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VIOLATION OF PROHIBITION LAW

Find Men Guilty—Judge Will Impose Sentence This Morning.

Charged with a violation of the prohibition law by having in their possession 66 quarts of whisky, Fred Cramer and Joe Clark were found by the juries who heard the case. In the case of Cramer the jury was out several hours before rendering a verdict, but in the Clark case a different jury took only 15 minutes to bring in a verdict. Both men will be sentenced by Judge Barnett when court convenes this morning.

The whisky was found on a barge on the shipyard by Deputy Sheriff Stanwood. He and Sheriff Stanwood, on the morning of May 16, saw the barge leave the St. Helens dock and drift up the slough. Suspecting that someone was making a visit to the barge in port for a supply of whisky, a close watch was kept. About a half hour after the boat left the St. Helens dock it was heard coming back. It stopped at the barge, and, according to Mr. Brown's testimony, he saw two men unload sacks of whisky from the barge. Later, Clark and Cramer returned to the dock and were seen on the street. The accused men admitted having visited the vessel, but stated they were unable to obtain any whisky; that coming back the engine of the boat broke down and the boat drifted against the shore. Both denied the ownership of the whisky and claimed that neither of them had been aboard the scow. Although the evidence was circumstantial, the jury thought it sufficient to render a verdict of guilty. Sam Johnson, a Portland attorney, appeared for the defendants, and the state's case was ably handled by District Attorney Metsker.

CRUSHER RUNNING TO FULL CAPACITY

County's Rock Crusher is Doing Good Work.

The county rock crusher is running to full capacity and turning out from 80 to 90 yards of crushed rock each day. Roadmaster Abry and Supervisor Clark, in addition to furnishing rock for the county roads, are laying up a surplus so when the paving plant arrives there will be no delay, even if the crusher broke down for a while. As a matter of fact, there are two crushers, but all the machinery is handled by one engine. The first crusher takes care of the larger and coarser rock, and when finer rock is wanted an endless bucket chain takes it from the bin of the first crusher to the second crusher, where the small rock and screening are made. The crushers are well put up and arranged and by systematizing the work the road officials hope to reduce the cost of operation. Two motor trucks take care of the daily output, and if the haul is not too long, can easily keep up with the crushers. On May 1 the wages of the laborers was raised from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per day, so when their monthly check comes in the county road employes will have a larger check than for the months before. The paving plant is now on the way from California, and as soon as it arrives no time will be lost in getting it started.

POTATOES PLANTED BY HONOR GUARD

The girls of the St. Helens Honor Guard have been quite busy this week planting potatoes. They secured an acre of ground just west of Davies' livery barn, and had it plowed and put in proper condition for planting. Enough seed potatoes were donated to plant the whole acre. The Honor Guard is divided into divisions, and each division is commanded by a lieutenant, who received instructions from the county agent as to how to plant the "spuds," and then the division went to work. While the entire piece of ground has not been planted, good progress has been made, and in a few days the job will be complete. The girls hope that in a few weeks they can point with pride to their potato patch.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the club was held in the library room Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. L. R. Rutherford read a very interesting paper on Cork, and Mrs. E. S. Snelling's reading on Irish Folk Lore was also interesting and instructive. Two names were presented for membership.

The club has decided to hold no meeting during the summer months, and the next meeting will be a social one and will be held at the residence of Mrs. John Sten.

It was decided to have the public library open only three nights a week during the summer, and Monday, Wednesday and Saturday nights were designated as library nights.

A resolution was adopted thanking all who aided in the musical and also thanking the public for the liberal patronage accorded.

The semi-annual period ending on May 31, the librarian was instructed to prepare a financial statement and also make a statement of attendance and books loaned and bought and this statement will be given to the public at a later date.

HIMALAYA CLUB DANCE

The Himalaya Club has issued attractive invitations to many of its St. Helens friends, bidding them to be present at a dance at the city hall Saturday evening, May 26. The patronesses are Mrs. S. C. Morton, Mrs. Thomas Iabister, Mrs. G. R. Metsker, Mrs. H. J. Southard and Mrs. A. F. Barnett.

DAMAGE SUIT IS WON BY BOULBY

Jury Awards Him \$4,500—Case Will Be Appealed.

The suit of Ed. Boulby vs. Columbia Contract Company for \$20,000 occupied a considerable portion of the court's time last week, and the closing arguments were made Monday morning and the case submitted to the jury, who brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$4,500. Some months ago Boulby was seriously injured when, in the darkness of early morning, he fell over a bluff on the defendant company's premises. The plaintiff claimed that the company was negligent in not providing a fence or some safeguard to protect pedestrians at the place the accident occurred, while the defendant claimed that Boulby himself was the negligent one. Glen R. Metsker represented Boulby, while Attorney Spencer, of Portland, appeared for the Columbia Contract Company. It is understood an appeal will be taken.

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CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON NEW RAILROAD

Construction work on the extension of the United Railways line from Wilkesboro to Tillamook is now under way. Machinery is being conveyed to Cedar Canyon, about 10 miles up Gales creek.

The contract for the construction of the first 10-mile unit will be let to I. J. Rouston and Arthur Porter for clearing and grading; the Interstate Bridge Company, the bridge-work, and W. D. Haley the furnishing of material.

The work of construction of the 50 miles to Tillamook is to be finished by the end of the year 1917. The new road is to be used for lumbering exclusively for the present.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

On page six our readers will find the official ballot for the special election to be held Monday, June 4. The ballot is correct with one exception, viz., 302 and 303 should be omitted. After we had printed pages six and seven, County Clerk Barnett received a wire from Ben W. Oleott, secretary of state, stating that the attorney general, in view of the decision of the supreme court in the case of the state vs. the county clerk of Marion county, had advised omitting these numbers. These numbers were for "A bill for taxation of Oregon and California land grant," etc. By publishing the ballot ten days prior to election, the Mist is endeavoring to bring the different measures to be voted upon to the attention of our readers so they will have ample time to study the measures and vote intelligently upon them.

Important Facts to Remember About the War Census

Sheriff Has Everything in Readiness For Prompt Registration—Polls Open From 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.—County Clerk Barnett Estimates 1,000 Men Will Register.

War Census Day—Tuesday, June 5, as named by President Wilson in his official proclamation.

Who Must Register—Every male resident between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive. This includes aliens as well as Americans. Japanese, Chinese, Italians, Germans, English, Americans, and men of any other nationality who are of the designated ages, must register. Aliens will not be drafted for war duty, of course, but a complete record of them is desired.

Who is Exempt—No male resident between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, is exempt from registering. Those to be exempted from military service will be determined later, but first all must register.

Where to Register—Registration must be made in the home precinct of the man registering. Register at your regular voting place.

Hours for Registration—Booths at regular voting places in each precinct will be open on War Census Day from 7 o'clock a. m. to 9 o'clock p. m. Don't wait until the last moment. Register early.

Registration of Absentees—If you find you will be unavoidably absent from your home precinct on War Census Day, you should apply at the earliest possible date to the county clerk of the county in which you may be at the time, whether in Oregon or elsewhere, who will fill out your registration card. He will then give you the card, which you must mail to the registrar of your home precinct, in care of the sheriff of your home county, in time to reach the registrar by War Census Day. If you live in Portland, or a city of over 30,000 population in another state, mail the card to the registrar in care of the mayor.

But remember, the burden of having your card reach the registrar of your home precinct by War Census Day is on you.

Registration of the Sick—Men of military age who are too ill to go to the voting booth to register must send a competent person before War Census Day to the county clerk to explain the circumstances, and secure instructions from the Federal regulations which these officials will receive from the Government.

Penalties—The penalty for failing to appear to register, or for giving false, misleading or incorrect answers, is imprisonment. There is no alternative of a fine.

MAY 28TH IS SET FOR CLEAN-UP DAY

City Council Urges Citizens to Help Clean Up City.

At its regular session Monday night, the city council fixed Monday, May 28, as clean-up day, and asks that all citizens co-operate in helping to make the town clean. Citizens are asked to gather up all the old rubbish on their premises and place it on the sidewalk in a convenient place so that the garbage wagon can easily locate it. Heretofore, clean-up day has never been the success it should be for the reason that the garbage and refuse was not placed in a convenient place. The city has hired wagons for the purpose of gathering up and carting away the refuse and Clean-Up day can be made a success if the citizens do their part. Several other important matters came up before the council and were disposed of, and the monthly bills which were laid over from last meeting were approved. Unless matters of importance come up to require more frequent meetings, the council will meet only twice a month during the summer months.

ANOTHER GARAGE FOR ST. HELENS

William Muckle has a force of carpenters at work on a frame building which will be used as a garage. It is being built immediately in front of the old Muckle barn, and the barn will be remodeled and made part of the garage. The building will be about 40 feet wide and 80 feet deep, and will be capable of giving storage room to many machines. Who will occupy the building has not yet been made known.

ROY D. LAWS SAYS HE LIKES ARMY LIFE

The Mist has received a letter from Roy D. Laws, who is a private in "G" troop, 4th Cavalry, and is stationed at Honolulu. Roy states that he likes army life, particularly the cavalry, and states that if any of his old St. Helens friends are contemplating answering the country's call that he "would advise them to join the cavalry, as it is an easy branch of the service and also offers excellent chances of promotion." Roy wants to hear more regularly from home, so he sent a year's subscription for the Mist.

ANOTHER SHIPYARD FOR COLUMBIA CITY

Lease for Site is Practically Closed—Portland Parties Interested.

According to reliable information received at this office, a concern, the members of which do not want their identity disclosed for the present, has leased land and water frontage at Columbia City, a short distance below the site which was bought by the Somarstrom Bros., and will build a shipyard. Rumors to this effect have been in circulation for some time, but a party from Columbia City who is interested in the property gave the Mist the positive information that the deal was practically closed and work would soon begin on the yard. Should these two plants be built employment will be given to several hundred men. It is understood that the Somarstrom Brothers are figuring on some of the wooden ships which the government will have built by the shipyards at Portland and along the Columbia river. With the establishment of these yards and those projected at Portland, nineteen shipbuilding plants will be in operation on local waterways.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES WILL BE TONIGHT

Large Class to Graduate—A Good Program Arranged.

The annual commencement exercises of the St. Helens high school will be held in the city hall tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. The following interesting program has been arranged:

- Music.....High School Orchestra
- "Star Spangled Banner".....Audience
- Invocation.....Rev. A. S. Hisey
- Salutatory.....Lois Payne
- Vocal solo.....Mr. McCoy
- Valedictory.....Lawrence Davies
- Music.....High School Orchestra
- Address.....Elbert H. Hicks
- Song.....High School Quartet
- Presentation of Diplomas.....C. C. Cassatt

The class roll is as follows:

Lois E. Payne, Fannie M. Cooper, Marie L. Walker, Adelle Link, Marie A. Dixon, Edrie O. LaBare, Myrtle V. Larson, Lawrence E. Davies, John Southard, Kenneth P. Howell, George C. Walker, Jacob F. Richardson, Harry A. Wilson, Carl Muhr.

Three of the members are absent, Kenneth P. Howell, George C. Walker and Harry L. Wilson, who some time ago joined the United States navy. They were graduated, however, before entering Uncle Sam's service.

The Fairmount planing mill has contracted to supply a Portland firm with 500,000 wooden pins to be used in the building of ships. This plant is equipped for the extensive manufacture of broom and tool handles. It is expected that other similar orders will be received as the handle-making machinery can be readily adapted for use in pin making.

BUY A BOND AND HELP UNCLE SAM

Liberty Loan Bonds Are Offered to St. Helens Residents.

The government desires that the five billion dollar bond issue be sold promptly and that the bonds be distributed as widely as possible. The director of publicity, Liberty Loan of 1917, has made an appeal to the press of the United States to bring the matter to the attention of the people. Many ask, "What is a Liberty Bond?" A Liberty Bond is a solemn promise of the United States to pay at maturity the amount of the bond to the holder thereof, and to pay interest semi-annually from the date of the issuance until the bond is finally and fully paid. The first issue of the bonds, \$2,000,000,000, is to bear date of June 17, 1917, and to run for thirty years, except that the government reserves the right to pay them fifteen years after date. The bonds are issued in the denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. These are what are known as bearer bonds, being made payable to the bearer, have interest coupons attached, which are detached by the holder when the interest installments they represent are due, and can be cashed at any bank the same as a United States treasury note. The bonds are non-taxable and draw 3 1/2 per cent interest payable semi-annually. The government officials have designated them Liberty Bonds because it is the load of a liberty loving people to be devoted to the establishment of liberty in Europe and on the high seas. The security for the Liberty Loan bonds are the faith and honor of the United States, backed by all the resources of the nation and the American people. The amount allotted to the Pacific coast is \$166,000,000, and the bonds are rapidly being taken by men and women in all walks of life. The Columbia County Bank has subscribed for \$5,000 and will be glad to receive applications for the bonds and give full particulars as to how to buy them, furnish application blanks or handle the transaction for the would-be bond buyer.

The treasury department of the United States claims it is to be the duty of every patriotic person who has the means to buy a bond and has arranged matters so that the bonds may be bought on the installment plan. Ask your banker or postmaster for full information, then fill out an application blank for your proportion of the Liberty Bonds.

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PRIZES ARE OFFERED FOR FAIR EXHIBITS

Thirty Dollars in Gold Will Be Given Away.

In order to increase the corn production in Columbia county, John F. Kaufman, of the John F. Kaufman Co. of Portland, and Harold P. Ross, local representative of the company, have offered the following cash prizes:

For the best exhibit of 100 ears of corn, \$10 in gold.

For the best display of 50 stalks of corn for ensilage, \$10 in gold.

They have also offered \$10 in gold for the best display of one peck of potatoes. Tastefulness in arranging the exhibits will be taken into consideration in awarding the prizes.

Mr. Ross loans money for the company upon farm mortgages exclusively. It is loaned upon the amortization plan for twenty years and at a low rate of interest. During the past six weeks more than \$50,000 has been placed in Columbia county.

H. S. GRADUATES ARE GIVEN BANQUET

High School Faculty Are Hosts to Graduating Class.

The graduating class of the high school were given a banquet Wednesday night by the faculty of the school. The dining room of the Orcadia hotel was prettily decorated for the occasion, the class colors, green and white, prevailing. Prof. L. L. Baker was the toastmaster, and before calling for the toasts made a nice talk to the graduates. He also spoke of the members of the class who had left for service in the navy. The toasts and those who responded are as follows: "How to Make the Team" (How to Succeed), John Southard. "How I Got to First" (Getting a Start in Life), Lawrence Davies. "How Shall I Get to Second" (After First Success), Marie Dixon. "Sliding Bases" (A Crisis in Life), Edrie LaBare. "The Rattlesnake Curve" (A Strong Arm), Jacob Richardson. "Three Men on Bases and Two Outs" (Turning Failure Into Success), Adelle Link. "The Sacrifice Hit" (For the Good of Another), Myrtle Larson. "A Home Run" (Fruits of Effort), Fannie Cooper. "Playing Safe" (Right Kind of Life), Carl Muhr. "How Shall I Score" (Success in My School), Miss Walker. "Our Team" (Our Class), Lois Payne.



SENATOR HARRY LANE

Oregon's junior senator, who died in a San Francisco hospital Wednesday night. Death resulted from a nervous breakdown following stirring war session. Senator Lane was a native of Oregon and was born at Corvallis, August 28, 1855, and was in his 62nd year. He was long prominent in Oregon politics, serving two terms as mayor of Portland, one term as superintendent of the State Insane Asylum and one term as United States senator. He leaves a wife and two daughters.