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Residence Burns

PARTIALLY DESTROYS
A ST. HELENS RESIDENCE

The entire second story and part of the residence of Ed Lynch at the corner of St. Helens and Oak streets were destroyed by fire yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock and the entire contents of the building burned and drenched with water until almost a total loss. Mr. Lynch has been living on a farm near Scappoose for the past six weeks, and was just moving back to St. Helens with his family. He had already placed two loads of household goods and furniture in the house and Mrs. Lynch with the children were at the farm getting the rest of the things ready to haul over the following day. Mr. Lynch had gone to bed on the first floor of the house and at 2:30 was awakened by the crackling of flames and upon opening his eyes could see that the entire upper story was on fire. He jumped from a window calling loudly for help, and then ran to the fire alarm box at the school house and turned in the alarm. At this time several neighbors who had heard the call had arrived and began packing out the furniture. Within a very few minutes the fire company, under command of Chief Allen, had two streams of water on the flames and they were quickly extinguished. The damage to the house will amount to about \$600 and to the furniture about \$300, which is all pretty well covered by insurance.

WALTER E. EGGERT

Word was received here yesterday of the death of Walter E. Eggert a brother of Mrs. F. B. Brown of Scappoose, at Portland, August 9th. Mr. Eggert was born in Detroit Mich., July 11th, 1884 and leaves a father and mother besides his sister and many friends to mourn his loss. Services were held from the Skyles Undertaking parlors at Portland and interment made in the River View Cemetery.

THE BIG AUTO CAR

GOOD SERVICE APPRECIATED
BY COLUMBIA COUNTY PEOPLE

The big auto bus of Abel & Shepard has apparently come to stay, judging from the number of people it is carrying between St. Helens, Warren, Scappoose and Portland. Starting a little over a week ago, the big car has been making two round trips every day and on each trip is well filled. A schedule has been adopted and people along the line are beginning to look for the car, and it is always on time. The running time between Portland and St. Helens is about one hour and a half, making all the stops. The first car leaves here at 7:45 a. m., leaving back from Portland at 3 p. m., then going from St. Helens at 6 p. m. and returning leaves Portland at 8:15 p. m., except on Saturdays and Sundays, when the last car from Portland leaves at 11 p. m. The fare from St. Helens to Portland, one way, is \$1; round trip \$1.50; from Warren 75 cents, \$1 round trip. On special occasions the car will leave from Portland at a later hour and will call at any of the leading hotels in the city. Orin Abel, for many years captain of the steamer America, is in active charge of the business and the public is assured of courteous treatment.

ST. HELENS WINS

Well it was some game after all. We won't give details, but will simply state that St. Helens defeated The Pacific Hardware & Steel Co. base ball team 10 to 15 in last Sunday's game. From the score, it might seem that it was one of those country uninteresting games, but it wasn't. It was a nip and tuck battle from the start, with both teams hitting the ball like old league men. Stevens was on the firing line for St. Helens, with old man Morton doing the receiving, and they both performed well, Stevens being especially stingy with hits when they meant runs. Morton caught a good game, but was weak on throwing owing to a weak arm. Dill played third in place of Henry Brakke, who was out of town, and filled the position at

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A NOTABLE GATHERING OF ENGINEERS

Railroad Men and Wood Specialists from All Over the World in St. Helens this Week

Making Tests and Demonstrations of Preservatives

Never before in the history of Oregon has there been such a notable gathering of wood and wood preservative experts as are now visiting St. Helens. Last Monday engineers and specialists commenced to arrive at the St. Helens Creosoting Company's plant and every day has brought others of equal prominence and importance. There are men here representing many of the leading railroads in the United States and some of the roads of foreign countries. The object of the visit is to make practical tests and demonstrations of the action of various methods and systems of preserving ties and piling for railroad work and bridges. Mr. B. Kuckuck, of Berlin, Germany, is demonstrating a process which was discovered by his firm, Hulsberg & Co., of Germany and which has the merit of an equal penetration of the preservative into the wood with less pressure and at a minimum of cost. Mr. Kuckuck represents the largest creosoting oil importing house in the world and is recognized as an authority on wood preservatives. He has traveled all over the world handling the products of the firm and has gained such a wide knowledge from his experience that he is welcomed by all the creosoting and railroad companies as an expert in oils and processes. His visit here at this time with his new process is the cause of the gathering of eminent railroad men from all parts of the world. He has made many demonstrations and tests during the week much to the satisfaction of the visiting railroad men and engineers. Among the party of eminent specialists at St. Helens this week is Dr. Herman von Schrenk, of St. Louis, Mo., representing several railroads of the east and south, and having under his personal supervision the selection of the wood and timbers used in more than 50,000 miles of railroad work. Dr. von Schrenk is recognized as the leading authority in the United States and is one of the highest salaried men in the business. He

is accompanied by Mrs. von Schrenk, who says she is enjoying her visit here and is captivated with the Oregon climate and the grand scenery in and around St. Helens. Other prominent men in the party are A. J. Pooler, tie agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. of Chicago; Mr. Lowry Smith, superintendent of the timber preservative department of the Northern Pacific, of St. Paul; Mr. Geo. E. Rex, manager of the timber and treating plants of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. system, of Topeka, Kansas; Mr. E. O. Faulkner, of the same company and located at Los Angeles; Mr. H. E. Horrocks, manager of the Pacific Creosoting Co. of Seattle; Mr. H. C. Russell and Mr. Aleck Lupfer, of the S. P. & S. of Portland; Mr. V. C. Smith, consulting engineer of all the British railways in India, coming here from far away India.

After the tests were made here this week by Mr. Kuckuck and other tests made at the plant, it is expected by the men present that a uniform system of preserving Douglas Fir ties will be adopted by the various railroads in this country and some foreign countries.

Mr. S. D. Beal, the manager of the St. Helens Creosoting Co.'s plant in this city has been also much interested in the various tests and has been a source of much information to the visiting engineers, due to his wide knowledge of the business of treating Douglas Fir, he having spent more than 20 years in the business and acknowledged as an authority in the west on the subject.

This morning the party, with a number of Portland and St. Helens people were taken to the logging camp of the St. Helens Timber Co. to inspect the timber and works there. A special car was provided for the guests. All the visiting engineers speak very highly of the St. Helens plant and pronounce it one of the most modern and up-to-date creosoting plants in the United States.

World's Prize Cow

HARRY WEST RETURNS FROM JERSEY ISLAND WITH 30 FINE CATTLE

Harry West returned to his home at Scappoose last week from an extended trip to the Jersey Islands near the coast of France, where he spent a month purchasing the finest Jersey cattle on earth for his farm here. Mr. West left Portland on the 1st day of May, bound for Jersey, and after his arrival there spent one month looking over the various herds of Jersey cattle on the island, finally finding 30 head which suited him and they were shipped from London on the 17th day of June, arriving in New York after 7 days voyage, where he stayed 30 days in the government quarantine station. Then the cattle were loaded onto an express car and in just four and one-half days reached

Portland. The cattle are now at the West farm near Scappoose.

Mr. West tells some interesting facts concerning the Jersey Island. It is a small island near the coast of France, but is a province of England. The people there are nearly all of French descent, but all speak the English language. The island is 7 by 12 miles, on which there are 51,000 people, over half of whom live in the one town of St. Helier. There are about 6000 cattle on the island, every one a Jersey. No other stock has ever been permitted on the island alive. If any cattle are to be shipped there for the markets they are killed before landing. No Jersey animal has ever been permitted to leave the island and return. If it once gets away it is not permitted to come back. There has never been a case of tuberculosis among the stock and inspections are made frequently. Fine Jersey cattle are not the only product of

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RAINIER VS. ST. HELENS

SECOND TENNIS TOURNAMENT
WON BY RAINIER PLAYERS

Tuesday afternoon seven members of the St. Helens Tennis Club went to Rainier for a return match of tennis, and while the Rainier Club treated them royally as far as sociability was concerned, yet they took the opportunity to get even when the boys got on the courts. The clay court was in good shape and some very interesting and exciting games were played, there being several deuce sets, but the Rainier boys finally pulled out ahead in the majority of sets. A very amusing set was played between Gene Allen and McKay of Rainier and Lester Wellington and M. C. Gray of St. Helens. Gene only weighs 280 pounds, but he plays a good game of tennis and he had the crowd going most of the time with his antics and by his jollying of all the players. Put a self-starter and a set of air brakes on him and he would be a wonder on any court. Lester Wellington "surprised the natives" by his steady play and aided St. Helens very materially in making as good a showing as they did. A tournament for the high school boys and girls will likely be arranged for this fall as there is considerable interest being de-

Bud Anderson

FAMOUS FIGHTER VISITS ST. HELENS. WILL RETURN LATE

Bud Anderson, the well known Vancouver pugilist, was a visitor in St. Helens last Saturday, coming down from Portland in his auto. He spent several hours here visiting with some friends and seemed to be in excellent spirits and good health. He has recently recovered from an operation for appendicitis and says that he feels no bad effects and the doctors have advised him that he will be as good as ever within a short time. From his description of his Fourth of July defeat at the hands of Leach Cross, it is quite apparent that his appendix was a much more formidable opponent than was Cross. Later on in the month Bud will come back to St. Helens for a few days visit and will try out in tennis and other games with some of our best.

veloped among the students through the recent matches.

Mrs. F. R. Davis and Mrs. Eugene Allen served refreshments during the play, and all of the St. Helens players were given a big dinner at the McKay, Owens and F. R. Davis homes, after which the boys caught the evening train for home, voting it the most enjoyable day of the season.

J. B. WILKERSON AND A. L. STONE TO BE JUDGES OF CONTEST

Good Time Being Arranged for the Candidates and Their Friends

COMPETITION GROWS STRONGER.

WORKERS NOW SHALL WIN

Standing of Candidates August 15th, 9 A. M.

DISTRICT NO. 1	
Miss Esther Weigle, St. Helens	74,220
Miss Grace Popejoy, St. Helens	42,835
DISTRICT NO. 2	
Miss Daisy Hutchinson, Rainier	12,540
Miss Sarah Mathers, Rainier	15,830
DISTRICT NO. 3	
Miss Nellie Dunn, Houlton	51,310
Miss Beth Perry, Houlton	14,845
Mrs. Rudolph C. Karth, Yankton	34,105
Miss Kate Baker, Warren	98,210
Miss Fannie Cooper, Warren	102,465
Miss Ada Adams, Scappoose	18,070
Miss Fay Lynch, Scappoose	13,520
DISTRICT NO. 5	
Miss Dorothy Fowler, Goble	13,620
Miss Mamie McClay, Columbia City	79,865
Mrs. Ira Withrow, Goble	72,420
DISTRICT NO. 4	
Miss Wilma Pulliam, Clatskanie	87,325
Miss Page, Clatskanie	8,235
DISTRICT NO. 6	
Miss Mabel Mills, Vernonia	18,110
Miss Inez Smith, Vernonia	57,840
Miss Dottie Pringle, Mist	64,310
Miss LaVeta Thrapp, Vernonia	8,040
Miss Berg, Fishhawk	5,000

The grand prize voting contest for the free trips to the Pendleton Round-Up is drawing near a close and who the winners will be not even the contest manager himself could hazard a guess with any degree of certainty, for it is possible for any candidate to win if they do their best the next two weeks, and anyone saying that this candidate or that is sure to win are putting themselves in a position to make an awful blunder, for it is any one's race so far and it all depends on how hard a candidate works from now till the close.

JUDGES CHOSEN.

Messrs. J. B. Wilkerson, Supt. of Schools, and A. L. Stone, cashier of the Columbia County Bank, have been chosen to act as contest judges and immediately at 9 o'clock Saturday night, August 30th they will commence to count the ballots and declare the winners.

GOOD TIME BEING ARRANGED.

The contest management, together with the Mist, is so well pleased with the excellent work of the candidates, acting upon the suggestion of one of them and the ex-

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COUNTY ROADS BEING OILED

Oil Distributing Tanks Purchased by County Proves Big Success

COST OF OILING LESS THAN BIDS RECEIVED

The members of the County Court went to Portland last week and purchased a 600 gallon oil sprinkler wagon which was delivered at Scappoose on Tuesday morning. At the same time a tank of oil was secured, the tank containing 10,245 gallons which was also delivered at Scappoose. The tank was unloaded from the cars on Tuesday morning and filled with oil, and started out upon the road leading from Scappoose to Portland. The road to the county line received a good oiling and then the work toward St. Helens was started. Today the oil has been spread on the road from the Multnomah county line to the limits of St. Helens, a distance of nearly 15 miles, and the cost, including the

initial cost of the sprinkler, is not as much as the bidders asked for by considerable. The sprinkler complete cost \$650 and the oil cost 95 cents per barrel of 42 gallons. About 1200 gallons is used on each mile of oiling 8 feet in width, which makes the cost total, including railroad rates for hauling the big oil tank, about \$35 per mile. The lowest bids received by the county court by private concerns was \$56 per mile. That the roads will be much benefitted by this process there is no doubt. People who have been traveling them this week are loud in their praise of the marked improvement. The work will be continued as long as the Court deems it can be afforded and next year when the new roads are built they will be packed with oil which will make them permanent.