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## KAUTZMAN CASE IS BEFORE COURT

### JURY IS BEING CHOSEN

Label Cases Against Columbia Herald Editor Now Being Tried

The cases of the State of Oregon vs. Ham Kautzman, editor of the Columbia Herald, is now in court. The case was called for 9:30 a. m., yesterday morning and the task of selecting a jury began.

A special venire of 12 men was asked for. The counsel for the defendant objected to Sheriff Stanwood selecting the jurors upon the ground that he was mentioned in one of the indictments. The court, thereupon appointed U. S. DeSpain, to summon the 12 men. The appointment of DeSpain was objected to by attorney U'ren, who stated that DeSpain was very unfriendly toward the defendant and had made remarks which savored of bodily harm toward the defendant. The court, nevertheless, appointed DeSpain to summon the special venire, evidently placing little credence in the statement of Mr. U'ren.

**Jurymen Closely Questioned**  
Attorney Robinson for the defense, closely examined each prospective jurymen. Especial scrutiny was given L. R. Rutherford and he was questioned as to his association and dealing with the district attorney. Attorney Robinson, it seemed, was endeavoring to try the case before the prospective jurymen, before they had been regularly empaneled. On several occasions, he was informed that his examination questions were entirely out of order, but he was smart enough to switch them in such a manner as to obtain the answer desired when the original question was asked. If the court had not ruled to the contrary, the attorney would have the case tried before a jury composed upon the evidence which will be introduced. Robinson is very keen and has an able assistant in U'ren.

**Jurymen Selected**  
The jurymen who had been passed for cause at 5 o'clock Thursday night were, R. C. King, Andrew Erickson, G. W. Jordan, H. O. Howland, Alexander Ask, Mike Jennings, L. R. Rutherford. Five more are to be selected and then the state has the preemptory challenges and the case six, so it is quite probable that another special venire will be summoned.

It is not thought that the jury will



UNITED STATES TRANSPORT, "NORTHERN PACIFIC" AND HER COMMANDER

The Northern Pacific went ashore on Fire Island, Long Island, Wednesday, January 1st. The transport was enroute from Brest, France to New York and carried 2480 American soldiers. All were safely taken off the transport. Efforts are now being made to save the stranded steamer. The Northern Pacific was formerly a Hill liner and ran between Flavel, Oregon and San Francisco. The steamer was completing her 20th trip between the U. S. and France when she went aground.

## ZIPPERER APPLIES FOR TELEPHONE FRANCHISE

City Council Passes on Regular Routine Matters of Business

The city council staged their regular performance Monday night. It was not so amusing as have been previous sessions.

The principal and most important matter to be brought to the attention of the city council was an application by J. L. Zipperer for the privilege to install and operate a phone line in St. Helens. The ordinance granting this right, was read for the first time, and as usual with the mayor, referred to some committee or another. Probably the ordinance will come up for a second reading next Monday night.

### Recorder Files Report

E. E. Quick, city recorder, filed his quarterly report for the period ending December 31st. The report, which follows, shows that the city received the sum of \$1830.24 during the three months ending December 31st, and during the same period, paid out \$1892.75, or in other words, approximately \$60 of a deficit was created. The report follows:

RECEIVED FROM	
War Tax	\$ 190.00
Fines	125.00
Licenses	164.12
Streets	36.00
Impounding fees	38.50
Sewer Assessments No. 2	247.50
Sewer Assessments No. 3	956.12
Rentals	70.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1830.24</b>

DISBURSEMENTS	
Insurance	93.31
Streets	7.25
Salaries	729.00
Miscellaneous	659.65
Fire Department	16.85
City Hall	28.45
Supplies	29.88
Printing	2.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1892.75</b>

The quarterly report of the treasurer which should show money on hand, outstanding warrants and in general, the financial condition of the city, was not submitted.

The recorder's report was referred to the finance committee to check over, and if found correct, approve, and report at the next meeting. The mayor was quite gracious in this instance, for he added "please" to his request that the finance committee act.

### Telephone Franchise Is Up

The communication from J. L. Zipperer was the next matter to occupy the attention of the council. No one seemed quite sure where the ordinance came from, but the recorder had it and read it. No action was taken. The city attorney, however, made some remarks as to corporations, saying they "had no soul to damn or anatomy to kick." The city attorney did not mention the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, but the inference from his line of talk, was that the company mentioned was the target of his wrath.

The bills incurred for the maintenance and operation of the city, were read, approved and warrants ordered drawn in settlement of the claims. One item which excited the mayor's wrath was a bill of \$14.25 for hauling rock and a bill of \$26.55 for the rock. His Honor took ex-marshal Blakesley to task about spending so much money, but inasmuch as Blakesley is out of the service of the city and has a ready answer for any question that might be asked him, or reply to any charge against him, he very promptly explained to the mayor just what was what and the conversation terminated and the bill was paid.

Several matters were left over for the next meeting of the council, and it can be safely presumed that the session will be an interesting one.

## SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL GROWS IN FAVOR

The Mist, for the past few issues, has devoted little space to the proposed memorial to the soldier boys from Columbia county who have given their lives for the country's sake. Nevertheless, considerable interest is manifest, and it is practically assured that such memorial will be built or established.

W. B. Dillard came to the Mist office and asked that his name be put down on the list for at least \$5.00 and he was shortly followed by T. C. Watts of Reuben, who said he would esteem it a privilege to contribute \$5.00. Prof. J. B. Wilkerson, writing from Vernonia, says he "would be delighted to contribute \$5.00" and Miss Marie Walker, a St. Helens girl who is now in California heartily approves of the idea, though she thinks a memorial library would be the best monument or memorial that could be established. Miss Walker's idea regarding the subject are very good, and her letter will be published in the next issue of the Mist. In the meantime, if there are other St. Helens and Columbia county folks who approve of the idea, the Mist would be glad to have their expressions.

The board of water commissioners met in regular session last night. No special matters came before the board, but all routine business was disposed of.

## WHITE-FULLERTON CONTEST UP 27TH

### WHITE WINS ROUND ONE

Motion to Quash White's Pleadings Is Denied—Will be Recount

Thursday morning Judge Eakin refused to "quash" the motion for a recount as presented by attorney for Martin White, contestant for the office of county judge. The circuit judge gave the attorneys 10 days in which to file their answer and has set Monday, January 27th, as the day the case will be "heard on its merits." In the legal fraternity to be "heard on its merits" means that heretofore, the court has passed on the questions of law submitted, and the case, by being heard "on its merits" will be heard as to facts.

### Recount is Probable

While the ruling of the judge does not explicitly state that a recount has not been ordered, the inference drawn is that he will order such recount. The motion of Attorneys Idleman and Dillard, who represent Fullerton, was that sufficient facts had not been stated and they resisted the plea for a recount. The fact that Judge Eakin has over-ruled their plea is evidence enough that a recount will be ordered, and all of the irregularities in the recent election which were set forth by White and published word for word in the Mist, will be gone into.

### Some Sensations Expected

In the event that a recount is ordered, some sensational items are likely to be injected. Both sides have alleged that there were irregularities in many precincts, and when the votes are counted, undoubtedly some of these allegations will be brought forth. The recount or contest, which is, so far as can be learned, the first in Columbia county, is attracting much attention, and the Mist will give its readers a full and complete news story as the case proceeds. It has endeavored to inform its readers of what is doing and since the most interesting part of the case is yet to be heard, will be on the job constantly to give first-hand and reliable information.

## OLD PIONEER IS APPOINTED CONSTABLE

S. C. Knighton, First White Child Born in St. Helens, Gets Office

The county court has appointed S. C. Knighton constable of Justice of the Peace District No. 1. Although



S. C. KNIGHTON

Mr. Knighton is 71 years old, this is the first public office he has held.

To Mr. Knighton belongs the distinction of being the first white child born in St. Helens. His father, Captain S. C. Knighton settled in what is now St. Helens, and took up his donation land claim in 1846 and the recently appointed constable was born in the year 1847. He has lived in St. Helens the greater portion of his life and is well known to all residents of St. Helens and throughout the county.

Mr. Knighton has assumed the duties of his office and his friends and acquaintances are sure that he will give a good administration.

## MEN STRIKE AT THE ST. HELENS SHIPYARD

Approximately 125 men who were employed at the yard of the St. Helens Shipbuilding company are out on a strike. The strikers are men from every union represented. The Mist has endeavored to ascertain the cause of the strike, but there are so many conflicting stories, that it is impossible to make an accurate and fair statement.

The Mist is informed, that 167 men are still at work in the yard, and that while conditions in every other yard were the same as prevailed in the St. Helens yard, it was the first one to have a strike.

At the present time, there does not seem to be any probability of an immediate settlement of the strike or grievances.

## COMMERCIAL BODY HAS FIRST MEETING

Plans Made and Program Outlined for Future Activities

The St. Helens Chamber of Commerce held its first regular meeting (since its organization) Wednesday night. S. C. Morton, president, presided over the meeting and E. H. Scott was secretary.

Twenty or more were present to offer useful and interesting suggestions as to the work of the body. The meeting was held in the chamber's new home in the Hewitt building.

A. R. Spearow and J. H. Flynn were appointed a committee on membership to interview the business men and the individuals in St. Helens and induce them to become members of the body which has as its purpose the good of all of the county.

On account of the resignation of Executive Secretary Aldrich, the duties of that office have been taken over by A. R. Spearow. It is his purpose to keep the office open during all of the day and he will welcome anyone wishing information as to the county or city, and endeavor to supply the information. Mr. Spearow wishes it made known that the chamber's headquarters are always open to the public, and that residents of the county are always welcome. They should make the quarters their headquarters and feel at home there.

An active campaign will be started for membership and it is hoped to have at least 200 enrolled before February 1st. Any bona fide resident of Columbia county is eligible to membership and President Morton hopes that many will take advantage of this and become members of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce.

The next regular meeting of the chamber will be held on the 15th, at which time there will be matters of importance to be acted upon.

## MUCH ICE APPEARS IN COLUMBIA RIVER

There is a considerable quantity of floating ice in the river and the boat traffic is somewhat hampered. Many of the river steamers and some of the steam schooners have had additional planking fastened on the forward part of the vessels so that the hull will not be damaged by coming in contact with the ice. It is stated that there is much ice in the river above Vancouver, Washington, and it is gradually working its way down this way.

## APPOINTMENTS MADE BY COUNTY COURT

GOOD MEN ARE CHOSEN

Road Patrolmen Same as Last Year With One Exception

The county court has appointed road patrolmen and other officers to serve during the ensuing year. Before Judge Fullerton took office the road patrolmen or supervisors were appointed, but the other appointments were made after the judge qualified. The patrolmen appointed are the same as last year with one exception. J. L. Dearing succeeds H. Rickman. The patrolmen selected by the court are:

- Geo. W. Grant, Scappoose, for Road Districts 1, 2, 10 and 11.
- Uther Clark, St. Helens, Districts Nos. 3 and 12.
- John Barnes, Deer Island, District 4.
- Fritz Anliker, Goble, Districts 5 and 13.
- T. J. Flippin, Rainier, Districts 6 and 14.
- J. L. Dearing, Clatskanie, Districts 7 and 15.
- James Hill, Mist, District 8.
- T. B. Mills, Vernonia, Districts 9 and 16.

Dr. L. G. Ross was reappointed county health officer and H. E. Abry was reappointed roadmaster.

A. L. Morris, who has served so acceptably as county fruit inspector, was again given this office.

All of the officials appointed are well known throughout the county and the court made no mistake in their selection.

## CANCEL CITIZENSHIP TO AVOID DRAFT

In the last issue of the Mist, reference was made to some who cancelled their citizenship in order to escape serving the United States in its army or navy. There were 94 aliens who took advantage of the special provisions of the selective service law and renounced the privileges of ever becoming American citizens. Of the number of aliens who took advantage of the law, 38 were Swedes, 17 were Swiss and Norwegians, 21. The balance of the 94 were from several nationalities. The Oregonian, in publishing the list, gives the following as from Columbia City: Elmar John Carlson, Andrew Ole Engstrom, Thorvald Jensen Frivold, John Johnson. No others are mentioned from Columbia county.

## COLUMBIA'S RED CROSS PERCENTAGE IS 127

This is Believed to be the Highest Reported in the State

Returns have been received from all the districts in Columbia county except one and that will be in a day or two. With the estimated amount due from this missing district and the small amounts coming in from some of the others, Columbia county will go over 200 per cent, based on last year's membership of 1863.

After the first five days of the drive, Columbia county led the state and at last report had a good margin. Based on this year's quota of 2800, the percentage is about 127, which is believed to be the highest reported in the state.

The following is the report by districts with the chairman for each district:

St. Helens, Mrs. Jas. Ellison	\$ 1020.50
Clatskanie, Rev. H. F. Gelvin	511.00
Columbia City, Mrs. F. W. Hess	313.50
Goble, Mrs. E. E. Maller	217.00
Lower Nehalem (Mist)	
Mrs. E. J. Mills	168.00
Rainier, Mrs. Fred Trow	531.02
Delena, Mr. Dan Burns	77.00
Scappoose, Mrs. J. G. Watts	400.00
Vernonia, Prof. J. B. Wilkerson	109.00
Warren, Mrs. C. M. Hyskell	140.00
Deer Island, Mr. Clapperton	135.00
and Mrs. English	100.05
Kerry, Mrs. A. F. Baker	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3722.07</b>

L. R. Rutherford, county chairman, on behalf of the American Red Cross society and personally, wishes to thank the above chairmen and every worker in Columbia county for their splendid efforts in making this drive a notable success.

Deputy Game Warden Brown has received advice from the state game warden to the effect that all persons within the state of Oregon holding protected game birds, game animals and fur bearing animals in captivity, must obtain a permit from the state game and fish commission. The holder of migratory waterfowl, which includes decoy ducks, must obtain from the federal government in addition to the state, a permit to hold the same. Deputy Brown cautions any affected by this ruling that it is absolutely necessary that the ruling should be enforced.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Twenty-sixth president of the United States. He died early Monday morning at his home in Oyster Bay, N. Y. Roosevelt was 60 years old. The ex-president passed away peacefully after a long illness. His funeral was held Wednesday afternoon. His death resulted from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Selected and the case go before court until some time this afternoon, as the counsel for the defense and the state's attorney are fighting every inch of legal ground, and in some instances, unnecessarily delaying proceedings.

Quite a large crowd has been attending the opening sessions and it is expected that the courtroom will be filled.

## DEPUTIES APPOINTED BY COUNTY COURT

E. LaBaro, deputy in the office of Sheriff Stanwood, and Marie Hunt, deputy in the office of J. Hunt, county clerk, have both been re-appointed to their respective positions by the county court.

For several years Mr. LaBaro was deputy county clerk and later deputy sheriff and is well qualified to satisfactorily fill the position to which he has been re-appointed. Mrs. Paulsen has been deputy clerk for the past eight months, and so far the Mist can learn, was the first woman to occupy this important position. Before becoming deputy clerk, she was assistant postmaster and had also worked in the several departments of the courthouse. She gives entire satisfaction as deputy clerk and is an able assistant to Clerk Hunt.