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COUNCIL HOLDS REAL BUSINESS SESSION

PHONE MATTERS UP

Application of Zipperer for Franchise is Laid on Table

The city council met in regular session Monday night at 7 o'clock, with all members except Chapman in attendance.

Telephone Official Speaks

J. A. Halliday, district commercial agent for the Pacific Telephone company addressed the council at some length relative to the telephone situation in St. Helens.

Many Licenses Granted

License was granted to E. C. Jefferson to run a skating rink, to the Columbia and Keleva hotels to operate rooming houses, to John Collins and N. F. Baker to run eating houses.

Objects to Mud

Sherman Miles (who this time was promptly on hand when the council convened) asked the mayor that more attention be paid to the cleaning of the streets.

Zipperer Franchise Laid Over

The recorder brought up the franchise granting to J. L. Zipperer the right to construct and operate a telephone line in St. Helens.

City Engineer Van Orshoven offers suggestion as to making some changes in the plans of the dock so as to provide more room for traffic.

Quite a few minor matters were brought to the attention of the council and acted upon promptly and the council held the dock clean (except the Zipperer franchise) and adjourned at 8:30 o'clock.

NEW PHONE RATES NOW IN EFFECT

Apply Only to Long Distance Service—Effective January 21st

The new telephone toll rates as approved by the Postmaster General went into effect on the 21st instant.

"Station to Station Rate" When a person makes toll or long distance call without specifying that conversation is desired with a particular person, and connection is established and the conversation held, the "station to station" rate applies.

Night Rates Cheaper

The postmaster general has made it an object for persons to use the phone at night for a reduction is made in this as against the day rate.

The circular letter sent out states

"a more detailed description showing actual rates to certain toll points and including information with regard to talking periods, overtime charges, etc., will be found in the next issue of the Telephone Directory."

MANY NEW BILLS IN LEGISLATURE

That Oregon's legislature has gone to work with a rush, is indicated in the number of bills introduced.

H. B. 122—Woodson: Fixing salaries of officials of Morrow county.

H. B. 123—Bean: Creating a legislative committee on committees.

H. B. 125—Wright: Fixing salaries of officials of Sherman county.

H. B. 126—Hughes: Relative to graduated tax on lands.

H. B. 127—Edwards: Fixing salaries of officials of Tillamook county.

H. B. 128—Edwards: Relative to protection for workmen.

H. B. 130—Edwards: Relative to factory inspection law.

H. B. 131—Roman: Relative to John Jacob Astor experiment station.

H. B. 132—Martin: Relative to insurance.

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H. B. 134—Martin: Relative to insurance.

H. B. 135—Martin: Regulating supervision of insurance.

H. B. 137—Martin: Relative to officials of insurance department.

H. B. 137—Martin: Relative to examination of insurance companies.

H. B. 138—Joint ways and means committee: Rebating millage to legislators.

STRIKE SITUATION IS UNCHANGED

The strike situation, so far as the Mist can learn, remains ununchanged. The men who left the yard are firm in their contentions and none of them have returned to work.

Officers of the Legislature



W. T. Vinton (left), who presides over the state senate, and Seymour Jones (right), speaker of the house of representatives.

WORK ON CITY DOCK NOW IN PROGRESS

FILES BEING DRIVEN

Work on the municipal dock is begun. Monday Contractor O'Connor with a pile driver, plenty of good and long piles and a crew of capable men began work.

Dock to Cost \$5000

The contract which the council awarded to O'Connor calls for a dock 50x70 with a roadway 250 feet long.

To Be Completed Soon

The contractor states he does not intend to lose any time in prosecuting the work and that as soon as the piling is driven, he will have a force of men laying the dock and will see that the work is rushed along.

COUNTY'S SUBSCRIPTION ON FOURTH LOAN

More Than \$400,000 Raised in the County—A Good Record

Columbia county contributed \$406,700 to the grand total of \$38,562,550 of the Fourth Liberty loan in Oregon.

GOOD WOMAN ANSWERS CALL

Mrs. Alice Merrill of Houlton died Monday, January 20th, after a lingering illness.

NEHALEM RIVER IS VERY HIGH

Sheriff Stanwood, who returned Wednesday night from Birkenfeld and Mist, reports that the Nehalem river is on a rampage.

SERVICE PROMISED BY TELEPHONE COMPANY

WORK HAS BEGUN

J. A. Halliday, district commercial agent for the Pacific Telephone company promised the city council that St. Helens shall have better service.

Arrange With Light Company

He said, though, that his company had recently made arrangements with the St. Helens Lumber company, who operate the electric light system, so that light poles would carry telephone wires and that in the near future, all applications for phones would have prompt attention.

Local Manager Scott of the phone company informs the Mist that

quantity of material, wires, insulators, cross-arms, etc., have been received, and in a few days, he expects a force of workmen to install the phones, applications for which (some of them) have been in for more than a year.

By not having to go to the expense of setting poles on account of using the electric light system, the phone company can make rapid progress in stringing wires and it is possible that within the next thirty days, the 40 or 50 phones for which would-be subscribers have been crying, will have been installed.

HEAVY RAINS CAUSE RAISE IN RIVER

The heavy rains, in fact, down-pours, for the past several days has had quite an effect on the Columbia river and it has raised rapidly, and there is a strong current.

POSTOFFICE TO MOVE NEXT MONTH

The St. Helens postoffice will be moved next month to its new quarters in the bank building.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SOLDIER WOUNDED

Bert Seffert Sustains Wounds in Big Battle—Other Soldier Notes

The Mist has received the following short, but interesting note from Bert Seffert, Jr., son of Bert Seffert of Deer Island:

Limoge, France, Dec. 20, '18. S. C. Morton, Editor, St. Helens Mist.

I take the liberty of writing you with the hopes that you will publish this letter so my friends will know I am still in the land of the living.

Am sorry to say that I am in a hospital at the present time, the result of being wounded the closing day of the scrap up there.

It certainly was a great scrap while it lasted. I am very proud of the fact that I went through all the big scraps, Cantigny, Soissons, St. Mihiel and the Argonne and was lucky to get off as well as I did.

It was certainly an experience that I wouldn't miss for worlds. Well, I must close with the wish that you will have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely, BERT E. SEFFERT, Co. C, 16th Inf., 1st Div., A. E. F.

Her Run Taken by Launch Ruth—Service Maintained

Harry Thorp is in Toul, France, according to a letter received recently by his father.

OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE HERE

Arrangements are being made for holding an Older Boys' Conference in St. Helens on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 14th, 15th and 16th.

GOVERNMENT VESSEL IS SENT INTO WATER

Wednesday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, the government steamer, Dagis, was launched at the Sommarstrom yard.

SCHOOL PLANS READY SOON

At their regular meeting Tuesday night, the school board heard the report of Architect Tourtelotte relative to the preparation and plans for the new schoolhouse.

IRALDA IS LAID UP FOR REPAIRS

The steamer Iralda, which plies between Rainier and Portland and which usually is so regularly on time at each landing that the people along the river tell the time of day and set their clocks by the arrival and departure of the boat, is laid up for needed repairs and overhauling.

Fullerton Also Makes Claims

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