18,000 or \$19,000 to take up all the outstanding warrants and also provide funds to retire the \$3,700 bond issue now outstanding. The bonds are in denominations of \$1,000 and draw 5 1/2 per cent interest. A certain amount of the bonds become due after four years, and thereafter each year until all are taken up. On account of the large amount of outstanding warrants, the warrants issued to the teachers have been discounted and the board thought it the best policy to place the school affairs on a cash basis, issuing the bonds to be taken up at a later date. The action of the school directors will, no doubt, meet with the approval of a majority of the taxpayers as it was the only logical solution of the matter.

ST. HELENS PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Following is a report of the St. Helens public library from December 19, 1916, to November 19, 1917: Books checked out 2918 Magazines checked out 550 New borrowers 193 There are 472 books in the library, of which 158 have been purchased; 135 were presented by friends, and 119 were loaned.

A traveling library loaned by the state, consisting of 60 books, received in May, 1917, is now on the shelves. These will soon be returned when another will be sent us.

An additional lot of 50 books from the state library will soon be here. These are chiefly technical and others pertaining to the industrial interests of this section.

Books have been presented by the Pythian Sisters, Mrs. Quick, Mrs. Ellison, Mrs. John, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Rutherford, Miss Stokes, Mildred Hyde, Mr. Walker, Mr. Brasmer, Clark Smith, Gladys Lake.

The complimentary year book from the O. A. C. has been much enjoyed by the young people.

There are 16 of the best magazines coming to the library regularly, as well as many that are often given by people when they are through reading them.

Have you read "Over the Top," by Arthur G. Empey? It is a true account of the experiences of an American who went to England to enlist. He served for a year and a half, when he was wounded. It is a thrilling book with plenty of humor to lighten the grimness. You can find it on the rent shelf in the library.

SUGAR PURCHASES LIMITED NOW TO \$1

New Rules Effective Immediately—Also Prohibit Special Sales.

As a preventive of sugar hoarding, W. -K. Newell, acting federal food administrator, announced Thursday morning the new regulations which affect not only families, but hotels and merchants. These rules are similar to those passed by food administrators in other western states and are far less drastic than those in effect in the east, where the sugar shortage is much greater.

Following are the rules which are effective immediately: Sales to family consumers to be limited to \$1 purchases.

Sales to hotels, restaurants and boarding houses to be limited to 10 days' supply.

Farmers living at a distance from purchasing point will be permitted to purchase in 25-pound lots.

Sugar shall not be used as a leader for special sales or to encourage the sale of other merchandise.

All grocers are requested to report to the federal food administrator, 401 Northwestern Bank building, Portland, Ore., the names and addresses of all persons attempting, through misrepresentation, to purchase in excess of the above limitations.

GOV. WITHYCOMBE ISSUES PROCLAMATION

THANKSGIVING DAY

People of Oregon Should Be Thankful for Many Blessings.

Following the custom of the governors of several states, Gov. James Withycombe has joined with the president of the United States in proclaiming Thanksgiving day. The governor lays particular stress on the fact that Oregonians have much for which to be thankful. The proclamation is as follows:

"The year 1917 has visited a great cloud upon us, but so many rays of sunshine are cast across the dark valley through which we are now passing and so many blessings promise to come from the ultimate victory, which must be ours, that we should join more unitedly and more reverently than ever before as we again render thanksgiving unto Him who guides the destinies of continents and nations, states and individuals.

"We should not only express our deepest gratitude to Divine Providence for a bountiful harvest of the fruits of the soil and the blessings which come from industrial activity, but we should also be extremely thankful to our Divine Father for the true spirit of patriotism which characterizes our citizenship in this terrible hour of national peril. May we therefore mingle with our thankfulness for the material blessings bestowed by our Heavenly Father our most earnest prayers for divine guidance as patriotic Americans toward a successful solution of a world's democracy and the ultimate establishment of a permanent peace between nations and of good will among men.

"Each American is today privileged, as never before in all history, to serve and to assist in preserving, not only his own country, but he has for the first time a chance also to serve the world and humanity at large in the preservation and extension of justice and liberty, rich gifts which have long been ours to enjoy.

"As Oregonians we should feel especially proud and thankful that this state has stood so nobly at the forefront of the nation in all patriotic matters arising out of the world war. Though our hearts may be sad as we say good-bye to Oregon's splendid sons who are offering their very blood to their country's cause we should be consoled and gratified that each of us in some way, however indirect and incidental, is called upon to exert an influence on the side of democracy in the struggle against military autocracy.

"Now, therefore, I, James Withycombe, governor of the state of Oregon, by virtue of the authority in me vested, and following the time-honored custom of the governors of the several states in joining with the president of the United States, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 29, 1917, as Thanksgiving day; and I call upon the people of Oregon to pause from their labors in a spirit of prayerfulness and to give thanks to Almighty God whom we worship for the bounties and blessings and liberties which have been bestowed upon us and upon our commonwealth.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed this 22nd day of November, 1917.

"JAMES WITHYCOMBE, Governor."

COLUMBIA COUNTY JUDGE APPOINTED

S. C. Morton, of St. Helens, Successor of Late Judge R. S. Hattan.

Salem, Ore., Nov. 22.—S. C. Morton, editor of the St. Helens Mist and mayor of St. Helens, today was appointed county judge of Columbia county to succeed Judge R. S. Hattan, of St. Helens. The vacancy was caused by the death of Judge Hattan.

The new county judge has been a resident of the state for 16 years and of Columbia county for the last nine years. He formerly was auditor for the St. Helens Lumber Company. The governor says that the appointee is

an aggressive and progressive man.

A large delegation was here today from Columbia county urging the appointment of Martin White, deputy county assessor, for the place. The appointment had already been made, however, and the appeal for the delegation's candidate proved unavailing.—Oregonian, Nov. 22.

MORGUS' STORE IS BURGLARIZED

Safe is Opened by Thieves and Loss is About \$125.

Some time Wednesday night a party gained entrance to the store of Fred Morgus and helped himself to the contents of the safe. When Fred opened the store Thursday morning he noticed the back door open, and upon investigation found the safe had been opened. Fred neglected to throw the combination of the safe when he closed the store Wednesday night, so the burglar had no trouble in this particular and probably wondered at the consideration of Fred. Several gold pieces, a gold nugget and a watch and chain, the property of Henry Morgus, were taken. Checks and valuable papers were not disturbed, nor was the cash register tampered with, the burglar evidently preferring to work in a less conspicuous place. Mr. Morgus didn't seem in the least worried by the loss, as he stated the poor man was entitled to something for his trouble. Sheriff Stanwood made an investigation of the matter and is at work on the case.

STANFIELD OUT FOR U. S. SENATE

Candidacy for Senator McNary's Seat is Announced.

Robert N. Stanfield, of Umatilla county, speaker of the house of representatives at the 1917 session, has formally announced his candidacy for the United States senate to succeed Charles L. McNary, who was appointed by Governor Withycombe to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Harry Lane. Stanfield is very strong in the state, especially in eastern Oregon, and there are many who predict he will make a great race for the office he seeks.

AN UP-TO-DATE LOGGING CAMP

The Milton Creek Logging Company is justly entitled to call its camp an up-to-date camp. There has recently been installed a Delco lighting system which furnished electric lights in the kitchen, dining room, locomotive shed, dry house and bunk houses. No more does the logger have to use the lantern or coal oil lamp to see to shave, read, or do the little necessary "housekeeping" details after he comes in from a hard day's labor in the woods, nor does he have to hang his wet clothes by the bunkhouse stove to dry, for the company has built a dry house in which a large furnace is installed and conveniently placed clothes racks provide a place for the damp wearing apparel to dry out. If the woodsman wishes a nice warm shower bath, or a cold one for that matter, all he has to do is to go over to the bath house. A large room in which there is a boiler giving out plenty of heat, furnishes hot water, and there is also a supply of cold water in the several bathing compartments.

A stationary wash stand has also been installed. A large pipe, with numerous faucets attached, furnishes plenty of water (and there is also plenty of room) to the logger who wishes to wash up before going to meals. And while speaking of meals, the table fairly groans with the load of wholesome food placed upon it, and there is plenty of variety also. Superintendent Weist says he is not quite through with the building of this model camp but has more improvements in mind.

The logging company now employs 125 men, and it is said that on account of the many conveniences installed for their employes there is no trouble in keeping a full crew. The output of the camp is about 150,000 feet of logs per day, and employment is furnished to a number of farmers who live in the vicinity of the camp. The industry is a large one and a great benefit to the community.

Y. M. C. A. WAR FUND IS OVER-SUBSCRIBED

ALMOST \$2,500 IS RAISED

Liberal Response to Call from All Over County.

Columbia county's contribution to the Y. M. C. A. war fund will reach almost \$2,500, according to incomplete returns in the hands of County Chairman A. L. Stone. Of this amount St. Helens contributed \$900, Rainier \$900, Warren \$62, Scappoose \$29, Clatskanie \$100, and Goble \$65. Mr. Stone states he understands the St. Helens school raised about \$300. High honors went to Lester Saake's team, and Miss Lucile Lymburner made the highest collections, having turned in \$140 through her efforts. A. F. Barnett and Glen R. Metsker made a thorough canvass of the business section and industrial plants, and in one day collected more than \$500. The employes of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company cheerfully donated \$220, and the employes at the Sommarstrom yard gave \$90. Other large contributions were St. Helens Shipbuilding Company, \$25; St. Helens Lumber Company, \$25, and Columbia County Lumber Company, \$15. There were also a number of \$10 and \$15 contributions from individuals. Supt. Gus Weist of the Milton Creek Logging Company, attended to the work in his camp and turned in \$130 as a contribution from his men. In Red Cross contributions and the Liberty Loan campaign this camp came through very liberally, and their liberal contribution for the Y. M. C. A. was no surprise to Superintendent Weist. Mr. Stone was most gratified that all of the contributions were cash, only one pledge was turned in, and that has already been taken up. The record made by Columbia county was very gratifying to all who entered into the work and also to State Chairman Davidson, who sent a telegram of congratulations to Chairman Stone.

The state at large responded splendidly, and the quota was easily raised and exceeded by 50 per cent. The total subscriptions in the United States has reached \$49,209,411, or nearly \$15,000,000 more than was asked. The failure of Russia to participate in the war and the disastrous fall down of Italy made certain, so Y. M. C. A. officials said, the duration of the war and necessitated a larger amount than was originally asked for, hence the request. In both state and county not all of the subscriptions have been fully checked up and the amount will be further increased when the final count is made. Mr. Stone stated that he expected a few more subscriptions to come in and next week would be prepared to give the Mist readers the exact total. St. Helens did well in the noble work and each worker in the cause and those who generously contributed feel better for the part they played.

MARINE AND WATERFRONT NEWS

After taking a full cargo of lumber at the two mills here, the steamer Willemette sailed Tuesday night for California ports. Her passenger accommodations were comfortably filled.

The steamer Cello is due to arrive Monday night and will load a full cargo for southern California delivery. The vessel will sail Thursday night. Passenger reservations can now be made by phoning the local office, A-89.

The motor vessel City of St. Helens, now in Portland, is loaded and is taking on supplies for her long voyage to South America. The cargo amounts to 2,000,000 feet and the vessel will leave down river Sunday. Captain Johnson will command the vessel on this, her initial voyage.

Word was received by the St. Helens Lumber Company that the motor vessel City of Portland has arrived in San Francisco. The big vessel was out 37 days from Labaul, and came laden with 1,500 tons of copra. After discharging the cargo, the City of Portland will come to the Columbia river and load a lumber cargo for foreign delivery.