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THREE KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

MISTRESSING ACCIDENT

Three persons were killed and two injured when train 22 bound from Portland struck an automobile on the "school" crossing...

Coroner's Inquest Held

Wednesday afternoon Coroner T. B. Gillett held an inquest. The testimony of Michael Gillett, husband of dead woman, was to the effect...

Mr. Gillett testified that he was driving a car following the Gillett car and was about 100 yards behind it...

Governor Declares Saturday Holiday

Because of numerous requests that Oregon observe the celebration of the Fourth of July...

ALL IN READINESS FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Program Starts Early Today and Lasts Until Saturday Night

All is in readiness for the big Victory celebration which starts this morning. The program committee...

Information received by the committee leads them to believe that hundreds of visitors will be in St. Helens...

The town is gaily decorated and every one in St. Helens is expecting to welcome some friend.

Fire Works for Tonight

Instead of having the grand fireworks display tomorrow night, the program committee has arranged for this event to occur tonight...

The program as printed elsewhere in the Mist gives full details and the two days' celebration promises to be one of the big events in the history of St. Helens.

It is expected that a number will be here from the Nehalem valley as the St. Helens-Pittsburg road has been opened and is now passable.

The barbecue chef arrived Thursday noon and immediately started to work and will have hundred of pounds of good barbecued meat ready for the hungry hundreds at 1 o'clock today.

In the Happiness of Peace



INDEPENDENCE DAY 1919

Official Program for St. Helens' VICTORY CELEBRATION July 4th and 5th, 1919

- FIRST DAY—FRIDAY, JULY 4: SUNRISE SALUTE, PARADE, ARRIVAL OF "SWAN", COMPETITIVE DRILL, BASE BALL GAME, RACES, STREET DANCING, RACES, LOGGERS' RACE, GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY, SUBMARINE CHASER WILL BE IN HARBOR AND IS OPEN TO INSPECTION.

EXAMINATION FOR ST. HELENS POSTMASTER

Job Pays \$1900 per Year and Has Clerk Allowance

The United States Civil Service commission has announced that at the request of the Postmaster General, an examination is to be held at Portland, Oregon, on September 24 for the position of postmaster at St. Helens.

Office Pays \$1900 per Year

The salary of the St. Helens postmaster is \$1900 per year and there is also a liberal allowance for clerk hire, so it is quite probable there will be a number to take the examination.

SUBCHASER 295 HERE FOR CELEBRATION

Little Fighting Vessel Has a War Record—Open to Inspection

Under command of Ensign Darnell and Ensign Botkin, the U. S. Sub-chaser 295 arrived in St. Helens on Tuesday evening.

The vessel recently arrived in Bremerton, coming from the Atlantic coast where it was in active duty during the war times. The guns have been removed from the vessel but there are many interesting features and appliances aboard which demonstrates how useful this class of vessel is for the service she was built for.

The little craft has a crew of 16. During war times, the crew numbered 24. The officers and men are a clean, gentlemanly lot of fellows and during their stay here have made many friends by their courtesy and thoughtfulness.

OLD POSTAL RATES RETURNED JULY 1ST

Red Stamp Replaces Three-Cent Sticker on First-Class Mail

July 1st was the date set by the postoffice department for the return of the pre-war rates and at midnight of that date the red stamp superseded the purple three-center that has been doing duty during the war.

Under the new regulations postal rates on letters will be the same as they were before the war. Two cents will carry a one-ounce letter any where in the country, while a green one-cent stamp is all that is necessary for postal cards and unsealed letters.

It is estimated that the purple stamp will be almost a back number in the future, being used but little except for parcel post purposes.

ST. HELENS PIONEER DIES IN PORTLAND

Mrs. A. M. Decker, a former resident and pioneer of St. Helens died at the home of her daughter, Miss Maud Decker, in Portland, Monday night. Deceased had been in ill health for a number of years and her death was not unexpected.

Until a few years ago, deceased made her home in St. Helens and lived here for 35 years. She is survived by four children, L. L. Decker of St. Helens; Mrs. Eugene Miles and Mrs. Maud Decker of Portland and Mrs. Earl Martin of Felida, Washington. A brother, Oscar Hart, lives in Kelso, Washington.

The funeral was held from the family residence in Portland Wednesday and a number of old time St. Helens friends attended.

REST ROOMS PROVIDED

The Fourth of July committee has secured the building formerly occupied by the Gem Theatre and visitors to St. Helens today and tomorrow are invited to use the quarters as a rest room. Many necessary conveniences have been installed.

Kit Conyers, who is chairman of the sports committee of the Fourth of July celebration, is unable to be on duty on account of the fact that he is having a tussle with the mumps. He has appointed a competent assistant manager, however, and the work he has outlined will go through without a hitch.

C. Hilding Andersen, a Portland attorney was here Thursday on legal business and incidentally looking after the Elks' work in the Salvation Army drive.

STREET IMPROVEMENT FUNDS ARRANGED FOR

WILL BE NO DELAY

City Council Accepts the Offer Made by Morris Brothers

At their meeting Monday night, the city council accepted a proposition from Morris Brothers, the Portland bond buyers, to take street and sewer bonds and provide the cash necessary for the carrying out of the work outlined by the council. Mr. Pratt, vice president of the concern, made a proposition to take the 6 per cent issue of the Bancroft bonds and pay par and accrued interest. The council, on motion of Mr. Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Dixon, accepted the offer and the council is now in position to go ahead with the improvement work which has already been outlined. Morris Brothers have bought all of the City of St. Helens and Water Board bonds and have always treated the city fairly, so the council thought they were making no mistake in entering into an agreement with the firm to handle other obligations of the city.

Much Other Business

Many other matters of business of interest to the taxpayers of St. Helens were brought to the attention of the council. Sherman Deaver and U. S. DeSpain, who were given the contract to improve Winter street stated they were ready to go ahead with the work as soon as they were given a guarantee that upon completion of the work, they would receive their money. After considerable discussion, the matter was satisfactorily arranged.

In the matter of the disposition of the city's garbage, J. B. Godfrey brought to the attention of the council that the garbage was being dumped on his property and asked that other arrangements be made. Mayor Saxon referred the matter to the street committee with the request that they look up and obtain a suitable place for the dumping of garbage.

It was brought to the attention of the council that the traffic ordinance which governs the speed of automobiles in the city, should be either enforced or repealed. City Attorney J. W. Day thought that notices giving the speed limits, etc., should be placed at convenient and conspicuous places throughout the city.

Many other matters of minor importance were brought up and disposed of before the council adjourned.

OREGON CITY PAPER BOOSTS FOR ST. HELENS

The following article appeared in the Oregon City Morning Enterprise last Sunday morning:

"To all those lovers of good times in Oregon City who are planning to spend the Fourth of July away from home, the city of St. Helens, Columbia county's metropolis, through S. C. Morton, president of the chamber of commerce, has extended a hearty invitation to join with them and participate in the good time which will be held in St. Helens on the nation's birthday.

"A genuine American Fourth of July will be celebrated at St. Helens. Chief Justice Thomas A. McBride, known and loved by all in Clackamas county, will be the principal speaker of the day. Through the generous co-operation of the navy department a submarine chaser will be anchored in the Columbia river off St. Helens and will be open for visitors all the day long. There will be land and water sports galore, a free barbecue and everything to make you happy on a day like the glorious Fourth.

"St. Helens will be particularly a good place to spend the Fourth for those who have cars as the city is situated on the Columbia River highway, north of Portland. It is only a little over an hour's easy drive from Portland and the most of the way is over paved roads.

"So make up your mind now to drive to St. Helens next Friday and help Columbia county have a rip-roaring Fourth of July."

Editor Brodie of the Enterprise is a good friend to St. Helens, and by giving St. Helens and Columbia county such favorable notice, has helped in bringing the hundreds of visitors to St. Helens.

Carrying 987,000 feet of lumber and 60 passengers, the steamer Cello left out last night bound for San Pedro, California.

It is stated that there is a small shortage in the Salvation Army fund drive and Dr. Wade informs the Mist that the campaign will be continued until the full amount of Columbia county's quota is subscribed.

The submarine chaser left down for Rainier at 7 o'clock this morning and after aiding in the celebration in Rainier, will return to St. Helens about noon time and remain here until tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. H. F. McCormick and Miss Amy George motored to Portland on Thursday morning to meet Miss Leona Perkins, who came from San Francisco to spend her vacation here. Miss Perkins is in the employ of the Charles R. McCormick company and formerly lived in St. Helens.

St. Helens Welcomes You