BUSY WEEK IN CIRCUIT COURT

Session-Rosasco Now on Trial on Liquor Charge.

This has been a busy week in the eircuit court the session of which began Monday morning. One of the 12 was necessary to summon a special

was the case of the State of Oregon Tom Corsiglia, who had been indicted for possessing intoxicating liquor. He changed his plea from not

The next case was that of S. C. Merton, who was indicted for the granted. trustee. After a jury had been secured and the district attorney made his opening speech, Attorneys Fulton and Day for the defendant objected to the case going further, claiming that luasmuch as their client had never been asked for an accounting. that the probate court was the proper body to deal with the matter and not the grandujry. The jury was excused while opposing attorneys cited the law relative to the matter. When court resumed its session Tuesday morning, Judge Eakin sustained the objections of Morton's attorneys and dismissed the case and the district attorney dismissed the other four in-

Tuesday and Wednesday the court heard the suit of the Tallent-Grant Packing company vs. Millie Taylor. The company sued for \$2000 advanced in fishing operations. The defendant put in a counter claim and the jury took this into consideration

Rosasco was begun Thursday and it taking on a cargo of lumber and took a good part of the day to secure s jury. Rosasco is charged with pos-sessing intoxicating liquors. His de fense is that he was not making wine, but vinegar. At noon Friday the state had concluded its case and the defendant had begun on his wit-nesses and it is not probable that the case will be concluded before tomorrow. Sev Several other cases are yet to

PUBLIC MEETING

L. Potger, a representative of the Consumer's Co-operative Buying Sys-tem will be the chief speaker at a public meeting at the city hall to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The local committee, who have the meeting in charge, extend an invitation to all to be present and learn something of the proposed system which, they state, is aimed at a reduction of the present high living expense. The committe is also endeavoring to secure local talent to give a musical

ROAD DISTRICT 8 FOR SPECIAL TAX

road meeting Saturday last and overhauling which will require sevvoted a special levy of 10 mills for eral days.

C. A. Nutt. formerly editor and tax voted will bring in about \$10,
owner of the Rainier Review, is nowner of the Rainier Review, is nowner of the Rainier Review. proposed by the county court is close Bank Trust Company, of which to \$10,000 and if the budget is ap-brother, R. S. Nutt, is president. roved, about \$20,000 will be avail-

MINSTRELS COMING

Manager Burt of the Liberty Minstrel troupe to appear here on that evening. The troupe, which has 20 people, is now in Portland, having recently arrived from Chicago, They are playing at a Portland show house and after their date in St. Helens, will fill a several weeks engagement in Portland and Seattle. The Merry Minstrels come highly recommended and Mr. Burt is positive they will please the large audience which un-doubtedly will fill the Liberty on the date mentioned.

The company carry their own special scenery, a fine band such orchestra and is the largest company to visit St. Helens in some time.

W. E. Lidyard was a business visitor in Portland Thursday.

After spending the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Malmin, Edward Malmin returned to Salem Sunday to resume his studies at the Willamette

University.
E. C. Stanwood, former sheriff of

CITY BUDGET

IS PREPARED

Council Also Takes Action on Many Other Important Matters

At their meeting Monday night, the council completed the work of preparing the city budget. The amount called for is \$12,420.00, which is an increase over the previous year. Of this amount, \$2,140.00 is for interest on bonds and for creating a sinking fund to retire the refunding bonds issued several years ago.

The budget meeting will be held n the council chamber at 7:30 remaining jurymen was excused on in the council chamber at 7:30 account of sickness in his family and D'clock on Monday, December 29th. All interested taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting.

The council transacted other important matters of business. A contract was entered into between the city and the Deveraux Bonding liquor. He changed his plea from not Company to take the city bonds for guilty to guilty and Judge Eakin imposed a fine of \$25 and warned the The final action on the improvement defendant as to a repetition of the assessment of Winter street was also

Several building permits were

MIST MISTINGS

here Tuesday on a business mission. Attorney J. W. Day was in Portland Saturday attending to some legal

The Fourteenth Decennial census is to be taken during the month of January, 1920.

The Womens' club will meet at

the home of Mrs. S. L. Butler, Tues-day evening at 7:30.

Mrs. Theresa Prael of Astoria, is here on a visit to her nieces, Mrs. Morton and Miss Olga Heilborn. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powers were Portland visitors Sunday and Mon-

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kidwell when rendering the verdict, and of Portland, were guest with the rendering the verdict, and of Portland, were guest with the swarded the fishing concern \$1300.

The case of the State vs. Louis

The steamer Willamette is here and of Portland, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill Scott Thanksgiving

creosoted piling for delivery in San

Roy Copeland was in Portland on Tuesday arranging for another ship-ment of Chevrolet automobiles, which he expects to arrive here soon The first census of the United States was taken in 1790, during the

administration of George Washing-ton. It related solely to population. Mrs. Ernest oJhn and child, after a visit of several weeks with Mrs. John's parents, left Wednesday for AT CITY HALL, their Portland home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Taylor of Kelso. Washington, were here Sunday, the guests of the Hattan family to whom they are related.

The steamer E. H. Meyer left out

Saturday night laden with 1,000,-000 feet of lumber, her destination

being San Pedro. Tony Mattos has resigned position with the St. Helens Union store and he and Mrs. Mattos expect

to soon leave for California.
Miss Jane Bell left Tuesday for Chicago to spend the holiday season. Just to be sure about coming back to Helens, Miss Bell bought a

The steamer Multnomah, which ar-Road District No. 8, the Mist and rived in the river Monday is on the Lower Nehalem country, had their dry dock in Portland to undergo an road meeting Saturday last and overhauling which will require sev-

000 to \$11,000. The district's pro-portion of the general 10 mill levy as nected with the Yellowstone Valley proposed by the county court is close Bank Trust Company, of which his

Miss Louise George, after spendable fro road work in the district during 1920.

MINSTRELS COMING

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land schools.

Miss Bessie Hattan has received a theatre promises the people of St. letter from former Deputy County Helens and vicinity a treat extraor- Clerk Marie Paulsen, stating that dinary for Thursday, December 11. she like Detroit, Michigan, very the has booked the B. & M. Merry well, but that the cold weather Minstrel troupe to appear here on makes one feel like getting back to Oregon and putting up with warm chinook wind and rain instead of the frigid atmosphere of Detroit.

A. W. Mueller and son were St. Helens visitors Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Mueller is now con-nected with the L. L. L. I. and is general field organizer in Oregon. His duties in such capacity call for him to visit practically every portlon of Oregon where logging and lumhe meeting with great success in the work of the 4 L's.

Editor A. E. Veatch of the Rainier Review was in St. Helens Monday on a business mission. A few months ago he bought the Review from C. A. Nutt and has enlarged it and made of it a representative paper, such as Rainier can well be proud of. The advertising patronage given the Review by the Rainier merchants is evidence that they appreciate Mr. Veatch's efforts.

E. C. Stanwood, former sheriff of Columbia county and well known all over the county, was in St. Helens Miss Hassie K. Evans, 20 years, of E. C. Stanwood, former sheriit of E. C. Stanwood, former sheriit of the past week was the marriage of cover the county, was in St. Helens friends and to visit Mr. and Mrs. Holden and bride came down from Portland Saurday to see down from Portland Saurday to see down from Portland Saurday to see form Portl

COMMENT ON

jections to inflicting the Death Penalty-Subject is Very Appropriate at Present Time.

To complete the somewhat sketchy notes which, through your courtesy, we have placed before the public, it is necessary to take account of the objections kept in stock by those who favor the abolition of the death assisting in the clerk's office this

In the preceding article we dwelt almost exclusively upon the state's right to inflict the death penalty; but now, in this proposed consideration of the objections, we intend to refute them and, consequently, to de-clare ourself not only a defender of the right, but also an advocate of the expendiency of capital punishment. And many must have noted with satisfaction that, in your splen-did editorial of last week, you your-self used no "weasel words" in em-phasizing the need of "iron handed instica."

Out of the horde of objections which in ancient and modern times have been levelled against the prac-tise in question we shall select those what enjoy a prevalency even now.

1st Objection—Statistics show that in regions where the death penalty is enforced, as high as 80 out of 100 criminals are condemned to death. Therefore capital punishment is not, in the legal sense, ex-

Criticism: Whether or not the al leged figures are correct is a matter to be determined by statisticians. But granting that they are, the conclusion does not follow. Most cer-tainly, the death of the criminals cannot serve as an example to themselves. In order to reach the above it seems as though he must have had conclusion, it would be necessary to a vision of the future.) make a census of all who had heard or read of the executions, and to thus determine how many had been dehow many also who, by such a spectacle of earsome justice, had been inspired with a horror of the gallows and would never be likely to court the hangman's noose. statistics which to our mind command the most thoughtful study, are those supplied in the annals of criminology. They reveal an in-credible increase of crime and a cynical audacity among criminals in those places where capital punish-ment has been abolished.

2nd Objection-The public welfare and the good of society are suffi-ciently safeguarded by depriving criminals of all chance to injure their fellow men, by condemning them, namely, to life imprisonment. But whatever rights the public authority enjoys, it derives from its fare. Therefore it has no right to inflict the death pencity.

Criticism: A philosopher ought not to follow abstract and useless theories, but to consider established theories, but to consider established facts. All right reasoning is founded upon the known facts of experience and not upon wishful speculations. As long as a murderer lives, he lives a hurtful member of lives, he lives a hurtful member of society. But the public has the right to live in peace without the fear of being attacked by murderers. This fear is not removed by life imprisonment or by deportation to some isolated island because escape from either is not only possible but has been frequently efected, and further crimes committed. An act is the beginning of a habit; the man who escapes the consequences of a first will almost invariably essay another. And a further consideration, which peculiarly applies to the state of justice in Oregon, is this; a comrunity which abolsines capital punishment through sentiment create by a false sense of pity, is likely, Clerk Marie Paulsen, stating that through the same motive, to curtail the felon's term of incarceration; and when it does so repeatedly, crime increases as the fear of the diminishes.

3rd Objection-If crimes increase in society, society itself is alone to blame, because it ought to prevent crime by teaching and spreading abroad the culture of civic and napable neglect and carelesness. in his book, "Principles du droit politique."

Criticism: This argument can retorted against its author, thus: If crimes increase in society, society itself is alone to blame, because it ought to prevent crime by teaching and spreading abroad the culture of virtue. Therefore society cannot punish any crime which is due to its own neglect and carelessuess in this respect. This conclusion is not admitted by the author cited. fore his argument proves nothing.

Society ought, indeed, to enact

20 YEARS AGO

Files of the Mist of December 8, 1899-Social, Political and Personal Happenings of Bygone Days.

Judge J. B. Doan came up from Rainler Tuesday to take a look at the new addition to the courthouse. Miss Marie Watts of Scappoose is

The receipts of the county clerk's office for the month of November for recording fees was \$205.00.

Mrs. Jacob George and daughter Annie, and Miss Kate Ramsdell of Portland, spent Thanksglving with relatives here.

At the semi-annual election of of-ficers conducted last Tuesday evenficers conducted last Tuesday evening at Avon Lodge, Knights of
Pythias, the following officers were
elected for the ensuing term: C. C.,
J. G. Watts; V. C., W. J. Fullerton;
Prelate, David Davis; M. of W.,
Martin White; K. of R. & S., W. A.
Harris; M. at A., H. R. Cliff; M. of
E., M. C. Gray; M. of F., Edwin
Ross; I. G., Fred Watkins; O. G.,
C. N. Gable; Trustee, E. E. Quick.

Next year we may expect to read of something like this in the daily papers: About 10 o'clock this morning a horseless wagon loaded with cowless milk collided with a brainless rider on a brainless wheel. The luckless wheelman was badly ininjured and being homeless, he was taken in a horseless cab to a home for the friendless. (The editor of the discussed. Mist 20 years ago almost : ccurately described present day conditions and

determine how many had been de-terred from contemplated crime, and the Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church, was in every way a success. Three booths were conducted. The fancy work booth, in charge of Mrs. H. R. Cliff, assisted by Miss Grace The Miles, contained many useful articles com- which were readily disposed of. The are candy booth conducted by Mrs. D. Davis, assisted by Miss May Whitney and Miss Lulu George, was well supplied both evenings with delication clos in that line. Mrs. A. H. George cies in that line. Mrs. A. H. George Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Mrs. Cox. Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Switzer superintended the refreshment booth. The large and handsome doll drossed by Mrs. James Muckle, was a centrol figure of attraction and was raffled off at 10 cents per chance. It was sold for \$11.30 and was won by Mrs. John Cilmore. Gilmore.

PHEASANTS PLENTIFUL

are more plentiful in the territory than the rankest poisons.
between Deer Island and the Multnomah county line than in former years. He attributes this to the fact

Many of the hunters claim that the large number of birds is to a great extent due to the excellent partment has looked out for Co-lumbia county and give Mr. Brown a big share of the cradit for t big share of the credit for the way he has handled matters in the county and his efforts which were respon-sible for the bringing of quite number of these birds to the county

The state game warden, Carl D. shipment of pheasants to the county liberate them some time in January.

according to Mr. Brown, and it is possible that the season for hunting quail may be opened during the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herman Rrinier, paid a short visit to St. Helens Monday.

Saturday last was the anniversar; of Mrs. Thomas Isbister's birth and tural virtue. Therefore, society can ap arty of riends gave her a surprise net punish with the de-th penalty, party. The ladies of the Congragacrimes which are due to its own culpable neglect and carelesness. This a beautiful cameo brooch. The afternoon was pleasantly spent and the hostess was much surprised when delightful refreshments were served, such having been thoughtful friends.

jury. To prevent such a calamity, capital punishment should be ab-lished entirely.

Criticism: This argument may also be retorted. It sometimes happens also that an innocent man is subjected to the disgrace of going to prison. Aside from the material damages his family must often suf-fer from it, they are also obliged to bear the stigma and the loss of re-putation which is always either

NEW OFFICERS FOR

Class of Sixteen to Receive First Degree on December 9th

At their regular meeting Tuesday night, Avon Lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term:

E. A. Ross, C. C. Orin Shepherd, V. C. Foster T. Phillips, Prelate. E. I. Ballagh, K. of R. & F. A. George, M. of W. J. B. Godfrey, M. of E. J. W. Vannatta, I. G. W. J. Fullerton, O. G. Martin White, Trustee. James Kemp, M. of A.

On Tuesday, December 9th, the rank of page will be conferred upon streen. Supreme Rep. a class of sixteen. Supreme Rep. Frank S. Grant of Portland, will conduct the initiatory work.

CHURCH NOTICES

Methodist Episcopal Church "The Frieadly Church"
St. Helens and Houlton
Albert S. Hisey, Pastor.
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services, 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, ednesday, 7:30 p. m. Sermon subjects:

Sermon subjects: Morning "A Hallowing Memorial." Evening. "Love to the Uttermost." The Sunday school board met last

Monday evening at the home of Dr. L. G. Ross, Plans were formulated for the Christmas celebration. The first chapter of our new book on Teacher Training was taken up and

Bible study is now in progress at our mid-week meetings. We now have a good enrollment, which should be considerably increased by next Wed-nesday. Why not enroll now? The choir is now hard at work on

splendid lot of music for Christmas under the direction of our new choir leader, Mr. Hollingsworth. If you are looking for a church home, we will extend to you a most hearty welcome. Here is a place in which you may find congenial work for the Master.
*The Friendly Church.

Plymouth Congregational Church Willamette and Columbia Streets Rev. A. R. Spearow, Pastor Phone 33-J

Sunday School, 10:06 a. m. Morning Hour, 11:00 a. m. Subject, "Little Things." unior Choir will sing. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Song Service, 7:30 p. m. Song Service, 7:30 p. m.
Rousing good singing.
Sermon, 8:00 p. m.
Subject, "Sins of the Mind."
All sin has its origin in the mind

of the offender before it becomes an Deputy Game Warden Brown in-forms the Mist that the pheasants in their effects upon the individual act. Poison thoughts are more deadly Edwin Ross.

Choir rehearsals, Junior, Friday 7:00 p. m.; Senior, Friday, 8:00

The Catholic Church
Next Sunday, the Mass at St.
Helens church will begin at 11:30.
Sermon on the Gospel of the Second Sunday of Advent. Catechism for the children will be-

gin promptly at 10:45. There are now 46 children in the class, and complimented on the fact of good attendance and diligent study. Evening services at 7:30, includ-

ing Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a short lecture of general

On Friday of this week-Sodality

Virgin Mary, It is a holy day of Obligation. Mass at St. Helens at 9:00 m., and at Deer Island at 11:00. entertainer. a. m., and at Deer Island at 11:00.

Evening services at St. Helens on Monday at 7:30. During this service the girls of the parish will be solmenly received into the Sodality. A sermon will be given by Fatner Clancy on "The Place of Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, in Catholic Worship."

entertainer.

A regular program for physical training in the high school will be put into operation after the Christman holidays. This feature of the school work has been postponed because of the large number of high school classes this semester and for

Free Methodist Church

Houlton, Oregon
D. M. Higbee, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Service, 11:00 a. m.
Evening Meeting, 7:30 b. m.
Mid-week Prayer Meeting, Thurs-

OFFICERS FOR THE K. OF P. LODGE S.P.&S. OFFICIALS VISIT ST. HELENS

Look Over Industrial Improvements and Are Favorably Impressed-Prospect that New Depot May be Built in Near Future

Friday St. Helens was honored by the presence of a party of S. P. & S. railroad officials. E. E. Little, assistant general manager; G. E. Votaw, superintendent; R. W. Pickard, assistant general freight agent; R. H. Crozier, eacht. R. H. Crozier, assistant general pas-senger agent and J. T. Hardy, traveling freight and passenger agent.

The officials, who were accompanied by Local Agent J. R. Gilby, called at the Mist office and expressional views along the state of the called at the mist office and expression along the called at the mist office and expression along the called at the ca ed themselves as much pleased with the progress and development of St. the progress and development of St. Helens during the past several years. Mr. Lillie was the spokesman for the party, therefore little was said on the object of the visit and matters in general, for Lillie is a bet-ter railroad man than he is a talker. However, upon being asked the direct question as to the probability of a depot being built to take the place of the shanty now used, he said that it "might be considered possible and probable that after the railroad lines want back to relyste ownership, the went back to private ownership, the railroad company might be in posi-tion to build a depot at St. Helens."

The party was taken to the ship-yard, the new mill of the Island Lumher Company and they also inspected the work being done by the St. Helens Dock & Terminal Company.

While the officials did not state tha purpose of their visit, it is evident they were here for some espurpose, for railroad officials, especial dinarily do not travel around just for the fun of going somewhere

RETURNS FROM ALASKA

For the first time in the past 12 years Tom Muckle, a former resident of St. Helens, has left the Alaska country and will winter in "the states." Mr. Muckle left the Iditarod section Octobed 17th, and walked 400 miles to Anchorage where he caught a boat bound for Settle and arrived in that city December 1st.

He has spent 21 years in Alaska and while admitting that the residents of the far north have some handleaps to overcome, states that the country holds out many oppor-tunities and that the chance of "making a stake" is always alluring. He has given the Mist an interesting account of a portion of Alaska, the min-ing enterprises, industries, etc., and at a later date, this paper will take pleasure in giving to its readers the

While in St. Helens Mr. Muckle is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob George, his uncle and aunt. He expects to leave in a few days for Tennessee to visit his father and his sister, Mrs.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Judge A. L. Clark of Rainier, was

Alvin Hill was out of school two days this week on account of two wounded heels, the result of the last game of football.

The members of the high school orchestra are very enthusiastic in their efforts to make a creditable showing. They meet each Tuesday evening for practice. The literary society will meet Friday evening, December 12, in the school auditorium. The try-out for

the two debating teams will be held December 8th. The girls of the three upper classes, assisted by the high school tecchers, will give a banquet for the football team next Saturday even-

Basket ball is one of the interesting topics now, attracting the atten-tion of the boys and girls. We expect

Every Wednesday—Meeting of the Catholic Altar Boys and Boy Scouts.

Monday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the pupils attended the second number of the Immaculate Conception of the light of the lyceum course and from their A large number of high school pupils attended the second number of the lyceum course and from their viewpoint Mrs. Dunniway was a good

school work has been postponed be-cause of the large number of high school classes this semester and for the reason that a great deal of work Our non-Catholic friends are al- had to be made up by some of the pupils.

> Miss Ella Hattaa, who is taking a course of study at the Monmouth Normal college, returned to Mon-mouth Saturday night after spending the Thanksgiving holidays home here.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Garrison, who will soon leave for Cali-fornia, the Pythian Sisters gave a farewell party at the lodge room on Monday night. There was quite a number present to wish Mr. and Mrs. Garrison the best of luck. A delight-

ful lunch was served. Mrs. Mary Myers writes her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Wheeler, that she was at Willmar, Minnesota, and making preparations to leave for St. Helens. The weather was very cold, Mrs. Myers wrote, the mercury hanging around the zero mark most