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NO INTEREST ON LAST HALF

A SMALL AMOUNT IS REPAYED

OFFICERS DECIDE NO INTEREST DUE UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Persons Who Have Paid No Taxes Yet, Required to Pay Interest

County Treasurer Hattan has been instructed by the District Attorney and County Judge that the law as interpreted by higher authorities holds that no interest will be charged on the last half payments of taxes under the new law. Accordingly Mr. Hattan is making out checks for the interest that has already been paid on the second half payments. The amount to be returned is only small being less than \$100 on all payments of taxes that are made before September 1st, where no half payment was made before April, the interest will be charged but those persons who paid one-half of their taxes before April 1st will escape having to pay interest.

MR. AND MRS. DILLARD ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard entertained about thirty-five friends at a dancing party at their home in St. Helens last Wednesday evening. The large dining room was converted into a dancing parlor and was artistically decorated with Mountain Ash Blossoms and Red Astors. Decorations in the parlor consisted of Yellow Golden Glow. In the library a Punch Bowl was banked with Pink and Blue Hydrangeas and Blue Hydrangeas, at which Mr. Dillard presided the merry party danced until 12 o'clock when Mrs. Dillard assisted by Mrs. Edwin Ross, served a Buffet lunch.

NEW DELIVERY WAGON

Frank L. Peterson has received the new delivery wagon and horse. The new wagon is one of the latest makes in delivery wagons and is handomely painted with his sign on the cover. Mr. Peterson wants to announce that he is ready to make delivery of groceries and novelties to any portion of the city on the shortest possible notice. He is putting in a line of novelties and notions on one side of the large store room occupied by him. On the other side will be found one of the best grocery lines ever brought to St. Helens.

Miss Iro Barker presided over a very lastingly arranged luncheon in honor of Miss Lois Dibble of Rainier on Thursday at the home of her uncle, Dr. Edwin Ross.

The dining table was in clumpy lace, the cover scheme being yellow, and covers were laid for Miss Lois Dibble of Rainier, Miss Lois Dibble, Dorothy John, Leda Dibble, Miss Betty Muckle, Iro Barker and Mrs. Dillard.

Miss Dibble and Miss Barker expect to be school mates at the Lincoln High school, Portland, this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Sherwood have rented their farm on Bachelor Flat to the Johnson Brothers of Portland and on last Friday started with their wagon and team for an overland journey to Idaho and from there to Wisconsin. They will stop over the winter in Idaho and in the spring will start for Itasca, Wisconsin, to make their future home.

Mrs. A. B. Lake returned last Sunday from the hospital in Portland where she has been for some weeks recovering from an operation. She is very much improved in health.

CARGO OF OIL ON THE WAY

Shipment of Creosote From Germany on English Vessel

NOW IN THE PACIFIC

St. Helens Plant Depending on Safe Arrival of Foreign Cargo

A tank steamer with a cargo of one million gallons of creosote oil for the St. Helens Creosote company is known to be in Mexican waters. The vessel sails under the British flag and the cargo was loaded at German. It is thought that the ship will arrive here all right as it has passed out of the danger zone. If this vessel should be captured and fall to arrive here it would be only a short time until the work at the Creosoting plant would cease. They have sufficient oil on hand to continue operations for only a few weeks and are depending on this cargo to continue operations.

ST. HELENS DEFEATS COONVILLE TEAM

Locals Win Interesting Game From the Hubbard Giants

Our old friends the colored Giants were here last Sunday and the locals took sweet revenge for the former defeat at the hands of the colored gentlemen. The locals started off with a rush by scoring four runs in the very first inning on hits by McDonald, Hall, Perry and Flagg, and by the way Frank Flagg knocked a home run in this inning, the first one during the many years he has been playing the great game. In the third the locals scored two more while during this time the colored gentlemen had not sent a man across the rubber. But starting in the fourth inning the visitors began to do things so that the score at the end of the seventh stood 9 to 6 in favor of the coons. In the last half of the eighth the bases were bulging with locals trying to get around when Rees Hall stepped up to the plate, looked carefully over one of the darkest balls the black pitcher had, so that when the next ball came sailing over the center of the plate Rees swung and hit it so hard that three runs had registered before it was recovered. After that the locals scored three more runs thereby making the final score stand 12 to 9.

Next Sunday the Stiletto team from Portland will again tackle the hard-hitting Ballagh youngsters in an endeavor to repeat their former stunt by defeating us. It will be a rattling good game and everybody is cordially invited to attend. The attendance is very much desired and the two-lits is badly needed, so come out and help!

SIX MONTHS FOR STEALING POTATOES

Justice Deals Out Severe Punishment to Offender

A man named Hanson was brought to St. Helens last week from Clatskanie by Constable Jack Campbell to commence serving his sentence of six months in the county jail. The judgment was pronounced by Judge Barnes and the crime for which the man will stay with the sheriff for six long months was stealing potatoes. The farmers in the Delta Garden community have been having considerable trouble with this sort of thievery for some time and Justice Barnes made the sentence in this case severe enough to make it an object lesson to any other persons contemplating making raids on the farmer's potato patches.

The Muckle Hardware Co. has opened a branch store in the Masonic building, where they will handle farm implements of all kinds. They are increasing their stock and are prepared to supply all the demands that may be made upon them for farm implements.

RECALL PETITIONS ARE IN CIRCULATION

Charges Contained in Them Show Wanton Disregard for Truth

VOTERS ARE URGED TO MAKE INVESTIGATION

So Apparent is the Motive Behind the Movement That It Does Not Seem Probable Enough Signatures Will be Obtained

As stated exclusively in the Mist last week, recall petitions are in circulation for the recall of County Judge Harris, Commissioners John Parr and Louis Fluhrer and County Attorney Dillard. The petitions emanated from Houlton and were drawn up by a Portland attorney and set forth some of the most inconsistent, untruthful and ludicrous statements imaginable. After having learned what the contents of the petitions were and the charges made in them an investigation was made from records at the Court House, which cannot but brand the whole recall proposition as a piece of spite work or revenge or an attempt to gain notoriety, for it surely cannot be possible that men of any standing in the community would make such statements if they knew what they were talking about. As a matter of fact the instigators of the recall and the framers of the petitions do not know what has been and is being done by the County Court in the way of handling the affairs of the county. It is simply a broad statement made up by people who did not take the pains or trouble to ascertain the facts but just took a long shot at some imaginary misconduct on the part of the Court and officers. And the aforesaid shot goes so wide from the mark and is so far removed from the truth of the situation that it does not seem probable or possible that 472 good citizens and voters of the county will attach their names to such a paper without making an investigation. If the various granges, commercial clubs, tax payers leagues, or other bodies or any individual would take a half day off and go to the Court House and look into the affairs and see what the Court is doing for the taxpayers, there would not be enough signers on the petitions to put the county to the added expense of a recall election just for the purpose of giving some dissatisfied people a chance for some revenge for a wrong existing solely in the imagination.

There can be no question but that some of the people who will sign the petitions will do so with an honest intent, thinking that wrongs have been done and that the officers have been unfaithful to their trusts, but those people should make an investigation before doing so. Read over the charges made in the petitions and judge for yourself whether or not they are of such magnitude as would warrant a recall election at the expense of the taxpayers. Here is one of them:

"The said W. A. Harris has, in the conduct of his office as County Judge been selfish and extravagant in the management of the county business. In proof of which we cite the following facts:

1. That a road has been ordered to be built between the city of St. Helens and Columbia City, known as the "Columbia City and Warren Highway" at a cost of about thirty thousand dollars, which road when completed will be of no practical benefit to the public, and is being built parallel to the present county road for a distance of about three miles.
2. For the purchase of an automobile truck at a cost of \$4,675.00 without advertising before purchasing same.
3. That W. A. Harris has not complied with sections 6278 and 6279 as amended in Session Laws of 1913."

"Consistency, thou art a Jewel." If

the County Court had built about 8 miles of new road which would parallel another road upon which more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars in cash besides hundreds of days work by the tax payers under the old law, had been expended, so that all that money and work would be thrown away and an impassable road constructed with the funds on hand, there would have been no occasion for the recall. But because the County Court, acting on the advice of the State Highway Commission and for the purpose of doing away with one grade crossing on a curve of the railroad track and also to prevent the building of an overhead bridge crossing, decided to build one and a quarter miles of new road, not three miles as stated in the petition, then it is a crime of such magnitude that the County Court has been selfish, extravagant and unfaithful to their trust. The facts of the new road between St. Helens and Columbia City are that there is actually one and one-quarter miles of new road which will cost less than \$10,000 to grade and macadamize. So the statement in the petition that they have ordered a road between St. Helens and Columbia City for a distance of three miles at a cost of about \$30,000.00 is about as near the truth as they could make it, and is in keeping with the other statements contained in the petition.

They have also been selfish and extravagant in that they purchased an automobile truck without having first advertised for bids for same. What a crime! Great Governor, why will people elect officers who will commit such heinous crimes? Why did not the County Court advertise for bids for an automobile truck and take a Ford runabout at a cost of \$500 instead of investigating all the automobile trucks that would be of service and then purchasing one which would be of some use at the lowest possible cost for such a truck? Really this charge is so far removed from good business judgment and common horse sense that it clearly demonstrates the extremes to which the recallers went in order to find some charge that would appeal to the unthinking and unsuspecting voter. Ludicrous, isn't it?

And now comes the most serious charge. "That W. A. Harris has not complied with sections 6278 and 6279 as amended in Session Laws of 1913." It may be that the attorney who drew up this petition had a different Session Law of 1913. Possibly he purchased it from Dead-Eye Dick Publishing Co., for the Session Laws of 1913 as published by the Secretary of the State of Oregon and published as the official laws of Oregon does not contain any amendment to section 6278, so if they found any amendments to that section they must have been reading some almanac or novel.

But take both of these sections, amended or not, and see where any great selfishness or extravagance has been employed, whether or not the Court complied with them.

If the people of Columbia County would be fair to themselves, would be fair to their neighbors, would display enough interest in the affairs of the county to look into these frivolous charges before signing any recall petition and putting the county to the expense of another election, there would not be a corporal's guard left to rally to the standard of the disgruntled "recallers."

As to the petitions asking for the

SHIPPING NOTES OF THE WEEK

Quiet Week Along the Waterfront in St. Helens

ONLY COAST SHIPMENTS

However, Mills Continue to Operate On Full Time

The Steamer Multnomah was a first of the week "getaway," taking a million feet of lumber and 50 passengers for San Francisco.

The Steamer Klamath, flagship of the McCormick fleet, completed her load of over a million feet of lumber and piling and after taking on 60 passengers, left today bound for San Pedro and San Diego.

The Steamer Willamette called in Tuesday night to discharge a consignment of redwood lumber which was re-shipped on the steamer Quinault to Alaska. The Willamette also took on a partial cargo from the Columbia County mill.

The Steamer Quinault of the Portland Steamship Co. called in Thursday to take on a consignment of lumber for delivery to one of the big Alaska mines at Sheep Creek, Alaska. The business between Portland and Alaska is rapidly increasing and the Quinault had a full cargo of general freight for delivery at several Alaska points, also a full passenger list. The Lumber Co. have several connections in Alaska and hereafter St. Helens will be getting her share of the trade of Alaska.

FIRE ALARM BOX GETS USY

Sends in Alarm Without Any Apparent Reason

Last Saturday morning about 10 o'clock the fire alarm from box 34 rang into the engine room at the mill and in a very short time after the whistle blew the entire fire department with the hose carts were out at the Hazen hill ready to fight fire, but no fire could be found. Investigation proved that the alarm at that place had, from some cause that could not be ascertained, been sprung, but just how was a mystery. The glass on the inside of the box was broken but there was no indication of anybody having done it. The fire boys think that some pressure against the glass from the inside caused it to break the, by sending in the alarm.

R. C. MERRYMAN VISITS ST. HELENS

Mr. R. C. Merryman of Exeter, Cal. vice-president of the St. Helens Lumber Co., spent the past week in St. Helens looking after business affairs connected with the company. Mr. Merryman at one time was one of the leading lumbermen of Wisconsin, but of late years is engaged in fruit raising on a large scale in California. In conversation with him a few days ago he expressed himself as confident that the war in Europe would not last very long and that business in this country would not be badly embarrassed.

recall of County Attorney Dillard, we are not informed as to their contents but judging from the contents of the other petitions it is safe to say that this is also a piece of personal dislike or spite. Mr. Dillard has been a resident of Columbia county for many years. He has a long and honorable record as an attorney and a citizen of the county. His official actions are open to public inspection and if he has been so unfaithful to the trust imposed in him to warrant his recall, the records at the Court House fail to disclose it and the people who are here and thoroughly familiar with the work done and the work required of this officer do not know it. This is apparently another piece of work inspired by somebody who has been personally displeased at some action of the district attorney and should not be countenanced by the better class of citizens until something more definite is discovered.

RATE WAR IS ALL OFF

HOSFORD CO. BUYS THE UNDINE AND THE LURLINE

TAKES UNDINE OFF THE RUN

Georgiana Will Continue to Carry Passengers at the \$1 Rate

The rate war on the Columbia river did not last long. Just when everybody was beginning to take notice of the low fares from Portland to Astoria and to begin preparations for a trip, the two warring transportation companies got together and one bought the other out. The owners of the Georgiana purchased the Undine and Lurline and pulled off the Undine as an excursion boat. The fare has been kept at \$1.00 and will not be reduced again this summer. The new owners will use the Lurline on its regular run as a freight and passenger boat between Portland and Astoria while the Undine will be placed on the dock to be used as an extra in case of emergency. The Georgiana will continue to run as an excursion boat between Portland and Astoria with Sunday trips to the mouth of the river.

WORKMEN FIND INDIAN SKELETONS

With the Skeletons Are Unearthed Beads and Guns

Workmen on the Columbia Highway near Rainier have unearthed the skeletons of three Indians together with beads and gun. One of the graves produced, besides the skeleton, a quart of beads and a gun. Of course the wood was all gone from the gun but the barrel and hammers and other parts of metal were intact.

DEBT IS PAID

Misses Anne Ketel and Elsie Philip, members of the Epworth League, decided to clear the debt on the chairs in the M. E. Church parlor last week, and entertained the public at an Ice Cream Social Friday evening which netted sufficient funds to attain the desired object. The parlor was filled with small tables tastefully decorated with Dahlias and the Epworth League girls served the ice cream and cake.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President of the United States, died at the White House late Wednesday evening. Congress adjourned for a day and all business of the government was at a standstill in honor of the first lady of the land. Funeral will be at Rome, Georgia, the former home of the President.

Captain Pat Mullay, of the 14th United States Infantry, is expected in St. Helens within a few days for a visit with his uncle, John Dolan. Captain Mullay has been ordered with his regiment to the Philippines and will sail September 5th.

The M. E. Sunday School will hold a Basket Picnic in Godfrey Park, St. Helens on Friday, August 21st. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Bring your basket and enjoy the day at the park.

E. A. Ross, Committee.

Dr. A. C. Tucker, the new dentist, with offices in the Muckle building, has added his professional card to the list published in the Mist. Dr. and Mrs. Tucker with their children are now comfortably located in the Abbott residence on St. Helens St.

1,800 feet of sile lumber for sale. Lumber at Warren.

3tp John Dolan, St. Helens.