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PIONEER ANSWERS THE FINAL CALL

Ellen Dart, Pioneer of 1850 is summoned. Had Long Been a Resident of St. Helens. End Comes Peacefully at her Seaside Home.

Mrs. Ellen Dart, widow of the late James Dart, passed on to the great beyond Tuesday evening at her cottage at Seaside. She had been in poor health for several months but her death was caused by a stroke of palsy. Several months ago Mrs. Dart went to her cottage in Seaside in the hopes of regaining her health. She was not successful in fighting the battle with old age and a complication of diseases.

She was born in Missouri in 1827 and with her parents crossed the plains and in 1850 settled in Columbia county. She was the daughter of John and Margaret Mcarty and the McNulty donation claim (McNulty Creek and McNulty station) is known to other generations.

Forty seven years ago, deceased was united in marriage to James Dart and until the death of Mr. Dart, which occurred several years ago, the couple lived in St. Helens. Since then she has spent her time with relatives in Portland, St. Helens and Seaside.

Mrs. Dart was a member of Mizpah Chapter O. E. S. and was Pastress of that lodge. The members of the Mizpah Chapter will conduct funeral services which will be held at the Masonic cemetery Saturday afternoon, Rev. S. Darlow Johnson will officiate at the church service.

Deceased is survived by one son, two daughters, J. D. Perry of Portland, Mrs. Ernest F. Younger of Portland and Mrs. C. C. Cassatt of St. Helens. The body of deceased will arrive at St. Helens at noon Saturday and will remain there until after the funeral services. Friends of the deceased, who wish to view the remains, should go to the church between the hours of 12 noon and 2 p. m.

LAST MINUTE LOCAL PICK-UPS

Frank Gardner was a Portland visitor Sunday.

D. B. Chambers has moved onto Williams place on the Yankton.

Mrs. W. J. Coates and Miss Oriana Coates spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland.

Miss Emily Fleming of Portland was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Christensen, formerly of this place but now living in Portland, were in town Saturday.

Miss Elsie Morley is home from Blinnette University for the week. Mrs. Ruth Taylor whose home is in Enclyde, Wash., is her guest for a week.

Albert Bureham has sold the steamer Corwell to Captain Chetner of Portland who will operate the steamer in doing harbor work at the Portland harbor.

Mayor Ballagh went to Rainier Saturday to bring the launch Grace to St. Helens. Preparing for the fishing season which soon opens, the launch has been given a thorough overhauling.

The Woman's Club will hold their next meeting at the residence of Mrs. Annie Ross on Tuesday afternoon, April 12th, at three o'clock. A paper "The Child's Right to Happiness" will be read by Mrs. Harold Broughman and Mrs. C. B. Adams will read a paper "Training Little Citizens." It is hoped there will be a full attendance of the members.

Judge Martin White, local chairman of the Committee for the relief of the starving Chinese, tells the Mist that he is much encouraged by the amount of contributions thus far received, and he hopes that before another week has passed, St. Helens will have subscribed its quota. Judge White said he would give the Mist a list of the subscribers so it could be published in our next issue.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will give a lunch at the church parlor Thursday, April 4, at the noon hour. On the bill of fare is baked beans, cabbage salad, hot rolls and butter, pie and coffee. After the dinner there will be a sale of aprons and other articles of spring and summer apparel. The ladies of the society extend a cordial invitation to all.

Evidently Jack Laferty didn't like the quiet of Philadelphia and didn't stay there very long for he writes the Mist, "I switched and came to New Orleans which is a fine city. The weather here is fine. I went out to the ball park and saw Babe Ruth put one over the fence. Boy, you ought to see him swing. I am making \$12 a day here doing block work. The beer is coming back. There are 500 boats tied up here because of no cargoes. My regards to all."

AMERICAN LEGION "FLYING SQUADRON"

Squadron to be in St. Helens, Monday April 11

The local post of the American Legion has received notice from Adjutant Elvers of the Department of Oregon that the "Flying Squadron" will make a trip to the posts in the lower Columbia district next week, the first stop of the squadron to be at St. Helens.

The squadron will arrive in this city on Monday afternoon, April 11th, and a special meeting of the post has been called for that evening. All members of the post and all ex-service men—whether legion members or not—are urged to be present at this meeting.

Primarily, the squadron is making this trip in the interest of the state bonus bill to be voted on by the people at the election called for June 7th. Its work, however, is not limited to this one subject alone. Its chief object is to infuse new life in the American Legion posts and assist members and ex-service men in the matter of any claims they may have against the government.

All ex-service men who have not received their Victory Medals are asked to bring their discharges to the meeting and the army field clerk will take their applications, and any claims, of any nature, will also be handled.

Don't forget the date—Monday, April 11th.

SPEED FIENDS PAY \$850 FINES

Some sixty motorists who preferred to travel at a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour, and some of them who hit the highway at 40 to 60 miles per hour, surrendered to the county a few hundred dollars because of the violation of the state speed laws. During the month of March, Speed Cop L. L. Abbott had interviews with sixty motorists who were not satisfied at the thirty mile per hour gait. The fines assessed in the justice court at St. Helens amounted to approximately \$850.00, which is enough to pay for the motorcycle and the salary of the speed cop for one month. However, Mr. Abbott is not trying to pinch a sufficient number of motorists to make up for the salary the county pays him and he tells the Mist that his duty is to patrol the highway and see that the reckless driver is brought to time so that the careful driver does not suffer, and the Mist believes he is doing his duty without favoritism and with a due regard for the responsibilities with which he is entrusted.

IRALDA MAY GO ON ASTORIA RUN

The steamer Iralda which for years plied the Columbia on the Rainier-St. Helens-Portland run and which was withdrawn from the run several weeks ago, may go on the Portland-Astoria run about June 1st if the plans of Lawrence Holman, manager of the America and Iralda, do not change. Mr. Holman who was in St. Helens Monday night, stated to the Mist that he was having the Iralda overhauled and adding more passenger accommodations. The space forward, formerly used for freight, has been changed into a smoking room and the cabin aft has been made more comfortable by installing additional furniture. It is Mr. Holman's plans to have the steamer leave Portland tri-weekly and at 9 o'clock A. M. Making stops at the most important landings, the steamer should arrive in Astoria at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It would lay over at Astoria and leave there at 9 o'clock in the morning, arriving at Portland at 4 p. m.

MANAGER CHOSEN FOR BASE BALL TEAM

At a meeting Tuesday evening at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Kit Conyers was selected as manager of the St. Helens Baseball club. A number of business men were present and promised financial support towards organizing and maintaining a St. Helens team, which Kit says will be composed of St. Helens boys. In the next few days, a committee will call on the business men to take their subscriptions.

Sunday at 2:30 o'clock a practice game will be staged at the fair grounds. Manager Conyers says everyone will be welcome and there's no admittance charge.

EASTER CANTATA TO BE REPEATED

In response to a large number of requests from persons who were unable to attend the Easter cantata which was held at the Methodist church Easter night Choir Director Hollingsworth and those who took part in the cantata have consented to repeat the cantata and have fixed Sunday night, April 17th as the date. All those who attended the cantata were loud in their praises of the beautiful music rendered and those who were so unfortunate as not to be present, will have an opportunity to hear the music Sunday night, April 17th.

J. L. Lamberson died this morning at five o'clock at his home in St. Helens. Deceased was about 80 years old and had lived in Columbia county for a half century. He is survived by his wife. More particulars in the next issue of the Mist.

LOOKS LIKE A WET SPRING!



LAST DAY RUSH TO PAY TAXES

Thousands of Dollars Surrendered to Sheriff for Tax Receipts—Delinquency More than in Former Years.

Tuesday, April 5, was the last day on which tax payers could take advantage of paying half of their taxes, for from that date, if the taxes were unpaid, a penalty or interest of one per cent per month will be added, consequently hundreds of Columbia property owners visited the sheriff's office on Monday and Tuesday. The tax roll of the county amounts to \$768,000 and a party well informed tells the Mist that more than \$250,000 has been paid as the first installment. The sheriff's office turned over to the county treasurer \$146,000 on Wednesday and there are some checks yet to be checked up, but it is quite evident that the delinquent tax payers are more numerous and the amount of unpaid taxes much larger than in any previous year. The high rate of taxation, which as some have expressed it, amounts to confiscation, is claimed to be the cause for the non payment of the taxes.

OREGON REFUND ON LAND SOLD

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Representative Sinnott has been notified by the commissioner of the general land office that a refund of \$1.25 per acre will be made to purchasers who paid \$2.50 per acre for land in even numbered sections, as well as in odd numbered sections, involved in the primary limits of the general route of the Northern Pacific railroad from Wallula Junction, Washington, to Portland, Oregon, forfeited by act of congress in 1899. Two dollars and fifty cents per acre was charged instead of the regular price of \$1.25 on the theory that the building of the railroad would enhance the value of the land.

The road was not built and the supreme court of the United States, in 1919, decided that a refund should be made to purchasers of land in odd sections. The commissioner ruled that this decision of the supreme court did not cover the even sections, but the secretary of the interior has recently held that the refund should likewise apply to the even sections as well as to the odd.

The lands involved are embraced in a strip forty miles wide on each side of the proposed line of the Northern Pacific along the Columbia river from Wallula Junction, Washington, to Portland, Oregon, which was forfeited on account of the failure of the railroad company to construct the road.

Applicants will have until December 11, 1921, to file applications for repayment and may obtain application blanks by writing to Representative Sinnott.

DETHMAN ADJUDGED NOT GUILTY

John Dethman who was arrested several weeks ago by Deputy Warden Campbell of Cowlitz county, Washington, and charged with fishing with a snag line, was tried in the justice court at Kalama, Wash., on Monday morning. After the evidence had been introduced and his case placed before the jury by his attorney G. R. Metsker, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty and then John hurried home. His boat and net are in the possession of the Washington authorities and it is probable another charge will be brought against him for having small sturgeon in his possession. He has sued Campbell for \$750.00 and the case may be heard at the May term of court.

County court is in session this week and many road matters are being considered. The road building fund amounts to almost \$20,000 and there are many who are asking the court for loads of road repairs in many localities.

VERNONIA ORGANIZES COMMERCIAL CLUB

Sixty Sign Application Membership—Organization to be Perfected Tonight—Delegation from St. Helens Will Attend.

Vernonia, the metropolis of the Nehalem Valley organized a Commercial Club. The Mist is informed that it took only a day to secure sixty signers and that means Vernonia will have a real live organization. Tonight they will meet to further perfect arrangements and outline plans. It is expected that a large crowd will be present and among them will be a delegation from the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce. Executive secretary John L. Stork informs the Mist that several cars loaded to capacity, will leave St. Helens this afternoon bound for Vernonia. It is the purpose of the St. Helens delegation to assist the Vernonia club in outlining plans which will be for the betterment of Columbia county, and act with them in a program of county development.

The program for the evening entertainment has not been outlined in full, but it is known that the hospitable people of the Nehalem have made arrangements for a mighty good supper after the organization has been perfected.

FEATURE PLAYS COMING TO LIBERTY

Manager East of the Liberty Theater has booked some big plays for the coming week. "The Jack Knife Man" tells an original story of a life on a shanty boat on the Mississippi River. This is a play which will be especially interesting to children and Mr. East states that all children 12 years of age or under and when accompanied by adults, will be admitted free. The play will be at the Liberty Wednesday, Sunday and Monday. Harold Lloyd will be seen in his latest success "Now or Never." Lloyd is a favorite with the movie fans in St. Helens and they will be sure to see him in his latest and biggest success. In addition to this stellar attraction, the Liberty will present Wallace Reid in "The Valley of the Giants." It is a play which tells of the perils of picture making in the Giant Redwood Forests of California. The price of admittance to the theatre has been changed. Instead of being 35c and 20c, the price, from now on, will be 30c and 10c. Mr. East states that all children must have tickets as the government authorities insist on a war tax from every one who enters the theater.

TRAIN WRECK DELAYS TRAFFIC

Wednesday morning the freight train bound for Astoria met with a mishap. Just north of Holbrook, an axle on an oil tank car broke and the car was derailed. The Astoria train which was just behind the freight train was held up on account of the wreck and the Portland train, coming from Astoria, was held at Scappoose several hours until the track could be cleared. Passengers on both trains were bitter in their expression as to the arrangements made by railroad officials. Several passengers who left St. Helens at 11 o'clock did not arrive in Portland until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Others were more fortunate, for while the train was held up at Scappoose and promises of a speedy clearing of the track were made, they took jitneys and auto busses and arrived in Portland several hours before the train did. The Mist understands that they will make a claim for refund of the money they paid for tickets to Portland, and the Mist believes that the railroad company should make such refund.

The great falls of the Orange River in Africa are more than twice as high as Niagara and higher than the Victoria Falls.

A subscriber wants to know where lars go to. Well, a lot of them haven't got there yet.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM HAS GAME SATURDAY

Will Open Season With Fast Columbia University Team

The St. Helens high ball club will open the baseball season tomorrow afternoon, when they will engage the fast Columbia university team. The locals have been practicing faithfully and Coach Spless thinks he has a fast aggregation and they will give a good account of themselves. The weather for the past few days has been ideal for practice and the locals have rounded into good form. Coach Spless will probably start Olson on the firing line and if he can deliver the goods he will work the entire game, Anderson doing the receiving. In the event that Olson does not show the right form, Kiblan and Cruice will be in readiness to go on the mound.

The probable line-up will be, Anderson, catcher and Olson, pitcher. Kiblan will hold down first and Blakesley will covart around second. Cruice will hold down third, the torrid corner and Belville will scoop 'em up at short. Ross will look after the left garden and Hill will be stationed in center while Wellborn will see that all flies are eaten up in right. Larsen and Ketel will warm the bench and be in readiness to take any position if Coach Spless wishes a change made. The game will be called at 2:30 o'clock sharp and the boys hope the fans of St. Helens will turn out and root for the home team to win. The game will be played on the Fair ground field which is now in excellent condition.

AMERICAN LEGION ON JAP QUESTION

At their regular meeting Monday night, Columbia Post 42, The American Legion went on record as being opposed to the employment of Japanese in any capacity in this vicinity. The matter was brought up because it was reported that several Japanese have recently been employed in this vicinity. The meeting was largely attended and several of the members expressed their views in no uncertain manner, and the following resolution was adopted. Resolved; That Columbia Post No. 42, The American Legion, goes on record as opposed to the employment of Japanese in any capacity, believing there is an ample supply of white labor to fill all the positions now open and in all lines of business and further believing that the employment of a few Japanese is only a forerunner of the establishment of a colony, and we point to the situation which now exists in many California cities and communities and in Seattle and surrounding country as examples of what can be expected.

O. E. S. ENTERTAINS GRAND OFFICIALS

Mizpah Chapter, O. E. S., No. 30, was visited Monday night by Mrs. Ida Umbach, worthy grand matron of the Oregon domain. Mrs. Umbach's home is at Lakeview. Other grand officers present were: Mrs. Graden, grand warder; Mrs. Lillie Young, grand chaplain; Mrs. Dickerson, grand organist.

A large attendance was present to greet the grand officers and following the business session the usual sumptuous banquet was served. Initiatory work was also put on in a very impressive and satisfactory manner.

A large number of visitors were present from Multnomah, Portland, Myrtle and Martha Washington chapters in Portland.

The local chapter is one among the most flourishing in Oregon and the grand worthy matron took occasion to congratulate the members for their enterprise and the stable condition of the order.

MILTON CREEK CAMP RESUMES OPERATION

After having been closed down since last December, the logging camp of the Milton Creek Logging Company resumed work Monday morning and 115 men, a majority of whom reside in the Yankton neighborhood, returned to work. Manager Briggs was in St. Helens Tuesday and stated that it was the intention of the company to continue operation. The pay-roll of the camp is more than \$15,000 per month and the closing of and idleness of the camp was felt by the business concerns in St. Helens, and the news of the resumption of work will come as a pleasant bit of news, not only to them, but to the many employes who have been idle for the past few months.

BIG MISSION AT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Clancy has just received word that a mission will be conducted at the Catholic Church by Father James O'Reilly, S. J., an eloquent preacher and lecturer who has just returned from the Hawaiian Islands where he preached for missions for the past three months—the last, on the Loper Islands of Molokai.

The mission will begin on Sunday morning April 17th at the 10:30 High Mass and will be concluded on Sunday the 24th. Father Clancy, in speaking of the mission said that the specific purpose thereof is the renewal of faith and devotion among vigilant Catholics and the higher advancement in the spiritual life of those who are regular. These eloquent sermons are also open to the public.

BUS LICENSE FEE FIXED AT \$300

After Much Discussion the Council Agrees on Jalloff Bus Line Charge

Pass Ordinance for Improvement of Winter and Wyeth Streets.

The big question which the council decided at their regular meeting Monday night was the amount A. Jalloff should pay for a franchise to operate his busses in and through the city. The ordinance as originally drawn, called for an annual fee of \$500 payable in advance and Jalloff had told the council he could not pay it. When the ordinance was brought up for the third reading Mayor Ballagh said "are there any remarks" and Recorder Godfrey responded that plenty of remarks were made at the last session of the council. The mayor, however, thought that there should be more discussion before the ordinance was passed. He stated that to charge \$500 might work a hardship and he was opposed to working a hardship on any one. He asked Councilman Barrett for his opinion, and the councilman said "it seems to be a case of be damned if you do and be damned if you don't." He thought that \$500 might be a little stiff and suggested \$300.

Former Motion Reconsidered

When the \$300 rate was suggested, Councilman McDonald stated that he did not think it could be changed for at a previous meeting a motion had been made and carried that \$500 license fee be inserted in the ordinance. Recorder Godfrey came to the rescue by suggesting that the former motion be reconsidered and a new motion made. A motion was made and seconded that the old motion be reconsidered. It passed, Councilman McDonald voting the only "no."

O'Connor said "I think \$300 is enough and if they add more cars, let them pay more." Brower said "I really don't know what to think" and a general discussion followed. Barnett finally made a motion that the fee be \$300 per year and the limit be six cars and the motion was seconded by Brower. When it came to a vote, McDonald voted "yes" with the other councilmen stating "that it is no use to be all by yourself as it (the motion) will carry anyway."

Suggest Charter Change

The mayor said that when the charter committee were working on the new charter that he would like to see an amendment abolishing the water commission and avoid a duplication of some of the work. He thought that by giving the council the entire say, that a city manager could be employed who would devote his entire time to the management of city affairs. This brought on quite a discussion and upon suggestion of John L. Stork, the recorder was instructed to write to the state librarian for some books which give full particulars as to city managers, etc., and other data in that respect.

L. Burdick applied to the council for a license or permit to operate a traveling kitchen. He would use a nice wagon he had and everything would be sanitary. The mayor referred the matter to the street committee.

Sherman Miles called the attention of the council that some street improvement warrants had been in the bank for some time and no steps taken towards taking them up. Speaking for both banks he said that if the city was not more prompt in taking care of its obligations, that the banks would refuse to take the paper. Later he explained that he referred to only improvement warrants and was perfectly willing to handle the general fund warrants. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

John L. Stork brought to the attention of the council that in the near future the Chamber of Commerce would have the annual clean up day and asked that the city pay for some of the labor. Mayor Ballagh assured him that the city would co-operate with the Clean Up Committee.

An ordinance for the improvement of Winter and Wyeth streets was read and approved. There was some discussion as to the action of the Public Service Commission in the telephone raise matter, but no definite action taken.

AN OLD TIMER DIES IN HOSPITAL

Michael Pieter, a resident of St. Helens since 1883 and until several years ago when he was adjudged insane and sent to the hospital, died at that institution Sunday night. Von A. Gray, his guardian, made arrangements to have the body brought to St. Helens for burial, but Charles Littlefield, attorney for Mrs. Pieter, who was united in marriage many years ago, and while she was a young girl, had the body shipped to Portland. Pieter, who was a recluse and a miser, accumulated fortune of some \$8,000 and it is supposed there will be a contest for the estate. He has been in the asylum for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob George who left St. Helens several weeks ago are now comfortably located in a cottage at Monterey, California and will be there several months before returning to St. Helens.