

**St. Helens**  
 COUNTY SEAT.  
 POPULATION 1600  
 WATER 1/2 MILE  
 SYSTEM  
 IMPROVED STREETS  
 HIGH SCHOOL  
 CHURCHES

# St. Helens Herald

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## THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BANK

OLDEST BANKING INSTITUTION IN  
 COUNTY SHOWS REMARKABLE GROWTH  
 CAPITAL STOCK DOUBLED THIS MONTH

On March 10th, 1906 the Columbia County Bank was organized by J. M. Ross with a capital stock of \$10,000, and opened for business in the building now owned by J. H. Wellington on the Strand in this city. In June 1906 the bank was incorporated and a short time afterward moved into new quarters from the street in the bakery building, which was formerly a portion of the County Court House. The growth of the bank and the business is indicative of the character of the men handling the affairs and the confidence of the people in their ability. St. Helens had long needed a banking institution which was solid financially and in which the people could look upon with confidence. On April 3, 1909, the capital stock was increased to \$20,000, and on January 1, 1910 there was placed to the surplus fund \$10,000, which sum was again increased to \$24,000 on the 29th of June, 1910. On March 11, 1911, the capital stock was again increased to \$25,000, and the surplus fund was increased to \$50,000 a year. The following table will show the wonderful growth of this institution:

Capital Stock	Assets	Surplus
'06 \$10,000	\$ 20,797.40	
'07 10,000	54,995.48	
'08 10,000	50,975.55	
'09 10,000	119,386.90	
'10 12,000	162,993.98	\$ 2000
'11 25,000	207,471.22	2400
'12 25,000	207,424.26	5900
'13 50,000	233,043.87	10,000

In seven years the capital stock has been increased, from \$10,000 to \$50,000, and the assets increased from \$30,797.40 to a large sum of \$233,043.87, and a surplus of \$10,000. In addition to the wonderful growth of the bank, the banking institution the property owned by them as a banking institution shows the ability of the officers of the institutions to handle its affairs to the advantage of all concerned.

## CRITICIZES THE COUNCIL

SUBSCRIBER TAKES OFFICIALS TO TASK FOR ACTION AT MEETING

Editor of Mist:  
 A great deal of criticism of late has been heaped upon the heads of the Common Council. Whether they justly deserve same is a question for our people to decide.

As a citizen and fairly heavy tax payer, I perhaps have a right to think and act in a mild way and to set forth such thought in your columns. Do not wish people to misunderstand me if they do not coincide with my views, as no motive is thought of, nor do I wish to attack our Council or its members, only in a legitimate way.

I said there was no motive attached to this, perhaps it would be well to go further and acknowledge that there is, and that is to advise the people who are not acquainted with the facts and procedure of the council and the members that compose same.

It has always been my understanding when councilmen were elected to office, and had taken the oath, that he has a duty to perform, such duty to remain uppermost in his mind, to represent all the people, to be fair, square and honorable, not to be swayed by personal motives, petty jealousies, small talk of others, and worse than all, personal gain.

It seems, at the regular meeting Monday night, all of this was disregarded to such an extent that the people were not represented and they seemed to lose their heads to gain whatever there was to be gained, with the City the loser. Our City is getting large enough to have a council above this sort of thing, and if not let's move to Columbia City.

When the ordinance limiting the City to four saloons was annulled, the drys (and very respectable men, too) voted to throw the town wide open (why?) and one wet voted the same way (why?) the other member, wet, voted "No." There is no criticism on this last "No," as I believe he voted without motive. It seems peculiar that three drys and one wet should vote to throw our well regulated city wide open, to take in more saloons, cause outsiders to think wrong of us, make it much more difficult to patrol and more chance for vice. Strange, isn't it? How could they do it and act in good faith? Most any one can tell. Simply swayed by small talk personal motive and personal gain. In order to be fair, I will say one member tried to act in good faith and have the matter laid over for another week to give it more thought, but was overruled.

Saturday night dancing was the next matter of importance. Some thought it would be best to do away with Saturday night dancing. Others thought to do away with it altogether, and still others thought best to confine dancing to nights other than Saturday. Finally, all agreed to allow dancing, but to have it stopped promptly at 12. This will be approved by many.

Several amendments to the charter were introduced; some good and some not so good, and some still worse. For some reason these were rushed through without being read, although they would have come up under the initiative, so no harm done.

It seems an amendment pertaining to franchise, more particularly to street railways was among the many. As this was not read it is difficult to tell whether it will be a benefit or a detriment to the city. After getting permission to read this over, from the recorder, would think it is entirely unnecessary at the present time, as I think encouragement should be given any improvement or investment of money.

This article may seem unnecessary, but the people should unite for the upbuilding of the town and should take more interest in its welfare.

## YANKTON

Rev. Gordon Cloyd Barger died here Thursday afternoon after a long illness. He was 80 years old and 50 years of his life were spent in Oregon, he celebrating his 20th birthday the day after he arrived in Portland, August 31, 1852. He was a native of Boone county, Mo. A story that Mr. Barger told and laughed much over in his older days shows the wild condition of Oregon at the time of his coming. When he arrived in Portland he went to the old Portland hotel, a log cabin with an earth floor. He was told that all the beds were full, but the landlord gave him a fur robe and said he could roll up in it "either on the table or under it, just as he liked." "I never enjoyed a finer night's rest," Mr. Barger said many times afterward. In 1855 he married and went to Astoria, where he conducted a tannery several years. Later he purchased property in East Portland near the Albina carshops and later sold it, buying a farm then in the woods, but now one of the east side's most popular residence districts. While living there in 1866 he was ordained a Methodist minister. In 1885 he with his family moved to Yankton, there being but five families here then. He was closely identified with the growth of this community, having served as a school director 18 years, as well as being active in the church and grange. He is survived by the widow and their six children, 21 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. The children are: James Barger, Tillamook; Mrs. Mary Crook, Mullino; Charles Barger, Mrs. Sarah Kappler, Louis Barger and George Barger, all of Yankton.

He was a devoted disciple of Isaac Walton, and it will be many years before the figure of the upright old man with his fishpole on one shoulder and a string of speckled beauties by his side will fade from the memory of the old residents here; while those whom he has married or whose friends he has buried will mourn him as one of their own. The funeral was held Friday at 1 o'clock and he was buried in the Yankton cemetery.

The Yankton school opened on Monday with a very small attendance, only 17 scholars being present. Dr. L. G. Ross gave the pupils a talk on contagious diseases, telling how to prevent the spread of disease, and how to avoid contracting diseases. There are a few cases of scarletina yet in the neighborhood.

Born, on March 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rathburn, a son.

Hugh Liferman and family have moved into the house on Pete White's place, recently vacated by Andrew Thomas.

Mrs. Delmar Masten's little daughter is improving.

Allen Chambers visited his sister, Mrs. Wm. Karth.

Dr. Dark, former pastor of the Houlton district M. E. church, came from Rainier last Friday to conduct the funeral service of the Rev. Gordon C. Barger. The Yankton people were glad to have him present, although greatly regretting the cause which brought him among them again.

Eber Brown, who was taken to the hospital in Portland last week with a gripe, is home and expects to be at work this week.

Mrs. Laurence Tarbell who has been ill with a gripe is now able to be up and around.

Dr. Edwin Ross, Washington Muckle of St. Helens, and Rev. Fairchild of Houlton, attended the funeral service of Rev. G. C. Barger, Friday.

Mrs. Rudolph C. Karth has been showing a large...

## HEALTH BOARD RULING

STRICT QUARANTINE MUST BE OBSERVED IN CERTAIN CASES

Portland, March 8, 1913.  
 Dr. L. G. Ross, County Health Officer, St. Helens, Ore.

Dear Doctor:  
 Replying to your communication of today, I have to say that this Board recognizes no difference between scarlet fever and scarletina. All cases should be rigidly quarantined, and children should not be allowed to re-enter school until three weeks after fumigation. Other children in the same family should be disinfecting and excluded from school for ten days, and after that may return. In every instance a red flag or card must be put on the house, and in all instances strict quarantine must be obeyed. Persons living in the country, there is no objection to the father or others working on the farm, but they must not attend any public gathering, or co-mingle with other people in town. An epidemic in Clackamas county, due to similar cause, through carelessness in quarantine, resulted in 17 cases and three deaths. So I trust you will insist upon rigorous quarantine.

Yours very truly,  
 Calvin S. White,  
 State Health Officer.

## Card of Thanks

To the many friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during the last sickness and death of our father, Mr. N. Pinckney, we wish to extend our sincere thanks.  
 Mr. & Mrs. A. Buss.  
 Mrs. Geo. Gray.  
 Miss Leona Pinckney.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Owing to the great amount of school work just now it has been decided to postpone the teachers' entertainment until commencement week, near the last of May. It is possible that the children of the four lower grades will give a separate program on Arbor Day, while the remainder of the school will give at commencement time a cantata, "The Princess Chrysanthemum," and an intricate scarf drill, the latter being presented by girls from the seventh grade. The cast of characters for the cantata is chosen and will be announced later.

In honor of the birthday anniversary of Miss Mildred Allen a delightful dinner party was given last evening by Mrs. J. S. Allen. Covers were laid for the following: Mrs. J. S. Allen, the Misses Berneil Neill, Eugenia Denning and Mildred Allen and Messrs. J. S. Allen, Carl Steinbach, Oswald Deming and R. I. Chapman. After dinner the party was entertained in the Rutherford basement.

March 28 has been selected for the declamation contest tryout of both high school pupils and grade pupils. Prof. Kallston and Miss Blanche Miller of the Scappoose school will act as two of the judges on this occasion, the third judge not yet being selected. The winning pupil from the grades will represent the school at St. Helens on the evening of May 17, the date of the all-county track meet for both high schools and grades, and the date of the grade declamation contest. The date of the high school contest has not been determined. Supt. Wilkerson is deeply interested in declamation work for school children and will offer a prize for the successful speaker.

For Sale—Good second cutting clover and first cutting timothy and clover; American Wonder and Barbank seed potatoes; also a new variety.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS

NEWS NOTES CONCERNING PEOPLE AND THINGS IN AND AROUND ST. HELENS

PERSONAL; LOCAL; SOCIAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. Henry Russell of Portland spent last week in St. Helens.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Ballagh are spending this week in Portland.

Mayor Martin White visited in Scappoose on Tuesday.

Earl Saxton of Bachelor Flat was a visitor in St. Helens this week.

Albert D. Larson of Gobie has in this issue a new ad telling of the extra fine line of chickens he deals in.

W. H. Cooper of Rainier was in St. Helens transacting legal business on Monday.

D. W. Freeman of Scappoose was in St. Helens on Tuesday.

Bert Adams of Deer Island was transacting business in St. Helens on Tuesday.

Mrs. L. G. Ross spent Saturday in Portland.

Mrs. A. E. Thompson and Mrs. Qualm of St. Helens were in Houlton on their way to Portland Saturday.

Miss Mina Cohn of Portland is visiting with friends in St. Helens this week.

Miss Lois Elliott of Bachelor Flat visited with Susie Ketel Saturday.

Word from M. Fresh, who is visiting in Baltimore, is that he attended the inaugural ceremonies at Washington, D. C., on March 4.

W. F. Rieker and Mr. Adams of Scappoose were in St. Helens on business Saturday.

W. B. Dillard was a Salem visitor during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Portland have taken one of the Miles cottages on Casenau street, recently occupied by W. E. Stout, who has moved to his cottage in Railroad Addition.

Arthur George spent Monday in Portland, the guest of his son, Percy George.

T. Brown of Yankton was in St. Helens on business Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Luther entertained Mrs. Luther's Sunday school class of boys on Friday evening. Each boy represented some great man by a name pinned to his coat. The evening was spent with games and telling of stories, after which dainty refreshments, consisting of ices and cake, were served.

After lingering for several weeks suffering intensely from the burns received in the fire, Herman Hansell, the Houlton baker, passed away at the hospital in Portland last Monday morning.

Jake Hammer of Deer Island, was in St. Helens on Tuesday. He has only recently moved to Deer Island from Warren, but likes his new home very much.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hazen were called to Lents on Saturday to attend their little grandson, John Hazen, who had been thrown from a horse and very seriously hurt. The last report was that the little fellow was some better.

The many friends of Miss Susie Ketel will be glad to know she is much improved since the operation on her throat by Dr. Steward at the hospital in Portland last week. Miss Ketel is assured of a complete recovery and will in time be able to take up her music again.

W. T. Jones has purchased a hotel in Portland and last week removed to that city to take possession. St. Helens is sorry to lose them and their...

roads to Portland are in first-class condition, with the exception of about one mile near the county line in this county. This road will be repaired this spring and when completed the entire road from Portland to St. Helens will be among the best in the state.

On Friday evening, April 11, the Junior class of the St. Helens High school will stage a drama in three acts, "Tompkins Hired Man," in the City Hall. A special orchestra will furnish music for the occasion and moving pictures will be run between acts. Don't forget the date, April 11. Reserved seats 35 cents. All other seats 25 cents. Boost for St. Helens High!

Martin White received the sad intelligence last week of the death of his mother, Mary White, in Jamestown, Kansas, her home. Mrs. White was 89 years old and leaves nine children, five sons and four daughters. Mr. White was unable to attend the funeral of his mother, owing to the long distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins were Portland visitors during the week.

C. N. Payton, wife and daughter of Portland visited with relatives here over Sunday. Mr. Payton is a brother of Mrs. J. L. Chittim.

Mrs. E. F. Younger and little daughter of Portland visited Mrs. Younger's parents, Judge and Mrs. Dart.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. Jeffcott on Thursday, March 13, a son.

House for rent; furnished or unfurnished; lot 55x200; finest garden soil; room for chickens. Mrs. J. Wheeler, near Italian store.

All desiring to connect to sewer in sewer district No. 2, apply to R. Constantine for permit. By order of City Council.

John Q. Gage, Rec.

Indian Runner duck eggs for sale. \$1 for 13. J. W. VanNatta, Warren.

Light Brahmas egg for hatching. \$1 for 15. Mrs. S. E. King, Mayor, Ore. 4-21

Do It Now!—Register. City Register now open.

John Q. Gage, Recorder.  
 E. E. Quick, Deputy Registrar.

A mass meeting of the citizens of St. Helens, Oregon, will be held Wednesday evening, March 19, 1913, at the City Hall, for the purpose of nominating the following city ticket:

One mayor, to serve one year.  
 Two councilmen, to serve two years each.  
 One treasurer, to serve one year.  
 One water commissioner to serve five years.

Meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

John Q. Gage, City Recorder.

Attention is called to the ad of J. H. Wellington on page 8 of this issue, wherein he says he is going to have a big sale. Watch the Mist for prices and bargains.

Lots \$50 and up, on easy terms. J. B. Godfrey, 1218 E. Glisan St. Portland, will be in St. Helens on Saturday night and Sunday each week.

The St. Helens Band boys will give another dance in the City Hall at St. Helens on Saturday night, March 23.

## SCAPPOOSE

G. Lapham has moved his family from Portland to Scappoose. They are now living in Mr. Bush's house, recently vacated by Countermine.

E. Gilman has purchased the Peterson farm north of Scappoose and is now living there. The Peterson family have moved to Oregon.

Miss Marie Watts spent Sunday here.

Entertainment and social given by the Ladies Aid Society of Congregational church last Friday evening was greatly enjoyed by all. The hall was well filled with appreciative and enthusiastic audience, while the following "Cen-tennial Song" program was given: "Robin Adair," by Miss Mary Grant, in Scotch costume.

"Comin' Thro the Rye," Miss Marie Watts.

"Juanita," by Miss Vera Price, Scotch costume.

"Favorita," by Miss Eva Garrison in Spanish costume.

"Where are You Going? My Pretty Maid," Helen Watts and Miss Miller.

"The Parting be Forgetful," Miss Elery Butler.

"Woodman, Spare that Tree," by Miss Miller.

"John Brown's Ten Little-Boys," by Mrs. W. G. Wood.

"German Song," by Waldo Wood.

"The Song," Armine Trachan.

"Mistletoe Bough," sung by Miss Marie Watts and represented by young people.

"Home from the Mountains," from "Il Trovatore," sung by Mrs. Watts, Miss Helen Watts, Messrs. Niblock and Miller, while Miss Ruth Duncan characterized the song.

"Sing Me to Sleep," by Miss Grant.

Patriotic songs, with stage settings, sung by Messrs. Watts, Smith, Niblock and Weaver.

"I'm Going Back," from "The Royal Chef," sung by Miss Watts and impersonated by several boys dressed in tramp costume.

"Love's Old Sweet Song," by Mr. Weaver.

Burlesque, "Darius Green," read by Mrs. Gettel.

"Every Little Movement," sung by Miss Watts, while the Misses Miller, Duncan and Garrison, dressed in Grecian costume brought out the thought of the song by gestures and poses.

"I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," was represented by Grandma Denn and sung by Miss Neva Boyle.

Miss Maude Watts, standing in the center of a large cluster of Pussy Willows, sang "Spring Has Come."

Medley, "Negro Melodies," sung by boys in Negro costume.

Following the program the ladies served coffee and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Jeter of Plano, Ill., Dr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Worsely, of Yorkville, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Woods and their son Clyde, of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Clark and their children, Emmett, Elena and William, also of Portland, were guests over Sunday of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Hatfield. De-

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