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## A SERIOUS AUTO-MOBILE ACCIDENT

### BIG TOURING CAR JUMPS GRADE AND TURNS TURTLE WITH OCCUPANTS

### ATTY. H. H. EMMONS INJURED

#### Steering Gear Refuses to Work and Occupants of Car Pinned Under it Until Relief Comes

The steering gear of a big touring car refused to work while being driven along the road between Deer Island and Goble last Tuesday evening and it jumped off the grade resulting in serious injury to one person and slight injuries to several others. The car was occupied by Mr. H. H. Emmons, Mrs. Emmons, Mrs. Gragan and Miss Kaminsky all of Portland. It fell about 20 feet down the embankment and landed on Mr. Emmons who was pinned between the car and a log, the car being across his chest. He was rendered unconscious by the fall and the others of the party were under the car but soon extricated themselves. Miss Kaminsky proved herself a heroine by taking her hands and digging away portions of the rotten log on which Mr. Emmons was lying until he was able to breathe. The chauffeur ran for assistance to the camp of workmen on the road and a telephone was sent to St. Helens for medical aid. Deputy Sheriff Lake secured a car and in company with Dr. Peel was soon at the scene of the accident. After working for quite a while with Mr. Emmons he was so far revived that he was able to travel and was put into Roy Copeland's car and rushed to Portland. It was feared that the injuries would prove fatal to him but last reports from the hospital are that he is recovering although his injuries are so severe that he will be confined to his bed for many weeks. Several of his ribs were broken, one of the broken ends penetrating the lung. The injuries to the other people were slight.

## LOCAL TEAM WINS AGAIN

### Same Old Story of Victory for St. Helens

The local team took a trip over to Ridgefield last Sunday and engaged in a little hitting and batting practice at the expense of what that town calls a ball team. Erikman pitched with a leg he could hardly crawl around with and Flagg bugged up a finger in the 2nd and could hardly get the ball back to the pitcher, but if the boys had all been on crutches they would not have had much trouble winning as they were hitting them far enough so that they could walk down to first base and still be safe. The hits were as follows: Hall 4, Dill 1, McDonald 4, Brakke 3, Flagg 2, Balagh 2, Richardson 2, Peterson 1, Erikman 1.

#### NOTES

Eikman pitched a good game considering the way he was crippled up. Dill pulled off the Star fielding stunt of the day when he grabbed a liner hot off the bat of Meeker and doubled Fleming at second, it was all he could do to reach it with one hand.

Peter Brakke played a good fielding game in center field.

Richardson is picking up in his hitting and when this kid is hitting he is hard to beat.

The band was there strong and it is probable that they will go to Woodland with us next Sunday.

The rooters sure turned out good and strong and we would like to see them at Woodland next Sunday.

## ROAD BIDS ARE TOO HIGH

### Court Rejects Bid on Columbia City-Warren Road

### WILL DO THE WORK

#### County Court Busy Adjusting Rights of Way Disputes

At a meeting of the County Court held last week for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of the Columbia City-Warren road the bid of Jeffrey & Bufon was the only one received. The Court duly considered the matter and decided that the bid was too high and promptly rejected it and made an order directing that the work be done by the County Court and the County Road Master.

During this week Judge Harris, Commissioners Farr and Fluhrer have been busy with the people through whose lands new roads are being built in an effort to settle right of way differences. So far everything seems to be progressing nicely, there being an apparent disposition on part of the property owners and the Court to reasonably settle the difficulties regarding rights of way.

## BENNETT BROTHERS PURCHASE ROUTE

### George Konopka Disposes of Business to St Helens Men

Harry and Guy Bennett have purchased the milk route and creamery fixtures of George Konopka who has been operating here for some years. Bennett Bros. have a fine five acre tract of land near the Houlton bridge in the city upon which they are having built a modern, sanitary creamery and separating room. Everything will be clean and cool. They announce that they will be able to supply their customers with the very best milk and that one of the strong features of their business will be cleanliness. They will take charge on August 1st and Guy will run the wagon.

## GEORGE BELLAMY

Mr. George Bellamy, an old gentleman about 80 years of age, died at the home of his son Edward Bellamy near Deer Island on the 16th of July. Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday morning, the services being by Rev. F. J. Meyers of St. Helens Congregational Church. Mr. Bellamy has been a resident of this county for about a year and leaves a widow and two sons in this county and two sons in the east.

## THE SNOW FAIRY

Miss Hazen Watts will present in Scappoose, Friday, July 31 an unpublished childrens oratorio "The Snow Fairy". The foundation story in Hans Christian Anderson's Fairy Tale, but the entire music and adaptation is the composition of Miss Watts as part of her music study at Wellesley College. A large local cast is now rehearsing and a great treat is in store for all lovers of good music.

Miss Ardath Hagey will appear as the princess and Dix Holaday in the role of the prince.

The object is to try out the working of the play so as to make it practical in staging, after which it will be published.

Admission 10 and 15c only.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Having bought Mr. Ellerson's interest in the Central Market I wish to announce to my many patrons that I have secured the services of a butcher of thirty years experience and this with the fact that I shall keep only the best of meats and the greatest variety. I hope to still serve all of my old customers and many new ones.

B. I. PLUMMER

## SEWER ACCEPTANCE IS RESCINDED

### Stormy Meeting of City Council is Largely Attended

### SEWER WORK DOES NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS

#### Tests Made Show That Pipe Joints Are Not Cemented and Property Owners Refuse to Pay

Charges and counter charges, repartee and sarcastic wit prevailed at the Council meeting last Monday night when that body convened in extraordinary session to listen to the complaints of the property owners in Sewer District No. 3 over the construction of the sewer and the assessments against the property to pay for the same. The property owners were there in force too, as were the contractors and attorneys. Mr. T. B. Lott, one of the largest property owners in the district explained how he had poured barrels of water into the sewer at his place and that a guard at the first man hole about 100 feet distance reported that no water appeared there. Jake Bill had made a like experiment with the same results. Others in the district gave similar testimony. Others told of having watched the progress of the work on the sewer and that in numbers of places no cement had been used on the joints of the pipe and that the water would run to these joints and then disappear in the ground. Mr. Butts told of his experience when water was placed in the sewer at a point north of his place and then would run down the hill to his premises, where it would not go any further on account of the grade of the sewer which took a raise from his place toward the main trunk. During all of this testimony and these statements much sarcastic repartee was indulged in between various persons and the attorneys, joined in occasionally by some member of the

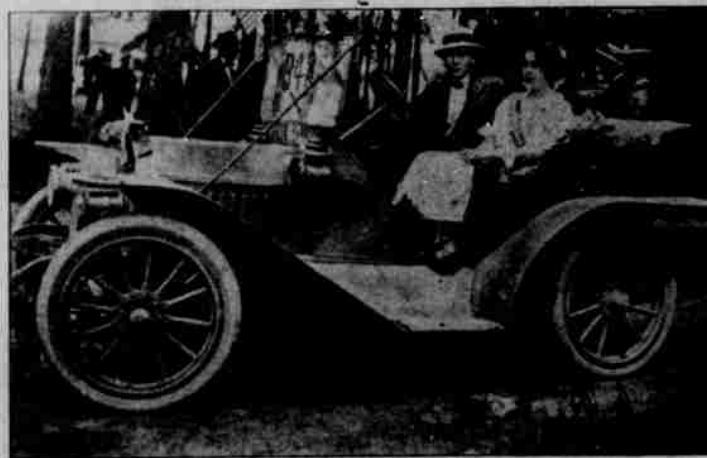
council.

Before the arguments were over for the evening it developed to be an actual fact that in some places the sewer pipes were so laid that water would have to run up hill and that in many places the pipe was not cemented, while in other places the pipe was cemented on the top but not on the bottom parts.

While the remarks and arguments were quite heated at times there was a spirit of fairness manifested by nearly everybody interested and when the Council made an order rescinding its former action in accepting the sewer and directing Engineer McQuinn to require the contractors to put the sewer in the condition as specified in the contract the people interested felt that such action was all that could be done in the premises and good feeling prevailed. During the evening some one speaking for the contractors made a statement that the City was under obligations to the contractors on the contracts in districts 6 and 7 on which work had been stopped by the Courts, and many people took these remarks to indicate that the Contracting Company would endeavor to hold the city to these contracts or pay damages for failure to comply with its contract.

However the council made a determined stand that the work on sewer in District No. 3 must be completed in accordance with the specifications and plans embodied in the contract regardless of what happened in districts 6 and 7.

## DOC YAK VISITS ST. HELENS



During the recent Fourth of July celebration Old Doc Yak was a pleasant visitor in St. Helens entertaining his friends with auto rides in the famous old car. The above picture was taken during the parade.

## RICHARD COX IS PAINFULLY HURT

Last Friday Mr. Richard Cox met with an accident which has laid him up and caused him considerable suffering. While stepping up on the sidewalk in front of the drug store Mr. Cox made a mis step some way and his entire weight was thrown on his lame ankle causing him to fall and sprain the ankle. He was taken to his home where he has since been but is now fast recovering and will soon be able to be out again.

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

It having come to my knowledge that there are some people holding tax receipts which are unaccounted for in the records and which bear no number. All persons holding such receipts, are requested to communicate with the undersigned so that proper receipts may be issued and the records cleared. All receipts bearing no number have not been accounted for.

C. H. JOHN, Sheriff

## CHARTER COMMISSION APPOINTED

### Mayor Mueller Appoints Ex-Officers to Prepare New Charter

### ALL EXPERIENCED MEN

#### Propose to Bond the City to Refund Outstanding Indebtedness

Ex-Mayor Martin White of St. Helens, Ex-Mayor James Dart of St. Helens, Ex-Mayor N. A. Perry of Houlton, Ex-Councilman S. C. Morton of St. Helens and C. C. Cascott of St. Helens have been appointed by the Mayor and Council as a Charter Commission to have charge of the drafting of several charter amendments or a new charter for the combined city. A Portland firm of attorneys have the actual work of getting the charter in shape but the commission as named above will represent the city in the matter and it is the intention to have charter amendments ready to vote on within a few weeks. It is proposed to vote on bonding the city to refund all outstanding debts at the same time so that, outside of bonds the city will be free from debt to start in with. About \$20,000 of debts are outstanding at the present time, not including sewer debts.

## SCAPPOOSE

Mrs. E. M. Watts and daughter Maud went to the Seaside this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lamberson have gone to the Seaside during the hot weather.

Chas. Osteen and Mary Sholtz took in the Oaks at the Rose City last Sunday.

Lee Hetrick was up from St. Helens Sunday.

The Misses Hazel and Helen Watts were at the Rose City this week.

We learn that Mr. Kyser is very sick at this writing.

Dr. Hatfield and wife visited at Portland, Monday.

Mrs. Joe Adams has gone to the Sheppard Springs for a couple of weeks.

We learn that Chapman Camp will start up again the 25th of this month. Mr. Stanton has returned home from the hospital.

We had Moving Pictures here Saturday night and Sunday night, which were well attended.

Wm. Anderson's smiling face was seen on our streets Saturday. Come down oftener Billie, we all miss you.

Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Smith were St. Helens visitors Tuesday.

Mr. Skudder is getting along nicely at the hospital, and will soon be home.

Miss Restoria Adams visited at the Rose City for a few days this week.

## BAND CONCERT

The usual Friday night band concert will be given at 8 o'clock this evening on the Strand at which time the following program will be rendered.

March, American Favorite  
Prendville  
March, The Avenger King  
Waltz, The Siren Cobb  
Overture, The Boquet Laurendau  
March, Triumph Bickford  
Waltz, Love's Way Hildreth  
March, Don Juan Laurendau  
March, The Victor Young  
Schottische, Dance of the Imps King  
C. KIRKPATRICK,  
Director

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Plans for new School House in District No. 39 can be seen at U. W. Clark's residence or architect E. E. McClaran's office, Lumber Exchange Bldg., Portland, for purposes of tendering bids. All bids must be accompanied by certified check of 10 percent. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Plans may be seen at residence of U. W. Clark after Wednesday, July 29th, 1914.

IRIS W. OLIVER, Clerk

## FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING

### TIMBER AND BRUSH FIRES IN YANKTON DISTRICT DESTROY PROPERTY

### FIGHTERS DOING GOOD WORK

#### Fire Starts in Logging Camp and Spreads to Adjoining Farms Endangering Much Property

Friday morning in response to telephone messages for help from Yankton, Fire Chief Allen of the St. Helens Fire Department headed a crowd of fire fighters from this city and they are now assisting the farmers in staying the progress of the flames. Reports as we go to press are that the fighters are making good progress and the fire is being checked.

The most severe forest and brush fires known in many years are raging in the Yankton country. People are fighting night and day to keep the flames away from the buildings and crops. Large crews of men are working hard to stop the rush of the blaze and so far have succeeded in saving several buildings which were in the path of the fire. All the back portion of the H. O. Howard farm is blazing and Mr. Howard with a crew of men is fighting hard to keep the fire from his buildings and orchards. In the same vicinity the farms of Mr. Robinette, Mr. Rice, Mr. Stevens and others are threatened and only heroic work can save the buildings and crops. Around the Yankton store and in the neighborhood of the Barger place the men, women and children are working heroically to save their homes. Further up Nick Brinn has had a crew of men fighting the flames for several days and the fire is not yet under control.

It takes constant work by all the men available to keep the fires from his buildings. At Mr. Groshong's place the fire has entered his slashings and is burning furiously. The whole community is alive to the situation and everybody is hard at work, the men of the community who have been away working have all been called home and are fighting bravely to save their homes.

The fires are spreading rapidly in the direction of Snerman's mill and towards the reservoir of the city water works.

So far no houses have burned.

The fire started in the Peninsula Lumber Company's camp and has been burning for some time, but only during the last few days has it come down in the farming settlements. A fire earlier in the camp of the St. Helens Lumber Co. has been extinguished.

## BODY OF DROWNED MAN RECOVERED

### Bridge Painter Drowned at Vancouver Picked Up at St. Helens

On July 13th Hans Paulsen, a painter employed in painting the big railroad bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver, fell into the river and was drowned. On the 18th H. W. Cade picked up the body floating down the river near St. Helens and brought it to this city where undertaker T. S. White took it in charge and wired the contractor on the bridge. Mr. Dornay came down and identified the body and it was taken to the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Warren for burial. No relatives of the dead man could be found.

O. M. Washburn, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Scappoose was a business visitor in St. Helens Wednesday.

Bids will be opened