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BUDGET AS PREPARED BY COURT ADOPTED

TEN MILL ROAD TAX

Attendance at Meeting Smaller Than Usual and Little Excitement.

Those who came to the budget meeting at the courthouse Saturday afternoon expecting to have a little excitement or see the usual display of fireworks were disappointed, for the meeting apparently was harmonious, and the budget as prepared by the county court was adopted by an almost unanimous vote. The meeting was called to order by the county judge, who stated the purpose of the meeting and read the budget. He stated that the budget would have to be reduced approximately \$4,000 to come within the tax limitation.

J. W. Allen stated that the amount for public schools was insufficient, and he moved that the budget be increased to the amount which would allow \$8 per capita for school children, based on the school census. The motion carried without opposition.

F. B. Holbrook, of Goble, moved that the court make a horizontal reduction in the budget so as to come within the 6 per cent increase allowed by law. Glen R. Metaker stated he did not think this the proper method of reducing the budget, as many items could not be cut, and he suggested that the matter of doing the necessary pruning be left to the discretion of the court.

Mr. Holbrook accepted the suggestion and changed his motion to the effect that the court make the necessary reductions and that the budget be adopted. The motion was seconded by O. J. Evenson, of Clatskanie.

There was some little opposition from Martin White as to this method of adopting the budget, as he thought it should be voted on item by item. The meeting was not with him on this, however, and the motion carried with only two opposing votes. O. B. Bennett, of Clatskanie, injected a little side line of humor by taking a few raps at the roadmaster and the county agricultural agent. He didn't have any particular remedy to offer for anything, and not finding anyone to argue with him, soon quieted down. Outside of this, the budget meeting was devoid of much interest.

EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTERSHIP

Trenholm Office—Salary Past Year Was \$191.

The United States civil service commission has announced an examination to be held at St. Helens on January 25 as a result of which it is expected to make certification to all a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Trenholm, unless it shall be decided that the postal service can best be maintained by reinstatement. The compensation of the office during the past year was \$191.

Applicants for examination must have reached their twenty-first birthday on the date of examination and must reside in the territory supplied by the postoffice for which the examination is announced. The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements. Full information concerning the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Trenholm or St. Helens or from the United States civil service commission, at Washington, D. C.

MORE ST. HELENS BOYS NOW IN FRANCE

S. E. Smith received a cablegram last Thursday night from his son Dewey. The message said, "Safe in France." This means that Bob Harrison, Stewart McKie and Dewey all made the trip across the big pond in safety. All are members of the 13th Aviation Squadron. The three boys enlisted about the same time last May. They were first sent to Texas, then to Dayton, Ohio, and after spending a few weeks in New York were sent to France as the cablegram indicates.

H. P. Ross returned from Seattle Friday, where he spent Christmas.

LOGGING CAMP TO START JANUARY 7

Full Force of Men Will Be on Hand at That Time.

Supt. Gust Weist announces that the Milton Creek Logging Company which has been closed down since the 22nd of December, will resume operations Monday morning with a full crew. During the shut down many necessary repairs and changes have been made and the plant is now in position to run to full capacity, which is about 150,000 feet of logs per day. The camp and accommodations of the logging company are modern in every respect, and Mr. Weist does not anticipate any shortage of labor when the camp reopens.

SCHOOL BUDGET IS ADOPTED

Tax Will Be Twelve Mills or More This Year.

The annual school meeting was held at the schoolhouse last Thursday night. Only nine taxpayers attended. The motion to adopt the budget was carried by a small majority. It is understood that 5 voted for its adoption, 2 voted for a lesser levy and 2 did not vote. The school directors estimated it would require \$20,799 to run the school for the coming year. Of this amount \$7,200 would be received from the state and county, which leaves a balance of \$13,599.50 to be raised by taxation in the district.

SHIPS CARLOAD OF CANNED CABBAGE

The Columbia River Canning & Produce Company last Friday made the first shipment of a full carload of cooked cabbage ever sent out from St. Helens. The shipment was consigned to California wholesalers.

From its Clatskanie cannery the same firm will ship 400 tons of cabbage, which will make a trainload of 25 cars.

Mr. Rosasco is much enthused over the prospect of doing a large business in this line, and his product is pronounced good in every particular. Cabbage canning is entirely new in this vicinity and will be the means of giving employment to more people and at the same time create a good market for the farmer who raises cabbage.

VESSEL AT HOME AFTER LONG VOYAGE

The steamer Ernest H. Meyer arrived in St. Helens Monday night, and after taking on a cargo of 1,196,000 feet of lumber and piling, sailed for San Pedro Thursday night. This is the first trip of the Meyer to St. Helens since returning from her voyage to South America. The Meyer visited Valparaiso, Antofagasta and other points in Chile and Peru, and returning to the states brought a cargo of ore which was delivered to the smelters in Tacoma. The vessel made the round trip to the South American ports in remarkably fast time and no incident happened to make the voyage out of the ordinary. The Meyer is owned and operated by Broughton & Wiggins, of Portland, and is named after Ernest H. Meyer, local manager of the McCormick company in Portland.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Everyone returned to school on Wednesday morning with new resolutions regarding their department and studies.

Lois Payne, Harry Wilson and Lawrence Davies, three of last year's graduates, visited the high school Wednesday morning. Mr. Wilson gave a very interesting talk on his life in the U. S. navy. Mr. Davies likewise gave one concerning college life at Willamette.

Lawrence Anderson, from the Warren high school, has entered high school here.

Cyril Carter has returned to his home in San Francisco, where he will attend high school.

The operetta "Bells of Poi de Rol," given by the grade teachers for the purpose of raising money for supplementary readers, was very pleasing and quite successful. Several new books will be added to the supply of supplementary readers.

True Patriotism

By James Jerry White



OUR heritage of trust and weal
Has now become the world's great hope
For freedom from Oppression's heel,
For Aspiration's wider scope.

To this world-call, have we reply
Other than that our fathers gave?
To guard this trust, what if we die
If dying is the way to save!

Humanity hath instant need
Of loyalty that seeks to serve;
And even though death were its meet,
From its ideal it would not swerve.

Life would have nothing worth to give,
Had men not for their duty died;
True patriots would scorn to live
If they the sacrifice denied.

O ye who seek the soul's free air,
Who seek the large hope, arise!
For truth and justice Do and Dare!
Who cares to live when Freedom dies?

CALL NO MORE MEN BEFORE FEBRUARY 15

QUOTA ALREADY FILLED

Oregon Men Have Responded Readily to Call—Officers Can Enlist.

Except to fill vacancies in calls already made, no more men will be drafted from Oregon or other states before February 15. As all Questionnaires will be completed before that date, this will give men taken hereafter, except such few as may be needed prior to February 15 to fill vacancies, the advantage of the new classification system.

Very few men would have been taken from Oregon in any event prior to the next draft, which it is now announced will be not earlier than February 15. This is one of only ten states that have already filled their quotas in the first draft, barring a few vacancies by rejections at the training camps.

Future draft quotas are to be filled first from Class 1, comprising men without dependents. They will be drafted from deferred classifications only when Class 1 is exhausted, thus making it necessary to go to the next class for enough men to fill up the quota.

An exception to this will be made in the case of experts and men highly skilled in agriculture or industries. It is announced that the government soon will call for a large number of men of this special class. They will be taken as needed for such special work from whatever classification they may have been granted.

A limited number of officers not now in active service, and retired officers of the Oregon National Guard, who are physically fit and between the ages of 23 and 47, are eligible for enlistment as privates first class for attendance at the next officers' training camps, which begin January 15. Official word to this effect has just been received by John M. Williams, acting adjutant general, from the chief of the bureau of military affairs at Washington, with the request that it be given publicity.

Applications for the camps by such officers must be approved by the bureau. Those qualifying at the camps which will be held in southern California and the southern states, will receive commissions.

Miss Eugenie Deming left Wednesday for Eugene and the U. of O.

OPPOSE ROAD LEVIES IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

CLAIMS IT IS ILLEGAL

Committee of Timbermen Appear Before County Court.

A committee from the Columbia county timber owners appeared before the county court Thursday morning to oppose the special road levies as made in several of the road districts of the county. Omar Spencer, speaking for the S. P. & S. R. R. company, asked that the levies be not extended; that the railroads were heavily taxed now and the war was putting additional requirements and burdens on them. He stated that inasmuch as the government had guaranteed a fair operating profit to the railroads, the government was really the one that would have to pay the taxes, but he thought it a patriotic duty just at this time to curtail expenses in every way.

John Dougal, representing large timber holdings in the county, thought the method of levying the taxes was illegal, and asked that the special be not extended. John Pierson and George L. McPherson, both heavy timber owners in the county, stated that they did not wish to oppose any necessary road building, but they did not see the necessity for the special taxes. The court held that the people in the road districts evidently knew what they wanted when a special tax was voted, and they decided it was not in their province to determine the legal technicalities, but that should the question come up for litigation the higher courts were the proper places for legal questions to be settled. The assessor will extend the special levies on the tax roll.

The court took occasion to inform the visitors that as much of the road work as was possible to do would be done under contract, and they would see to it that a dollar in value would be received for the dollar spent on the roads.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Woman's Club of St. Helens will meet Tuesday, January 8, at the home of Mrs. Day. This is the regular annual business meeting and election of officers. No regular program except discussion of food conservation and "How Can I Help Others to Conserve?" Roll call,

MILL MAKES BIG CUT FOR YEAR

Nearly 50,000,000 Feet of Lumber Manufactured.

During the year just closed, the St. Helens Lumber Company manufactured close to 50,000,000 feet of lumber, which is the greatest output of any year since the mill started operation in 1909. A large percentage of the lumber was shipped to California points and several million feet to foreign ports, while a considerable quantity was used at the local shipbuilding plants and for local use. The mill has operated steadily throughout the year and with only a few days loss of time occasioned by breakdowns.

CHARLIE MELHUISH MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

Accident Happens in Seattle Last Friday.

Charlie Melhuish, well known in St. Helens and until recently a citizen of this city, met a tragic death in Seattle Friday morning. He was on his way to work and was crossing a street, when an automobile which skidded on the wet pavement struck him. His left leg was broken and he was internally injured and died before reaching the hospital.

The news of his death came as a shock to his many friends here. Mr. Melhuish came to St. Helens in December, 1915, and secured employment at the St. Helens shipyards. He was a quiet, hard-working fellow and soon made many friends. When the commercial club was organized he was elected assistant secretary, and took much interest in the work. He was also treasurer of the Episcopal church, of which he was a consistent member.

Deceased is survived by his parents and one sister who live in Kent, Wash., and a brother, Sidney, who lives in St. Helens. At the time of the accident Sydney was visiting his parents in Kent and knew nothing of the matter until he read of it in a Seattle paper that evening. At the time of his death deceased was 31 years of age.

The funeral was held in Kent Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was attended by a large number of friends of the deceased young man.

LOGGING SUPERINTENDENT GETS PROMOTION

Gust Weist, Superintendent of the Milton Creek Logging Company, has accepted the position of general superintendent of the Silver Falls Logging Co., of Silverton, Ore. The company with whom he has associated himself has millions of feet of standing timber and a large mill at Silverton, and plans on getting out not less than 100,000,000 feet of logs during the year 1918. Mr. Weist stated to the Mist that 200 men would be employed in the woods in addition to a large number who will work in the mill. The appointment to the new position takes effect January 10, although Mr. Weist will be with the Milton Creek Logging Company during most of January, getting his successor familiar with the business of the company here. Mr. Weist has many friends in St. Helens who congratulate him on his promotion but regret that he will leave St. Helens.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Those who have made requests for special books on special subjects please look them up at the library. There has just been received from the state library 50 books on special subjects, ranging from sewing to motor boats. Books adapted to the interests of this special community. These books are loaned to us for a period of only three months, and it behooves those who have wished for some special books or anyone interested to look them up at once. Remember the city library is open evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock, and on Saturday afternoons also from 3 to 5. Several new magazines have been ordered and these will be added to a little later, so that the library may boast of the best list of the best magazines.

THE FIRST 1918 BABY ARRIVES HERE

The good old stork, getting somewhat mixed in his route on account of the heavy fog which overhung the city Tuesday night, paused in St. Helens long enough to leave a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Von A. Gray. Mother and son are doing nicely but Von, Sr., hasn't quite regained his normal condition.

DRIVE OF RED CROSS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

QUOTA IS NOT FILLED

Committee Still on Job Soliciting More Members.

The Red Cross membership drive is still under way, and according to Harold P. Ross, who is in charge of the work in Columbia county, is meeting with success. The county's quota is set at 4,000, but at this time not more than half of the required number have been obtained. The committees are still at work and it is hoped that by tomorrow night many additional members will be secured. Columbia county ranks lowest among the counties of Oregon, and it is pointed out that the county in previous drives—Red Cross, Liberty Loans and Y. M. C. A.—has always been among the top notchers, and Mr. Ross hopes that in this drive the county will maintain its reputation of being among the first.

The tabulated returns from the different parts of the county Wednesday morning were:

Rainier	450.00
St. Helens	392.00
Clatskanie	268.00
Scappoose	225.00
Columbia City	200.00
Milton Creek Logging Co. employees	102.75
Quincy	93.00
West St. Helens	50.00
Deer Island	50.00
Vernonia	15.00
Total	\$1,845.75

It is known, however, that many subscriptions have not been turned in and that Warren, Chapman and South St. Helens are still to be heard from. By tomorrow night Mr. Ross expects that the membership for the county will reach at least 3,000, which is 1,000 less than the quota. That the state headquarters appreciate the effort being made in Columbia county is evidenced by the following letter:

"December 30, 1917.

"Mr. Harold P. Ross, Campaign Manager Christmas Red Cross Membership Drive, St. Helens, Oregon.

"Dear Mr. Ross: Your campaign workers braved the weather and went from house to house and farm to farm, canvassing for Red Cross memberships. There was no hardship they were not willing to under-

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR BRITISH ARMY

Lieut. J. I. Simpson of the Irish Fusiliers of Canada, is now in charge of the British and Canadian recruiting office, Third and Oak streets, Portland, Capt. J. W. Carter having returned to duty in Canada.

Lieutenant Simpson wants all British and Canadian subjects to know that they can still enlist as volunteers, but that the time is not far distant when this privilege will be withdrawn and they will be conscripted. All British and Canadian subjects are therefore urged to call on or communicate with him at his office at the corner of Third and Oak streets, Portland.

He particularly wants Englishmen to join English regiments, Scotchmen to join Scotch regiments, Irishmen to join Irish regiments, Welshmen to join Welch regiments, and Canadians to join the Canadian expeditionary force, but volunteers have the choice of joining either army.

There is also a demand for carpenters, bricklayers, tinmiths, blacksmiths, plumbers and skilled laborers for duty with the Canadian Engineers, age 19 to 45.

To those who have dependents a liberal separation allowance is paid by the government, and where this is not sufficient a further grant will be made by the British Patriotic Fund of Oregon.