

The St. Helens Festival Commences Today--Friday. Be Sure to Attend

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MAN DROWNS AND COMRADE IS HELD

River Tragedy is Being Probed by Sheriff.

W. A. Latourell, of Camas, aged about 42, was drowned somewhere in the vicinity of Warrior Rock light-house Monday night, about 8 o'clock. In company with A. M. Wright the drowned man left Washougal Monday, at noon, with a boat load of fish which were to be delivered to the fish buyers at Kalama. Wright stated that at Vancouver he secured a supply of alcohol, and from that time on he remembers nothing except that both he and Latourell fell overboard and that someone came and saved him.

The drowned man's coat, with the sleeve turned inside out, was found in the boat, as was also his hat. From other sources it is learned that an Indian named Kelly heard cries, and, jumping into his boat, set out from the Washington side of the river. He reached the boat from where the cries came and found Wright in the boat, but never saw Latourell. He took Wright to the Washington side of the river and dried his clothes, then brought him to St. Helens. The family of the drowned man was then notified.

Several people who saw Wright when he came to St. Helens state that he was apparently not much intoxicated, but Wright claims he can remember nothing of the affair nor even what became of the load of salmon.

Sheriff Stanwood is investigating the matter and is holding Wright pending such investigation.

The dead man was well known in Camas and Washougal and was a musician of note. He is survived by his widow, Clara, two sons, Richard and Lucian, and two daughters, Irene and Lucille. The body has not yet been recovered.

A reward of \$25 has been offered for the recovery of Latourell's body, and information may be addressed to either Coroner White at St. Helens or W. J. Owens, Troutdale, Oregon.

COLUMBIA COUNTY ROAD NOTES

Progress of Work Being Done on Lower Highway.

The long trestle which will connect Prescott with the highway is being rushed to completion. The roadway will be about 1,200 feet long and is 16 feet in width. There are two turnouts so that teams or automobiles can pass. When the roadway is completed it will allow the residents of Prescott to come in and out without having to rely on the railway or river steamers.

The Mist is in receipt of a letter from A. S. Benson setting forth the work that has been accomplished on the Columbia River Highway between Rainier and Clatskanie. Starting at the lower end and working towards Rainier, grading has been completed past Bridge No. 3. This completes the grading to Beaver Falls, and the expenditure to November 21 has been \$10,560. Mr. Benson stated that all of the earth work which would be troublesome to handle in wet weather has been completed and the rock work to be done will not be interfered with by the rainy season.

There are some expensive rock cuts to be made, and it is estimated that it will require about \$10,000 to complete the work, which will be in about three months.

Work on Bridge No. 1 is now in progress and it is expected to have the bridge completed by Saturday of this week.

CLUB CELEBRATES

At the Guild hall, on Tuesday evening, the Himalaya Club celebrated its first meeting of the season with a jollification, of which the 6:30 dinner was a prominent feature. Part of the evening was devoted to discussing the club's plans for the year. The members present were Helen Duns, Bess Hattan, Clara Kotel, Helen Larson, Gladys Ashby, Gertrude Phillips, Madeline Allen, Alice Quick, Anna Quick and Jessie Stokes. The club had as its guest Mrs. E. C. Laws, an honorary member.

FIRST FESTIVAL NUMBER TONIGHT

Good Attractions for This Afternoon and Tonight.

The St. Helens Festival will present its first number this afternoon at the city hall. The hour is 3 o'clock. After the opening exercises and announcements, scenes from Shakespeare will be given by the Comus players. This company of players is a well known dramatic organization that has won remarkable success throughout the east and west during the past two years. They will appear twice in scenes from "As You Like It," and also in the famous "Carson of the North Woods."

Following the Comus players, Dr. Robert Sutcliffe will give his celebrated lecture "If."

Saturday afternoon Dr. Sutcliffe will again lecture and the Ad Club Quartet will present a portion of their program. In the evening they will give a concert and this will be followed by the famous moving pictures of the Mawson Antarctic Expedition.

These pictures are perhaps the most famous of all motion views of the far south and have created no end of wonderment and discussion wherever shown. The views are evidence of the wonderful expedition of Sir Douglas Mawson, the English explorer, who went into the far south a few years ago. He returned alive and with the pictures—but a physical wreck on account of terrible suffering undergone.

The views were secured by Mr. Mawson and his party some 10,000 miles from America and over 2,000 miles from the nearest human habitation. Native bird and animal pictures and films of Antarctic deep sea creatures are shown on the screen and featured in the picture story of Mawson's wonderful adventure.

Monday will be the closing day of the festival. In the afternoon the Chicago Ladies' Orchestra will give the prelude and Dr. Sutcliffe will lecture on "How Did You Die?" and in the evening the Grand Closing Concert will be given by the orchestra.

The Chicago Ladies' Orchestra combines a popular orchestra of real merit, a sketch club of unusual talent and a ladies' quartet, which is making a wonderful "hit" on its western trip. The combination will afford local people a diversified entertainment.

The orchestra, which was originally formed by the students of the Lyceum Arts Conservatory of Chicago, has made wonderful strides from the first and has been booked on one of the greatest lyceum tours in the United States. There are eight pieces in the orchestra, two violins, 'cello, flute, cornet, trombone, piano and drums.

The entire program will be an entertainment worth while and should be given the liberal patronage and hearty endorsement of the people of the entire community.

COUNTY COURT TO MAKE ANNUAL BUDGET

Statement of Necessary Expenses to Be Published.

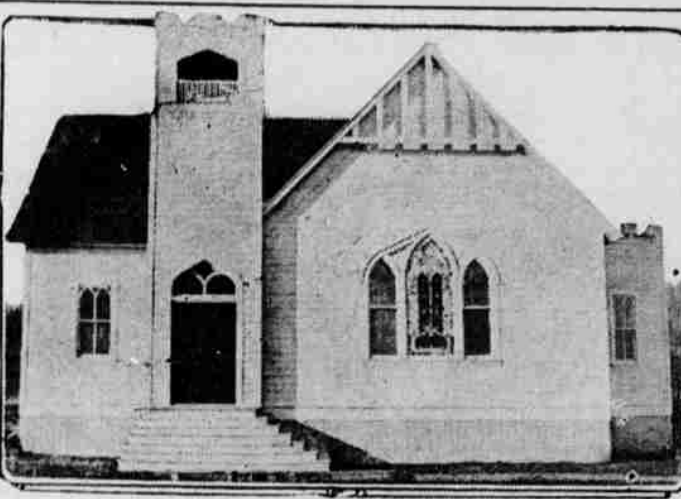
The county court will, on Monday, the 27th inst., make up the annual budget of expenses for the county for the ensuing year. This statement will be published in the next issue of the Mist, and on December 23 the taxpayers will gather to go over the matter and make their recommendations to the court. As far as we can learn, the court does not intend to make the expense any higher than it was this year.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The fellowship meeting of the Congregational church, held at Guild hall Thursday evening of last week, was a delightful occasion. Covers were laid for 84, and Rev. Taylor acted as toastmaster. Short talks were made by Rev. Hisey and Mr. Moses and Mr. Kantner, of Portland, and also Mr. Hinson, secretary of the Congregational society. In the afternoon a meeting was held at the church and plans formulated for church work and the further development and growth of the church.

NEW SCAPOOSE CHURCH OPENED FOR WORSHIP

Cuts by courtesy of the Evening Telegram



SCAPOOSE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



REV. C. H. JOHNSTON, Pastor

On Friday last the doors of the Scappoose Congregational church were opened for worship. At 2:00 o'clock, on the ringing of the bell, the key was turned in the lock by R. F. Niblock. Rev. C. H. Johnston, in a few words, explained the purpose for which the building was erected and invited all to enter. The choir sang a processional hymn and took its place for the first time in the new choir annex. The musical program

consisted of an anthem, "Oh for a Closer Walk With God," solo, "Height in Darkness," Miss Gipsy Johnston; quartet, "Seek Ye the Lord," with obligato by the tenor, Mr. Niblock, Miss Taylor, Miss Helen Watts, Mr. Moore and Mr. John Dr. Kantner read the lesson and led in prayer. A part of the ceremony consisted in the unveiling of a window erected to the memory of Mrs. A. Holaday, Mrs. Matilda Stump, Mrs. P. B. Stephens and Mrs. Ph. Whitney, whose zeal and piety led to the founding and maintaining through many difficulties, of the first place of worship in this neighborhood. Mrs. Kantner, of Portland, very gracefully unveiled the window with a few appropriate remarks. Rev. C. H. Johnston, the pastor, told the story of the beginning and carrying out of the movement which has resulted in the erection of a handsome and commodious building. The building and furniture up to date had cost \$2,190. The amount of \$400 was needed to finish the work in such a manner as to allow of dedication. Rev. A. C. Moses, of Portland, made an appeal to the people present, which resulted in the raising of almost \$500. The building itself and the manner in which the Scappoose people came forward with the necessary funds reflect great credit on the community. The church will be dedicated some Sunday in the near future. The church body and the community are greatly indebted to Mrs. E. M. Watts, who graciously donated the site on which the church stands.

NEW ODD FELLOW HOME AT RIDGEFIELD

Work Started on New Two-Story Building for Odd Fellows.

The I. O. O. F. lodge at Ridgefield will soon have a new home. The contract has been awarded and work started on the construction of a two-story building 50 by 50. The lower floor will be occupied by business houses and the upper floor will be used exclusively for lodge purposes. The lodge is in a flourishing condition and occupies an enviable position among the Ridgefield lodges.

CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF GAME LAWS

Walter Dommeier, of this city, and J. L. Betz, of Seattle, were arrested Sunday morning by Game Wardens Clark and Rathbone and charged with violation of the state law in that they were shooting from a power boat. Both men were brought before Justice of the Peace Watkins, who fixed their bail at \$25. The trial will be held tomorrow.

ANOTHER BIRTHDAY

The circuit court took a recess on Tuesday. The Mist cannot learn the reason but strongly suspects it was because it was the 70th birthday of Tom Watts, the bailiff. Mr. Watts was born in St. Louis in 1846, and located in St. Helens in the year 1852, so he has lived in Columbia county 64 years. No wonder he knows everybody and everybody knows "Tom." The Mist wishes Mr. Watts many happy returns of the day.

BUSY MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Marshal Southard Tenders Resignation—Tax Matters Discussed.

The regular session of the city council Monday night was a lengthy one. All councilmen were present except J. W. Allen. Minutes and unfinished business of previous meetings were taken up and disposed of with. Each item of expense was gone over and pruned as much as possible. It was suggested that in order to reduce expenses the offices of marshal and deputy marshal and also the office of city attorney be abolished. No definite action was taken on this matter.

An ordinance vacating certain streets in Rose Hill addition to the city was read the third time and passed by unanimous vote.

Marshal H. J. Southard tendered his resignation, to take effect on or before the first of December. The resignation was accepted but no appointment was made to fill the vacancy.

The ordinance calling for a special election on the proposed charter amendments was taken up and discussed at some length. Some of the citizens present suggested other amendments, and the council held the matter in abeyance pending further investigation.

Several building permits were granted and bills for street improvements allowed.

The matter of repairs to the city hall was held over.

After the disposition of a number of other minor matters the council adjourned.

COAL DISCOVERED NEAR SCAPOOSE

Preliminary Experiments Show it to Be of Good Quality.

"Mudge" McKay and D. Crowley, of Scappoose, are developing a coal mine which was discovered by Mr. McKay several years ago. The mine is in a canyon, a short distance back of the Dutch Canyon schoolhouse. The coal taken out apparently is of good quality and burns clean. Several years ago, so we are informed, Mr. McKay was hunting in the neighborhood of where the mine is and accidentally discovered a ledge of coal. At the time it was on a railroad land grant place, so Mr. McKay covered up the ledge and waited until a few months ago, when he filed on it for "mineral rights."

Mr. Van Orshoven, the county surveyor, states that there is a 6 or 8 inch face to the ledge, and from his observation he thinks the property can be developed into a paying proposition.

No definite plans have been made for the development of the property, but a little more preliminary work will be done to ascertain the feasibility of the project.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The school board has decided to grant not only Thanksgiving day but the day following also as holidays. The majority of the students are greatly pleased and are hoping to spend the time skating.

Our football boys defeated the Scappoose team by a score of 32 to 6 at Scappoose Saturday.

We had intended to play a return football game with Franklin High of Portland on Friday, November 24, but we have been notified that their team has disbanded.

Rev. Moses of the Waverly Heights Congregational church, of Portland, delivered one of the best addresses of the year to the student body last Friday morning.

High school enrollment—latest census—87.

Boys' and Girls' Literary societies meet on Friday evening. Both societies have prepared interesting programs.

We have had an exciting contest over the selection of a name for our school paper. The name "Megaphone" was chosen by the students, but since it was disliked by some members of the faculty we were compelled to change it to S. H. H. S. News.

The football manager is trying to schedule a game with La Center in the near future.

CIRCUIT COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

Many Cases Are on the Trial Docket for This Term.

Circuit court, with Judge Eakin presiding, convened Monday. There are many cases on the docket. The most important case disposed of was the State vs. Harry Morrison, who was charged with embezzlement of the funds of a Rainier lumber company. Morrison plead guilty to the charge, and on Thursday morning was sentenced by the judge to serve a term of from one to ten years in the penitentiary.

Another case which attracted some attention was the State of Oregon vs. Charles Henderson. He was accused of making threats and pointing a gun at a party who lives near Mayer. Henderson was acquitted.

Following is the docket:

Nov. 20—Cooper & Duniway vs. City of Rainier.

Nov. 21—State of Oregon vs. Chas. Henderson.

Nov. 22—Emma H. Tompkins vs. City of St. Helens. Settled.

Nov. 23—Tom Olick, relator, vs. N. K. Smith et al.

Nov. 24—G. W. Jorris vs. P. & L. Felton.

Nov. 27—Noyes-Holland Log. Co. vs. Pacific Live Stock and Lumber Co. et al.

Nov. 29—E. C. Giltner vs. C. Sauerwein. Continued.

Dec. 1—Columbia Agricultural Co. vs. Leon Jaspers et al.

CREOSOTE WORKS CLOSED DOWN

Lack of Tonnage Forces Big Plant Into Temporary Idleness.

On account of a lack of tonnage to carry their products to foreign ports, the St. Helens creosoting plant has closed. Superintendent Rawson states that the company has good prospects for several domestic orders and he thinks operations will soon be resumed. A large portion of the output of the plant has been shipped to foreign countries, and with no tonnage available for these shipments the markets of foreign nations are not open to the local manufacturers.

The creosoting company now has 600,000 feet of creosoted ties ready for shipment to India, but there is no immediate prospect of a steamer coming for them, and, as stated, they will have to rely on domestic trade to keep the plant running.

ST. HELENS WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The St. Helens Woman's Club met in the library room on Wednesday afternoon. There were fifteen members present, the president, Mrs. Baker, presiding. As Mrs. Brown called the roll the members responded with quotations from Sir Walter Scott.

Mrs. Snelling was elected a member of the club.

Mrs. Owen was elected librarian, and a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Russell for her efficient work.

Upon taking charge of the library, Mrs. Owen will keep it open for the distribution of books every evening except Sunday.

A vote of thanks was tendered the city council for an appropriation of \$75 for the maintenance of the library.

Two signs have been painted and hung, directing the way to the library. This work being gratuitous, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Lyons therefor.

The program consisted of two papers, one on "Holyrood Castle," the other on "Heriot's Hospital and Others; High Schools and the University of Edinburgh."

Master Jack Baker entertained the ladies during intervals with stereopticon views of Edinburgh.

The club entertained the teachers, ministers and city officials Thursday evening. Short addresses were made and refreshments served.

DREDGE MAKES PROGRESS ON CHANNEL

The port of Portland dredge Tualatin, which is digging a channel from the lower end of Sauvics Island to the St. Helens waterfront, is making good progress on the project. Several thousand yards of sand have been removed and pumped into a lake on the lower end of the island. In a few days, if the progress now being made continues, the river steamers may cross the shallow places direct to the St. Helens docks.

WATERFRONT NEWS

In tow of the tug Melville, the Wahkeena arrived at the shipyards Wednesday night. Before being towed to San Francisco to have her machinery installed, masts and spars will be installed by the shipyard here.

On account of the coal miners' strike in Australia, the City of Portland is still in Port Pirie.

The steamer Klamath, Captain Cullen, arrived in Tuesday morning and after discharging some shipyard supplies proceeded to Linnton, where she took on a full cargo of lumber, sailing from that place Thursday evening.

The steamer Daisy Matthews is taking on cargo at the Columbia County mill.

SHORT JURY SESSION

The grand jury was in special session on Monday and part of Tuesday. Evidence in a certain case was presented and three true bills found. The indictments were placed in the hands of the district attorney and the jury adjourned.