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## A STUBBORN FIRE

### Harris Building on Strand Gets Badly Scorched. Firemen Do Good Work

#### ORIGIN OF FIRE A MYSTERY

A fire which threatened the business portion of the city broke out last Sunday evening in the second floor of the Harris building at the foot of Cowlitz street and but for the heroic work of the fire-fighters and the heavy pressure of the city water works with four streams of water, a different story would probably be chronicled in these columns. Mr. John Johnson and family occupied the rooms on the second story, while the front of the building was occupied by Judge W. A. Harris as a law office. Fred Watkins had his confectionery store on the ground floor, as well as his living apartments. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, after putting the two little children to bed about 7:30 o'clock, went out back of the building and boarded the big ship, M. S. Dollar, which was lying at the docks, less than a hundred feet from the building, and within fifteen minutes after they left the house, smoke was seen issuing from the windows of the kitchen and the little boys were seen standing at their windows screaming with fright. The fire alarm was sounded and brave men undertook to rescue the children from the stairway, but the smoke and flames were too much for them, so Joe Clarke, Sheriff Thompson and others ran around the building to the back porch, piled up tables and chairs

result that within a half hour from the time the fire started the firemen had the situation completely controlled without the loss of a building and confined to the one structure.

Too much credit cannot be given the boys who made the fight, for they did everything that a trained fire company could have done, saved the lives of two innocent children and prevented the loss of thousands of dollars worth of property. The fact was also amply demonstrated that the water pressure and supply of the city water works are sufficient to cope with any ordinary conflagration, under ordinary conditions. The water works of the city have certainly been paid for in the saving of property.

Everything was removed from the store of Fred Watkins, also from Von Gray's jewelry store, adjoining the post office and barber shop in the next building.

Just how the fire originated seems to be a mystery. No fire had been in the stove at the Johnson home since noon and when Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left their rooms no signs of fire were there. It is probable that the flue had been cracked some way and that a spark had caught in the ceiling and smoldered along until it broke out at what seemed a most inopportune time.



until Mr. Clark was able to reach the little fellows and they were handed down from their perilous position, badly scared but uninjured. Then every effort was turned to saving the building and contents, as well as the adjoining buildings. The entire fire fighting apparatus was on the grounds and Fire Chief Allen was directing the fight. Dense clouds of smoke were issuing from every room on the second floor, from under the eaves and through the rustic on all sides. The water was turned into the rooms where the fire originated until the fire on that floor appeared to have been extinguished, but the stubborn part of the fight seemed to be in the attic, between the ceiling and the roof. Attention was turned in this direction, holes were chopped through the roof and sides and the water turned in there with the

The losses as adjusted by the fire insurance adjusters and estimated by the owners were as follows: John Johnson, furniture, piano, etc., \$1700 with insurance of \$1000, the full amount of which was allowed by the company; W. A. Harris, building, \$800, allowed by the Insurance Co.; Judge Harris' law library not insured and was damaged by water to the extent of about \$300; Fred Watkins' stock of goods damaged by water for which he received \$413.50 from the Insurance Co. Von Gray's jewelry stock was damaged by moving to the extent of \$50, which was promptly paid by the Insurance Co.

Work of repairing the building and replacing the stocks of goods by the stores has already begun and within a few weeks the business there will be running along as usual.

For Sale--Two good lots on Nob Hill with beautiful view that cannot be shut off. \$800. Also lots from \$100 and up. Close in. Columbia County Abstract & Tr. Company.

For Sale--24 white Leghorn pullets and cockerels; also fancy pigeons, several varieties. Pigeons received blue ribbons at Clatskanie Fair. For information and prices write Robert Hamill, Deer Island, Ore.

## Perkins-Masten

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Masten at Houlton was the scene of a beautiful wedding ceremony Wednesday afternoon, June 11th, when Miss Eva L. Masten became the bride of Mr. Benjamin W. Perkins. A variety of beautiful roses with dainty ferns combined in effective floral display furnished an attractive setting for the service. Rev. W. A. M. Breck of the Episcopal church officiated.

Promptly at 3 o'clock as Miss Effie E. Perkins struck up Lohengrin's Wedding March the bride was escorted into the room by her father, Mr. John S. Masten, who gave her into the keeping of her future husband. She was beautifully gowned in white Charmeuse and carried Bride's roses, and was attended by her niece, Miss Bernice Masten as bridesmaid, who wore a gown of white embroidery over pink and carried a shower bouquet of sweet peas. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. George H. Perkins, as best man.

After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served to the guests, one of the features of the luncheon being a wedding cake prepared by Mrs. J. S. Masten, the mother of the bride, from a recipe which she has had for over fifty years and from which the wedding cake was made many years ago when she became the bride of John S. Masten. Only relatives of the contracting parties were present. Many beautiful gifts were presented to the couple.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Masten, who are among the earliest pioneers of the Oregon country. She is a graduate of one of the Portland High Schools, and a very popular young lady with many accomplishments. Mr. Perkins is a young timberman holding a responsible position with the St. Helens Timber Company.

After the wedding, luncheon Mr. Perkins and his bride left on the afternoon train for Portland and Drain, Oregon, where they will spend the honeymoon. On their return they will take up residence at St. Helens Timber Company camp.

#### THANKS

We, the following persons whose property was saved through the valiant efforts of the St. Helens firemen and others who helped them, desire to publicly thank you for the efforts in our behalf. Words cannot express our gratitude to you, but we want you to know that your efforts were and are appreciated by us greatly.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson, Von A. Gray, W. A. Harris.

#### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Jacob Marttala and John Salmonson in the Astoria Cafe, in the City of Clatskanie, Oregon, has been dissolved by agreement of the parties, taking effect on the 1st day of June, 1913. Jacob Marttala will collect all bills due the firm and pay all debts due by the firm.

John Salmonson.

For Sale--A good oak dining table and other articles of furniture. Apple at the Miles residence.

## PRESS CLUB VISITS ST. HELENS

ENTERTAINED IN GODFREY PARK BY ST. HELENS CITIZENS

Last Sunday about fifty members of the Portland Press Club came to St. Helens in autos and spent the afternoon in this city. A lunch had been prepared by some of the citizens of the city, which was furnished the press club members and was most thoroughly enjoyed by them at Godfrey Park. Speeches were made by some of the St. Helens bunch and were responded to by some of the Portland boys, after which a five inning base ball was played, but it was impossible to keep the score so we don't know who won. Other sports were indulged in and a general good time was had by the visitors as well as the hosts. Of course we all expected to see some glowing accounts of the trip and some nice things about our city in the papers represented by the club members, and were somewhat disappointed at the write-up about us, but then we were discovered, anyway, and some good advertising will no doubt result from the visit.

## Opening of Season

ST. HELENS AND RAINIER PLAY BALL SUNDAY HERE

The St. Helens Base Ball Team has been organized. A game will be played next Sunday, the 15th, between St. Helens and Rainier and it will be a good one. The grounds have been leveled up and put in first class condition, the fence has been repaired and all is in readiness for the opening game of the season. The citizens of the city have responded to the call quite liberally, the donations so far received being as follows:

J. W. McDonald & Co	\$10
Chas Cooper	5
Peter Lasher	5
H. F. McCormick	5
Independent Auto Co	5
R. Constantine	2
Kuhrasch & Snyder	5
Harry Bennett	2
C. W. Heppner	1
Estabrook & Blew	5
Chris Johnson & Sons	5
Club Cigar Store	2.50
C. F. Abbott	2
Ed Brown	5
Morgus & Son	1
John Phillip	1
A. S. Harrison	5
Jas. Muckle & Son	5
A. M. Mueller	5
L. E. Allen	5
J. E. Ramsey	5
Paul St. Clair	1
Von A. Gray	2.50
A. E. Thompson	5
Thos. Isbister	5
R. C. McCoy	5
L. R. Craig & Halstead	2
L. R. Rutherford	5
Sherwood & Ross	2
E. V. John	1
A. B. Lake	2
J. W. Clark	2
John Scheiderman	2
Chas. Muckle	5
A. J. Demming	5
Dr. Peel	2
Dr. Ross	5
Fred Watkins	5
H. T. Ames	2
W. B. Dillard	2
Washington Muckle	1
W. J. Muckle	1
Cash	.15
A. L. Stone	1

## Rose Ann Dolan

PIONEER RESIDENT OF WARREN PASSES AWAY IN ST. HELENS

Rose Ann Dolan, wife of John Dolan of Warren, passed away at the home of M. Saxon in St. Helens Tuesday evening after a short illness with pneumonia. Early last week Mr. and Mrs. Dolan sold their fine farm in the Warren country, where they have resided for nearly 30 years, and as Mrs. Dolan was not feeling well they came to St. Helens to visit a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Saxon, intending for Mrs. Dolan to start within a few days for California to visit relatives for sometime. Upon their arrival here Mrs. Dolan was taken to her room at the Saxon home and never left her bed again. The disease took a sudden hold upon her from which she never rallied and on Tuesday evening she quietly passed away. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church in this city Thursday, Rev. Father Fisher of Scappoose in charge, and interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery near Scappoose, the only Catholic cemetery in Columbia county. Many friends from St. Helens, Warren and Scappoose attended the funeral.

Rose Ann Fallon was born in Canada of Irish parentage 72 years ago. She was married to John Dolan on the 4th day of November, 1884, coming direct to Warren, where they secured a homestead, and have resided on the same old place ever since. No children were ever born to them. Everybody who has lived in this section of the county knew Mrs. Dolan and she was held in very high esteem by her many friends and neighbors, who extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved and faithful husband in his hour of sorrow.

## 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.

## Smart Ocean Race

WINDJAMMERS MAKE GOOD TIME IN 3000 MILE TRIP

When the schooners Irene, under command of Capt. Mitchell, and the W. F. Jewett, under command of Captain Carlson, reached Astoria Wednesday morning a very interesting and close ocean race was ended. Both vessels loaded cargoes of ties at St. Helens during the latter part of April and the Jewett sailed from Astoria just one day ahead of the Irene. Going down the coast the Irene overhauled the Jewett and arrived in San Pedro a couple of hours ahead. They both sailed from San Pedro at the same hour and date, and both reached the Columbia River bar, after a run of 25 days, on the same date, the Jewett crossing in just one hour earlier than the Irene. The result of the race is this: The Irene in approximately three thousand miles of sailing has bested the Jewett less than 24 hours, which speaks well for the seamanship of Captain Carlson of the Jewett, as this craft has always been known as one of the slow windjammers, while the Irene, under the skillful handling of Captain Mitchell, has made several records for fast passages, and Captain Mitchell has rightfully enjoyed the title of "the flying skipper." However, in Captain Carlson he has a rival for this title, which, judging by the performance of the Jewett and her captain, is liable to be transferred to Carlson on the next voyage. Both vessels are taking cargoes at St. Helens for delivery at San Pedro.

## SHIPPING NOTES

The Steamer Tahoe, after taking on a cargo of 750M feet of lumber sailed Sunday night for San Pedro and San Diego.

The Steamer Temple E. Dorr arrived Saturday night and after loading 350M feet of lumber sailed for Aberdeen Monday afternoon to complete her cargo. The Dorr is now under command of Capt. O. Nielsen, who was formerly captain of the Yosemite.

The arrival of the big British Steamer M. S. Dollar Sunday caused considerable interest in St. Helens and many people were aboard inspecting this big carrier which looked all the more large on account of the high water. She took on 500M feet of large timbers destined for China and left down Tuesday noon for Kalamia.

Sunday the water front looked very busy, with the steamers Tahoe, Temple E. Dorr and the big Britisher M. S. Dollar all tied up to the docks, and doubtless gave our Portland visitors a good idea of the importance of St. Helens as a shipping point.

The Steamer Multnomah arrived in Wednesday and left down Friday with a large cargo and a full passenger list. She goes to Southern California this trip.

The Schooner Irene, Capt. Mitchell, has been chartered to transport a cargo of lumber from St. Helens to Tasmania, which is off the coast of Australia. The Irene is now loading a cargo of ties for San Pedro, and when she returns to St. Helens she will take on her foreign cargo.