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NEW SHIP ORDERED AT ST. HELENS YARD FOR CALIFORNIA RUN

Twin Screw Lumber Carrier, Costing \$135,000, to Be Built in 8 Months

In eight months the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company is to turn out a lumber carrier for the California & Oregon Lumber Company, of Brookings, Cal., that will be constructed along the lines of a steam schooner except that the motive power will be two Bollinger engines of 20-horsepower each, driving twin screws. The vessel is to cost about \$135,000 and will have a lumber capacity of 650,000 feet, says the Oregonian.

The lumber concern intends using the vessel between Brookings, which is near Crescent City, and San Francisco, and the carrying capacity given is based on fir lumber. She will be 110 feet over all, with a beam of 21.5 feet and depth of hold of 16 feet. Other than her machinery, the vessel will differ from others of the model built and under way on the river in that she will handle lumber in suits of about 3,000 feet each, being patterned in that respect largely after the C. A. Smith Lumber Company's vessels, the steamers Soss Smith and Adeline Smith, which load in units at the Marshall plant for the San Francisco market.

Ernest Hough, a San Francisco marine architect, has patented a new cargo rig which requires that steel beams be used, and the gear arrangement differs from that utilized now on steam schooners. A vessel of the general type of the one contracted for by the St. Helens interests is on the stocks on Grays Harbor for the E. K. Wood Lumber Company, she having Bollinger engines, but there are no others like them on the Coast.

Two steam schooners being built for the Charles R. McCormick Company at Astoria, at Wilson Bros.' yard, are under way, there being 25 frames of the first vessel in place and the keel of the second has been laid. That firm made a most favorable start in getting material together, and the work of assembling it has consequently been rapid. At the McCormick yard, on Young's Bay, Astoria, the first motorship of auxiliary schooner has been started, and it is understood others will follow.

At the St. Helens yard a large force is very busy finishing the City of Portland, rushing work on the City of St. Helens and starting a third motorship for the McCormick line, while two are building for Mobile interests.

At the site of the Peninsula Shipbuilding Company's plant the dredge Sealatin has resumed digging for the fill, and as soon as the condition of the fill permits, ways will be erected. The dredge Willamette is getting along satisfactorily with the fill for the new steel shipbuilding plant adjoining that of the Northwest Steel Company, and the prospects are that she will end her labors there this week.

Still other projects are in the air, one of the latest reports being that a site may be selected at Columbia City for a yard; also that inquiries continue to be received from those wishing to contract for ships, so, with the business now in sight, the 1916 season is certain to be the busiest the river has experienced.

The McCormick Steamship Line has issued a very attractive folder giving particulars of their service. Their slogan is "Safety and Comfort for Less Money." The folder has pictures of staterooms, dining saloon, social hall, etc., and also gives the names of the passenger steamers. The rates quoted from Portland and St. Helens are:

	First Class	Second Class
To San Francisco	\$11.00	\$7.00
To Los Angeles	13.00	12.00
To San Diego	20.00	14.00

Their passenger fleet is composed of the following steamers: Klamath, Yamnute, Cello, J. B. Stetson, Willamette, Multnomah, Wapama and San Ramon.

HIS FATHER KILLED BY INDIANS PAWNEES MADE WAR

Mr. White's Sister Captured and Held Prisoner Several Months.

The parents of Martin White, together with nine children, settled in Shirley county (now Cloud county), Kansas, in 1866. In May of that year, his father took up a homestead claim of 160 acres and also a pre-emption claim of 160 acres.

Their nearest neighbor was seven miles distant, who located there at about the same time. The nearest postoffice was Elk Creek, now Clyde, 25 miles distant. They had to go to Dyers' mill, a distance of 75 miles, where the town of Walthersville, in Marshall county, is now located.

Times were hard and about all they had to live on was corn bread and bacon, but occasionally they killed a buffalo for fresh meat. It seems strange that although marauding bands of Indians frequently made incursions on the settlers, the only firearms in the household was a double-barreled shotgun. The necessity for arms will develop later. Seven hunters were killed by the Indians only seven miles distant the day they settled on their claim. They had been there only a few weeks until the Indians stole a team of their horses.

August 14, 1868, Mr. White, Sr., and three of his boys, including Martin, went to the overflow land of the Republican river, a distance of six miles, to finish stacking hay. It was a dry season and hay could be secured only along the low and overflow lands.

While engaged at work they saw four Indians make a raid on their river camp and cut the lariets and turned four head of horses loose, and the Indians whooping after them, Mr. White, Sr., started to head them off, and the boys ran to the river to get help from a party of men on the other side of the river, who were also putting up hay. Martin White, with his little brother on the horse behind him, and his older brother, were heading for the river followed by a big buck Indian. He struck Martin with a long handled spear on the head back of the ear and knocked him off the horse and blazed away at him with a revolver. The Indian's pony was going at such speed that he went quite a distance past before he could be checked. The cylinder in his old-fashioned revolver caught and he had to let go the bridle rein to adjust the cylinder. This gave the boys time to reach the river bank. The men across the river, hearing the shooting, commenced to yell, and the Indian then made tracks to join the other members of the band. The men across the river joined the boys as soon as they could ford the river, and sent the boys on over for safety.

A shot was heard while the men were fording the river, and they started in search of Mr. White, Sr. There was considerable brush along the river but they soon found Mr. White, about 400 yards distant, breathing his last. The only words he uttered was to inquire of the safety of the boys. He was shot in the back as he was running toward the river.

The boys went down the river to join other haymakers, while two of the men started for the White home to see if all was well with them. They had only gone a short distance when they met Mrs. White and three children, who informed them that Sarah, Martin's 18 year old sister, had been taken prisoner by the Indians. A part of the band had been at the home first and took everything they could pack on a horse, clothing, bedding, etc. While they were thus engaged, Mrs. White and the children made their escape into the nearby timber, with the Indians after them, but they only succeeded in catching Sarah.

Neighbors from far and near gathered to the number of 40, and followed the Indians for five days, but

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ST. HELENS LOSE TWO GAMES TO PORTLAND TEAMS

Interesting Game Goes to Visitors Sunday

In a closely contested and interesting game the Kirkpatricks, who occupy second place in the Inter-City League, defeated Manager Ballagh's White Sox by a score of 4 to 3. Donaldson was on the firing line for St. Helens and was opposed by slab artist T. Baker for the visitors. St. Helens drew first blood in the first, putting across a run by Stevens' hit, which was too hot for Baker to handle. Then Steve stole second and scored on Moore's single. The Sox added another in the third when McDonald beat out a hit to short, went to second on a wild throw and scored on Steve's hit to right. This made it 2 to 0 in our favor, and it looked big as a house, for Alex was pitching air tight ball. It went along this way until the lucky seventh (we mean lucky for the other fellows), when the Kirkpatricks fell on Alex for two good bingles in succession. With a duo of errors by Moore and a chance for a double play which was muzzed up, both runners scored; a wild pitch and a hit let another runner cross the plate, putting the visitors in the lead. In the ninth the Kirkpatricks chalked up another tally on Moore's error, a single and a sacrifice fly. St. Helens tried valiantly to overcome the lead in their half of the last frame and had a good chance to do so, but a lack of headwork resulted in chasing in only one run when we should have had three.

Notes of the Game

Donaldson outpitched Baker and deserved to win, but Moore had a decidedly off day and kept Alex in the hole in several innings.

C. Baker, catcher for the visitors, has a brother who is playing with the Detroit team in the American League.

White's umpiring was good.

Perry made a nice running catch of Parrott's fly in the sixth.

Peterson is showing a marked improvement both in fielding and batting.

Hall, McDonald and Stevens all fattened their batting averages.

The box score:

St. Helens	AB.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Hall, rf	5	2	2	0	0
McDonald, 2b	5	2	2	2	0
Stevens, 1b	4	2	12	0	0
Moore, ss	4	1	1	3	4
Arnspriger, c	4	1	5	2	0
Perry, cf	4	0	1	0	0
Dill, 3b	4	2	1	1	1
Peterson, lf	2	1	3	0	0
Donaldson, p	2	1	0	4	0
Ballagh	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	11	27	12	5

Kirkpatricks

AB.	H.	PO.	A.	E.	
Bateman, rf	4	1	1	1	0
Mulkey, ss	5	0	1	0	0
C. Baker, c	4	0	6	2	0
Nelson, lf	4	0	1	0	0
Parrotte, 2b	4	0	1	3	0
J. Dixon, cf	4	1	2	0	0
Scherrett, 3b	4	2	4	1	2
C. Dixon, 1b	4	0	10	0	0
T. Baker, p	4	1	1	4	0
Totals	37	5	27	11	2

Summary

Left on bases—St. Helens 9, Kirkpatricks 8. Earned runs—St. Helens 3, Kirkpatricks 2. Bases on balls—Off Donaldson, 2; off T. Baker, 2. Struck out—By Donaldson, 5; by T. Baker, 5. Passed balls—Arnspriger 2, C. Baker 1. Two-base hit—Donaldson. Stolen bases—C. Baker 2, Scherrett 1, T. Baker 2, Stevens 2, Moore 1. Sacrifice hit—Donaldson. Time of game—1:45. Umpire—White.

Inter-City League Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Bradford	6	3	.667
Woodburn	6	3	.667
Salem	6	3	.667
Kirkpatricks	5	4	.555
Beavers	5	5	.500
St. Helens	4	5	.444
Montavilla	3	6	.333
Woodland	2	8	.200

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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL

BAN ON FIREPACKERS Sewer Assessment Approved—Fire Company Officers Ratified.

Council met in regular session Monday evening with all members present except Councilman Muckle.

The condition of gutter near Central grocery in regard to connection to sewer was referred back to committee.

Council passed resolution prohibiting firecrackers, etc. See resolution published elsewhere in this issue.

The report of election officers of St. Helens Volunteer Fire Company was received, which was ratified by the council.

M. Saxton presented claim for four loads of sawdust dumped in the street. C. G. Randies had agreed to pay for two loads and recorder was instructed to send bill to Randies for \$2.00.

The matter of the assessment and costs of sewer district No. 1, Sec. "B," was discussed at length. It was decided that the objections were without merit as the assessments were just and equitable, and it was ordered that an ordinance be drawn providing for the assessment as proposed.

An ordinance to regulate the accumulation of barnyard manure was read the second time.

NEW COUNTY TREASURER

When the "old county court" met on Saturday, R. S. Hattan tendered his resignation as treasurer and the Court appointed James Hunt to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Hunt is well equipped for this office, as his knowledge of the matters in the court house will be of much assistance to him in the conduct of the office. He has served in the sheriff's office, the office of county clerk and also in the treasurer's office, and should be thoroughly conversant with the duties which are required of him.

INSPECTS HIGHWAY

H. E. Abry, the county roadmaster, left Monday night for an inspection trip over the Columbia Highway. He expected to be absent for several days. The Everman road, in the vicinity of Hudson, is being graded for a distance of one-half mile, also that portion of the highway which is the connecting link between Second and Nurdy streets, is to be looked over. The contractors are now at work finishing this. Mr. Abry states that the work of clearing the slides between Goble and Rainier is progressing satisfactorily, considering the weather, and he hopes to have this road open for traffic some time during the coming week.

ST. HELENS WILL HAVE GOLF CLUB

James Sheldon has become a real golf enthusiast and states he wishes to organize a club here. He has made arrangements for a tract of land lying near the Columbia quarry, which he states is ideal for a nine-hole course. Quite a number of local people have indicated their desire to join such a club. It will not be a very expensive work to fix up the course in good shape, and Mr. Sheldon thinks a nominal initiation fee, say of \$5 will be all that is required. If the club develops as other clubs have, it is possible that a neat club house may be built. Mr. Sheldon will be glad to give further particulars to any one interested.

FAIRY OPERETTA

On Tuesday evening, June 6, fifty little tots, under the direction of Mrs. A. F. Barnett and Miss Matthews, will stage a Fairy Operetta. The ladies are training the youngsters thoroughly in their several parts and an entertaining performance is assured. The proceeds will be divided between the Methodist and Congregational churches. A large audience will no doubt attend the performance.

WHAT MAKES A LIVE WIRE TOWN? KEEP ON THE MAP

Relation of a Live, Energetic Body to Development of a Community

What makes a town, anyway? Is it the wealth evidenced by the fine homes, or its splendid store buildings well supplied with merchandise? These may show the stability and thrift of certain people and their ability to thrive in their various lines, but one can certainly see that these offer no great inducement to commercial and moral progress. That is a factor only. The sleepiest old hamlets that dot the map most often display this spirit in rank abundance.

Is it the lodges, education and religious institutions? We trust their number may ever increase, but they don't make a town—only culture it. Is it the geographical location, the shipping facilities, the natural advantages?

We readily admit any or all of these are valuable acquisitions to any town so possessed, but they are not actual necessities.

Well, what is it makes a town anyway? Well, just one thing—the unity of its people; the existence of a common bond which causes business and social enemies to cast aside all petty differences when it comes to boosting the town, and no place ever made real progress to substantial success without the get-together spirit to be fostered by all. This has been tried several times in our beautiful little town by a few who endeavored to show the true spirit and has been ruthlessly disregarded by the vast majority, fearing to give financial and moral support to any organization having in view the good of St. Helens, first, last and all the time.

There will be an election for officers to man our commercial club affairs Friday night, June 9, 1916, in the club room at rear of the City Hall, and it is the duty of all who have our interests at heart to be there and elect such men as are best fitted for this work; assist them—not street-corner oratory, but place your shoulder to the wheel, and with your moral and financial support aid honest, legitimate boosting, thus aiding ourselves and our town.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTS NEW CHIEF

At the meeting of the St. Helens Volunteer Fire Department held on May 27, the following officers were elected:

- Fire Chief—Fred Watkins.
- President—J. H. McKie.
- Secretary—D. McDonald.
- Treasurer—Mat McKie.
- Trustees—Mace, Brown, Conway.

Mr. Watkins, the new chief, succeeds L. E. Allen, who has been chief for the past several years and has done much toward bringing the department to its present high state of efficiency. When he took charge of the department there was little equipment, and little interest, and gradually he has worked out matters until now St. Helens has a volunteer fire department of which it may well feel proud. Much credit to Mr. Allen and to those who served under him. Mr. Watkins has been identified with the department for some time and all who know him are satisfied he will make good in his present responsible position.

The appointments were ratified by the city council at its meeting Monday night.

CLATSKANIE ROSE SHOW

Clatskanie's tenth annual rose show will be held at Miller's auditorium on June 17. The committee had originally decided to hold the show on June 3, but owing to lack of warm weather the date was changed. In addition to the rose display, field events and a baseball game will probably be featured. Entries are expected from all nearby towns.

LONGSHOREMEN TIE UP SHIPPING

AFFECTS ST. HELENS Work at Standstill Until Understanding is Reached.

Rather than meet the demands of the Longshoremen's Union, owners of Pacific Coast deep water craft have decided to tie up their crafts until negotiations which are now pending with the union have come to some definite understanding. This strike affects St. Helens to a considerable extent, inasmuch as many vessels load here and the output of the two mills are mostly waterborne shipments. The steamer Nehalem arrived Wednesday night and the longshoremen worked cargo until midnight, but before working time Thursday morning they had orders to work no more cargo until further orders. Consequently the twelve men who were working on the steamer did not report for work. Cargo was being taken aboard by the sailors and the vessel will probably leave out Saturday night, one day behind her schedule. The strike of the longshoremen reaches from Alaska to San Diego, and thousands of men are out. The longshoremen demand a flat rate of 60 cents per hour for working lumber and \$1 per hour overtime. The former rates were 50 cents per hour and 75 cents per hour overtime. They also do not favor the open ports of Grays Harbor and Raymond, where non-union men are employed along with union men in loading vessels. Two of the McCormick boats are expected here in the next several days, and it is hoped the matter will be settled before their arrival.

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R. S. HATTAN NOW JUDGE

When Judge Robert S. Hattan took the oath of office administered by the county clerk on Saturday and entered into the discharge of his duties as judge, he took up a work with which no man in Columbia county is more familiar. Judge Hattan is 55 years old, and is well known all over the county. He was born in Illinois in November, 1860, coming to Oregon in the spring of 1889, teaching school in the county until coming to St. Helens in 1896. The following is Judge Hattan's official record:

- Deputy sheriff 1896 to 1904.
- Sheriff 1900 to 1904.
- County judge 1904 to 1908.
- Marshal of St. Helens 1909 to 1910.
- Treasurer 1913 to 1916.
- Now judge. Term will expire in January, 1919.

BISHOP SUMNER DELIVERS SERMON

Bishop Sumner of the Episcopal diocese, delivered a very interesting sermon at Christ's Episcopal church Sunday evening. The interior of the church was nicely decorated and special music was provided for the occasion. The bishop, before delivering his address, promised that he would try to arrange matters so that Christ's church would have a resident clergyman in the near future. The sermon was a masterly one and was listened to with much interest. The bishop spoke very highly of Oregon's two educational institutions—the State University and Oregon Agricultural College. He said the per cent of high school graduates in Oregon who entered college was much above many of the old eastern states. We sincerely hope the bishop will again favor us with a visit.

ST. HELENS WILL CELEBRATE FOURTH

The business men, at a meeting Wednesday night, decided to have a Fourth of July celebration. The following executive committee was appointed, who will meet tonight to work out the details: L. B. Avery, A. S. Harrison, Fred Watkins, M. Saxon, A. F. Barnett and Harold Ross.