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## LATE NIGHT FIRES BURN TWO HOMES

### TOTAL DESTRUCTION IN BOTH CASES MAKES HOMELESS ONES.

## FIRE DEMON BUSY IN OUR MIDST

### Some Insurance Helps to Re- lieve the Pang of Se- vere Loss.

The fire demon has been manifesting his authority in this community of late with most disastrous results. Two splendid residences have been destroyed, with all the inconvenience and discomfort such occurrence entail. Last Sunday morning about three o'clock blasts from the mill whistle warned the community of a fire, which proved to be in the residence of J. C. Kelly, near the picnic grounds. Mr. Kelly and family were away from home, being at Warren, visiting friends. The house and its contents were totally consumed. The property was covered by \$1000 in insurance on the house and \$600 on the contents. Mr. Kelly states he will rebuild just as soon as an adjustment can be had with the underwriters. Another fire, equally as disastrous, occurred on Tuesday night, when the house of Robert Link, which was located just south of the store of the Italian Importing Company, was totally destroyed at 12 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Link barely escaped with their lives. Mr. Link's property was insured for \$1400. At both these fires, especially the latter, there was some difficulty experienced in doing effective fighting, due to the untimely hour of the night and distance to be covered by the department. At the former fire good service was rendered in saving adjoining property, which was greatly imperiled by its close proximity.

## ALLEGED SHORTAGE IS MADE GOOD

An item appeared in the Mist several weeks ago concerning the shortage in accounts of the clerk of the school district of Quincy. One of the gentlemen from that city who was in St. Helens this week attending the Foreman case is authority for the information that the alleged shortage has all been fixed up and that instead of the clerk being short, a settlement of his accounts showed the district to be indebted to him in a small sum. The matter has been adjusted and no differences exist now between the district and the former clerk.

## RECENT FIRE LOSS QUICKLY ADJUSTED

It took an adjuster of the Oregon Fire Relief Association, of McMinnville, Oregon, about five minutes this morning to tell Joe Kelly that there would be no reduction from the face of his insurance policy, and that he would get every cent for which the house was insured. The house was a total loss, while the walls of the basement still stood but were cracked and damaged, so the adjuster felt that there should be no deductions. The action of this company in paying the full amount and not attempting to reduce its liability, together with the promptness in doing so, is one reason why the McMinnville Company is so successful.

## INVESTED WITH SHERIFF'S POWER

Sheriff Stanwood is gathering about him a very efficient and courageous lot of deputies. His latest assignment is to empower James Jesse, city marshal of Rainier, with full authority to officially represent the principal in all matters within the county. Mr. Jesse has distinguished himself on several occasions in the past, when he has been called upon to perform official functions, and his appointment as a deputy sheriff is made in recognition of his tenacious qualities to do his full duty on all occasions.

## STRIKING TERROR TO LOCAL LAWBREAKERS

### Bootlegging Gentry Severely Dealt With.

Judge Symons, of Rainier, is dealing with the law breakers of the community in such a manner as to put the fear of God into their souls. He is particularly after the bootlegger. Last Monday he fined Frank Butler, tried in his court, before a jury, and charged with illicit dealing in fire water, \$50 and ten days in jail. The honorable judge states that in future people brought before him on such a charge will receive the limit, which is \$50 fine and twenty-five days in jail. Several cases of bootlegging have been heard in Judge Symons' court recently, and the honorable gentleman's ire is aroused to the limit. Through the instrumentality of Sheriff Stanwood and his deputies, Butler was apprehended in his lawless work and brought to justice.

## SUIT AGAINST COUNTY HEARD IN PORTLAND

The case of the S. P. & S. Ry. Co. vs. the Consolidated Contract Company and Columbia County, was finished before Judge Wolverton of the Federal Court at Portland last Saturday. The railroad company showed the condition of the retaining walls and the character of them to the Court and that they had protested against the building of such walls. The Contract Company claimed to have called the attention of the State Highway Engineer to the walls, but in all the evidence the county was not connected up in any way with the damage done to the railroad company. The State Engineers did not go on the stand. The attorneys for the various parties were given 20 days in which to file briefs with the Court and then the Court will take the matter under advisement before a decision is reached.

## SEASON FOR CITY ELECTIONS AT HAND

Now comes on the season of city politics, and our sister city of Rainier is groaning under the load of a superabundance of candidates, two tickets being in the field. The latest one was launched last Monday evening, when Thos. J. Filippin was nominated for re-election as mayor; W. Symons, recorder; James Jesse, marshal; W. C. Lee, water commissioner; A. T. Fuller, treasurer; G. W. Russell, J. W. Rice, C. A. Evans and George Miller, as councilmen. The saloon question seems to be the most prominent issue and candidates on both tickets are pledged against licensing the saloon. The election will take place on the 1st of March.

## TREASURER REPORTS GOOD COLLECTIONS

Treasurer Hattan reports that taxes are being paid at the rate of about \$500 per day. The heaviest taxpayer on the roll this year is the S. P. & S. Railway Company, which has a charge against it of \$28,252.08. The next highest amount is assessed to the Fir Tree Lumber Company, a timber holding concern, which will pay something in excess of \$19,000.

## NEW DISTRICT AT- TORNEY APPOINTED

W. B. Dillard, who has held the office of District Attorney for Columbia County the past year, has resigned and Governor Withycombe has appointed W. H. Cooper, of Rainier, to fill the vacancy. Mr. Cooper is a well known citizen and has been engaged in the practice of law in this county for several years. He will take office at once.

## BOOTLEGGING IS FINED AND SENT AWAY

Claud Sutfin, who was arrested in December for bootlegging at Westport, was indicted by the recent grand jury and sentenced by Judge Eakin last Tuesday, to pay a fine of \$20. This fine was remitted, the offender admonishes to be more careful of his conduct in future, and sent upon his way to be a gentleman and a better citizen.

## TAXPAYERS LEAGUE ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

### Holds Interesting Meeting, at Which Many Important Committees are Named.

## EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN WORK OUTLINED FOR FUTURE

### Propose to Organize Branches Throughout the County, and Extend Sphere to Include all Public and Community Interests.

A largely attended meeting of the Columbia County Taxpayers League was held at St. Helens last Tuesday, when a heavy volume of very important matters were taken up in an enthusiastic manner. The principal work of the meeting was the adoption of a constitution and by-laws and the appointment of various committees.

A feature of the League, which has for its purpose the broadening of the scope of endeavor, is a plan to organize branches or district leagues in various parts of the county, to work in conjunction with the parent organization. This plan was heartily endorsed, and the details are now being worked out for the consummation of the plan.

Secretary F. C. Caples reported that copies of the report of the Roads and Bridges and Resolution Committees and a special committee

report had been sent to the Highway Commissioner and to leading papers of the state and county.

C. J. Larsen, of Warren, was elected vice-president, and the following committees appointed:

On membership—Burt West, Scappoose; W. J. Fullerton, of St. Helens; T. B. Lott, St. Helens; Mrs. Mildred Watts, Scappoose; F. C. Caples, Columbia City.

On legislation—M. E. Miller, L. R. Rutherford and E. E. Quick, St. Helens.

On schools—Dr. Edwin Ross, St. Helens; Mrs. Burt West and J. G. Watts, of Scappoose.

A motion was carried postponing the election for a board of directors.

The committee was instructed to have the constitution and by-laws printed in pamphlet form.

The meeting was adjourned until the last Tuesday in March.

## CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDING EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tinkham, of Warren, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding on Thursday of last week, having been married March 4, 1855, in Anson, Maine. In 1864 they removed from that place to Chino, Pl., coming to Portland in 1879, and in 1889 they located at Warren, where they have resided continuously ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Tinkham are the parents of six daughters, four of whom are living, and three of them being present at the anniversary celebration. There are five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Besides immediate relatives there were a great many neighbors and friends joined the aged couple in celebrating the event. Mr. Tinkham will be 81 years of age next Fourth of July, and his worthy wife is about three years his junior. Good health still blesses this aged couple, who anticipate several years of life yet.

## MAP OF COUNTY IS BEING MADE

County Surveyor L. J. Van Orshoven is preparing some very valuable maps and plats of the county, which will contain a great volume of information. He is preparing a map which will show all county roads, both the opened and laid-out portions. In addition, and a very valuable and useful feature will be shown the school houses, grange halls and logging railroads. The location of Columbia Highway will also be an distinctive feature of the map. Mr. Van Orshoven is also making a plat of each township, giving the location of county roads, together with such information that will make them extremely valuable as reference plats or indexes.

## SOME TIME AGO JAMES, EH? YES? NO?

In the Oregonian of Tuesday, under the caption, "Twenty-five Years Ago," appeared this paragraph:

"James McKay, who returned from Sauvie's Island yesterday, reports the death of A. Gillman, due to pneumonia contracted from exposure during the flood. Fifteen cows belonging to Dairyman Frakes were drowned." This was during the days when James was assistant superintendent of streets in Portland, and he was an efficient official, too, as he is today, a good farmer and a good citizen of the Scappoose community.

## POSTOFFICE IS NOT A LOITERING PLACE

Loitering around and otherwise making a nuisance of one's self on the premises used as Uncle Sam's mail distributing stations is quite contrary to the prescribed rules set forth in the government code of ethics. The postmaster at St. Helens has a complaint to register, because of frequent breaches of the rules, and has requested us to print the following:

### Postal Regulations.

The postal law is, that we must keep a postoffice building clean and orderly, and that the lobby is not to be used as a loafing place.

In order to keep the building orderly a barrel has been placed in front for the convenience of those who wish to dispose of waste paper.

Loafing, marking up official notices and other things done with mischievous intent, might be remedied by proper instructions from parents. If not other means will be taken.

I. E. DODD, P. M.

## SHIPPING IN THE LOCAL HARBOR

Shipping activity in the local harbor during the past week has been about normal. The steamer Munnah cleared Thursday evening for San Francisco with the Wapuna in tow. The Cello received full cargo of lumber and will clear tonight for San Diego. Steamer Daisy Freeman due today to load for San Pedro, and the Klamath is due next Tuesday to receive cargo for Guaymas, Mexico. This will be the Klamath's first voyage to Mexican waters.

## CLATSKANIE DRUGGIST A COURT WITNESS

W. A. Hall, of Clatskanie, was in the county seat Wednesday, not only as an interested spectator, but as a witness before the circuit court. Mr. Hall is a pharmacist of the metropolis of the north end of the county, and was subpoenaed before the court in a matter in which pharmaceutical knowledge was a particular feature.

## ACTIVITY IN THE LOCAL SHIPYARDS

The St. Helens Shipbuilding Company has received a contract to build a barge for the Columbia Contract Company. Some haste is to be made on this work as delivery is to be made March first. Work will start next week on the hull for the government snagboat Math-loma.

## QUARTERLY MEETING OF POMONA GRANGE

### Will Give Cash Prizes to Po- tato Raisers.

Pomona Grange held its 48th quarterly session with Yankton Grange on February 6. The morning session was given up to routine business, and the afternoon to an open session, at which time Prof. John E. Cutherlet, of the State University, delivered a lecture on "Parasites of Domestic Animals and Man." The lecture was very instructive and well attended.

A resolution was passed by the Grange protesting against the passage of a proposed law to do away with school boards and give the county court power to appoint a board of education, which would have charge of all schools of the county.

It was also decided to offer a first, second and third prize of \$3, \$2 and \$1 to be awarded this year at the County Fair for potatoes. This contest is to be limited to school children, either graduating this year or remaining in school. Those contesting are to plant one rod square in potatoes. From the 12 best are to be taken the exhibits, which are to be accompanied by a paper telling of the process of culture employed in raising the crop. Additional prize money may be offered on this exhibit.

An interesting feature of the evening program was a talk by Lawrence Tarbell on Farmer's week at O. A. C., having returned that day from Covallis.

Five new members were admitted to the Grange.

The meeting closed after a vote of thanks had been extended Yankton Grange for its generous hospitality.

The dinner cannot be described. To be appreciated it had to be eaten.

The next meeting will probably be held in Vernonia, from which place a cordial invitation was received.

GERTRUDE F. COLLINS, Sec.

## HORSES AND OWNER IMPERILED IN STREAM

Jack Goodman, of Houlton, had an experience last Saturday which all but cost him dearly. He attempted to ford Milton Creek at Houlton, with his team and wagon. In doing so his horses were swept from their feet and carried down stream into a large pool, from where they and their owner were extricated with some difficulty. The water in the stream was at an unusually high stage, which made rescue work all the more perilous and difficult. Fortunately, Charles Morse, also of Houlton, chanced to be passing at that time with his team. He cast a rope to Mr. Goodman, who attached it to his wagon, and was pulled out of the stream by Mr. Morse and one of his horses.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the St. Helens Mill Company was held at the office of the company in St. Helens Tuesday. The following were in attendance: R. C. Merryman, of Exeter, Cal.; W. F. Clyborn, of Eureka, Cal.; S. M. Hampton, San Francisco; Chas. R. McCormick, San Francisco; H. F. McCormick, St. Helens; Geo. M. McBride, as attorney for the company. While there were no arrangements made for any immediate improvements, still the directors held out a hopeful view for the future.

## STREET CROSSING IS GOOD IMPROVEMENT

The crossing ordered placed in Oak street at the intersection of Columbia street, some time ago, by the city council, has just been completed. The change from concrete to paving stone as a material was decided advisable owing to the heavy volume of traffic at that point. The paving blocks are laid upon a heavy concrete cushion, and will last indefinitely. Such an improvement is credited to the authorities who ordered it and a substantial piece of work.

## LOCAL DAIRYMAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### PROMINENT AMONG THE STATE BREEDERS OF STOCK.

## READS GOOD PAPER AT BIG MEET

### Tells of Jersey Cattle and Their Home on Jersey Islands.

To try to keep a good man down is just as futile a task as trying to change the course of the wind. Columbia county has hundreds of good men engaged in all the walks of life, and prominent among them are the dairymen, who do not, in anywise, believe in keeping their light under a bushel. Foremost among these men is Harry West, of Scappoose, who believes in spreading the gospel of dairying. Last week was farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural College, when 2000 people engaged in or interested in farming, fruit raising, dairying, poultry, etc., were in attendance. Columbia county had several representatives there, among them being Mr. West, who read a most interesting paper on "Jersey Island and its cattle." Mr. West can do that subject full credit, for he has been on Jersey Island many times in recent years in quest of cattle to bring up the high standard of his herd. Harry is contemplating another visit to the Jerseys this year, and, of course, will return with some of the best stock money can buy.

## GRAND JURY SUB- MITS ITS REPORT

The Grand Jury drawn at the beginning of the present term of Circuit Court, submitted the following report on February 5, and was dismissed.

"To the Honorable Circuit Court for County of Columbia:

"We, your Grand Jury, have investigated the different charges which have been brought before us, and have disposed of them according to the evidence brought before us.

"We have investigated the county jail and find it to be kept in a sanitary and satisfactory manner.

"In the office of the treasurer of Columbia County we find that the funds of the county are in good condition, the uncollected taxes being in excess of the indebtedness of the county.

"The other offices of the county we find to be kept in a satisfactory manner.

JOHN M'ADAM, Foreman."

## SCHOOL WORK IS WELL IN HAND

County School Superintendent J. W. Allen is vigorously prosecuting a campaign of educational work in the county, having been particularly active in the work this week. He is being assisted in his endeavor by Dr. E. Kilpatrick, of Portland, an educator of unusual ability. Together these gentlemen have held unusually interesting meetings at several places. Their itinerary included Yankton Tuesday evening, Mist Wednesday evening, Vernonia Thursday evening, and Saturday evening of this week they will visit the Warren school. Progress in educational endeavor is gaining by rapid strides everywhere, not alone in the metropolitan school, but in the rural school as well. Such work as Mr. Allen is carrying on is greatly to be commended, and it is a matter of particular gratification that his efforts are meeting with such hearty response and willing co-operation from pupils, patrons and teachers everywhere.

The ladies of the Warren M. E. church have organized a Sunday school, with four classes and an average attendance of 32. The public is very cordially invited to join in this work. The meeting hour is 10:30 each Sunday forenoon. Mrs. N. F. Baker is superintendent.