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S. S. Merced

NEW McCORMICK SHIP
ARRIVES AT ST. HELENS

When the C. R. McCormick steamer Merced sails for Portland today at 4 o'clock on the maiden trip, the last word in steam schooners will be in active commission. The Merced, although a regular steam schooner, capable of carrying a large cargo of northern lumber, is provided with passenger accommodations equal in many respects to the best liners plying coastwise. The passenger quarters far excel those of some of the smaller type of regular steamers engaged exclusively in the passenger traffic.

Yesterday was visitors day on the Merced. Hundreds of persons attracted to the waterfront by the holiday went on board and inspected the craft. The rooms have two and three berths only and are large and well equipped. The social halls, smoking and lounging rooms are superior to some of the larger steamers. The dining saloon is luxuriously furnished and the kitchen is on a par with that of the better class of cafes. It is expected that the Merced will be completely sold out before sailing time today.

The above was taken from the San Francisco Examiner and shows what they think of St. Helens built boats down that way. On Tuesday afternoon the Merced steamed into St. Helens with a cargo of freight and a full list of passengers, with Captain Johnson in command.

High Water

COLUMBIA RIVER RISING
RAPIDLY; ONE MILL CLOSES

The water at St. Helens this morning stands at about 20 feet above the low water mark and is coming up at the rate of about an inch every two hours. Today the Sheldon docks are all under water and the boats are landing at the mill docks which are still about four feet above the water. The St. Helens Lumber Co. mill, we understand, has closed down on account of the water, as has also the Creosoting works. All kinds of predictions by the oldest inhabitants are being made, but it is confidently expected that there will be at least several feet more of water. Yesterday the ship yards laid off a portion of the crew and work was suspended on the ships. As the river continues to rise a couple of days the entire works will be closed down.

JUSTIN WILKINS RETURNS

Justin Wilkins returned Wednesday from the hospital in Portland where he has been several weeks with both arms broken, the result of a fall from an electric light pole. Both arms are still in the casts and it will be many weeks yet before he will be able to use them. He will leave shortly for Westport, Wash., where his mother is stopping for the summer, and will remain there until entirely recovered.

Home for Sale—House and lot in Railroad addition. House nearly new. Five rooms besides pantry and bathroom. Will be sold at a bargain if taken at once.

Fred Engbretsen.

REAL ESTATE MOVING

St. Helens Improvement
Co. Report Several Sales

The St. Helens Improvement Co. has closed several land deals the past few days including the sale of the Oleen farm near Deer Island to Mr. Charles Gray of Oregon City. Mr. Gray has taken charge of the place and will make it his home. Mr. Gust Bangsund of Columbia City has bought a tract in Mountain View and has started to clear it up and build a house, with the intention of moving his family there as soon as possible. Ed Hoff has also bought a Mountain View tract, has built a house and has his family living there now. George Englehart of Portland has bargained for a large farm near Deer Island and will complete the deal within a few days. Other deals are pending amounting to several thousand dollars and the Improvement Company is kept busy with its customers.

Mr. Laws, the general manager, wants to announce that they are selling property and that any person having property to sell will do well to list it with them. The booklets recently printed by them have been circulated throughout several eastern states and already many inquiries have been received.

LOGGED OFF LAND SALE

CHAPMAN TIMBER CO. ADOPT
PLAN FOR NEW SETTLERS

While in St. Helens this week Mr. John Pearson of the Chapman Timber Company, and also connected with several other timber concerns, stated that his company was making arrangements to place on the market all their logged off lands. The plans for selling this land will be that the purchaser must be a bona fide settler and he must agree to improve and clear so many acres before title will pass, so that promoters and speculators cannot get hold of the land. The prices to be charged by the company will be from 50 to 75 per cent lower than is being charged by the speculators who now hold this class of lands in the county, so that this kind of land can be purchased by actual settlers from this company at from \$10 to \$25 per acre, according to the location. The lands owned by the company and which will shortly be placed on the market are first class in every respect, that is, for stump lands, and with this policy carried out will result in the development of the county more than in any other way.

SALOONS QUIT BUSINESS

NEW LAW CLOSES THREE
PLACES IN THIS COUNTY

The law providing that liquor licenses shall not be issued in any place but incorporated cities went into effect Tuesday and resulted in the closing of several saloons in Columbia county; one at Scappoose and two at Goble. The citizens of Goble will vote next Monday on the question of incorporation and if the city is incorporated the local city government will handle the situation, but if they fail to incorporate that will be the end of the liquor business there. At Scappoose no effort was made to incorporate so the saloon man there closed up and has moved away.

To Discover St. Helens

Portland Press Club
Coming Sunday in Force

Sunday, June 8th, the Portland Press Club will take St. Helens. Starting from Portland at 9:30 in the morning the club members will head this way and about 11 o'clock will reach here, where arrangements are being made to entertain them at Godfrey Park with a luncheon. Just how many will come is not yet definitely known, but that there will be a large crowd is certain. The Press Club is one of the live-wire organizations of the city and is making this pilgrimage to discover St. Helens and Columbia County. It will give us a lot of good advertising and enable our people to become acquainted with some of Portland's best business men. Our citizens should use every endeavor to entertain the visitors in such a manner as will be remembered by them.

McKiel Wins

WHITE MACHINE CO. FAILS
TO RECOVER ON CONTRACT

Judge Eakin and a jury tried out the differences between the White Sewing Machine Company and H. McKiel of Clatskanie at this place last Monday and Tuesday. This was the case where the agent of the White Sewing Machine Co. appointed Mr. McKiel, a merchant of Clatskanie, as Columbia County agent for the sale of their machines and shipped him 25 machines. Mr. McKiel claims that he did not get the agency for the county as was agreed upon; that there were several other agents in the county, and that the agent had fraudulently represented things to him concerning the agreement and refused to accept the machines or to pay for them. The Company claimed that Mr. McKiel bought that number of machines outright at wholesale prices and sued him for the amount. After the evidence was all in the jury retired and within 15 minutes brought in a verdict in favor of Mr. McKiel. It is considered probable that the Company will appeal as on the outcome of this case hinges several others of a like character in this county.

Britton-Armistead

Charles Britton and Nita Armistead were married last Saturday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Armistead in St. Helens. Rev. Edward T. Luther officiating. Mr. Britton is a native of London, England, and has been in St. Helens for some time making his home with his uncle, Jacob George, the bride also being a native of Ramsgate, England, coming here with her parents about 18 months ago. Friends of the families were present and many beautiful and useful presents were received by the young couple. They will make their home in St. Helens, having taken up residence in the house of Mrs. Arthur Adams, a sister of the bride.

Wanted—Girls for training as nurses. Apply to Pacific Coast Hospital, Houlton, Oregon.

BALL TEAM FOR ST. HELENS

Effort Being Made to
Organize Good Team

Lists are being circulated around the city by some of the enthusiastic fans in an endeavor to secure funds with which to organize and maintain a base ball team for St. Helens for the year 1913. The business men are giving quite liberally, in fact, sufficient funds have been already pledged to guarantee a team. The condition of the grounds is such that it will require considerable money to put them in shape for playing and it will also be necessary to secure suits. A good base ball team properly handled means considerable to the city in the way of advertising and keeping up an interest in clean sports by the young men and boys. It is to be hoped that a first class base ball team will be organized and kept up in St. Helens this year and all of us should give the matter every encouragement.

Teacher's Examinations

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Columbia County will hold the regular examination for applicants for state papers at St. Helens, Oregon, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, June 18, 1913, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, June 21, 1913, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday forenoon, Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.

Wednesday afternoon, Physical Geography, Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday forenoon, Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.

Thursday afternoon, Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Arithmetic.

Friday forenoon, Theory and Practice, Orthography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday afternoon, School Law, Botany, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday forenoon, Geometry, Geology.

Saturday afternoon, General History, Bookkeeping.

Very truly,
J. B. Wilkerson,
County School Supt.

ATTORNEY GENERALS OPINION

10 Hours a Day is
Limit for Men to Work

The new 10-hour law, fixing the maximum time that persons may be employed in any mill, factory or manufacturing establishment, which goes into effect June 3, prohibits an employer from permitting his employees to work more than ten hours a day, even though the employees desire to work longer hours, according to an interpretation of the law made a short time ago by Assistant Attorney General DeLong.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Martha Ellen Hoyt and William J. Skinner, St. Helens.

Jaunita Armistead and Charles Britton, St. Helens.

Floy L. Wilson and James E. Kilby, Rainier.

TENNIS COURTS

Aery Fine Court Provided
by St. Helens Tennis Club

The St. Helens Tennis Club has recently purchased two lots near the school grounds and built two fine board courts so that the members may play at any time except during the rainy season. The club now has about 32 members and will increase the membership to about 40. The courts are probably as good as any town of the size in the state, which speaks well for the enterprise of the club. The two courts are in the shade after 4:30 or 5 o'clock in the evening, and it is planned to have a big opening some time very soon for all the members. Rainier also has a club and arrangements are being made for a contest at this place during this month with their teams.

Bachelor Flat

The eighth grade exercises were held at the school house on Saturday night, May 31st. The school room was tastefully decorated with the national colors, red, white and blue; hemlock, fir and cedar boughs, Oregon grape, wild peas, ferns and many wild flowers. At least 160 persons were present. The writer wishes to say, and that will only express the thoughts of many, others that the program was one of the best that could be had in a rural school. Each pupil did his part well. It showed that they had been very carefully and well drilled for the occasion. The eighth grade finished with a class of three: Hilma Morten, Estella Pope and Earl Bennett. The school prophecy of the class was received with much applause. Prof. J. W. Allen gave the class a very able address and Supt. J. B. Wilkerson very ably presented the diplomas.

The two comedies, entitled "Dr. Cure-All" and "Millions In It," given by the pupils of the school, caused one continuous roar of laughter. This closes one of the most successful schools ever taught in this district. Mr. C. E. Lake, the teacher, has done very efficient and satisfactory work and his services have been highly appreciated by every pupil and patron of this school. The writer only wishes that we may have many more as pleasant and successful school years as this has been at Bachelor Flat.

W. H. Bumgardner.

Train Time Changed

The time schedule for trains on the S. P. & S. running through this county has been changed so that the train that left Portland at 8 a. m. now leaves 20 minutes earlier; trains leaving Portland at 1 p. m. and 5:45 p. m. now leave 10 minutes earlier; train leaving Rainier at 3:15 p. m. leaves now 15 minutes earlier and the early train from Rainier is also 15 minutes earlier. All trains running through here are from 10 to 20 minutes earlier than before last Sunday.

Methodist Notices

Sunday School, 10 a. m. Subject Joseph Forgives His Brethren.

Morning service 11 a. m. Subject, Obedience.

Epworth League, 7:15. Subject: The Complete Man.

Evening sermon, 8 p. m. Subject: Christ's Blessing.

E. T. Luther, Pastor.

SHIPPING NOTES

The Steamer Merced which arrived Tuesday noon on her maiden trip, will leave tonight for Portland, where she will finish her cargo. The accommodations of the Merced are all sold out, so when she leaves Portland she will have a full passenger list.

The Steamer Klamath, the flagship of the McCormick fleet, Capt. Asplund commanding, arrived Thursday night and is loading a full cargo of lumber and ties for delivery at San Pedro. She will probably sail Saturday night.

The Steamer Tahoe arrived Thursday night and is taking on a partial cargo for San Francisco.

The Schooner Beulah left down Tuesday on the tow lines of the P. P. C. tug Wallula and sailed from Astoria Wednesday laden with a full cargo of ties for San Pedro.

As one instance of the great amount of lumber required for even so small a vessel as the Columbia Contract Co.'s tug which is now nearing completion at the shipyard, it might be mentioned that if the lumber used for the deck alone was put end to end, it would reach from the St. Helens Court House to the middle of the railroad track at Houlton, there being 7920 lineal feet of decking.

The Steamer Multnomah sailed from San Francisco Thursday night and is expected at St. Helens Monday night. She will take a full cargo here.

Masonic Building

LARGE NEW STRUCTURE READY
FOR OCCUPANCY

The finishing touches are just being made on the new Masonic Temple in this city and it will be ready for occupancy some time next week. The building is a modern two-story concrete structure with lodge rooms, reception and banquet halls up stairs and store rooms on the ground floor. C. H. John & Co. will occupy one of the store rooms with their grocery. Several parties are anxious to get the other room, but as yet it has not been let.

STOCK MAY RUN AT LARGE

NO CHANGE IN PRESENT LAW
UNTIL VOTED ON BY PEOPLE

It has been the general impression that a law was passed by the legislature prohibiting the running at large of stock in this county, but now that the laws are published it is found that the law does not apply unless it is first voted upon by the people of the county. So that the law in regard to the running at large of stock is just the same now as it was before, except that if a majority of the people of the county want to vote on the question an election can be called for that purpose.

Have your pictures taken now at the photo tent west of court house. We will remain here till June 12. Have the farm residence photographed. We go into the country. Photographer Welch.