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DAMAGE CASE IS BEFORE COURT

WOMAN SUES FOR \$15,000.00

Stole His Wife and His Accuses are Defendants in Case

Robert Cole, plaintiff, A. Johnson, Alice Gillette, Williamson is now on trial in circuit court. The case was heard Thursday morning and the jury panel exhausted. The case was heard in a special venire to the jury. This was done in a noon session. The members of the jury are J. S. Mowry, R. S. D. Wellborn, H. Benson, I. Klock, L. Burn-Larsen, J. W. VanNatta, S. M. Rice and D. ...

Stole His Wife. The complaint sets forth that about March 12, 1918, while the plaintiff was living and cohabiting with and supporting his said wife, St. Helens, Oregon, and while she and his wife were living together as man and wife, the defendant, wrongfully, and intending to injure the plaintiff and to deprive him of the society and assistance of his wife, enticed her away from the plaintiff and her residence in St. Helens, Oregon, and since, induced her there to and live separate and apart from the plaintiff and against the interest of the plaintiff.

Stole His Wife. The complaint filed since the filing of the complaint, the plaintiff's wife, through the influence of the defendant, caused her to institute proceedings in the Multnomah county court for an annulment of her marriage. Cole defended this therefore he asks for an adjournment. He won out in that ...

Letters Submitted. The principal witness on yesterday afternoon. Numerous letters from Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Williamson were read in court. The letters were in endearing terms, from any one of them it appearing "woman in the case" was that of Mrs. Cole. In one of the letters, she spoke of eating and every bite meant a kiss. She didn't state any bites she had taken, but she was of Cole and longed to be with him. Other of her letters were each and all of them, she was undying love for the man who soon to be her husband. She also indicated that she and Mrs. Blackwell did not wish them to be affection for Cole. In her letters she asked Cole to go to the "C" hotel in Portland at the time of the many letters. Cole wrote to Mr. Cole, that she had a great love for him.

Tells of Marriage. The witness stated Mr. Cole resided in circumstances surrounding the marriage. The couple went to St. Helens and were married there. They came to St. Helens while they were on the bride's journey, her father, M. A. Johnson and Mrs. Alice Blackwell (now Gillette) came to St. Helens to meet the bride of only a few days.

Being Introduced to Johnson, the rejected bride at the bottom of the kidnaping through his influence. Cole refuses to come and see her husband. Court adjourned yesterday afternoon with Mr. Cole on the stand. The case resumed at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Will Move TO NEW LOCATION. The St. Helens Co-operative Creamery association will move their plant and equipment to a new building on the Strand. The building is now ready for occupancy and is a substantial one-story structure. The creamery plant will have it equipped with the latest and most modern fixed machinery. The quarters for the concern will be occupied by A. J. Deming for the creamery.

Number of cases on the circuit court, but it is believed that the Cole case will be the time of the court for the week and that the cases will be held over until next week.

1,026,000 feet of lumber carrying a capacity passenger steamer Klamath left yesterday night, bound for South-Fernando ports, via San Francisco.

3,000,000 pounds of freight bought from 30 to 52 cents per ton.

ATTORNEY U'REN MAKES EXPLANATION

Says He Did Attorney Metsker an Injustice and Apologizes

The Mist has received the following letter from Attorney W. S. U'ren of Portland:

Portland, Oregon, May 12, '19. To the Editor of the St. Helens Mist: When in St. Helens Saturday I learned that many of the citizens believed I inspired or was secretly responsible for the recent attacks on District Attorney Glenn R. Metsker, because of the Canfield settlement in Columbia county. I suppose this is because I defended Mr. Kautzman at the last term of court in St. Helens, but that impression is wholly erroneous. After that trial I investigated the Canfield story carefully. I concluded from my investigation that Mr. Metsker was not only innocent of any wrong doing, but that he served Canfield faithfully and that the payment made to him by Canfield was hardly even fair daily wages for the time and labor he spent seeking relief for him.

As to lobbying the bill through the legislature for Canfield's relief, there was no concealment, trickery nor deception, either by Mr. Metsker or his associate, Mr. J. F. Logan. This was equally true after the bill was passed. The members of the county court in Columbia County understood the facts perfectly. That Metsker was to be paid for his trouble was no secret, and if there was anything to be concealed in that connection it should have been the smallness of the amount he charged. I have written thus far because when I called on Mr. Metsker last Saturday to make a plea for Mr. Kautzman, incidentally I told him of my conclusion in this matter, and he said he thought it would only be just to him if I published it.

While I am writing, some of Mr. Metsker's enemies who gave me confidential information that was not true may be interested in learning that there was no more foundation of truth in the worst of their charges in the recall petition than there was in the Canfield case I have just described. Mr. Metsker did not suggest that I make this latter statement, but on the trial of the Kautzman case I was publicly very unjust to Mr. Metsker and it is right that I should acknowledge that injustice after being convinced of the truth.

Yours truly, W. S. U'REN.

The Mist wonders why, if Mr. U'ren didn't know the target he was shooting at, why did he pull the trigger. It also wonders why, if he was publicly acknowledging that he was "very unjust" at the time of the Kautzman trial, he did not have realized that fact at the time of the trial. His letter tells the story, of at least part of it.

BASE BALL GAME HERE TOMORROW

St. Helens High Will Play Jefferson High School Team

The real big ball game of the season will be played here tomorrow afternoon. Jefferson high school team will come from Portland to try conclusions with the team which has so well represented the St. Helens high school. Coach Kit Conyers is confident that his team will add another game to their long string of victories and every member of the local team will use both brain and brawn to accomplish this. St. Helens high has an unbroken string of victories among the school teams. Last Friday they defeated Clatskanie high by a score of 35 to 3. They do not look for such easy picking, however, when the Jefferson nine comes down and each man will be on his mettle to uphold the honor of St. Helens high. It is expected that a large crowd will be out to witness the game, which is sure to be a close and exciting contest.

DEHYDRATING PLANT IS NOW PROBABLE. County Fruit Inspector A. L. Morris had as his guest Thursday, Mr. H. Gill, field superintendent of the Wittenberg-King company. Mr. Gill's mission was to ascertain how much fruit would be available for a dehydrating plant, and Mr. Morris took him over the Warren-Scappoose and Bachelor Flat district. Later on, they will visit other sections of the county and if in Mr. Gill's judgment, there is sufficient fruit to warrant the establishment of a plant, plans will be worked out accordingly. It is understood that a location at Warren is obtainable and there is, it seems, a strong probability of the establishment of the plant at that place.

Aug. Johansen, who for sometime has been superintendent of the Somfarstrom Shipbuilding company's operations, will leave tomorrow for Eureka, California, where he has accepted a position as foreman of a shipyard. His family will accompany him.

MORE SHIPYARD WORK NOW SEEMS CERTAIN

PLANS BEING MADE McCormick Company Consider Building a Large Steam Schooner

According to best information obtainable, it is quite probable that another vessel will be built at the yards of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company. The type of vessel under consideration is a double-ended steam schooner with a carrying capacity of 1,500,000 feet of lumber. For some time the McCormick people have been figuring on such a vessel and have obtained advice from the best shipbuilders on the coast as to the feasibility of the proposed craft. It is understood that they are thoroughly satisfied with the plans and specifications submitted and it is their intention to soon start work on the craft.

Superintendent Carl Christensen of the shipyard is now in San Francisco, having been called there by the McCormick company for the purpose of going over the plans. The model of the proposed boat has been laid out, and Mr. Christensen is satisfied that the type of vessel considered is the proper type for both coastwise and off-shore trade.

H. F. McCormick, the local manager of the shipbuilding company, states that while it has not been definitely decided to build such a vessel, he is quite sure that the company will decide to go ahead with the proposition. While the McCormick company and those interested in their several stock companies, own and operate quite a fleet, the tonnage at their disposal is not sufficient to take care of the business, and they have a number of steamers chartered. It follows, therefore, that they desire more tonnage which is under their direct control. The motor vessel City of Portland, which sailed under the McCormick house flag, was recently sold, the M. S. Alford was lost and the City of St. Helens was sold, so that now their tonnage is smaller than a year ago. It is for this reason that the company is planning on enlarging their fleet.

If it should be decided to build the steam schooner, it will mean that not less than 100 additional men will be put to work in the shipyard and that they will have work for several months to come.

LOGGING CAMP WILL REOPEN

Frank Miles was here Tuesday and informed the Mist that the firm of Ray, Bush and Frazer would reopen the logging camp just west of Columbia City. Last year the camp was operated by Geo. A. Brodie. The camp is a small one and the daily output was about 25,000 feet. The logs were hauled on trucks to the dumping place at Columbia City and there rafted. About 20 men will be given employment when the camp resumes operation.

GRANGE MEETING IS HELD AT VERNONIA

IMPORTANT SESSION Matters of Interest to Farmers Are Discussed and Plans Made

By D. C. HOWARD (County Agricultural Agent) Progress in agricultural and the problems of rural life is not made by farmers who work as individuals alone. It is made through united effort. This union must be sufficiently liberal and broad to embrace not only those things of immediate and material need, but also those things which have to do with the future of the community, such as schools, social conditions and politics. The degree to which they are carried out is not with the organization, but with the people who constitute its membership. The farmer who devotes a portion of his time in meeting together with his fellow workers in consideration of these subjects is not only performing an obligation, but he is doing the thing which will get the results that his indifferent neighbor will reap equal benefits. The farmer who does not line up with his neighbors, whether through the grange or through some other organization, is not doing his duty and will always enjoy benefits to which he is not entitled.

The quarterly meeting of the Pomona, or county grange, was held at Vernonia on Saturday, May 3rd. The spring months are busy times on the farm and only four of the eleven granges in the county were represented. These were Vernonia, Natal, Beaver Valley and Warren. With the local gathering there were 50 people in attendance. State Master Spence and Mr. S. Shrock, manager of the Oregon Dairyman's League, were present.

After the meeting was called together by Master R. N. Lovelace, of Rainier, the ladies of the great Nehalem Valley started things going right with a dinner. We say ladies of the great Nehalem Valley, because certainly no other women of any other place could have set such a table. Had it been in the Waldorf-Astoria it would have been known as a sumptuous banquet.

Following the dinner a short business session was held. The regular county business was transacted and a delegate and alternate to the state grange was elected. Mr. E. A. Gessell of Vernonia was elected and Robert Lindsay of Mist was named as alternate.

At 2:30 p. m. the literary program was given in an open meeting. The school teachers and children did themselves proud by putting on a most entertaining program. It all showed work and good spirit. The address by Master Spence, though short, was much appreciated by all present. He emphasized the need of careful study of political matters and of the measures on the initiative ballot.

Too many farmers wait until after election, he said, before registering their opinions. Then all they can do is to kick. He urged the farmers to work more diligently on matters pertaining to co-operative efforts, such as marketing and buying, stating that the farmer was the only man who both bought and sold on the other fellow's terms.

Mr. S. Shrock then showed what the dairymen in the Portland district had accomplished through co-operation. They were co-operating not to force a larger price for their product, but a fair margin of the price being paid by the consumer, and honest methods of dealing. The evening session opened following another generous feast at the hands of the local ladies. The regret of all was the fact that it came the same day as the feast at noon, but the old saying that there is always room for more proved the motto of the crowd.

Among the resolutions passed was one urging the making of the Pittsburg-St. Helens road a postal route and requesting the county court and state highway commission to bring this about. The resolution also urges the early improvement of this highway as it is of vital importance to the farmers of the Nehalem and to the county as a whole. Another resolution directed to the senators and representatives supporting government operation of railroads and urging ultimate government ownership of railroads, telephone and telegraph companies, as well as all other public utilities, such as harbors and water power. Resolutions opposing the sinister use of the emergency clause to prevent matters of legislation from coming before the people of the state, and advocating the use of the national adoption of the metric system of weights and measures. The day closed with the regular fifth degree work. A class of 17 were given work in Pomona. Every visitor present will long remember the hospitality of the Vernonia patrons and will look forward to the time when the granges of the county can gather again upon the banks of the beautiful Nehalem river to consider the farmers' problems and needs, and may there be a beautiful mountain highway from the Columbia river to the Nehalem via Trenholm and Pittsburg.

VERNONIA TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

Womans Relief Corps Plan Fitting Celebration in Honor of Soldiers

The John Bucher Post, No. 70, G. A. R., and the W. R. C. of Vernonia are planning a fitting and patriotic celebration for Memorial Day. Unlike many communities, Vernonia has adhered to strictly a patriotic celebration of this sacred day, and the observance this year, will be no exception to their rule. The G. A. R. post, while not the largest in the county, has a membership of veterans who served in the strenuous days of '61-'65 and the 20 members of the W. R. C. will give valuable assistance in the observance of the day.

Sailors and Soldiers Honored. In addition to decorating the graves of the departed soldiers, exercises will be held in honor of those sailors who went down in the briny deep. Rock Creek runs through Vernonia and a large bridge spans the creek. On this bridge, the exercises in honor of the sailors, will be held and the school children will cast flowers upon the water. Judson Weed, quartermaster of the post, informs the Mist that in addition to the regular exercises, an oration by some prominent orator will be one of the features. The officers of the post are, W. W. Allen, commander; Israel Spencer, adjutant and Judson Weed, quartermaster. The post has been in existence for many years.

LAND COMMISSION HAS FIRST MEETING

The organization of the newly formed land settlement commission of Oregon, was accomplished Monday afternoon at Portland. The officers elected were: Whitney L. Boise, president; Emery Olmstead, vice president and treasurer and W. H. Crawford, secretary-manager. The first definite work was the careful consideration of plans for the first farm unit and the appointment of committee to investigate the most quickly available lands.

Charles L. Wheeler of this city, was appointed chairman of the committee. The other members are Prof. H. D. Scudder of the Oregon Agricultural College; L. J. Simpson of Coos Bay; Charles T. Early of Portland and O. J. Evensen of Clatskanie. Mr. Wheeler gave a very instructive and well received talk to the commission relative to the importance of developing the logged-off land. If his idea is accepted by the commission, it will prove of vast benefit to Columbia county and other counties which have large tracts of logged off lands. Mr. Wheeler is enthusiastic over the plans as formulated by the commission and hopes that by the next meeting, he will have definite plans outlined and adopted by the land settlement commission.

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MORE STREET WORK PLANNED BY COUNCIL

PETITIONS ACTED UPON Routine Matters Come to Attention of City Dads and Acted Upon

The city council met in regular session Monday night. All the councilmen, with the exception of C. D. White, were present. After the reading of the minutes of the previous session, the mayor called for reports of officers. Marshal Potter thought the approach to the city dock should be fixed. It was very rough, he said, and if the dock was going to be used, the roadway and approach should be fixed. He was instructed to have several loads of rock and screenings placed on the roadway.

City Attorney Day stated that notwithstanding the fact that he and A. L. Morris had appeared before the public service commission, an increase in telephone rates had been allowed. He also stated that the county court had made a deed for a strip of land at the southwest corner of the courthouse, so that Strand street could be widened. He understood, he said, that Strand street was to be paved, or the paving of the street was under consideration. He also reported on the status of certain petitions for street improvement.

Councilman Dixon stated that he had nothing to report and Councilman O'Connor said that the fire truck needed a new axle. He was informed by the mayor that a new axle had been received and would be installed.

Wheeler Wants Street Work. Councilman Wheeler called the mayor's attention to the deplorable condition of many of the streets. He thought some patch work should be done and asked the mayor if it was not possible to fill some of the chuck holes. The mayor stated that while an appropriation had been made for streets, it applied to street crossings, and that none of the city's money should be spent on the streets which were adjacent to private property. He thought the property owners should pay for such repairs instead of having the cost of such repairs withdrawn from the city treasury.

He said that near his house, the street was almost impassable, but that he had not asked the city to fix it. Mr. Wheeler thought some plan should be made whereby such necessary improvements could be made, but nothing was done in the matter except to discuss it.

Other Matters Discussed. The mayor was asked as to what charges would be made against the contracting firm that has been unloading hundreds of yards of rock and gravel on the city dock. He said he had given permission to the contractors to unload the sand and gravel, etc., but had not set any price. This prompted Councilman Dixon to remark that a schedule of prices for the use of the dock, should be adopted and the dock committee were instructed to make a report on the matter.

City Hall Defaced. The recorder brought to the attention of the mayor and council that some of those attending school in the city hall, were defacing the building. The building committee, was instructed to see the school board and ask that no further damage be done to the building. The mayor stated he would interview some of the high school boys and endeavor to ascertain who were the guilty parties.

Several other matters were brought to the attention of the council and acted upon.

VICTORY LOAN QUOTA IS ALMOST REACHED

According to reports received by S. C. Morton, county chairman, the quota for Columbia county in the Victory Loan was almost reached. Several large subscriptions were received during the past week. The Western Timber Company and the Fir Tree Lumber Company each subscribed for \$5,000 and the Appledale Land Company subscribed for \$2,000. The Columbia County bank reports subscriptions aggregating \$40,000, and the First National bank has \$19,000. The subscriptions were to be closed on May 10, but there are quite a number who made subscriptions after that date, having previously arranged for such subscription. There are several individuals in the county who subscribed for \$5,000 in bonds. Fred Trow at Rainier and Joseph Vann and O. Evenson of Clatskanie each took that amount. The German helmets captured by American troops will be awarded to them. On account of not having received a full list of subscribers from Warren and Scappoose, the Mist is not publishing the names of the subscribers in this issue. The list of those who subscribed through the St. Helens banks are in possession of the Mist, but the complete list for this district will not be published until next week.

