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MANY PRIZES OFFERED FOR SCHOOL EXHIBITS WILL BE FAIR FEATURE

Fair Board Offers Attractive Prizes to Encourage County Schools.

The Columbia County Fair board met recently and perfected arrangements for some needed improvements and additions at the fair grounds...

The matter of selecting competent judges was taken up and several appointments made which will give satisfaction to all exhibitors.

The fair board wants to impress upon the citizens of the county that the fair belongs to the county and not to the fair board...

In arranging exhibits and awards, the schools of the county have been given a very prominent part, and they are expected to make a splendid showing.

For the best school exhibit, based on premiums, the school scoring the highest point will be given a \$10 picture, and the second best exhibit gets a \$5 picture.

MORE TRAINS WILL STOP AT ST. HELENS

C. A. Vermillion, superintendent and R. H. Crozier, assistant general passenger agent of the S. P. & S. railroad, were in St. Helens Tuesday on matters connected with the operation of the railroad system...

oral of the most pleasant hours at the beach. Mr. Crozier stated that his company wished to develop the beach business as much as possible, and he hoped the St. Helens people would take the opportunity to visit Seaside since the company has made the concession as to train service.

CIVIL SERVICE SEEKS MORE FIELD CLERKS

The United States civil service commission announces that a forest and field clerk examination will be held in Portland August 18, to fill several vacancies existing and future vacancies in the position of forest clerk (male) and to fill vacancies in the position of clerk (male and female) in other branches of the field service.

Application blank and information for applicants may be obtained from the local secretary, board of civil service examiners, at the postoffice, in Portland, or from the secretary, 11th civil service district, 303 post-office building, Seattle, Wash.

ATTENDS EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE

Rev. A. S. Hisey returned on the noon train Tuesday, after a week spent at Jefferson in attendance at the fifth annual session of the Oregon State Epworth League which was held in that city beginning July 23. The institute was held in a large grove alongside the Santiam river.

Rev. Hisey stated that the league closed with a round of religious services on Sunday, the day's services beginning with an old-fashioned Methodist love feast. He was enthusiastic as to the accomplishments of the league and thought much good would come of the meeting.

I. W. W. GET PRISON TERMS AT KLAMATH

Twenty-one alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World, arrested at Klamath Falls following the burning of Martin Brothers' flour mill recently, pleaded guilty to vagrancy charges Tuesday and were given sentences ranging from thirty days to six months imprisonment.

Two other prisoners were sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve ten days in jail for contempt of court, and two others pleaded not guilty and asked for jury trials.

Recently Governor Withycombe recommended that the men be given long sentences to insure the safety of the grain crops, which will be harvested while they are confined. The officials may put the men on the rockpile.

NEW ARMY NEEDS 24,000 DOCTORS

Fully 24,000 physicians, or two out of every nine of military age in the country, will be needed by the new American armies, the war department has announced, in addition to 20,000 enlisted men who must be secured for the medical corps.

WORK PROGRESSES AT SOMARSTROM PLANT

Forty Men Are Now at Work—Force to Be Increased.

If one visits the Somarstrom ship-building plant at Columbia City he will come away convinced that the firm means business and will have a plant capable of handling big business. The dock is now almost completed and a warehouse is being built on it.

A force of forty men is now employed and officials of the company, state they will be in a position to put on many additional men within a short time.

The ways on which the four government ships will be built will be laid within the coming thirty days, and Columbia City will be the base of a great industrial activity.

Many of the men who are working at the Somarstrom plant have been with the company for a number of years and came to St. Helens from Oakland, Cal., so the nucleus of the large crew which will be employed are all experienced men.

A shipment of machinery for the yard is being assembled at the Oakland plant and will soon be shipped to Columbia City.

COAST ARTILLERY IS MOBILIZED

Twelve Oregon Companies Now in Camp at Fort Stevens.

Twelve companies constituting the Oregon Coast Artillery are now at Fort Stevens. Every unit that entrained Sunday had its full strength and the special trains held in readiness for them lost no time in delivering the soldier boys at the government fort at the mouth of the Columbia. The companies that constitute the artillery corps are First company, Ashland; Second and Third companies, Eugene; Fourth company, Roseburg; Fifth, Albany; Sixth, Cottage Grove; Seventh, Medford; Eighth, Portland; Ninth, Astoria; Tenth, Tillamook; Eleventh, Marshfield, and Twelfth, Hood River.

Virgil Hattan, of St. Helens, is a member of one of the Eugene companies and went with his company to Fort Stevens. Walden Dillard is also a member of the same company, but in the ordnance department, and he has not yet been called to report.

FIRE WEATHER WARNING BULLETIN

The fire weather warning for today and tomorrow is "Pressure conditions favorable for a spell of two days of rising temperature with moderate westerly winds shifting to northerly, which will increase fire hazard. Suggest extra caution be taken."

Remember, don't burn slashings before October 1 without getting a permit from a fire warden. The weather bulletin adds this note of caution: "Stop and think before you toss away a match or leave a camp fire, for forest fires destroy valuable property and menace life and permanently remove a field of labor."

So far this summer Columbia county has been fortunate in not having many destructive forest fires, and this can be attributed to the excellent fire patrol system and also to the fact that people are getting educated to the safety first rules as to camp fires and aiding government and state officials in avoiding forest fires.

FAIR PLANNED FOR KELSO

The Boys' and Girls' Club of Kelso is taking steps toward holding a local fair September 15, preceding the county fair at Woodland, for the purpose of a thorough display of the work that has been done by the boys and girls. Ostrander, Lexington, Carrolls, Shanghai and other rural communities adjacent to Kelso will be invited to participate, and the ribbon winners here will be taken to the Woodland fair.

DRAFT NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED

Ninety-Eight Are Called for Examination.

The registration board was busy Thursday checking up the draft list and mailing notices to the 98 men who Uncle Sam designated in the draft. All the notices were mailed Thursday night and should be in the hands of the men in a few days.

It is the purpose of the board to hasten the work all possible, so they have secured the circuit court room for examinations, and Dr. Ross will secure the services of some other physician to aid him in the physical examination.

It is hardly probable that the county's quota, viz. 49 men, will be secured from the 98 drawn, as many of the registration cards show that exemptions are claimed. In case the quota is not drawn, then the next, or third lot of numbers drawn will be checked up and more men summoned for examination.

The list of names and numbers published in the last issue of the Mist is correct and for that reason we are not republishing it this week.

NEW AUTO LAW NOW IN EFFECT

Eyes of State Officials Now Rest on Careless Drivers.

The new state automobile law went into effect on August 1. It is said that the new law contains but few major changes from the old one, and where it conflicts with city ordinances the city's law is paramount. The rules of the road have been strengthened, one of the most important changes being that slow moving vehicles must keep to the right and give way to faster moving vehicles. It is apparent that this provision is aimed at the road hog.

I. W. W. FAIL IN RAINIER

The I. W. W. have made some attempts to close mills and camps in this vicinity, but without success. The Rainier city marshal has given them no chance to tarry. Whenever a suspicious character is found about any of the mills or camps, he is ordered to move and he usually obeys. Men receive big wages here and are satisfied and want no one to interfere with them.

NO NEW DEPOT FOR US THIS YEAR

St. Helens people cannot expect to have a new depot this year, although the S. P. & S. officials state they would like to build one. C. A. Vermillion, superintendent of the S. P. & S., stated to us that on account of the war and the high prices of everything needed in the operation of their system, the company has decided to make no improvements that were not absolutely necessary. In order to serve the government well, a vast sum of money will be needed for equipment and additional rolling stock, and in common with other railroad systems throughout the United States, this item would be given first consideration.

the transcontinental lines are being called on to perform, so it can be readily seen that the railroads have a difficult problem to solve when they undertake to transport the thousands of soldiers and hundreds of tons of supplies that are necessary for the troops called into service.

A MOTORCYCLE WEDDING TRIP

James E. Hook and Miss Laura Hankin, of Portland, were united in marriage late Monday night, Rev. Taylor officiating. The young couple rode from Portland on the groom's motorcycle and after the ceremony was performed returned to their Portland home.

Mr. Hook came to the city hall while the council was in session and inquired where he could secure a license and also someone authorized to perform a marriage ceremony. Both Ed. Ballagh and Tom White offered to tie the nuptial knot, but White being president of the council Ballagh retired in his favor. Joe Day looked up the law and while finding that White occupied a very prominent position in the city's government and had some authority, there was nothing in the city charter giving him authority to take the minister's job away from him, so after Reese Hall had been aroused from his slumbers and had handed out the necessary joy papers, the young couple were taken to Rev. Taylor's residence and made man and wife.

OREGON PIONEER VISITS ST. HELENS

Crossed the Plains in 1845 and Settled in Oregon.

Jabez Wilkes, accompanied by his wife, were in St. Helens Tuesday en route to their home in Hillsboro. They had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ketch near Deer Island and stopped here to see E. E. Quick, an old-time friend. Mr. Wilkes, who is 85 years old and hale and hearty, is one of Oregon's most interesting characters. Crossing the plains in 1845 with his mother and father, they located on a claim where the town of Banks now stands. When he arrived in Oregon the most important town in the state was Oregon City, and he states that many of the settlers would drive 40 to 50 miles to get their supplies in that city and have their wheat ground. At that time the territory now embraced by Tillamook, Columbia, Clatsop, Clackamas and Multnomah counties was all one county, and according to Mr. Wilkes had so few people that it couldn't really be called a county. In 1865, at the time of the outbreak of the Yakima and Walla Walla Indians, Mr. Wilkes volunteered and served in the campaign against the murderous Redskins. The big battle between the 1,500 Indians and the government regulars under Colonel Nesmith and the volunteers under Colonel Cornelius was fought near the present site of Yakima, Wash., and the Indians were defeated with a great loss. The day before the battle a detachment of 112 volunteers, of which Mr. Wilkes was one, was sent up the valley to meet a body of Indians, and while they were gone the larger body of Indians swooped down on the regulars and defeated them. The next morning, when reinforced by the volunteers, an attack was made on the Redskins. Our soldiers suffered the loss of only a few men, though, as Mr. Wilkes expressed it, "bullets were flying thicker than hornets."

Mr. Wilkes is a staunch republican and was a member of the first committee called together for drafting the platform of the party in Washington county. His home place is a large one, half of it lying in the city limits of Hillsboro, and he states that he is pretty well known in Washington, for he has lived there "off and on" for seventy years. He and Mrs. Wilkes, after a short visit here, left by boat for Portland, as the aged couple wanted to see a little of the Columbia river.

CONTRACTS ARE LET FOR STATE ROADS

TOTAL SUM IS \$271,133.00

Much Grading Work Will Be Done for Columbia County.

At its meeting Monday the state highway commission let five contracts for grading of the state highways, the total being \$271,133. The five contracts are for work on the Lower and Upper river highway and two of the contracts let were for work in Columbia county. A. L. Clark, of Rainier, secured the contract for grading two miles on Rainier hill at a price of \$11,880.50. There were several other bids on this job but Clark was \$700 lower than his closest competitor.

The commission decided to pave the important trunk roads 16 feet wide instead of 12 feet, as provided in contracts awarded a short time ago. The contractors will be paid the same as arranged under the contracts but the length of the road paved will be correspondingly less. The loss of paving mileage caused in this manner will be made up for the present with gravel, which will make a good foundation later on for pavement.

People of St. Helens hoped that while the commissioners were making awards for road work that some award would be made for the paving of the road through Columbia county, as the commissioners had promised some paving would be done this summer, but evidently they are not yet ready to begin this work.

Contractors regard the bids awarded to the successful bidders as especially low considering the wages now paid for common labor. Mr. Clark will soon be ready to undertake his contract, as he has just about completed his work on the Clatskanie-Mist road and can move his outfit to Rainier.

The work of the Goble hill is a very costly job and much rock work will have to be done. When the road is straightened out at that place it will do away with the dangerous curve and steep grade which automobilists have so dreaded. The old bridge will also be done away with, and the road from St. Helens to Rainier, after the rough spots near Prescott are smoothed over, will be in very good condition.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Building Permits Granted—Other Business Acted On.

The city council met in regular session Monday night with all members present. A number of citizens were in attendance with requests for street work, or other city affairs.

The question of the discontinuance of the steam heating system of the mill company was presented to the council by Messrs. Morgus and Blakesley, and a motion was made and carried that the matter be taken up with the public service commission of the state of Oregon.

The matter of a license to be imposed on all jitneys and automobiles operated for hire was taken up and discussed, and the council thought some action should be taken. It was referred to E. I. Ballagh.

In the matter of cleaning the paved streets, the mayor was instructed to have the work done and also get a small street cleaning cart.

An ordinance requiring and directing the city to purchase all of that portion of the Strand between the easterly end of St. Helens street and the tide land in front of said street was read the first and second times.

Building permits were issued to Mrs. Hattie Veazie for a private garage and to L. R. Rutherford for a tile building.

Other matters of general routine business were taken up and disposed of and several bills which had been laid over, after corrections, were ordered paid.