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INDICT OF GUILTY IN WEBSTER CASE

WASTES NO TIME IN FINDING DEFENDANT GUILTY

In the case of the State of Oregon vs. Webster, who was charged with...

The evidence was that Webster and his wife and family in 1915, and...

Not only did he live apart from them, but he failed to provide...

His wife, by conducting a hotel at Vernonia, managed to...

Webster testified that he had all he could for them. That on...

On all occasions he had sent money to his children and had left instructions...

With them "that if they were up against it to call on him."

He acknowledged that he had "heard more" to the effect that his wife...

children were receiving county but he had never taken the trouble to investigate the matter.

Jury wastes no time. After all of the evidence was in,...

charged the jury and they did waste any time in arriving at a...

On the first ballot 11 of the jurors voted guilty and there...

was a unanimous verdict of guilty. The defendant was placed on \$1000...

to the State of Oregon to support his family, and if he fails to do...

the next proceeding. Those who knew of the circumstances, or heard the evidence, have...

ATTENDS JERSEY JUBILEE JUBILANT

By D. C. HOWARD (County Agricultural Agent)

To have traveled for four days in company with more than one hundred successful breeders of one kind of livestock, visiting the wonderful herds of phenomenal dairy cows...

On the tour 16 herds were visited in a drive of about 200 miles. Many cows were seen with records ranging from 800 to 1031 pounds of butter fat.

While the viewing of the famous cows and beautiful farms and buildings was a rare treat, the most impressive feature of the trip was the breeders themselves. They were not dilettantes, neither did they earn the money anywhere else with which to develop the herds they now own.

As one breeder said, "All that it takes is enthusiasm, good head work and hard work and any man who wants to can succeed with purebred cows."

Now there are a lot of good pure bred cattle coming to Columbia county and we still want more. If our farmers could only get away from home as the few farmers who went on the Jersey Jubilee did, they would soon demand better cows and better care for them.

HOME GUARD DISBANDED - CAPT. HOYT HONORED

Warren Home Guard Organization Passes Into History

(By D. C. HOWARD)

The Warren company of the Oregon Volunteer guard met Thursday evening for the last time and its name is now a matter of history. Like all the other units of the organization its members banded together and elected its officers whom they agreed to obey and follow.

They were organized for the purpose of home protection and training for any emergency that might arise.

To say that they met together once each week for drill is saying more than might be understood. For the man who works in an office or store all day this might be but mere exercise but the farmer who covers several miles after having worked in the field all day, deserves great credit.

The officers of the company were Frank Hoyt, captain; A. L. Morris, first lieutenant and F. G. Beeler, second lieutenant. The efficiency of Warren company was always commendable and the men and officers deserve much praise for their excellent work.

Upon disbanding the men of the company presented Captain Hoyt with a beautiful solid gold watch and chain bearing the greetings of the company on one side and the emblems of the Woodmen of the World on the other.

Mr. Hoyt was called upon to present the token. In his remarks he praised the members of the company for their good spirit and faithful work and in presenting the gift to Captain Hoyt stated that the men were not giving it merely out of respect but because they really appreciated and profited by his leadership not only in the Home Guard, but as a brother and neighbor whom they had always found willing to help in any enterprise the community undertook.

Mr. Hoyt remarked in his expression of appreciation that it was the men and not the officers who had made the effort a success.

It is with regret that we see these splendid patriotic organizations disbanded, but we must turn our attention to more constructive things, since the emergency is past and we know that those same faithful citizens will respond better prepared if a need should arise again.

The estimate to complete the paving of the west side branch is \$1,300,000. To complete the Columbia river highway from Astoria to Pendleton will cost, according to estimate, \$3,000,000.



MEMORIAL PROGRAM STARTS AT 9:30 A. M.

Program Prepared to Pay Tribute to Departed Heroes

The committee in charge of the Memorial Day exercises has prepared the following schedule, which will start at 9:30 this morning in the Plaza:

Music—St. Helens Band. Singing—"The Star Spangled Banner."

Memorial Day Address—Hon. Frank B. Mitchell.

Singing—"America."

The following will have charge of the day's program:

H. S. Mason, Chairman of the Committee. Lieut. S. B. Hoskin, Officer of the Day.

Superintendents of Decoration are: Judge Fullerton, Odd Fellows Cemetery; E. E. Quick, Masonic Cemetery.

Following the program a parade will be given, which will be made up in the following order: St. Helens Band, Red Cross, Veterans, Civic Orders, Public School, Honor Guard, Boy Scouts, Citizens.

Dr. J. H. Flynn informs the Mist that when the procession is formed to visit the cemeteries, those who wish to go to the Liberty Hill cemetery will turn to the right at the school house corner and those who will go to the Odd Fellows cemetery will keep straight ahead. The doctor will be there to give instructions, and there will be no confusion. If the weather is inclement the exercises as outlined in the above program will be held in the city hall instead of the plaza.

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PLANS FOR FOURTH GETTING IN SHAPE

Free Barbecue Will be One of the Big Attractions

The committee appointed by the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce to arrange the Fourth of July celebration, are rapidly getting their plans in shape for the biggest and best celebration ever held in St. Helens.

The finance committee started out this week and report that they met with much encouragement. Only a partial canvass of the town was made but the result was gratifying, and they do not think there will be any trouble in raising sufficient funds to stage the celebration as outlined.

Barbecue Big Feature. The free barbecue will be one of the big features of the celebration. The committee on entertainment have arranged for the services of a noted "barbecue chef" and he will come down on July 3 to start in on the barbecue business. It is planned to have enough and a little more than enough to supply, free of charge, all the residents of the town and the visitors, so it will keep the chef and his several assistants quite busy to make the necessary preparations.

The Fourth of July committee wish it known that every one is cordially invited to participate in the celebration and to partake of St. Helens hospitality and a large crowd from outside the city is expected to be in attendance.

A more complete story of the celebration will be available for the next issue of the Mist.

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COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

By J. W. ALLEN (County School Superintendent)

Most of the county schools are already closed for the summer vacation. The larger schools closed on May 23 with the exception of St. Helens, which will close on June 6.

The annual school meeting will be held on June 16. Necessary stipplings for this meeting have been sent to all clerks.

Teachers' salaries have advanced for the coming year and the teachers will not be slow in advancing their own qualifications and requirements. The summer normal will be most popular.

Portland, by reason of her immense valuation, can pay salaries in advance of most parts of the state. This gives her an opportunity to pick the flock, which she is doing, as usual.

During the recent eighth grade examinations, 158 pupils took the tests; 95 passed completely, 34 were conditioned by failing in not more than two subjects, and 29 failed. Two hundred and ten seventh grade pupils took the subject of geography, 23 of which failed. One hundred and eighty sixth grade pupils took physiology and 12 of these failed.

The following eighth grade pupils passed the recent examination:

District No. 1 (Scappoose): Laura Uhlman, Mary G. Havik, Ruskin Blatchford, Clarence R. Blatchford, Kinsley C. Allen and Kenneth Parks.

District No. 2 (St. Helens): Robert Blackburn, Serena Malm, Ward G. Bennett, Willie Lynch, Lois M. Dixon, Fredia A. Hiatt, Marion Morton, Eues M. Wiskstrom, Harold G. Cornthwaite, Elsie M. Dew, Norman Peterson, Margaret M. Lemay, Velma A. Felton, Kenneth Pratt.

West St. Helens: Louise Hankey, Edith M. Quinn, Barnie Rosasco, Florence Taylor, Mae Morris, Byron G. Monish, Ruth M. Taylor and Walter Marsh.

District No. 3 (Deer Island): Elizabeth Larned.

District No. 4: Stella Stennick.

District No. 5 (Clatskanie): Eulia M. Davis, Ruth H. Davis, Orville G. Culbertson, Oscar Erickson, Nealy Holmes, Iman Homer, Leroy B. Faublon, Martha Erickson, Roy Zimmerdahl and Fred Erickson.

District No. 7 (Warren): Marguerite Miller, Delbert Snider, Agnes Ingstrom and Verner Gabrielson.

District No. 10 (Marshland): Clarence L. Andrews, Adolph E. Kleger, Tommy Armstrong and Signa Johnson.

District No. 11 (Columbia City): Lewis Dempster.

District No. 15 (Hazel Grove): Marguerite Van Orden, Louise Sullivan, Florence Doran and Hilda D. Anderson.

District No. 18 (Keasay): Lewis James Fitzgerald.

District No. 20 (Goble): Morgan F. Tipton, Hazel C. Brown, Frank G. Giles, Cathrine I. Welter, Nellie I. Ouderkirck, Vera Ouderkirck, Belva Voight and Vesta E. Fowler.

District No. 21 (Chapman): John Jepson, Otha M. Gilbert, Herbert M. Ackley and Alfred E. Clark.

District No. 13 (Rainier): Clara M. Zwemer, George A. Fingersoll, Harry O. Spollman, Dorothy R. Diblee, Lola M. Richardson and Adolph Johnson.

District No. 25 (Quincy): Olaf Erickson, Florence Ollila and Esther Talbach.

District No. 34 (Caanan): Fay Morrell.

District No. 36 (Neer City): Ina M. Mofford, Ethel E. Blake and Eva Mofford.

District No. 42 (Birkenfeld): Elsie A. Calmberg.

District No. 48 (Vernonia): Ethel L. Thrapp, Ruth Heverling, Esther L. Heverling, Herbert Counts, Florian Mills, Leroy E. Malmsten, Elbert Kelly and Doris B. Wood.

District No. 48 (Prescott): Leslie Furer.

The next eighth grade examination will be held June 12-13. Teachers' examination will be held June 25-29.

COLE GETS VERDICT IN DAMAGE CASE

Jury Awards Full Amount of Claim and Also Attorney's Fees.

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ELECTION MEASURES FULLY EXPLAINED

THEIR PASSAGE URGED

Speakers Here Wednesday Night Tell of Needs of Oregon

The measures which appear on the ballot and which are to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the special election to be held on June 3, were discussed by a number of prominent men, who came to St. Helens Wednesday night. In the party were Robert N. Stanfield, Jay Upton, president of the Oregon Irrigation Congress; P. J. Gallagher of Ontario; Oscar Horne of Portland and several others.

Upton for Irrigation. During an intermission at the Glee club concert at the Liberty theatre, Mr. Upton addressed the large audience in a 15-minute speech. He plead for the support of the rate bno payment of irrigation and drainage district bond interest. He explained that the taxpayers would not put up one cent for this purpose, but that the state guaranteeing the interest on the bonds would make it possible for the settler in the arid regions of eastern Oregon and in the logged-off land and marsh lands of western Oregon to receive temporary aid and make it easier for such settler to establish a home.

Stanfield Principal Speaker. The principal address of the evening was made by Hon. Robert N. Stanfield of Stanfield, Oregon, former speaker of the Oregon House of

Representatives. He made his speech at the conclusion of the Glee club program and was introduced by Representative E. I. Ballagh.

Pays Tribute to Soldiers. Mr. Stanfield paid an eloquent tribute to the part played in the world war by Oregon soldiers and sailors, and to the whole hearted manner in which the people of the state supported every call for funds for war purposes. He said the state could not go too far in rewarding the brave boys who risked or gave their lives for their state and country, and that by passing every measure submitted to the people at the coming election, the citizens of the state would be paying a debt of gratitude to the boys who answered the call.

Mr. Stanfield was especially favorable to the Reconstruction Bonding Amendment. If it carried, he said, it would be the means of the further development of the great resources of Oregon, and that Oregon's future depended upon its development. He also urged the passage of the Soldiers' Sailors' and Marines' Educational and Financial Aid Bill, which provides for state aid to discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who desire to obtain the benefits of a liberal education.

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