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LIBRARY BUILDING IS COTEMPLATED

Room and Library Building is Suggested to be Built on Strand. Cost to be Borne by City and Private Subscription.

Some of the public spirited men and women in St. Helens think that the city should own and operate a library building, and it has been suggested that such a building be erected on the Strand overlooking the Columbia River. Definite plans have been made, but it is understood that several substantial contributions have been offered to "start the ball rolling" as one contributor expressed himself.

The lot immediately north of the courthouse is considered as the most ideal place for the building. It is located on a hillside which would serve as both a public library and a room for the city. The building is much needed and in every city of the size of St. Helens a room may be found.

It is understood that efforts are being made to secure some of the Carnegie funds which have been appropriated for public library purposes. If such aid could be obtained, it is thought that with private subscriptions by the citizens and a sufficient aid by the city, that sufficient funds could be obtained to erect the building.

The Women's Club who are practically responsible for the present plan will be consulted as to the proposed plan and the officers of the Chamber of Commerce will appoint a committee to look into the matter and make recommendation and outline a plan of action.

While no definite plan has been made for the building, there are many who think it should be built of native stone and point out the fact that such a building would be a great advertisement to the city. It is understood that a public spirited man of St. Helens has offered to push the rock at absolute cost and it is decided to use stone.

The Mist is not in position to say if the building is a certainty, but it states on reliable authority that the matter is being given serious consideration and that it is not beyond the range of possibility that plans will be carried out.

GOOD WOMAN PASSES
Mrs. A. Player, a life-long resident of this vicinity, died at her home early Monday morning, after a illness of less than a week, the result of pneumonia, which was complicated by influenza.

The deceased was born at Cathlamet, Wash., March 7, 1857, being 62 years of age at the time of her death. When five years of age she moved with her parents to Wood's Landing and has ever since resided in this county. She married S. L. Bell, establishing their home in Nehalem Valley, where she resided for several years, afterward moving to Clatskanie to live. She survived her husband. The following children are also left to mourn the loss of a loving, self-sacrificing mother: Mrs. Addie LaBare, of St. Helens; Mrs. Lucy Eichenor, of Portland; Mrs. Nellie Burkhead, of Warrenton; Mrs. Frankie Sanberg, of Seaside; and Chas. Lovell, of Yankton, S. D., who were in attendance at the funeral. Two daughters, Mrs. Merril, and Mrs. Grace Currier, died within the past few years; another daughter died several years ago. Three brothers and one sister also survive: L. B. Woods of Trenton; Fremont Woods and John Woods, of Port Townsend, Wash.; and Mrs. Martha Gunderson, Seattle, Wash. Two little granddaughters, Rollin Merrill and Mary Eichenor, had made their home with her since the death of their mother.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church, of which the deceased had been a faithful member for many years, the pastor, Rev. S. Darlow officiating. Interment in Greenwood cemetery. — Clatskanie News.

Dr. A. J. Peel returned from California Sunday where he was called to the death of his sister, Lady Ross, who died at the residence of her son, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rotger, last evening for Portland where he will visit relatives for several days.

BIG MEETING 4 L'S AND CHAMBER COMMERCE

A double-header meeting of the L. L. L. and the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce will be held at the City Hall on next Wednesday night, eight o'clock, March 24th. The officers of the L. L. L. and a committee of merchants representing the Chamber of Commerce are arranging for a big time for their members and guests. As the four-L has a membership of 150 and the Chamber of Commerce 140 it is believed the City Hall will be filled to capacity.

Two big speakers will address the joint meeting—Mr. Norman F. Coleman, President of the L. L. L., and Mr. A. G. Clark, head of the Associated Industries of Oregon. Mr. Coleman has made a name for himself as an effective speaker and organizer and is so much in demand that it was only through the combined effort of these two local organizations that he was secured at this time. Before becoming the head of the four-L, he was one of the leading professors at Reed College in Portland. Mr. A. G. Clark is widely known over the State and is also much in demand as a speaker. On the day following his address here he is scheduled to appear before the University of Oregon and the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

FALSE RUMOR IS NAILED

President Lund of the St. Helens Co-operative Creamery Association, in a signed statement which appears in this issue of the Mist, brands as untrue a rumor which has been circulated to the effect that the Creamery Association was in financial straits. Instead of being in such condition, Mr. Lund says there has been, and is at the present, a steady increase in the assets of the company, and that on April 1st, 1920, a cash dividend of 8 per cent will be paid on the stock. He further states that the building and equipping of the new plant entailed a considerable expenditure and naturally it took some little time to get caught up financially.

Mr. Lund says that with the same support as was given when the association was organized, he knows that the creamery will be a paying business and work out satisfactorily in every way to the stockholders and the patrons of the concern.

CATHOLIC BOY SCOUTS DEFEAT COLUMBIA

The Catholic Boy Scouts basketball team won a brilliant victory last Friday night over the second team of Columbia University by a score of 22-12.

The Scouts were outweighed ten pounds to the man, but this was due to a misunderstanding; the Columbia coach sent down his second team instead of the Midgets, with whom the game had been scheduled.

Undismayed by a bad defeat suffered at the hands of the same team, three weeks ago the Scouts took them on; the final score gives only a faint idea of the battle the boys put up to win. The Columbia quintet, however, true to the traditions of the university, played a clean, sportsmanlike game. The Boy Scouts lined up as follows: Center, Tom Bibban; forwards, Capt. Ketel and Jack Gilby; guards, Tucker and Barney Rosasco. Referee Herbert Long.

On Friday evening of this week a return game is to be played here. Only a small admission is charged.

MEETING POSTPONED

On account of the unavoidable absence of a prominent Republican who was to be here Wednesday night to speak before the meeting called for the purpose of organizing a Republican Club, no formal meeting was held. A number of good republicans interested in the cause gathered at the courthouse and had an informal meeting. The mass meeting will be held at a later date, due notice of which will be given in the Mist.

Rev. Geo. McClure, formerly pastor of the Congregational church at Scappoose, but now of Ridgefield, Washington, was over from the Washington town Thursday night to take his second degree in the Masonic lodge.

Casper Zoller of Goble was in St. Helens Monday and made a visit to the sheriff's office for the purpose of paying his taxes. Mr. Zoller is one of the enterprising farmers living in the Goble district.

The silver tea given at the library by the Women's Club Wednesday for the benefit of the library was a social and financial success. Twenty-eight dollars were taken which will be used for the purchase of good, new fiction. Delightful music was furnished on an Edison which was kindly sent out from Portland by the Reed French Piano Company.

MISS CORRINNE HILL, EVERETT'S SPONSOR



STEAMER EVERETT SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED MONDAY AFTERNOON

Largest Wooden Steam Schooner Built on Coast Takes Initial Dip Monday. Large Crowd Witnesses Launching.

At 1:45 o'clock Monday afternoon, the last wedge was knocked from underneath the steamer Everett and the great hull began to move. As it moved, Miss Corrinne Hill smashed a bottle of "real christening material" against the hull, and christened the vessel Everett. There was not the slightest hitch in the launching, and the Everett took the water in beautiful style, in fact, no more successful launching has ever taken place at the yard.

Everett is Large Vessel.
The Everett has the distinction of being the largest wooden steam schooner on the Pacific Coast. Her dimensions are: length 250 feet, beam 46 feet and depth 20 feet. Her carrying capacity will be about 1,600,000 feet of lumber, or 2500 tons general cargo. It is estimated that the Everett will log off 12 knots per hour, as she will be equipped with twin screw engines, each having 700 horse power.

Loading a cargo of lumber, or any other cargo, and the discharge of the cargo of the Everett will be done in short time for two steam winches forward will handle the output and input in the two large hatches forward, and one winch aft will take care of the cargo that comes or goes from the after part of the vessel. John Foldat who will command the Everett, estimates that the cargo of 1,600,000 feet of lumber can be taken aboard in three days and discharged in a lesser time.

Quarters Are Comfortable.
Officers and sailors who will man the Everett will have all of the comforts of a home. The sailors' quarters are forward and are large and comfortable. Amidships are the officers' quarters and the galley. The captain's quarters are on the bow deck and the other officers will have their quarters on the bridge deck. The galley, dining room, refrigerating plant, wireless room, etc., are also on this deck, and are modern in every respect. The refrigerating plant is a large one, and when the vessel goes "off shore," the crew can be assured of having fresh meats and vegetables for a number of days.

The Everett was designed by Superintendent Christensen of the St. Helens Shipyard, after looking over numerous designs of vessels. He was assisted in the work by Harold Bauer, draughtsman at the yard, who drew the plans for the vessel in Commission Soon.

The Everett will soon be in commission. Tomorrow she will be towed to Portland and the engines will be installed, the Willamette Iron & Steel Works having the contract for this part of the work. Superintendent Christensen thinks that the Everett will be ready for the trial trip in about six weeks. Captain Foldat says the first cargo will be loaded at St. Helens for coastwise delivery and afterwards, it is probable the Everett will enter the Mexican or South American trade, taking lumber on the trip south and bringing a cargo of nitrate or general merchandise on the return trip.

Mrs. John Sten and daughter Miss Helen were Portland shoppers Tuesday.

Mrs. Geo. H. LeMont arrived home last Saturday after a four week's trip through Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, visiting relatives and friends. She says it is very nice to get back again to Columbia county.

Mrs. T. J. Schofield who has been in St. Helens several weeks returned Wednesday from a four day visit in Altoona, Washington, and left Wednesday night for her home in San Francisco.

James Galters of Deer Island was in St. Helens Wednesday. He states he will not run for county commissioner this year as he has a contract for furnishing peeled piling which is more remunerative than holding down the job of commissioner. He appreciates the many expressions of support.

WAS IT A JOKE OR A MISTAKE?

The name of A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank of Portland, and one of the giants of industry in the metropolis, is always connected with business rather than politics, but it seems Mr. Mills has stepped into politics and that he put the wrong foot forward in his first step. Mr. Mills is all right as a banker, and thinks that all bankers are all right, for he is of the opinion that Sherman Miles, president of the Columbia County Bank is a republican. He wrote Sherman a letter stating that Oregon should raise a certain sum for the republican campaign expense and asked that Sherman raise Columbia county's quota. The request from his banker friend places Sherman in rather an embarrassing position, for his father-in-law, Milton A. Miller, leader of Oregon's democracy, looks to Sherman, Dr. Welch and Bill Fullerton to make Columbia county safe for democrats.

Therefore, Sherman is in a predicament, his grandfather, the late Judge F. A. Moore, was a staunch republican; his grandfather on the Miles side of the family, the late S. A. Miles was a Kentucky democrat, his father, Frank Miles is an independent and his father-in-law, Milton Miller, is the leader of the democratic hosts of Oregon. The predicament is that on account of his friendly feeling for his brother bankers, he feels duty bound to help in raising funds for the republican campaign, and as a democrat, both by birth and marriage, he feels that he owes some allegiance to the party in which he is registered.

On account of his friendship with Mills, it is possible he will regard as confidential the information conveyed to him in Mill's letter for bankers must not fight, even if politicians do.

In printing this, the Mist desires that Milton Miller does not learn of the occurrence, for it is possible he might think that his son-in-law contemplated affiliating with the party which his grandfather Judge Moore, loved, honored and served. Really, Mills has passed the buck to Sherman and given him an opportunity to reform, or in other words, forget politics and align himself with those who are for the continuance of America's prestige and influence. It will be interesting to many to see how Sherman will decide since the question is squarely before him. Should he join the republican ranks, it is possible that Bill Fullerton and Dr. Welch will join him.

CLEAN UP DATES APRIL 5TH-10TH

St. Helens will have its annual clean up this year and the dates have been set by a committee of the Chamber of Commerce and are April 5th to April 10th. During this period, it is hoped that the people of St. Helens will avail themselves of the opportunity offered by the Chamber of Commerce and place the rubbish collected from the yards, basements, and houses, in a place convenient for the teams that will call for it.

H. T. Scott, business secretary of the Chamber, asks that all magazines and newspapers be kept separate, for they will be bundled and sold and the proceeds turned over to the Red Cross.

R. Sleight, a prominent attorney of Portland was in St. Helens Monday on professional business.

G. W. Gevin motored to Portland Wednesday. He will join the L. L. L. field force Monday morning and start in on his new job.

Judge White went up to Portland Wednesday evening to meet Mrs. White who has been in Montana for the past several weeks. They returned to St. Helens Thursday morning.

Several St. Helens members of the Elks journeyed to Portland Saturday night to take in the big Elk frolic Louis VanOrshoven went along. When he left St. Helens he wasn't an Elk; when he returned he was a full fledged member of the antlered herd and he has a "feelin'" recollection of how he obtained his membership card.

DREDGING WORK TO START SOON

Council Passes Ordinance Appropriating \$1000 and Dredge Expected About April 1st. Ordinance Repealed. Lighting Question Settled.

One of the important matters acted upon by the council at their meeting Monday night was the final passage of the ordinance appropriating \$1000 for aid in the dredging of Nigger Creek bar. It is expected that the dredge will be here about April 1st to do the work and the portion of the expense guaranteed by the city will be available. It is possible that some of the mud and sand pumped from the river's bottom may be dumped in the Nigger Creek canyon. The ordinance received the vote of all Councilmen present, Dixon, Larabee and Wheeler and the mayor immediately signed it.

Street Lights Cause Argument.
Councilman Larabee enquired as to whether or no it would not be the best policy to instal street lights on the Highway Boulevard. The matter had been under discussion for several meetings. Mayor Saxon, while admitting the need of the lights, mentioned the fact that in West St. Helens the taxpayers paid on acreage while in St. Helens they paid taxes on lots. He asked if other lights in West St. Helens could not be moved to Highway Boulevard. Mr. Larabee thought that all the lights now being used were necessary and Mr. Wheeler said he had made a favorable report in the installation of the lights.

Councilman Dixon enquired as to what the people should expect for their taxes. He said, "We have been spending money for harbor improvement, paving, etc., and why cannot we spend a few dollars for lights?" The mayor challenged Dixon to show where he had spent a dollar of the taxpayers' money unnecessarily and stated that he had tried to save money for the city. Dixon replied that he was not talking of saving, but of spending and called for the question, Larabee having made a motion and Wheeler seconded it. The mayor was forced to put the motion which was carried.

Ordinance Repealed.
Ordinance No. 234 which was passed in July 1919 and which authorized the city to convey to the county a certain tract north of the courthouse, is to be repealed by an ordinance submitted, read the first and second times. Ordinance No. 234 is the one which was held up by a referendum petition and it is now proposed to repeal the ordinance and submit another one making the same transfer but with some additional provisions. The ordinance in question will come up at the next meeting of the council and if it carries the emergency clause, will not be subject to referendum.

SHINGLE MILL BUILT ON FLOAT

A shingle mill which will go from place to place and navigate any navigable stream, is being built by Geo. Dommeyer and associates and will be operated on the Columbia river and tributaries. The float is 35 x 100 feet and seven large logs, 30 inches at the small end and from 50 to 60 inches at the butt, are the foundation of the floating mill. The machinery will be installed in the aft part of the float and in the "forward" end, there is a slip where the shingle bolts or cedar logs will be brought to the saw.

The float is almost complete and Mr. Dommeyer states that the machinery will soon be installed and the floating mill ready for operation. The mill will go from place to place on the river, and manufactures shingles and deliver them at the place of manufacture. So far as can be learned, it is the first shingle mill of its type yet built.

SECURES BIG DREDGING CONTRACT

R. B. Magruder of Clatskanie has secured a contract from the Guthrie Construction Company to do a lot of dredging near Burlington where the Eccles road will terminate and where they will dump the logs. Mr. Magruder states to the Mist that he will have to move approximately 100,000 yards from the bottom of the slough and his contract calls for the deepening of it 6 additional feet. It will require about three months to complete the work he thought.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The two divisions of algebra II will have a factoring contest Friday. Mr. Hopkins will make out the programs. The losing division will have to give the winners a party.

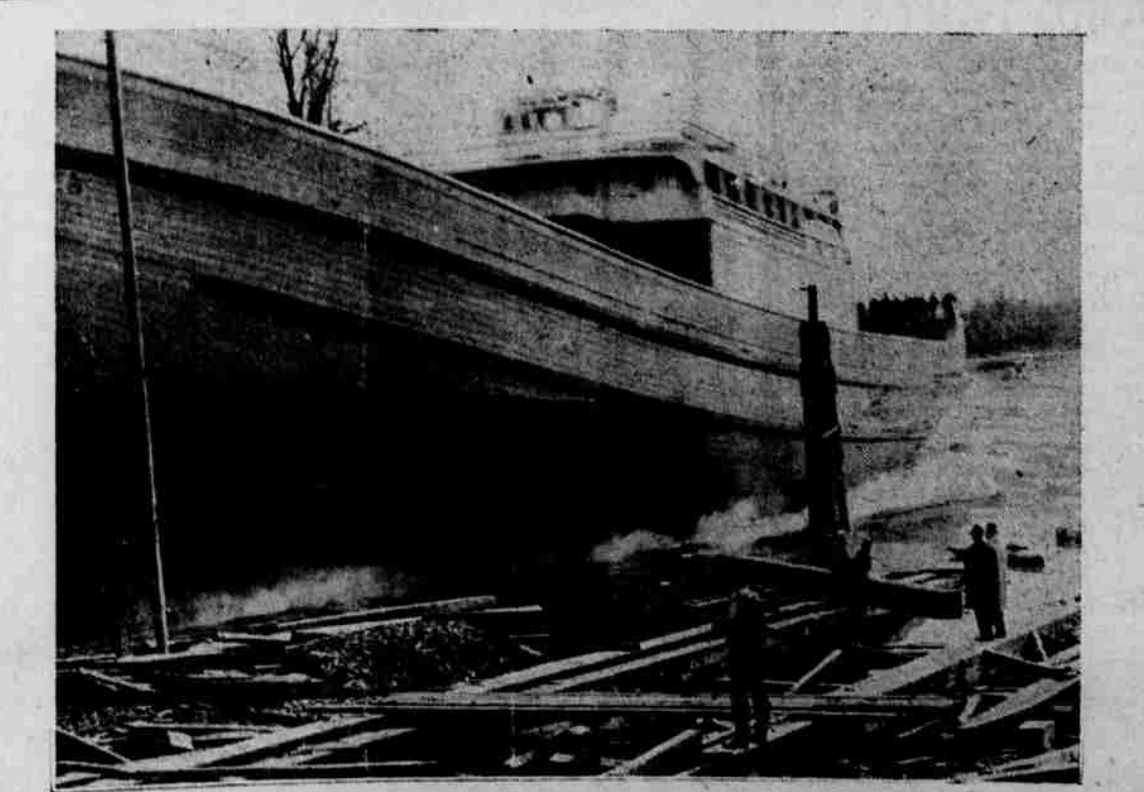
The Commercial Club extended the high school an invitation to attend the Lyceum program Thursday evening. High school students were admitted free of charge.

Our baseball team has started in earnest now. The boys are practicing every afternoon after school and the baseball fans are eagerly looking forward to some good games.

The Junior class held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at half past three. The usual business was carried on and nothing important happened.

The Junior-Senior Prom. took place Wednesday night. The Juniors were terribly excited over it but from all accounts it was a big success.

SHOWING THE STEAMER EVERETT AS SHE TOOK TO THE WATER



Sherman Miles was in Portland Wednesday.