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NEW MANAGEMENT FOR ST. HELENS HOTEL

George Relinquishes Management of Well Known Hotel.

On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Jacob George, after successfully conducting the St. Helens hotel for eleven years, turned over the management to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rotger, who will hereafter conduct that popular hostelry. Mr. and Mrs. George might properly be called the pioneer hotel people of the county, as they took charge of the old St. Helens hotel in 1892. The well remembered St. Helens fire burned the hotel to the ground and they moved to Portland. After the Lewis and Clark fair they returned to St. Helens, and, in 1906, took charge of the new St. Helens hotel. The growth of the town and the demand for accommodations caused them to make arrangements for the enlargement of the hotel, and in 1908 an addition was built. During the years that they have conducted the hotel thousands of guests have been entertained, and by their courteous treatment of the guests the reputation of the hotel has spread far and wide.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rotger have undertaken to manage the hotel, and it is a foregone conclusion that the well established reputation of the hotel will be maintained.

ASTORIA PLANS MUCH NEW WORK

Will Authorize Bids for Eleven New Improvements.

Astoria, April 12.—(Special to the Mist.)—Bids for eleven separate improvements to cost \$85,000 are expected to be authorized by the city council at an early date, which will be the beginning of the improvement program for the year, which will be carried on under the direction of G. T. McLean, city engineer.

A total of \$250,000 will be expended in paving and improving the streets and \$50,000 will be available for the construction of sewers.

Of the first work to come up for bids, nine districts will be for paving and two will be for grading.

The contractors who were given contracts last fall for much paving here are waiting for better weather. Several of the viaducts have been completed and are now planked ready to receive the surfacing. The Western Paving Co., of which the Arenz brothers, formerly of Portland, and Wm. Oeller are the heads, received a number of paving contracts which will be started soon.

DWELLING DESTROYED IN SUNDAY NIGHT FIRE

Household Goods Saved but Dwelling is Total Loss.

The house in Columbia Park owned by Rev. Mowry and occupied by Joe Reuben burned to the ground Sunday night. The supposition is that the fire started from a defective flue in the partition of the house. Mrs. Richardson, who lives in the same block, noticed the reflection of the flames in the window glass, and going out on the back porch of her residence saw the flames coming out of the roof. She gave the alarm to the nearest neighbor, J. L. Chittum, the Reuben family being absent at the time. The fire department answered promptly but the fire had such a start that it was impossible to save the building. Many of the neighbors turned out and worked to save the household effects, and most everything was saved except the contents of one room. Mr. Chittum lives within 25 feet of the burned residence, and it kept a few men busy with a fire hose to keep his residence from burning. It is understood that Mr. Mowry had some insurance on the building, and the Reubens had insurance on their household goods. The amount of insurance carried was not ascertained.

The steamer Willamette arrived in Tuesday night and by working much overtime was loaded late Thursday night and sailed for San Pedro with 870,000 feet of lumber and a fair passenger list.

LAUNCHING TO BE MADE BIG AFFAIR

Commercial Club Takes Action and Will Make Big Celebration.

At a recent meeting the St. Helens Commercial Club, by unanimous vote, decided to make the day of the launching of the motor vessel City of St. Helens a red-letter day in the history of St. Helens. It was pointed out that the vessel to be launched is the first and only vessel of its kind to bear the name of St. Helens, and the club members thought it fitting to give a rousing celebration on the occasion of the launching. The Ad Club, Rotary Club, Elks Club and other Portland clubs will be invited to attend. The governor of Oregon and Mayor Albee of Portland will also be requested to be present. Plans have not as yet been fully formulated, as the day of launching has not been definitely set, but the committee that has arrangements in charge states that even the launching of the Multnomah, the first ocean going vessel launched here, will pale into insignificance compared to the launching and celebration at the time the City of St. Helens takes her initial dip.

For the purpose of raising needed funds, the commercial club will give a big dance at the city hall Saturday night, April 21, and the proceeds derived will be devoted exclusively towards paying the expenses of the celebration. Mr. McCormick has not yet set the date of the launching, though it is expected the big vessel will leave the ways about April 25 or 27. The commercial club wishes to impress upon every resident of the county that their presence is desired on the day of the launching, due notice of which will be given at a later date.

COUNTY PURCHASES SITE FOR QUARRY

Work is Begun on Clearing and Opening of Quarry.

As indicated in the issue of the Mist of the 6th inst., the county court has bought from I. G. Wickstrom two acres of rock land a short distance from Scappoose. Mr. Wickstrom being an ardent supporter of good roads and anxious to lend aid to road building in the county made the reasonable price of \$250 for the two acres, which was accepted by the county court. Road Supervisor Grant already has a force of men clearing the ground and the county court has advertised for bids for coyote holes for the purpose of blasting. Roadmaster Abry states that work on the opening and operation of the quarry will begin at once and in a short time rock will be furnished for the improvement of roads in the Scappoose district. The method of handling the output of the quarry was set forth in our last issue.

ROLL OF HONOR OF U. S. VOLUNTEERS

St. Helens Boys Who Have Responded to Uncle Sam's Call.

- J. H. Wellington, enlisted in Naval Reserve.
 - Warren Sonneiland, enlisted in U. S. Navy.
 - G. J. Pringle, enlisted in U. S. Navy.
 - Kenneth Howell, enlisted in U. S. Navy.
 - Waldon Dillard, enlisted in O. N. G. Coast Artillery.
 - Virgil Hattan, enlisted in O. N. G. Coast Artillery.
 - Harry Wilson enlisted in navy.
 - Berlin Yeomans enlisted in navy Miles Gunman, U. S. Cavalry.
 - Avory Gunman, U. S. Navy.
- To the above names might be added Harold Decker, who presented himself for enlistment but on account of a slight defect was advised to apply later.

Several other boys from St. Helens will go to Portland Saturday for the purpose of enlisting. Many have gone from Rainier, Clatskanie and smaller towns in the county, and when we can ascertain their names they will be added to the roll of honor.

INCREASE FOOD PREPAREDNESS GREATER PRODUCTION URGED

A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN WILL BE WAGED

Vacant Lots and Garden Spots Must Be Cultivated and Increase Food Supplies.

With the idea of increasing the production of food supplies and decreasing the prices of the necessities of life, the co-operative extension department of the O. A. C. has sent out the following bulletin:

"Corvallis, Ore., April 3. "To the Oregon Organizations Interested in the Public Welfare:

"No phase of preparedness for the national crisis which we are now facing is of greater importance than that of the food supply. The present food shortage will be greatly intensified by the withdrawal of many producers who are being called into the military service. With our entrance into the war, our obligations to furnish food to the allied nations will be greatly increased. We must meet the situation. This can be done by increasing production and by the more economical use of food.

"Vacant city lots and back yards afford the best means for prompt relief in production. If these are properly used for raising vegetables and poultry, thousands of dollars worth of food products can be added to the normal supply in a few months. At least 60 per cent of the city lots and back yards now available are not being used. In the interest of the nation, intelligent, sober and well organized efforts should be made to fill in improving the situation.

"All organizations interested in the public welfare should get together and plan a campaign for their respective communities. A joint committee representing commercial clubs, women's organizations, parent-teach-

ers' associations, school officials, and other organizations interested in public problems should appoint representatives to serve on a joint committee to be charged with the direction of the campaign. A survey should be made immediately to determine the amount of ground available and the number of persons who may be enlisted to put it to the best use. Encouragement and instruction should be continued in a systematic way throughout the season. The Oregon Agricultural College has prepared a special series of pamphlets on poultry keeping, vegetable gardening, the economical use of foods and canning foods, which will be available to the people of the state. We shall be glad to send a supply of these publications upon receipt of evidence that this work is being efficiently organized in your community.

There are many vacant lots in St. Helens on which vegetables could be grown. Hundreds of thousands of men will be in the government service and it will require an enormous amount of foodstuffs to supply them. Also, many tillers of the soil have answered the call to arms and have left their farms uncultivated. A well organized branch of the co-operative extension work formed in St. Helens will aid materially to the production of fruits, vegetables and other foodstuffs, and the production of such will aid materially in supplying the wants of the citizens of the town and also have a tendency to reduce the present high prices.

THINGS THAT ST. HELENS NEEDS

- S — Sawmills, shipyards, manufacturing plants—more of them.
- T — Taxes and valuations placed at a reasonable amount so as to encourage such industries.
- H — Harbor improvements and a waterfront.
- E — Every citizen to do his share for the whole town.
- L — Legitimate business and industrial enterprises.
- E — Energetic but careful boosters.
- N — New municipal dock.
- S — Streets paved.

ST. HELENS ASKED TO JOIN IN PARADE

Oregon Patriotic Service League Asks St. Helens to Participate.

The executive committee of the Oregon Patriotic League has made plans to have a big patriotic parade and meeting in the city of Portland on Thursday, April 19. The league is anxious for St. Helens to participate, as the following letter indicates:

"April 12, 1917.

"S. C. Morton, Mayor, St. Helens, Oregon.

"Dear Sir: The executive committee of the Oregon Patriotic Service League has directed me to invite you and your citizens to participate in a patriotic parade and meeting to be held in this city on April 19, details of which will appear in the press of this city.

"Marching bodies, accompanied by bands, are particularly desired. We are exceedingly anxious to make this the largest patriotic demonstration ever held in Portland.

"We would be glad to assist you in the organization of a Patriotic League in St. Helens. Please call on us at your convenience.

"Very truly yours,
"H. S. HUDSON,
"Secretary.

"BERT H. WARD,
"President."

Men and women of St. Helens should by all means participate in this and show to Oregon that our city is as patriotic as any city within the boundaries of the state. Many have already signified their intention of attending and participating in the

parade, which will start at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Secretary Hudson phones the Mist that the parade committee will reserve a good space for the St. Helens contingent. All those who wish to participate will please inform E. I. Ballagh, who has charge of the arrangements for the St. Helens contingent, and don't wait too long, for Mr. Ballagh wishes to inform the parade committee just about how many can be expected from St. Helens. Dr. L. G. Ross, H. P. Ross, E. I. Ballagh, Sheriff Stanwood, Fred Morgus, H. J. Southard, E. A. Rotger and Glen R. Metsker and other patriotic auto owners have offered their cars for service on the 19th. Those who do not wish to go by auto can go up on the 11 o'clock train and meet at the Imperial hotel for further formulation of plans. In order that this will be a success, phone Ed. Ballagh today of your intentions.

Reference to the proceeding of the county court, it can be ascertained that the contract for the improvement of the Mist-Clatskanie road has been let to A. L. Clark, of Rainier, for the sum of \$19,649.16. The next lowest bid was that of Keating & Jamieson, their bid being \$19,992.70. As we understand it, this improvement is on what is known as the Clatskanie hill on the road mentioned. The two miles of road is in two separate road districts and they have special funds for the construction of the road, but according to one of the commissioners who was interviewed, several thousand dollars from the general fund will also be used on the road.

EASTER SERVICES AT ST. HELENS CHURCHES

All Churches Appropriately Observe Easter Day.

The churches of St. Helens appropriately observed Easter Sunday by special services. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, all of the churches were comfortably filled at both morning and night service.

At the Methodist church the Sunday school took charge of the morning service. The church was tastefully decorated with flowering plants and trailing vines. The program, "Joy of the Morning," was a combination of special music by the choir and orchestra, and numbers prepared by the children of the school. All records for the year, both for attendance and collection, were broken. The subject chosen by the pastor for the evening sermon was "The Risen Christ." Good music and a large attendance seemed to stimulate the pastor, and his discourse was well received by the many who heard it.

The Methodist Sunday school at Houlton (West St. Helens) remembered the day and occasion. The church was decorated with flowers and shrubbery and mottoes. A short program was rendered.

At the Congregational church the morning hour of worship was given over to music and exercises by the children and young people of the Sunday school, seven classes comprising about 75 members, taking part. Perhaps the most impressive exercises ever given in the church was the playlet given by twenty of the high school students. The church was beautifully decorated and was crowded with Easter worshippers. The evening services were very instructive, the pastor taking for his theme "Knowing God."

At the Catholic church solemn high mass was said by Rev. Father Hampton. A special feature of the service was the rendition by the choir of "Rocewig," in G. The father, in his sermon, dwelt upon the fact that Christianity must either stand or fall on the establishment of Christ's having risen from the dead. During his able discourse he presented many facts to substantiate this.

The church-going people of St. Helens had the Easter spirit and the celebration of the rising of Christ was most appropriate.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Our affirmative team will again debate here, and the negative team will travel to Scappoose. We are very hopeful of a large crowd to encourage our debaters to victory.

The school board has informed the high school boys by a letter that any student who desires to enlist at the present time will be given credit for full year's work, and if a senior he will be allowed to graduate at once. As a result of this letter Robert Harrison, Dewey Smith, Danny Faxon, Albert Faxon, Harold Decker, Kenneth Howell and Harry Wilson are thinking seriously about enlisting.

The program given last Friday morning in the assembly was an especially enjoyable one. The first number was a selection by the orchestra. After this the boys' quartet favored us with two songs. Adelaide Adams closed the program by speaking a medley composed of five different poems.

The program today will be a debate by members of the Junior class. The question is: Resolved, that Lady Macbeth was morally responsible for Macbeth's career of crime. The negative team is composed of Adelaide Adams and Madge Morrell and the affirmative debaters will be Arline Paulson and Edward Malmon. The English III class has just completed reading Shakespeare's "Macbeth," and consequently are eager for the debate.

N. C. Maris, of the department of Industrial Field Workers, spoke to the students of the high school and the seventh and eighth grades this morning. He spoke about the Industrial Club work which is being conducted for the benefit of the girls and boys of Oregon. His talk was enjoyed very much, and after he finished speaking Supt. Allen spoke for a few minutes.

STEAMER WAHKEENA HERE ON MAIDEN TRIP

Captain Charles Reiner in Command—Makes Quick Trip.

Arriving at 9 o'clock Monday morning, the new McCormick steamer Wahkeena successfully completed her maiden ocean trip. Though a northwester was encountered and a heavy heady sea running, without forcing the engines the vessel reeled off about 10 1/2 knots. Captain Reiner was highly pleased with her performance and says that as soon as the machinery gets into real smooth working order the vessel will make 12 knots and pass any other of the McCormick fleet.

The Wahkeena, though exclusively a freighter, is finely fitted out. The crew has comfortable quarters and a fine large mess room. Aft are the officers, wireless and steward's quarters and the galley and dining room.



CHARLES REINER

Master of the Steamer Wahkeena

Convenient lavatories and a shower bath are at the disposal of the officers, and their quarters are most comfortable and roomy. The vessel is provided with a wireless outfit and also has its own refrigerating plant, and room has been made aft so that a towing machine can be installed if necessary.

The Wahkeena was built by the Wilson Bros. of Astoria. She is 226 feet long, 40 foot beam and will carry 1,100,000 feet of lumber. Cargo gears forward and aft makes it possible to rapidly load and discharge the vessel. It took only three days to load the steamer, and she sailed Wednesday night for San Pedro. While in St. Helens many people visited and inspected the vessel, and it is the general opinion that she is the best equipped freighter yet to visit this port.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE IS PASSED

No Disrespect for the Flag Will Be Allowed—Heavy Fines Provided.

The council met in regular session Monday night. J. W. Allen and E. L. Ballagh, elected as councilmen, took the oath of office and entered upon their second terms as officials of the city. The mayor, with the consent of the council, postponed the appointment of city attorney, marshal and recorder. This matter will probably come up at the next meeting of the council.

An ordinance "prohibiting utterances and actions of disrespect towards the American national flag and the government of the United States of America and providing a penalty therefor" was read twice and the emergency clause being attached, the ordinance was placed on its final passage and carried by unanimous vote. The penalty for the violation is not less than \$10 fine or more than \$99 for each offense, or a term in the city jail and work on the streets.

Upon resolution by the council, the mayor was instructed to issue a proclamation calling on all patriotic citizens to display the national emblem and aid the government of the United States in every way. Both the proclamation and ordinance appear elsewhere in this issue, and it is hoped the people will abide thereby.

The regular monthly bills were taken up and after some corrections were allowed. Many other routine matters were disposed of before the council adjourned.

The honor roll of the boys answering the country's summons will be continued next week.