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## AMERICAN LEGION FOR MEMORIAL

### They Take Charge of Raising County Quota in Roosevelt Memorial Campaign—Many Take Membership in Memorial Association.

The plans for the Roosevelt Memorial campaign in Columbia county have been changed. George A. Gore, president of Columbia Post, American Legion, agreed to take over the work of raising the county's quota and has enlisted the aid of the members of the post. A committee he appointed, were supplied with subscription blanks and asked to call in not less than five persons. The result has been very satisfactory and Mr. Gore believes that the county quota will easily be raised. In Rainier, he has referred the matter to the American Legion post at that place and asked that they follow the plan outlined.

While many will be invited to participate in the Roosevelt Memorial, there are many others who will not come in contact with the members of the Legion and in order that every one may have an opportunity to take out a membership, Mr. Gore states that remittances from a dime to \$10 may be sent to him. A receipt will be sent the contributor for the amount and later a certificate of membership in the Roosevelt Memorial Association will be forwarded.

### Call on Stork

Those who do not find it convenient to see or write Mr. Gore, may drop in at the Chamber of Commerce, rooms and Mr. John L. Stork, who is assisting Mr. Gore in the work, will receive the contribution and issue a receipt. Mr. Stork has a number of biographical sketches of Roosevelt and will be glad to furnish any one with the booklets which give many of the important happenings in Roosevelt's life. The supply of these booklets is limited and those who desire them should call at once.

The schools throughout the county will also take a part in raising the memorial funds and each school or church school room will be awarded a large certificate of membership in the association, the certificate setting forth that the school has contributed to the fund and become a member of the association.

Monday, October 27th is the anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt's birth, and it is planned to have every school throughout the United States make it an occasion of a nation-wide lesson in the loyal Americanism which characterized Theodore Roosevelt's life.

Mr. Gore feels sure that the county quota, which is only \$230, will be easily obtained.

## GRAND JURY RETURNS SEVERAL INDICTMENTS

The grand jury has completed its work unless again called together, they returned the following indictments: Frank McVey, rape; Mat Falsanen, assault with intent to rape; Angelo Marin, being drunk in a public place; Louis Marin, being drunk in a public place; Sebastian Rora, possessing intoxicating liquor; S. C. Horton, wrongful conversion of property by trustee; Angelo Pasero, possessing intoxicating liquor; Natale Pasero, possessing intoxicating liquor; Pete Marracci, possessing intoxicating liquor; L. Rosasco, possessing intoxicating liquor; Angelo Canaparro, possessing intoxicating liquor.

Circuit court resumes its session on Monday, November 17th, and several of the cases will be heard at that session.

## TWO CARLOADS MAXWELLS SOLD

Dr. J. H. Flynn has been a busy individual for the past ten days delivering Greater Maxwell automobiles. He states that the carload which was received the first of last week, has all been delivered and that the carload received Saturday will be delivered this week. He expects another carload in a few days and can make immediate delivery at the present time.

Captain P. Dolman, who has just recently received his discharge from the army, was in St. Helens Tuesday on business. His home is in San Francisco, but during the war he was one of the large staff of doctors at Camp Meola, L. I. He is a son of W. H. Dolman, who early in the 19's conducted a store in St. Helens and was postmaster here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Appleton of Little Ground, Washington, were in St. Helens Monday for a few hours in their way to Deer Island, their former home. They are comfortably settled on their big ranch which is not far distant from Vancouver and like that part of the country very much.

The steamer Wapama, Captain Goidt, left down river Wednesday evening laden with 1,000,000 feet of lumber and a capacity passenger list, bound for San Francisco. Joe Adamson, who has been taking a rest for the past year, has resumed his former position as purser of the steamer.

Miss Pearl Henry of Chicago, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Carl Christensen, for the past two weeks, left Tuesday morning. Miss Henry is a reconstruction aide in the U. S. service and was taking a well earned furlough.

## GOOD WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Johanna Peterson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Wicklund in this city Monday afternoon, October 20th. Deceased was born in Sweden and at the time of her death was about 82 years of age. A number of years ago she came to America and joined her daughter, who lived in Chicago, and later came west with them and settled in St. Helens about eight years ago.



She is survived by four children, two sons who live in Sweden, two daughters, Mrs. Annie Broawitz, who resides in St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. David Wicklund, who resides in St. Helens.

Awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Broawitz, who is on her way from St. Paul, the funeral will be tomorrow noon and the services will be at the Portland Crematorium. Mrs. Peterson was a kind and good character and had numerous acquaintances and friends who sorrow at her death.

## LUMBERMEN LOOK FOR LOCATION

S. J. Sovereign, Otto Sovereign and H. Carr, officials of the Alland Ready Built House company of Bay City, Michigan, have had an opportunity to see the timber resources of Columbia county. They came west looking for a location for another plant and visited St. Helens, wishing to see some of the fine timber in this section. Mr. Charles Wheeler took them via auto to Astoria and went over the Pittsburg road and through the Nehalem valley to Astoria. The easterners marvelled at the great wealth of fine timber available and knew much more about Columbia county than when they first arrived here.

The company started the "ready-to-build" house scheme about 15 years ago. The first year they did \$1300 business. Last year they did \$3,200,000 business and will double that amount this year. They will build another plant somewhere on the Columbia or on Puget Sound, but did not make their plans known as to a location.

While here they were the guests of H. F. McCormick and Charles Wheeler and every attention was shown them.

## FALL MEETING OF GRANGERS

The fall meeting of the Columbia County Pomona Grange will be held at Clatskanie, Hazel Grove Grange, on Saturday, November 1st. The master of Hazel Grove Grange has promised the greatest feed ever given a body of grangers and extends to every granger a cordial invitation to be present. It is expected that a large crowd will be present.

## DEPOT SAFE BLOWN

The safe at the S. P. & S. depot was blown to smithereens Sunday night or early Monday morning and between \$150 and \$160 taken. The robbers gained entrance to the office by prying up the window on the east side of the building. Deputy Sheriff Butler thinks that the work was done by professionals. The safe was practically blown to pieces.

The Be-a-Brick-Buy-a-Brick campaign is about over and Mrs. George Wilson and Mrs. J. A. Bushong, co-workers in the campaign in St. Helens inform the Mist that the people of the city have responded liberally, \$225 having been turned into headquarters in Portland. This sum will go toward building a fire-proof nursery for homeless and abandoned babies of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cooper of Michigan, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart, left for Portland Monday and will make their home there. Mr. Cooper has accepted a position as conductor on the Northern Pacific railroad.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will give a public reception to the pastor, Rev. A. S. Hisey and his family in the Methodist church parlors tonight, celebrating the return of the pastor to this position as pastor is invited.

Hon. Gus C. Mosher, a prominent Portland attorney and well known throughout the state, was in St. Helens Saturday on a legal matter. Mr. Mosher was recently appointed attorney for the Port of Portland.

## NO CONTRACT FOR PAVEMENT

### Matter is Laid Over Until Next Council Meeting to Ascertain Wishes of Taxpayers—New Piano is Ordered for the City Hall.

No contract was let for the improvement of portions of Columbia street and McCormick street at the council meeting Monday night. It seemed to be the impression that the cost per lot for grading and paving would be about \$700. This was too heavy, the mayor thought. The engineer of the Warren Construction company explained that the bid was made on a basis of 2 1/2 inch thickness of pavement whereas only 2 inches was necessary. This would be a big saving, he stated. He also said if the rock and earth at the foot of the hill on Cowlitz street could be used, it would save much more and if sand were used for filling instead of rock, a saving of 25 cents per yard could be made. If this were done the bid of his company would be less than the engineer's statement. City Engineer VanOrshoven corroborated Mr. Newell's statement and submitted figures to show that the work would cost far less than some of the property owners had been informed.

E. A. Rotger said he understood the railroad to be built on Columbia street would require about 9 feet of the street and wanted to know if the company proposed to pave this. If they did it would take off quite an expense to the adjoining property owners. If it were not paved it was explained that the cost per lot would be greatly reduced.

Gus Lope, who owns a corner lot on Columbia and McCormick streets was willing for the pavement on Columbia street, but said he did not think he could afford the improvement on both streets.

Walter Blakesley was agreeable to the paving of McCormick street and said he would stand his share of the cost, but wanted the work done immediately.

The mayor laid the matter over until next Monday night, stating that he would interview some of the property owners, and if they wished the improvement, he would sign the contract.

An order was made that the council buy a new piano for the city hall. The piano agent agreed to allow \$80 for the old piano on the \$540 for the new one. The order was placed.

Several other matters were transacted before the council adjourned.

## BURKHEAD RAISES FINE APPLES

J. M. Burkhead of the Bachelor Flat neighborhood, kindly left at the Mist office Thursday, a box of the finest Northern Spy apples that we have seen and as good as can be grown anywhere. Mr. Burkhead is one of the farmers who believes in taking care of his orchard and the fine fruit he has grown demonstrates the wisdom of his ideas and also that Columbia county can be a great fruit country if the effort is made.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Our first regular assembly was held last Friday afternoon to hear Mr. C. C. Cassatt speak. Mr. Cassatt was formerly a member of the St. Helens school board and has for a number of years shown a great interest in our school. Our next speaker will be Rev. Spearow, on Friday, October 31st.

The sophomore class will give a party next Saturday evening. The seniors and juniors have been invited and there is no doubt that the sophomores know how to entertain, thus insuring a very enjoyable occasion.

The seniors and juniors have together organized a literary society, and will hold their first meeting Friday evening in the school auditorium. The sophomores will form a like organization very soon. Debating will constitute the main feature of these societies.

A committee representing the senior and junior classes has been appointed to investigate the condition of John Gumma's grave. When the committee has made its report, the members of the two upper classes will see that the grave is properly cared for during the next two years. The privilege of caring for the grave will then be handed down to the classes that have replaced these two classes.

Our football team was defeated at Ridgefield Saturday by the Ridgefield high school team by a score of 13 to 0. The greater number of our boys had never played a game of football, but put up a good fight against a team that averaged much higher in weight. We are deeply indebted to the girls and others who accompanied the team and gave it loyal support.

Shannon Shafer of the Clover Hill Farm at Deer Island, was in St. Helens Thursday. He has just returned from Chicago and other eastern cities where he, Prof. Westover of the O. A. C., and L. Reed of Astoria, went to look for Guernsey cattle. They bought a carload of fine cattle which will soon arrive. Mr. Shannon stated that efforts are being made to establish a quarantine station on the Pacific Coast and have the cattle shipped from the Island of Guernsey via the Panama canal to this coast. Such an arrangement, he said, would save the buyer much.

## COMMERCIAL BODY ATTAINS RESULTS

### Report of Executive Secretary Tells of Work Done and Things Accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce During Past Year.

The meeting was called to order by C. C. Cassatt.

The executive secretary rendered his report of the activities of the organization from December 3, 1918, to October 1st.

Judge White spoke for about half an hour on the road and street improvement problems in St. Helens district, and illustrated in a very apt manner the increasing demand for more improved roadbed, stating that when he came into this county years and years ago a pack trail was a good road; this then fell into disfavor and the ordinary road for wagons was thought good enough for any one; this was discarded for macadam roads, which no one believed could be made better, but now it is a settled fact that hard surfaced roads are the only ones that will stand the traffic. In order to get the amount of hard surfaced roads necessary in St. Helens district a special levy will be required. County Commissioner A. E. Harvey then explained that all the money raised by a special levy is expended in the district raising the special tax.

This was followed by a timely talk by Mr. George Quayle, general secretary of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, on community cooperation.

Mr. F. S. Bramwell, vice president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, made a special trip from Pendleton in order to address the members on the assistance that is being given by his organization and the necessity of all portions of the state sticking together in order to get congressional aid.

Mr. Stork's report follows:

The present Chamber of Commerce was organized on December 3, 1918. I found on my arrival here February 1st, of this year, that there existed a good healthy organization of fifty members and that good work had been done by them.

Through the aid of the members and officers the membership was increased to one hundred forty.

In getting the organization started on its work it was believed that a series of community meetings would accomplish the desired results, and accordingly the plan of having two meetings a month was adopted. At each of these meetings matters of business were discussed and action taken, and this was followed with an address by some well known person on important matters confronting us. In addition, there was good music and occasionally refreshments.

These meetings were of a character adapted to the needs of the community, and to show their general character and educational value, I shall make mention of some of them.

In February, Mr. John L. Eherider, manager of Morris Brothers of Portland, spoke on the subject of the State Chamber of Commerce and the development of a greater Oregon. Mark Woodruff, of Portland, addressed us on the benefits of good roads and the efforts put forth to secure travel to this western country. Mr. D. C. Howard outlined what could be done in the way of cooperation between the farmers and the merchants.

In March, Mr. R. T. Jacob gave a short talk on the Internal Revenue laws and Mr. David F. Morrison, editor of the Portland Telegram, interested and enlightened us on the subject of ports and port development. Mr. B. F. Irvine, editorial writer of the Oregon Journal, gave a timely address on the League of Nations.

During March, the Warren grange entertained our members at a splendid meeting of good fellowship.

In April, Prof. E. T. Reed of the Oregon Agricultural college, delivered his address on cooperation and leadership.

And during the same month, Mr. Wm. L. Finley, state biologist, entertained and instructed us with his lecture and wonderful pictures of wild animal life in Oregon.

At one of our June meetings, Mr. Charles R. McCormick, of San Francisco, president of the McCormick interests, in a brief and business-like statement, assured us what his companies were doing and going to do to aid the development of this city, and stated his confidence in the growth of the place.

Mr. A. F. Marsh gave his illustrated chart lecture on community development, and I am sure that one of you who heard him will ever forget the practical illustrations and how they could be applied in St. Helens.

Mr. T. E. McCroskey, the versatile secretary of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, presented various problems and their solutions, in community work, and I might say that some of his suggestions have been followed in our city to our advantage.

During the summer months we took occasion to get better acquainted with our neighbors and on July 27th arranged for a picnic at Vernonia and invited all Nehalem valley people to join us there. About sixty autos, made the trip over the Pittsburg road, and you who were present felt that you would like to go back again to that hospitable town.

In August we had another picnic, this time at our own Columbia Beach, where we met with our

## WINE IS POURED INTO THE RIVER

About 1000 gallons of grape wine which showed more alcoholic strength than the laws allow, was poured into the Columbia Wednesday. It had been the property of several Italians but was confiscated in a raid last Friday and Saturday by Sheriff LaBare, Deputies Butler and Harrison and Constable Dethman. In the raid approximately 3000 gallons were discovered and brought to the basement of the courthouse, which resembled a winery, as it was full of barrel, kegs and the apparatus for making the forbidden juice. Rev. A. S. Hisey witnessed the pouring of the wine.

Those arrested were: Sebastain Rora, Tom Corsiglia, Angelo Pasero, Natale Pasero, Pete Marracci, Joe Cuzzalin, L. Rosasco, Angelo Canaparro and B. Isaigh, who plead not guilty and will stand a trial. Judge Eakin imposed a fine on those who plead guilty of \$25.

## NO COUNTY AGENT YET SECURED

Mr. Jens Olsen, the newly appointed county agent, will not be able to accept the position, although it was his intention to do so. He came to St. Helens on the 15th and made a tour of the county and met many farmers and liked the prospects. For some time he had been feeling badly and consulted his physician in Portland, who immediately ordered a change of climate on account of serious lung trouble. It is thought that the trouble was caused by exposure while serving in the Argonne in the tank corps. Mr. Olsen regretted to leave, but it was imperative that he should do so. The office will be filled by Mr. Howard until November 1st.

Neighbors from country and town. On that occasion we had instructive and entertaining talks by Mr. D. C. Howard, and "Farmer" Smith, the O. W. R. & N. agriculturist.

I make mention of these meetings to show the general range of topics and nature of the meetings, and I might say that we need these inspirational and educational meetings in order that we may learn how many people are solving their problems and thereby give us pointers for our welfare.

Some of the earliest work done by us was in regard to legislative bills. Through the cooperation of our representative, Mr. Edison I. Ballagh, the passage of the mineral bill was secured. This allows mineral rights to be taxed separately from the land itself, and will bring in additional revenue and also tend to put a stop to reserving the mineral rights when the land is sold. If the mineral rights are reserved, taxes must be paid for the privilege.

An effort was made to get a separate judicial district for this county, but failing in that, we secured the defeat of a bill which would have put us in a judicial district with Washington county, a more inaccessible county than Clatsop, with which we are now tied.

Also we worked to secure the defeat of a bill which tried to abolish the county board of equalization.

Then we took up with our senators and representatives in Washington the matter of securing increased appropriations for the agricultural department, as for a time Congress threatened to curtail the amount appropriated for county agricultural agent's work, one of the most important projects in the state and which means so much for the agricultural community.

You will remember the clean-up campaign early in April. Tens of thousands of old cans, bottles and glad rags were consigned to the scrap heap. We'll have one next year and remove another layer.

In March we laid the plans for numbering of the houses in St. Helens. Nearly all cities of the size, dignity and importance of St. Helens are numbered. The city council approved the plan and the Chamber of Commerce had a large map prepared showing the numbering scheme, and numbers are now on sale by the city recorder.

To show what cooperation will do, about 40 men got together one afternoon in June, with picks, shovels and other tools they had not exercised for years, and did honest to goodness work on a road leading to our Columbia Beach, in consequence of which autos can now get to that bathing place. This much done, people wanted more, so sixteen bath houses were constructed and city water piped to the place and shower baths installed. The grounds were cleared up, spring boards erected, floats for the boats built, and now it is a place where anyone can go and enjoy a nice picnic or a good plunge in the Columbia. We have just started on this Columbia Beach proposition, and in time it should become more famed than the Columbia Beach near Portland. We need recreation and can find it right at home if we but use the facilities here. Mr. McCroskey, the Salem Chamber of Commerce secretary stated that if we did nothing more this year than to improve Columbia Beach our existence as a community organization would be justified.

St. Helens is becoming known as something of an excursion resort as was manifested by our success of the Fourth of July celebration. The members of the executive committee that made this such an outstanding success were Fred Watkins, J. H. Thatcher, W. E. Lidy and L. J. VanOrshoven.

We have encouraged industries to

## START DRIVE FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS

### The Object is to Increase Circulation and Add New Features to the Paper—Drive will be Conducted by Newspaper Expert.

Our paper starts next Thursday a big subscription campaign. One of the main objects is to give the advertisers more readers and to improve the paper by adding new features and more correspondents. It is the belief of the publishers that they are supplying a paper that deserves more readers than it has. They also believe that its advertisers deserve a greater circulation than the paper is now furnishing them. In order to obtain these added names the paper is prepared to spend money liberally in the effort. It feels that the advertisers are spending money on the strength of the paper having a large circulation, and it is the purpose to justify their investment in the advertising space by maintaining that circulation at its maximum strength. We feel that the paper should wield a still greater influence and should be read by a great many more people than now do so. To this end we have again engaged the services of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. P. Perkins, who are experienced people in newspaper work, and capable and thorough. The contest will be under the supervision and personal direction of Mr. and Mrs. Perkins. They have flattering testimonials from the publishers they have been associated with, and we are satisfied that they will again do good for the paper, its readers and its advertisers.

We expect to add a great many new readers to the large list of those who already receive this paper regularly. For these reasons all should be interested in our big contest which is now being launched.

The plan is simply to issue votes for old or new subscribers and give a prize to every active contestant.

The 12 ladies having the most nominations will be the 12 contestants to represent the different communities. There will be 12 beautiful prizes—the first prize is naturally the best. A beautiful diamond ring, bracelet watch, diamond lavalieres, two scholarships, gold bracelet, gold brooch and rings are among the prizes. It will depend upon the efforts each contestant puts forth, how good a prize she will win.

The prizes are all bought through your well known jeweler, Mr. Von Gray, where they will be on display from next Tuesday on. They must be seen to be appreciated, as never before has such a list of prizes been given away in this short time.

Each prize is guaranteed and will stand the fullest inspection by any person interested.

The contest will be out in the open absolutely free from any misrepresentation or fake in giving prizes, and there will be three well-known business men to act as the judges of the contest.

Nomination coupons for those who desire to enter the contest or for those who wish to nominate a friend will be found on page eight. Fill them out and mail them to the contest manager. The contest will only run 16 days. Therefore the contestants will need all their spare time to do their work, so help them all you can. Don't fail to read the contest page in the next week's issue.

Locate here and have the prospect of a sash and door factory, a box factory and other institutions that can make use of the lumber that now goes to waste at our lumber mills.

One of the biggest projects we have undertaken is now under way. For some little time we have needed a deeper channel leading into St. Helens from the main channel of the Columbia river. At this time the larger steel vessels cannot come in to take on cargoes and this hampers the business of our port. Few probably realize that we ship annually 60,000,000 feet of lumber from St. Helens, and that with improvements and additions under way this will be increased to 90,000,000 feet each year. We have gathered data, statistics, statements, drawings and photographs and forwarded it to Washington with request that congressional action be taken. The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce is also cooperating most heartily with us in this enterprise.

We have worked for free delivery of mail in St. Helens; for better tourist rates to the coast; for a new depot; for rest rooms; for better accommodations for our farmers. Not all things have we succeeded in getting, but we will get some of them, and others as well.

Highway and street improvements are among the most important matters. We have been after the Oregon State Highway Commission for more and better roads, and while we have not gotten the road leading to Pittsburg constructed, we are not going to leave that important project until we do get it.

Paving of streets in St. Helens has been agitated, and we shall shortly see definite results in that direction.

In closing, I want to say that I have met with a fine spirit of cooperation from the members, directors and officers, and I believe that we have the organization that is going to accomplish much for the betterment of our community life and interests.