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DOCK RESOLUTION IS PASSED BY COUNCIL

BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

City Fathers Are in Favor of Carrying out Wishes of People

At their regular meeting Monday night, the city council passed a resolution which is expected to expedite the building of the city dock. The resolution is: "Be it resolved by the common council of the City of St. Helens that the dock committee of the city council as appointed by the mayor, is hereby authorized and instructed to secure plans and specifications for the first unit of the public or municipal dock to be built at the foot of St. Helens street; that after preparing such plans and specifications, the mayor is hereby instructed to advertise for bids for the construction of such unit of said public or municipal dock, and

"It is further resolved that said dock committee of the City of St. Helens, as appointed by the mayor, is hereby instructed to immediately proceed with the preparation of said plans, employing any capable engineer or contractor to assist them, and they are hereby instructed to report their findings, together with such plans and specifications, not later than Monday, October 14, 1918."

One of the council moved the adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded, but the mayor thought the matter should lay on the table until the "full board" was present (J. W. Allen was absent); the other members of the council, which constituted a quorum were not of the same opinion as was his honor, for they evidently thought that if the three there constituted a quorum to transact any other business, they might as well transact some dock business, and they insisted upon the motion being put, which the mayor reluctantly did. All the councilmen present voted yes, but the mayor, not satisfied with this, instructed the recorder to call the roll. The result was the same and the mayor was forced to order the resolution passed. It is probable that the dock committee will immediately begin to carry out the resolution.

Deputy Marshal Blakesley asked that some ordinance be drawn up confiscating air rifles. He explained that while it was the law to use the rifles, there was no law to prevent one owning such rifle. The city attorney was instructed to draw up such ordinance.

The matter of automobiles passing the city hall, which is now used as a schoolhouse, at an excessive rate of speed, was brought to the attention of the council by Marshal Potter and he received instructions to see that all motorists were more careful in this especial vicinity.

The matter of electric lights along Oak street was taken up and referred to Councilman McDonald, chairman of the street committee, with instructions to act.

A few other matters, which were of minor importance, were taken up and disposed of by the council, after which they adjourned.

MOTOR VESSEL ALLARD REPORTED LOST AT SEA

All Hands are Saved—Loss is About \$350,000

H. F. McCormick has received advice from the San Francisco office of the McCormick company that the motor vessel, S. I. Allard, has been lost at sea. Only bare particulars were given, but the scene of the accident was near the Cuban coast and it is thought the vessel went on a reef. The Allard was under command of Captain S. C. Mitchell and carried a crew of 26 men, all of whom were saved. The vessel was under charter to the government and was enroute from an Atlantic port to Cuba.

The Allard was launched at the yards of the St. Helens Shipbuilding company about two years ago and was a fine vessel. She was valued at \$350,000 and as McCormick carries insurance on all his vessels, the stockholders will be protected.

W. A. Harris transacted legal business in Portland Monday.

NEWSY NOTES FROM ST. HELENS SOLDIERS

J. T. Taber is Promoted to the Rank of Sergeant

A Year in Service—Gets Furlough
Harold Decker writes his parents that after being in France and hard at work for a whole year, he has been granted a furlough and intends having a good time. The letter was dated August 25 and said:

"Dear Folks:—I have just returned from (deleted by censor). Myself and a few other fellows went down there on a business trip for the government, but I cannot tell you what we went for. — is a very pretty place, but it was awful hot. Must have been about 200 in the sun and 199 in the shade.

"The American Red Cross is doing a great work over here. They were at the stations we passed and gave us hot coffee and sandwiches. At — they have a building with bunks in it for American soldiers and they do not charge one cent for sleeping there. The meals are very cheap, a franc (20c) for breakfast, a franc and one-half for dinner and one franc for supper and they put out some mighty good meals.

"At — I met my old sergeant major who came across with us. He is now a first lieutenant.

"I am planning on a 7-day furlough to begin October 20th and will go to Saint Malo, a special place where the A. E. F. soldiers spend their furloughs. It will cost me about 200 francs (\$40) so I wish you would draw some of my money from the bank and send it to me as soon as possible. I have been over here a year and this is my first furlough.

"You will soon be receiving my allotment again and also the months you didn't get it last spring.

"I'll have to close now and get to work. Write often.

"Your loving son,
"HAROLD DECKER.
"Base Hosp. 15, A. E. F."

Judging from the description of Harold's trip, one might assume that he accompanied some wounded men to one of the American hospitals.



SERGEANT J. T. TABER

Although in the service only two months, J. T. Taber has twice been promoted, first to corporal, then to sergeant. He enlisted in the Engineers in the train service department and was last heard from Sept. 21st, from Camp Merritt. It is quite probable that by this time he has reached France, as his letter stated that he expected to leave any time and his company was ready.

Kenneth Howel, who thought he was going to have a 30 day furlough and come home, was disappointed in not receiving but 15 days, so instead of coming to Oregon, he went to see some of his relatives in Michigan. Kenneth is on the U. S. S. Albatross.

UNION HAS BIG SMOKER

The St. Helens Local 38A11, I. L. A., had a pleasant steg social and smoker at the union hall last night. Mr. F. Horn, one of the prominent officials of the state federation of labor was the principal speaker. Boxing exhibitions, musical numbers and speeches added to the evening's entertainment. A nice lunch was served to the 200 members present. Secretary Holden of the St. Helens local had charge of the entertainment.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES W. HUNT

County Clerk James W. Hunt quietly slipped away Saturday and going to Portland, was united in marriage to Miss Gladys Ashby. Rev. A. S. Hisey performed the ceremony in the First Methodist church in Portland in the presence of a few intimate friends and relatives of the contracting couple.

The bride and groom are well known in St. Helens and throughout Columbia county. The groom is county clerk and previous to occupying that position, was county treasurer. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. N. A. Ashby and a sister of Mrs. M. E. Miller. Until a short time ago, she was assistant cashier in the Columbia County Bank, and is now assistant cashier at the Old, Wortman & King store in Portland. Mrs. Hunt is yet in Portland, but will soon come to St. Helens where the newly married couple will make their home.

CITY SCHOOL MATTERS ATTRACT ATTENTION

SLOW PROGRESS IS MADE

Temporary Quarters Not all Ready—New Building Discussed

Many who are interested in the school affairs of the city are beginning to wonder when the school board will get together and outline some definite program. It is pointed out that almost three weeks have elapsed since the schoolhouse fire and nothing has been done towards the repair of the old building or making plans for the construction of a new building.

The Mist has interviewed quite a few citizens and the opinion is somewhat divided as to the rebuilding of the old school, making temporary repairs to the old schoolhouse so that the seven rooms remaining intact can be available or the building of a permanent fireproof building.

According to Chairman LaBare, no plans have been made except for the temporary care in temporary quarters of the scholars. The directors have not, as a body, discussed the matter, but have bent their energies to securing temporary quarters. To fix up all of these temporary quarters costs money and it is the opinion of many that the \$2000 or \$2500 so far spent should have been applied on repairing the old building or towards the building of a new school.

It is argued by many that by the time the fair buildings are fixed up so they will be comfortable, sewerage, septic tanks, etc., installed and when the 100-foot sewer from the Congregational church is built, enough money will have been spent to make a respectable start on a new school, or to have put a roof on the old building so that the quarters there might be used. The basement and steam-heating plant is intact and the first floor in fairly good condition, and with a little expenditure could be made available for school purposes.

On the other hand, there are some who contend that all except the basement should be torn down and a new fireproof building erected. The directors seem to be making no effort towards mapping out any definite program and it seems to be entirely appropriate that they call a mass meeting of the taxpayers to help decide what is the best course to pursue.

Superintendent King is doing the best he can under the adverse conditions, but he and the other teachers are working under a great handicap which should be soon disposed of, so that school may continue to the best advantage of the scholars and taxpayers.

GREWSOME FIND IN SCAPPOOSE CREEK

BODY OF A SUICIDE

Man Commits Suicide by Drowning—Body is Identified

Tuesday morning a party of hunters on the McKay place, about one mile north of Scappoose, while going along the creek bank, noticed a grip, a roll of blankets and clothing and a man's hat underneath a tree near the creek bank. When they returned in the afternoon, the articles were still there and they reported the matter to Jim McKay. Wednesday morning he investigated the matter and discovered the feet and legs of a man extending above the surface of the water. Coroner White was called and took the body from the creek.

It was evident the man, who was about 40 years of age, had committed suicide. A rock weighing about 40 pounds was tied around his neck, and he had tied his hands below his belt, thinking perhaps he might change his mind after striking the water.

On the man's person was found a pocketbook containing \$13.50; a knife and some other articles, and in the grip was a book giving his name as Jack Barefinch. A Liberty Loan receipt dated last April and signed by H. C. Leewellyn of Portland also established his identity, and Coroner White has communicated with that party in the endeavor to learn more of the man.

Hoyt Paige, the barber at Scappoose, identified the body as the man whom he had shaved about 10 days ago. A large scar on the cheek and his peculiar shaped head were the means of identification. The man told Mr. Paige that he was from Spokane and his wife lived there; that he had been working in Portland for some months, but was on his way to St. Helens to secure employment in the shipyard. According to Mr. Paige, the man seemed quite depressed and it is presumed that after having made his camp for the night on the banks of the creek, he decided to end his life.

Coroner White is endeavoring to locate the man's wife and also find out something more, if possible. The appearance of the body indicated that it had been in the water for eight or ten days.

Dr. J. H. Flynn, accompanied by Alex Misiskules, canvassed among the Greek residents of St. Helens in the interest of the Fourth Liberty Loan, and reports that the Greeks are 100 per cent. Not a Greek refused to take a bond and comparatively few of them subscribed for less than \$100, the total subscriptions received being \$3100.

SAY MEASURE IS FULL OF JOKERS

Report Persistent that Single Tax Idea Lurks in Jackson Bill

A few years ago the people of the state of Oregon, in a spirit of gentle and amused tolerance, listened to the Portland Journal's campaign for single tax. It was Mr. Jackson's pet hobby, and his official mouthpiece shouted long and loudly. When the votes were counted, however, the people breathed a sigh of relief, for single tax and Oregon citizenship were found to have nothing in common.

For a time Editor Jackson subsided. Unable to dictate the editorial policies of the newspapers of the state, and stung to the quick at the decisive defeat of his pet scheme, he maintained an attitude of calm demeanor. Now Mr. Jackson steps up to bat again, fostering and fathering a new plan of unfathomable and inexplicable legislation. In on the scheme with Jackson is a Portland attorney, and the two have devised a plan that is unique to say the least. Just the interest of the lawyer has not been divulged. The proposed law bears the Jackson trademark, and those who have familiarized themselves with the measure, state it is as full of "jokers" as some of Mr. Jackson's single tax measures in the days of old.

Jackson's scheme is to abolish the delinquent tax law as it now stands and substitute in its place an impractical, etherial scheme, cleverly framed to lure the voters, but intended as a piece of radical and vicious legislation that will benefit the lawyers, the title grabbers and others of their ilk—at the expense of the struggling home and land owner. Such is the Jackson delinquent tax bill. There are those who intimate that Jackson's energy in working for the bill is due to the fact that his Portland Journal has been overlooked in the publication of Multnomah lists in days gone by, and that his spleen against the present statute is inspired through petty jealousy in the Portland newspaper field. This may or may not be the case.

The present tax publication law for Oregon is the ideal measure if public service may be considered the criterion. It is simple, practical, and devised to protect the taxpayer from the title grabbers and other vultures. Briefly, it provides that notice be sent by the tax collector, THROUGH THE MAIL to every delinquent taxpayer within 90 days from date of delinquency. Then, and only then, to reach those whom the mails have failed to reach, the law provides that publication shall be made in the newspapers.

Could any plan be fairer? Could there be any better scheme to protect the unfortunate delinquent from the malicious cunning of the tax title grabber—who loves to work in the dark.

Now comes Mr. Jackson and the Portland attorney and initiate a bill to abolish the publication. He requires no particular mental acumen to see the result, to note the splendid opportunity for the title grabbers and their legal friends to quietly "clean up" on those who have failed to receive notice. Theoretically the scheme looks fine on paper. So did single tax. So did other bits of freak legislation that have been turned down cold by thinking voters.

Jackson would have the tax collector send the notice through the mail—AS HE NOW DOES UNDER THE PRESENT LAW. The law makes the burden obligatory on your part to keep him notified of any and all changes in your address; otherwise you lose your defense in case of foreclosure, and cannot plead lack of notice. In other words you are left holding the sack. To add insult to injury Jackson would make the tax collector personally liable to keep posted on your address. Briefly stated, you MUST keep the tax collector posted at all times, or lose; if Uncle Sam fails to deliver the notice as often happens, well, you lose again; if the tax collector fails to do his part, you lose a third time—and the poor collector loses, also. Can you beat it!

Jackson's scheme would end with the sending of notice by the collector.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY OVER ITS LIBERTY QUOTA

TOTAL ALMOST \$300,000

Related Subscriptions Still Coming in to Swell Big Total

Columbia county has far exceeded the quota assigned in the Fourth Liberty Loan and subscriptions are still coming in to swell the total. From reports received from various parts of the county, it appears that at least \$300,000 will be subscribed. The quota was \$206,000. Chairman Mason for the St. Helens district reports \$115,000 in subscriptions turned in to the banks here, with more coming which will, in all probability, swell the amount to \$120,000. The quota for this district was \$92,400. A. L. Fuller at Rainier already has \$72,000 and knows that he will get at least \$80,000 and Rev. Gelvin at Clatskanie phones that his district will exceed its quota by \$18,000 to \$20,000. At Scappoose, the quota was approximately \$23,000 and Mrs. Watts, who was chairman in that district, says they are well over the top and are still rounding up bond buyers.

Goble, which is in the Rainier district, and whose quota was \$2500, had turned in \$14,000 at last reports and Chairman Kenny and his workers were trying to establish a world's record. In all probability they will succeed for 1000 per cent in Goble does not look as big as 75 per cent in Portland.

Deer Island was early to go over the top. With a quota of \$8,000 Mrs. Appleton reported \$12,000 early this week, with more subscriptions to follow, and A. L. Morris, chairman at Warren, not to be outdone by the other districts, reported Warren 135 per cent, which he thought would be increased to 150 per cent.

John Pearson, manager of the Western Timber Company, has written to Mr. Morton stating that his company had taken \$10,000 in bonds and since their property was located in Columbia county, he had asked that Columbia be given the credit for the subscription, a thoughtful act which is much appreciated by the county Liberty Loan committee.

Columbia county, it can be seen, has exceeded its quota by at least 35 per cent and in all probability will go 50 per cent above.

Thursday night the quota for the entire state was about \$1,500,000 shy and Portland owed all of it. The state, outside of the slow subscribing metropolis, early went over the top.

In this loan, Columbia county has maintained its reputation of being the first county in the state and Chairman Morton wishes to thank all of the loyal Liberty Loan workers for their efforts which made the result possible.

FIREMAN DIES IN MILL BOILER

Heart Disease Supposed to be the Cause

John Confers, aged 39, a fireman at the plant of the St. Helens Lumber company, was found dead in one of the boilers in the fireroom Sunday afternoon at about 5 o'clock. It is customary to clean one of the battery of four boilers each Sunday and Confers, who had been employed as fireman for the past two months, entered the boiler about 4 o'clock. The man who fires on Sunday, noticing the water in the gauge glass as being very low, looked for Confers, and found him dead in the boiler. Dr. Ross was called and expressed the opinion that the man died of heart disease. Another theory advanced is that the boiler was too hot when Confers went in it, and he was suffocated.

Deceased was an experienced fireman and had been working for the Plue company at Rainier for the past six years, coming to St. Helens only a short time ago. He leaves a wife and six children, the eldest being 18 years of age.

The funeral was held Tuesday and the interment was in the Warren cemetery.

County School Superintendent Allen has been in the Nehalem country this week visiting the schools of that section.