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COUNTY COURT ORDERS ROAD BOND ELECTION

ELECTION TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 2nd

APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS IS THE ONLY QUESTION IN DISPUTE

Petitions with over 600 names of legal voters were presented to the County Court this week praying for an election to submit the question of bonding the County for \$360,000 with which to build permanent roads. The clerk checked over the names with the registration books and found more than enough to call the election and the Court accordingly made an order calling a special election to vote on the question for Monday February 2nd 1914.

This question is uppermost in the minds of nearly every citizen of the county at the present time. There is almost a unanimity of opinion in favor of the bonding of the county for building roads but there is considerable dissatisfaction over the distribution of the funds. The petitions calls for the expenditure of \$260,000 on the River road; \$25,000 on the Houlton-Pittsburg road; \$15,000 on the Mist-Clatskanie road and \$60,000 on the Nehalem road.

The amount of money appropriated is deemed to be equitable and in proportion to the amount of assessable property in each district as the figures show that in District No 1, which is all the southern portion of the county from Deer Island to the Multnomah County line, the assessed valuation is \$7,667,715; in District No. 2 \$5,079,445; District No 3 \$3,203,112 and District No 4 \$2,117,555 so that when the amounts to be expended in each district are taken into consideration the apportionment seems to be fair and equitable.

The County Court has employed Mr. Titus, an experienced road builder and engineer to have supervision and charge of the road building for the County while the State Engineer of Highway Commission will have charge of the surveying and locating. The County Court will, of course, retain and have jurisdiction over all and will be the last in say so that every detail will be looked after by competent and trustworthy men. There need be no fear of any graft or favoritism. Each and every locality and community will be accorded fair treatment and the money will with out a doubt be used to the very best advantage for every tax payer in the county.

Will Build Gas Tug.

Another contract was awarded the St. Helens Ship Building Co. this week when Mr. Rocca, of Point Reyes, California, left orders for the construction of a gas tug, which completed is to be 64-foot long, 18-foot beam, and depth of hold 6 feet. The tug will be completed within sixty days and when launched will be taken in tow by one of the McCormick steamers and taken to Point Reyes.

With two large barges and this tug under construction almost the entire ship building crew is again busy and will continue so until the laying of the keel in the spring for a fourth large steamer for the McCormick company.

Road Supervisors Appointed.

The County Court this week appointed Supervisors for the four road districts of the county as follows:

- District No. 1, U. S. Despain.
- District No. 2, Mr. Kirby.
- District No. 3, James Van.
- District No. 4, U. S. Mellinger.

At the Telephone.

Miss Slade, who has been employed by the St. Helens Telephone Co. the past year, has resigned her position here and gone to Carlton, Oregon, where she has taken charge of the Pacific States office. Miss Mildred Schultz, of Portland, is now at work in the St. Helens office.

Clover Hill Farms.

It is reported that E. L. Thompson, owner of Clover Hill farms near Deer Island, has sold his property there to a firm of Portland men for \$100,000. The farms consist of about 400 acres of land and many modern improvements.

Suicide at Tillamook.

Word was received here this week that Ben Wooley, for several years a resident of St. Helens, had committed suicide at Tillamook, where he, with his family was residing. We have been unable to confirm the rumor so far. Mr. Wooley will be remembered as a carpenter here for several years who worked at the mill for some time and who lived along the road to South St. Helens. He leaves a family consisting of a wife and three children.

A Light Vote Cast.

As the election held last Wednesday A. W. Mueller was elected Mayor, H. P. Watkins, Treasurer, and the following as Councilmen; J. H. Cronkite, Charles Graham, N. O. Larabee and M. Saxon.

For water Commissioners, U. S. Despain, A. T. Laws, H. F. McCormick, H. J. Southard and A. L. Stone. The proposition of building a dock was carried 106 to 52 which means that the city will construct a dock at the foot of St. Helens St. during the summer. Not over a 25 per cent vote was cast.

Clerk and Assessor Trade.

County Assessor Blakesley has moved his office into the room adjoining the clerk's office, while Treasurer Hattan will occupy the old assessor's office for the collection of taxes.

Stockholders Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia County Bank on Tuesday, January 13, 1914, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year. Wm. M. Ross, President.

WILL BUILD CITY DOCK "TWENTY YEARS AGO"

The people of St. Helens have decided to build a municipal dock. By a vote of more than 2 to 1 the voters at the election on last Wednesday instructed the Council to build a dock at the foot of St. Helens street. The Council has already planned on a dock to be 100 by 200 feet, built out to a depth of 24 feet in front. It is planned to let a contract for the driving of the piling and capping the same, and then the Council will do the decking and building on it by the day. No definite arrangements have been made yet, but the new council will take the matter up immediately so that work will be started soon.

CIRCUIT COURT MONDAY

Case of the State vs. Adams, Murder Charged, is on the Docket—Crime Committed at Vernonia.

The Circuit Court will convene again at St. Helens on Monday, January 19th, at which time the case of the state vs. Green Adams, charged with the murder of Robert McPherson, will be placed on trial. This alleged murder was committed at Vernonia last spring and there will be a large number of witnesses to be heard.

County Attorney Dillard will prosecute, while George C. Brownell, of Oregon City, will defend Mr. Adams.

It is presumed that after this trial some of the other pending criminal cases will be disposed of.

Pot Luck Supper.

Come and bring your baskets to the M. E. church Wednesday, January 14th. The members of the aid society and congregation are requested to bring their friends.

Arcade Theater.

Saturday night the great moral drama, "The White Slave," in two reels. Sunday, matinee and night, the wonderful jungle picture, "Wamba, a Child of the Jungle."

MIST GALLERY - ST. HELENS RESIDENCES



One of the new residences on the hill overlooking the Columbia river, is the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Morton. This was one of the first houses to be built after the building started in St. Helens a few years ago dating with the advent of the saw

mill in the city, and Mr. and Mrs. Morton selected a site that would command a beautiful view and one that could not be obstructed. The home of the Morton's has been the scene of many pleasant gatherings and family entertainments.

WHAT TAXES ARE FOR Summary of Levy and Amount for Various Departments

We print below a summary of the tax levies for the county this year together with the amount that will be raised by these levies. A study of this list will be interesting as showing the cost of the various institutions of the government. The portion of the state tax to be paid by this county is far in excess of the actual expenses of the county itself, while the schools and roads constitute the greater portion of all the taxes.

It is also interesting to look back less than forty years and find that in 1875 the total tax for the county including state, county, school and everything else, was just \$5,000, much less than it now takes for the city of St. Helens alone.

Total valuation of Tax Roll	\$18,067,830.00
State Tax	.00370640 66965.00
School	.00170336 30776.00
Library	.00002126 384.00
Indigent Sol	.00001661 300.00
County	.00285237 51537.59
General Road	.00650000 171944.33
Special School	61254.71
Special Cities	16072.10
Total	\$ 398,933.73
Fire Patrol, 8,487 acres, .035 per acre	297.04
Total of all	\$ 399,230.77

A "WARRANT" PRESENT

City of St. Helens Presents Our Fire Company with a Warrant for One Hundred Dollars.

As a mark of appreciation for faithful services the City Council last Monday night presented to the Fire Company a city warrant for \$100. This money will be used by the company in securing some needed equipment, and was a very timely gift.

They Wanted to Know.

A delegation of citizens of Mist waited on the county court yesterday to obtain information concerning the proposed bond issue for building roads. The delegation consisted of Casper Libel, N. D. Peterson, Antone Berg, Peter Banzer, W. H. Rose and Andrew Johnson. They spent the greater portion of the day with the county court and every detail of the proposition was thoroughly discussed.

K. of P. Install Officers.

At the meeting on last Tuesday evening the following officers were installed by the Knights of Pythias lodge: Joe Clark, C. C.; S. R. Sonneland, V. C.; Edwin Ross, P.; M. E. Miller, M. of W.; Jas. O'Connor, M. of A.; A. J. Deming, K. of R. and S.; C. W. Blakesley, M. of F.; W. J. Fullerton, M. of E.; Martin White, I. G.; A. L. Stone, O. G.

Anent the Road Districts.

The valuation of property in the four road districts of the county is as follows, and the tax levy of nine and a half mills for road purposes will raise the amounts set opposite:

No.	Valuation	Amounts-
1.	\$7,667,715	\$72,843.27
2.	5,079,445	48,254.72
3.	3,203,115	30,429.57
4.	2,117,555	20,116.77
Total	\$18,067,830	\$171,644.33

TAXES, WHEN PAYABLE

Extract, With Reference, from General Laws of Oregon.

SECTION 3682. Taxes legally levied and charged in any year shall be paid before the first day of April following. If the taxes against any particular parcel of real property, or the taxes on personal property charged against any individual, firm, corporation or association, are not paid before said first day of April, penalties shall be charged on such taxes and added to and collected with the same, as follows:

1. A penalty of one per cent on all taxes paid on or after said first day of April and before the first day of May following.
2. A penalty of two per cent on all taxes paid on or after the said first day of May and before the first day of June following.
3. A penalty of three per cent on all taxes paid on or after the said first day of June and before the first day of July following.
4. A penalty of four per cent on all taxes paid on or before the first day of July and before the first day of August following.
5. A penalty of five per cent on all taxes paid on or after the said first day of August and before the first day of September following.

PROVIDED, that one-half of the taxes against any particular parcel of real property, or of the taxes on personal property, charged against any individual, firm, corporation or association may be paid before the said 1st day of April, in which event the penalties specified in this section shall apply to and be collected with the remaining one-half of such taxes, to be paid prior to the first day of September following. All taxes remaining unpaid on the said 1st day of September shall become delinquent. Upon all taxes so delinquent there shall be charged and collected a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on such taxes from the day on which they became delinquent until their payment. All penalties and interest charged and collected, as provided in this section, shall be for the benefit of the county and the municipal incorporations or districts which may have an interest in any portion of such taxes.

Scappoose Bridge Out.

The severe rain storms of last week caused the bridge across Scappoose creek to float about a mile down the stream. This was a large structure, covered, and resting on concrete piers, but the water in Scappoose creek was so high that the piers were inundated and the rapidity of the water caused the bridge to go out.

The county court this week let a contract to G. W. Morris to build a temporary bridge which will be completed in ten days.

In the spring a new steel bridge will replace the old one.

Much inconvenience has resulted from the bridge going out as it shut off travel along the road between St. Helens and Scappoose, and the only way of getting from one place to the other was by train.

Miss Helen L. Anderson, teacher of the piano; several years experience; with Mrs. C. H. Johns, St. Helens.