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BUDGET OF EXPENSES UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

MEETING HARMONIOUS

All in Favor of Good Roads and Vote for Budget Prepared by Court

The budget meeting was held at the court house Saturday afternoon, December 28. Only twenty people were present when County Judge Morton called the meeting to order.

After some preliminary sparring, Glen Metsker moved that the budget be adopted as read. The motion was seconded, and then some discussion followed.

A resolution (which was not signed) was then read by County Clerk Hunt. The resolution was to the effect that the county court set aside 50 per cent of the district road tax for the purpose of hard-surfacing roads and that they buy or rent a paving plant.

C. C. Cassatt, Glen R. Metsker, Commissioner Weed and others made talks favoring permanent highway work, but those present seemed to get no further toward the solution of the matter.

It was very noticeable that Judge-elect Fullerton and Martin White, contestant for the judgeship office, both spoke in favor of spending money for roads.

The road levy this year is 10 mills and means approximately \$95,000 will be expended on roads in the following districts:

The balance, which amounts to \$40,978.45 goes into the General Road Fund and will be expended on bridges, maintenance and repairs.

The meeting was very harmonious and it seemed that those present came to act for the good of the county, instead of, as has been the case heretofore, knock down the taxes to the expense of the county's development.

View of the Waterfront Portion of St. Helens



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECURES QUARTERS

Room in Hewitt Building Used by War Work Drive Taken Over

The St. Helens Chamber of Commerce has secured permanent quarters. They are located in the Hewitt building and in the store room formerly occupied by the Toggery, but more recently by the United War Work Campaign committee.

It is thought that it will be possible to have D. C. Howard, county agricultural agent, move his office to the quarters of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Howard has in his present office, many exhibits of the products of the county, and it is pointed out that no better place could be secured for their exhibit than in the Chamber of Commerce headquarters.

There seems to be no doubt as to the success of this new commercial body. The merchants and business men are enthusiastic over the plans and will aid in the maintenance of the club which is expected to accomplish much for the development of St. Helens and surrounding country.

MANY GOING TO HIGHWAY MEETING

Columbia County Will be Well Represented at Meeting

According to plans formulated, many Columbia county citizens will attend the meeting of the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland, January 7th. One of the questions before the commission will be the grading and partly paving of the road between Scappoose and Deer Island.

In many instances, delegations from other portions of Oregon have appeared before the commission, and after presenting their claims, have been given recognition, and it is hoped that a considerable number from Columbia county will be at the meeting on the seventh. It is understood that the commission plan to do some work, but it is pointed out that the larger the delegation which attends the meeting and shows interest in Columbia county affairs, the more likely is Columbia to get the appropriation to which she is entitled.

NEW YEAR IS USHERED IN

Lack of Noise is Noticeable When 1919 is Ushered In

The old man, 1919, went out on time and the youngster, 1919, took his place, but so little noise or celebration was there in St. Helens, that the peaceful slumbers of those who did not watch the old year out and the new year in, were not disturbed.

Formerly, the city and surrounding country were awakened by the deep toned whistle of the mill and the ringing of the church bells. But this year, it was different. Bob Cole, who usually hangs on to the whistle cord either forgot to pull it or did not care about the job, and the youngsters who take much pleasure pulling the bell rope, forgot that there were church bells in St. Helens.

THE APIARY SECTION NEEDS BETTER ROADS

PIONEER SETTLEMENT

Development of Fertile Section Retarded for Lack of Roads

The Apary section of Columbia county, but it is not being developed because of a lack of roads. Comparatively little progress has been made since the first settler, some thirty years ago, settled in that section.

The editor of the Mist has often heard of Apary. He had a vague idea that it was somewhere back of Rainier and that some people lived there, and it was a settlement somewhere in Columbia county.

Apary is southwest of Rainier—about 9 miles. Leaving Rainier one passes the schoolhouse and through the north residence portion of the city and leaving the highway turns to the left. A long pull up a long hill for about 1 1/2 miles and then you are in the farming section.

All along the road, one sees little farms and ranches which the pioneer has made. Ten years ago, thick timber was on the ground, but now all that remains to remind one of the former forest are hundreds and hundreds of blackened stumps, and now then a cleared patch with a modest home in the center of it.

After logging for several miles over a miserable and narrow road, up hill and down hill, the road leads through a beautiful forest. It is a portion of the Benson Timber company's holdings and a magnificent body of timber.

Emerging from the forest, Apary, or a part of it, is before you. It is a beautiful valley, hemmed in by two divides. A new and up-to-date schoolhouse building first draws one's attention. The schoolhouse was built several years ago and shows that the people in the Apary section, even though there be comparatively few of them, want and will have educational facilities.

In the valley are many farms. The land is rich and productive and considering the handicaps under which the farmers have worked, they have accomplished wonders. There is a postoffice in Apary and W. A. (Apary) Brown is the postmaster.

Apary is directly west of Goble, and the old road which goes by Apary, makes a circle and eventually and in a round-about way comes back to Goble. This road, however, is impassable, except in the summer time.

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RED CROSS DRIVE FOR MEMBERSHIP

COLUMBIA STANDS AMONG FIRST COUNTIES IN OREGON IN MEMBERSHIP

Columbia county is accustomed to doing things just as they should be done, especially in war work drives and drives allied with war work.

The following persons have collected and delivered to the chairman for St. Helens, the following amounts for membership in the Red Cross for the year 1919:

Table listing names and amounts for Red Cross membership, including Misses Alice and Agnes Quick, Mesdames Southard and George, Mesdames Crouse and Atkins, etc.

Total \$1020.50

RECONSTRUCTION CONVENTION

The Reconstruction convention will be held in Portland, January 9, 10 and 11th. The convention is being held for the purpose of bringing together the business and labor interests of Oregon and to formulate a program for the handling of labor and development problems during the period of reconstruction and readjustment.

Letters of invitation have been sent to the leaders of every branch of activity in the state. City and county officials, members of the legislature and Federal officials from Washington, D. C., who are in touch with the problems to be considered, will be among those attending.

The good old stork did not pass St. Helens just because the New Year was here. He paused at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Denie and left with the happy parents, twin boys. He visited the Dennie residence just 20 minutes after the New Year was ushered in and while the boys, who weigh 8 pounds and 7 1/2 respectively, have this 20 minute handicap, it is probable they will catch up with the youngster of 1919.

WARREN DAIRY SCHOOL SUCCESS

The two days dairy school conducted by Professor E. B. Fitts of the O. A. C., and E. L. Westover of the U. S. department of agriculture in conjunction with the O. A. C., and under the auspices of County Agricultural Agent Howard, at Warren, was a decided and interesting success, as it was something out of the usual generally allowed to the farmers.

The lantern slide lecture on Monday evening was of exceptional interest. All the indications of good or poor points being explained by County Agent Howard. The dairy industry was very thoroughly exploited in all its phases. Prof. Fitts going into the results obtained at the Corvallis O. A. C., giving in detail all the different feeds used for animals to produce food for mankind.

Mr. Westover, in summing up the dairy cows and the profit of good stock said "looking after the little details of ones business when it is small is one of the main factors which aids in developing it to a large and successful enterprise. This may be applied especially to the dairy interests. There is no animal in the farm where there is so much variation in return per dollar's worth of feed, as the dairy cow and besides the dairy cow is the most efficient animal on the farm."

"That is, she will return a larger amount of edible food per hundred pounds of feed eaten than any other animal. The dairy cow has been developed from an animal that barely produced enough milk for her calf, until today we have several cows that give 30,000 pounds of milk per year and all the principal dairy herds have cows that produce over 1000 pounds of butter per year."

"We say that a cow producing 300 pounds of butterfat per year is more profitable than one producing 200 pounds. She is if she will produce it under the same conditions. Tests showing the difference in feed for the two classes proved that the cow giving 300 pounds was fed \$6.78 less feed per year than the one producing 200 pounds, with the same amount of labor attached. This shows and proves to the dairyman that a dairy cow must be properly fed and taken care of if they produce results."

The school adjourned to meet next year at Warren, as it was a very successful affair.

FULLERTON TAKES OFFICE JANUARY 6

Will Hold Until Contest Case is Decided in Courts

W. J. Fullerton, county judge-elect, will assume the duties of his office on Monday, January 6th, and hold the office until the courts decide that he is not judge. Judge Eskin will hear the arguments of White and Fullerton as to whether or not a recount should be allowed, in the week of January 6th. If a recount is ordered, it is probable that it will take some days to check the 1600 or more ballots which were cast in the last election.

Judge Morton was under the impression that Fullerton took office on January 1st, but after looking up the law, found that all elected officers take the office to which they have been elected on the first Monday in January. Monday comes on the 6th and county court met on the first, so the outgoing judge is presiding over the business of the county court, which is now in session.

The funeral of the late D. A. Beam was held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon, Rev. A. S. Hisey officiating. The body was taken to Albany, Oregon for interment, that city being deceased's former home.

NO QUORUM PRESENT NO COUNCIL MEETING

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS

Council Chamber Filled With Interested Spectators, but No Meeting

One of the largest crowds that has gathered in the city council chamber in many a day, was there Monday night to see and hear what the council would do, but they were doomed to disappointment as Councilman Allen was in Salem and Councilman Plummer was absent from the city, so all that could be done was to sit around and discuss matters informally.

A Distinguished Gathering

Seldom does such a distinguished gathering honor the council by its presence and the mayor was visibly affected at the indication of interest in the government of the city. Outside the railing, which separates the honorable body from the spectators, was a banker, a cashier of a bank, a county judge, a county judge-elect, a contestant for the office of county judge, a vice-president of a Chamber of Commerce, an executive secretary of a Chamber of Commerce, a county surveyor, a learned jurist, an exte-telephone magnate and extensive wheat grower and then several prominent business men. Inside the railing was the official stenographer who endeavors to keep track of the proceedings and the district attorney. If the council had met and discussed affairs of the city and acted upon them, they would have been able to secure advice from every angle, as about every occupation and profession was represented except the medical profession.

Mayor Reduces Police Force

Notwithstanding the fact that no meeting was held, some business was done, for the Mist is informed by Mayor Saxon that he had dispensed with the services of Assistant Chief of Police Blakesley. The services of Mr. Blakesley have been satisfactory, but as the mayor explained, no appropriation was made in the budget for two marshals and he expects the chief, George Potter, to so arrange affairs that he will do the street work, which heretofore has been done by Blakesley.

It is probable that the council will have a quorum next Monday night, it being the first meeting night in the New Year, and those who were disappointed at not hearing the proceedings, will have an opportunity to again manifest their interest in civic affairs and be on hand to aid the council with helpful suggestions.

ACCIDENT OCCURS ON STR. KLAMATH

An accident which terminated in the death of the injured man, occurred aboard the steamer Klamath, on her trip from San Francisco north. On the 25th of December at 11:30 a. m., the vessel was opposite Fort Bragg, California, which is about 130 miles from San Francisco. Captain Jamieson sounded the signal for a boat drill and the crew responded to the signal. Peter Lundquist, a sailor, was one of the crew to handle the starboard life boat aft. The boat, in swinging from the davit, smashed against the right hand of Lundquist and almost severed the thumb and badly crushed the hand. The injured man was suffering very much, so Captain Jamieson sent a wireless to Fort Bragg asking that a life boat be sent out to take the injured man ashore for medical attention. The Klamath hove to, and soon the life boat, manned by three men, came alongside. Lundquist was placed in the boat and the crew started for Fort Bragg, the Klamath continuing on her way to the Columbia.

Several hours afterwards, Captain Jamieson received a wireless from the McCormick company in San Francisco asking for full details as to the accident and the name and address of the injured man. The message said that after the life boat left the Klamath and just as it was nearing the shore, it capsized and Lundquist was drowned. The drowned man joined the Klamath at San Diego and it was his first trip aboard the vessel. Before signing on the Klamath, he sailed on the Wapama.

CREAMERY STOCK-HOLDERS TO MEET

The annual get-together meeting of the stockholders of the St. Helens Co-operative Creamery association will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at 10 o'clock a. m. The meeting will be held in the church parlors of the Methodist church. Lunch will be served at noon time.

Each year the creamery association hold a get-together meeting at which the stockholders and their families meet and talk over business affairs and have a kind of social affair also. The Mist has not been supplied with a program, but is informed that some well known speaker will address the meeting and there will be music and entertainment. The association has enjoyed a prosperous year and the stockholders are well pleased with the management of affairs.