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ROAD PATROLMEN APPOINTED BY COURT ONLY TWO CHANGES

County Court Makes Appointments of Men Who Will Build Roads.

At its regular session last week the county court appointed the road patrolmen, or foremen, who will serve during the coming year. Only two changes were made. Henry Rickman succeeded F. Burnham in District No. 7 and Jim Hill took the place of Edlin Peterson in District No. 8. Districts Nos. 1 and 2, which are the Scappoose and Warren districts, and No. 10, Spitzenberg district, were all put under the supervision of George Grant, of Scappoose. He will be the general overseer of the work in these districts but foremen or patrolmen will be appointed by him in each district and will probably be the same parties who were supervisors during the past year. U. W. Clark will have charge of District No. 3 and the new district, No. 12, which is the St. Helens district. The newly formed district, No. 11, which is Sauvie Island, will also be looked after by Mr. Grant. Following is the list of those appointed and their districts:

- Districts Nos. 1, 2, 10 and 11—George Grant.
 - District Nos. 3 and 12—U. W. Clark.
 - District No. 4—John Burns.
 - Districts Nos. 5 and 13—F. Anliker.
 - Districts Nos. 6 and 14—T. J. Flippin.
 - Districts Nos. 7 and 15—Henry Rickman.
 - District No. 8—Jim Hill.
 - Districts Nos. 9 and 16—T. B. Mills.
- The court considers itself fortunate in securing the services of these men, all of whom are experienced roadbuilders and who have given general satisfaction in the county's road building.

MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Officers Are Elected—Report Made of Last Year's Work.

The regular meeting of the St. Helens Woman's Club was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Day. A discussion and roll call on "Food Conservation" was taken up first.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- Mrs. L. L. Baker, reelected president; Mrs. Thompson, vice president; Mrs. L. R. Rutherford, secretary; Mrs. H. J. Southerd, reelected treasurer. Mrs. Grace Graham was elected to membership.

The club may be congratulated upon the successful year just ended. Aside from the benefit received by themselves from the study they have taken up, they have given to the library nearly \$150 besides much time and thought; also have advanced \$22.50 for magazines for the coming year. Late in the year the club joined the State Federation, although it is to be regretted that none of the members were able to go to Prineville for the annual federation meeting. The state president, Mrs. C. H. Castner, is also state chairman of the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense. She has appointed Mrs. L. L. Baker as county chairman. The club voted some time ago to take up and help this branch of service.

The new library board was appointed at the annual meeting. This board will handle all library business independent of the club, but accounting to the city council instead. The board consists of six members, to hold office one, two and three years. Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Sten, Mrs. Ellison, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Baker. The next meeting of the club will be held January 22, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Brown, with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Dolehal. The roll call will be responded to with good war-time recipes so there should be a good supply of note books and pencils. The program will consist of "Argentine and Its Capital," Mrs. Isbister; "South American Women and Home Life," Mrs. Day, and the reading of the state president's address.

NEW THEATRE FOR ST. HELENS SOON

Contract is Awarded and Work to Begin at Once.

St. Helens is to have another theatre. L. R. Rutherford has awarded a contract to Christian Spies, a Portland contractor, for the erection of a theatre building 35x102 feet. The theatre will be built in the rear of the Rutherford block on Columbia street, and entrance will be from Columbia street. Hollow tile will be used in the construction of the building, so that it will be fireproof. A stage 18x24 with ample scenery and setting will be provided, in the event that the show house books attractions other than the movies. The contract price of the building is \$4,000, and it is expected to have it ready for occupancy in sixty days. The seating capacity of the show house will be 425, and steam heat and a good ventilating system will make the place comfortable.

E. A. CROUSE SUFFERS A PAINFUL INJURY

While engaged at his work as millwright at the mill Tuesday morning, E. A. Crouse suffered a painful injury when he fell from the scaffolding on which he was working. Though the fall was only a few feet he was considerably bruised and several ribs were broken. Temporary relief was given by Dr. Peel, and the injured man was sent to a Portland hospital on the afternoon train. A recent message from the hospital is to the effect that Mr. Crouse was resting as easily as could be expected and that no serious consequences would result from the accident.

DR. C. E. CARROLL VISITS ST. HELENS

Dr. C. E. Carroll, who is now employed by the bureau of surveys of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal church, spent a few hours in St. Helens Saturday afternoon, looking over the local situation and renewing old-time memories with Rev. Hisey, the pastor of the local church. Dr. Carroll is engaged in making a survey of the Pacific coast to determine the needs of this extensive and growing field for churches and other equipment. His work is a part of the campaign that the Methodist church is making in its efforts to minister the needs of our great country which have been vastly expanded on account of the world war. Dr. Carroll and Mr. Hisey were friends in the east several years ago and both were delighted to meet again and renew old-time acquaintances.

HOTEL PROPOSED AT SHIPYARD

Because of the fact that they need more men at their shipbuilding yard and that suitable accommodations are hard to secure, the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company plans to erect a hotel or apartment house on Sauvie Island, adjoining their plant. Plans submitted by the architect call for a three-story frame building, with a large dining room, lounging room and lobby. A card and billiard room is also provided for as well as other additions which will make the place more attractive and homelike for those who live in the hotel. When interviewed, H. F. McCormick, manager of the company, said that he could not give out any definite statement but admitted that such plans were under consideration by the company.

Mississippi First to Ratify
Fifteen minutes after the subject was presented to them in the governor's message, both houses of the Mississippi legislature ratified the proposed prohibition amendment to the United States constitution. Only eight dissenting votes were cast. The Mississippi legislature was the first to act on the amendment.

G. E. Farnsworth, in charge of the Nehalem road work, was in St. Helens Thursday. He is now with the state highway commission and will check up the right of ways, locations, etc., of the highway route from Scappoose to Deer Island, along the west side route.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT ON HARBOR WORK

ENGINEER'S REPORT IN Contemplated Work Might Injure Main Channel, is Contentious.

Mayor Ballagh has received a communication from the board of engineers for rivers and harbors relative to the proposed deepening of the channel at Nigger creek. The report states: The required examination was made by the district engineer and pursuant to favorable recommendations, a survey was authorized. The report was favorable for the improvement and recommended the dredging and maintenance of a channel 300 feet wide and 25 feet deep at low water through the bar just below the town at an estimated cost of \$6,500 for the first construction and \$1,000 annually for the maintenance. The board at Washington, however, does not approve of this for the following reasons:

First—The enlargement of this channel would tend to divert the water from the main channel of the Columbia river to the possible injury of that channel.

Second—The improvement would be in the nature of a short auxiliary channel for local use and the government thinks St. Helens should do the work.

Third—The need of the improvement does not appear urgent as there is now a dependable depth of 19 feet at low water and about 22 feet at mean high tide which, according to the government board will permit the use of lumber carrying vessels of fair capacity.

Thirty days time for a review of the matter is allowed before its final disposition, and accordingly Mayor Ballagh has interested the commercial club in the matter and steps will be taken to have another hearing. Congressman Hawley, who was largely instrumental in getting the initial work done, has been appealed to and he has given his assurance that the matter will again be brought to the attention of the government board. So it is possible that the improvement recommended by the engineer will yet be granted.

THANKS TO RED CROSS AND HONOR GUARD

Training Camp Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Wash., Dec. 31, 1917.

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To the Editor of the Mist:
Dear Sir: Would you kindly convey my thanks, through your paper, to the members of the Girls' Honor Guard and members of the Red Cross of St. Helens for their kind remembrance of the boys Thanksgiving and Christmas. I was glad to see the interest people are taking in Red Cross work; every man, woman and child has a duty to perform in this war; you or your son may be the next one to go. It is not only the ones that leave home to fight, but the one's that can't go that can fight at home in the interest of the Red Cross now is the time to loosen up; get a Red Cross flag and button, and show that your patriotism is above your dollars.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. WELLINGTON,
C. B. M. U. S. N.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INSTALL OFFICERS

Avon Lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias, installed the following officers Tuesday night:

- C. C.—Eugene Blakesley.
 - V. C.—R. C. Burgess.
 - Prelate—Robert Dixon.
 - M. of W.—A. J. Peel.
 - K. of R. & S.—E. I. Ballagh.
 - M. of E.—A. L. Stone.
 - M. of A.—Rees R. Hall.
 - I. G.—James Rowley.
 - O. G.—C. D. Sutherland.
 - C. D.—Sutherland, deputy grand chancellor, was the installing officer.
- On the 18th inst. Leslie E. Crouch, grand chancellor for the domain of Oregon, and Walter E. Gleason, grand keeper of R. & S., will pay the annual visit to the lodge. It is expected that many knights from other points in Columbia county will attend the meeting to meet the high officials of the K. of P. lodge.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

MUCH WORK AHEAD

Large Subscriptions Made for St. Helens-Columbia City Road.

L. R. Rutherford is the newly elected president of the St. Helens Commercial Club, and Rees R. Hall, secretary. The former was elected at a regular meeting of the club Thursday, January 3, and the latter was elected last night. They succeeded H. E. Cornthwaite and Dick Lillard, who have served for more than a year. The selection meets with



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general approval and the club is satisfied that the new officers will enter into their duties with a determination to accomplish much for the welfare of the city.

At the meeting Thursday night, suggestions were made as to the best way of raising funds to aid in the building of the St. Helens-Columbia City road. After much discussion it was decided to make a canvass of the business men of the city and also those who are interested in the construction of the road and see how much could be raised. A committee consisting of J. T. Taber, J. H. Thatcher, Sherman Miles and E. I. Ballagh was appointed to work St. Helens, and Messrs. Murphy and Sommarstrom, of the shipbuilding concerns in the lower yards, were appointed to look after the matter in their end of the territory.



REES R. HALL

The list in St. Helens was freely signed, the first seven signing the paper putting their names down for \$100 each. Several \$50 contributions were made and quite a few signed up for \$25. Those who did not feel able to give so much signed up for \$15, \$10 and \$5, and the list now totals \$2,000 or more. It is understood that a considerable amount can also be raised at Columbia City. A portion of the road is in the city limits and the city dads will look after that, and it is understood that the county court will aid as much as possible. A complete estimate of what the road will cost will soon be prepared by Roadmaster Abry, and probably at the next meeting of the county court some definite action will be taken towards getting the road under way.

The cost of the road has been variously estimated at from \$6,800 to \$9,000, but whatever it costs it will be worth that much to both Columbia City and St. Helens.

JITNEYS MUST PAY A CITY LICENSE

Many Business Matters Before Council on First Meeting of Year.

The meeting of the city council, the first one in 1918, was a very busy one. The minutes of the last meeting were read and after slight corrections were approved.

J. S. Momy appeared before the council in reference to connecting up with the main sewer near his residence. He claimed that the sewer was not accessible to his property. The matter was referred to the street committee for investigation.

In the matter of franchises for automobiles operated for hire, the petition of John F. Johnson for an exclusive franchise on the St. Helens-depot run was denied, but he was granted a franchise to operate a passenger bus for hire, the consideration being \$20 per quarter. Applications were received from Mrs. Karth, Lloyd McAbay and H. J. Southard for franchises to operate jitneys for hire, and permits were granted. W. C. Morley was granted a franchise for the operation of a freight truck. The council decided that the quarterly license fees for operating for hire cars should be as follows: For five-passenger cars, \$7.50; for seven-passenger cars, \$10, and cars the capacity of which is 12 people, \$15. Cars carrying more than 12 people will have to pay \$20.

Dr. L. G. Ross, city health officer, appeared before the council in reference to compelling persons living near sewers and in established sewer districts, to connect with the sewer. The recorder was instructed to notify such parties to have their premises connected with the sewer.

The Woman's Club made the request that they be paid \$25 each month instead of having the sum paid them in semi-annual installments. The council agreed to do this and the recorder was instructed to issue a city warrant each month.

The usual monthly bills were allowed and other business transacted.

NOTES OF THE RED CROSS

Better Attendance is Requested by the Officers.

The St. Helens Red Cross branch has moved from the Guild hall to rooms on the second floor of the bank building, and the rooms are open every afternoon. A leader is appointed each afternoon, but some of the ladies are somewhat discouraged at the small attendance. Some afternoons only a few members have been present to aid in the work, and the Red Cross ladies, not wishing to be called shirkers, are anxious that more members attend and more work be done. The following were in attendance on the days mentioned:

- Thursday—Mrs. Isbister and Mrs. Monish.
- Friday—Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Southard.
- Saturday—Mrs. Disney, Mrs. Monish, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Troyer, Miss Ketel, Miss Matthews, Mrs. Colt, Mrs. Vogel, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Wilson.
- Monday—Mrs. Seabre, Mrs. Coats, Mrs. Ketel, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Dillard, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Scorer and Mrs. Isbister.
- Tuesday—Mrs. McKie and Mrs. Scott.
- Wednesday—Mrs. Akin, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Broughton, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Troyer, Mrs. Monish, Mrs. Ashby, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Southard and Mrs. Wilson.

CLEARING HOUSE

Washington.—Establishment of a clearing house for the woman labor of the nation, under the supervision of Secretary of Labor Wilson was announced here today. The principal function of the bureau will be the task of recruiting women to fill the ranks of the industrial army wherever men are released for military duties.

VISITORS' DAY

Today is visitors' day at the public schools throughout the county. St. Helens school officials desire all parents and friends of the pupils to visit the schools.

CONTRACTS FOR EIGHT SHIPS ARE AWARDED

FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Will Be Built at Columbia City Shipyards.

The United States government has let contracts for the construction of eight more wooden steamers to the yards at Columbia City. The International Shipbuilding Company will build four of these vessels and the Sommarstrom people four. The type of vessel to be built by the International company is the Ferris design. The dimensions are to be 281 feet long and 45 feet beam, with a carrying capacity of 3,500 tons. The vessels to be built by the Sommarstrom people are the Hough model, and will be the same size as the Ferris type.

George E. Murphy, assistant manager of the International yard, states that they will soon lay the keels for two of the boats and work will be rushed. The contract calls for completion of all four boats within eight months. At the Sommarstrom yards, two more ways have been made and keels for two vessels will soon be laid. This will make six vessels on the ways at this yard for the government.

The International people are planning on building a large hotel at Columbia City to provide accommodations for the 250 employees who will soon be at work. Sommarstrom is building more cottages and hotel accommodations to better care for his 400 men. When the work begins at the International plant there will be about 650 men employed at the two yards in Columbia City. More than 400 are employed at the yards of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company at the present and more men will soon be added to the payroll.

NEW LOGGING CAMP WILL SOON START

Will Be Located Near Columbia City.

W. H. Ellwood was in St. Helens Tuesday making arrangements for the opening of a logging camp several miles west of Columbia City. The timber belongs to James Brodie of Portland, and there is contained in the tract to be logged between six and seven million feet of fine fir and cedar timber. Mr. Ellwood states that he hopes to have the camp going by the end of this month. The logs will be hauled by auto truck to Columbia City and dumped in the river there. The old railroad grade of the Peninsula Logging Company will be used and most of this road is in very good condition at the present time. About two miles of planing will be necessary and two small bridges will have to be built before operations will begin. A part of the crew has been obtained, and they are men living in the vicinity of where the timber is located. Two donkey engines will be used and 20 men employed, and Mr. Ellwood thinks the output, at the start, will be around 20,000 feet per day.

The timber to be logged adjoins the ranch of H. G. Smith, and government experts who have examined it encouraged Mr. Brodie to log it immediately, as the government is in urgent need of such high grade timber. While not so large an outfit as some located near St. Helens, the pay roll, which will be about \$2,500 per month, will be of benefit to this town and a great help to the employees of the company, who, as stated, live in the vicinity of the proposed operations.

NINE NEW HOUSES MAY BE BUILT

On god authority, the Mist learns that a certain party in St. Helens will probably build at least nine new houses this spring. The dwellings will be modern and cost from \$1,200 to \$1,500 each, and will be built on property a short distance from the center of the city. Full arrangements have not been made, but the party is negotiating for the property, in fact has it under option, and it is almost sure that he will construct the residences and rent them to some of the newcomers who are clamoring for houses.