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## AN INTERESTING MEETING

YANKTON GRANGE MEMBERS ARE ENTERTAINED BY MEN FOLKS

Yankton, Sept. 7, 1913. Yankton Grange held a novel and enjoyable session last evening, the chief feature being a banquet for the members and a few friends, prepared and served entirely by the men. About 40 members were present and a program was rendered after the regular business had been transacted. Several really interesting talks were made by the male members telling of their various experiences in preparing the supper to be partaken of by the members, the lecturer making several guesses of the experiences of the men in their work of cooking, some of which were nearly correct. As part of the entertainment the Worthy Master described a recent trip to Tacoma telling of the beauties of that city and its wonderful stadium built by the High school pupils; and the luncheon which contains over 1000 cells. He also told of other features of the Sound city which were interesting.

When the supper prepared by the men was ready to serve, the ladies were told to stand aside and wait until they were called, which they did quite willingly, and within a few minutes the tables were spread and loaded with good things to eat in all descriptions and cooked in such manner as to cause envious comments by the lady members present. The supper clearly demonstrated that the men of Yankton Grange are first class cooks. After the supper various games were indulged in until 12 o'clock, when good night was said and everybody went to their homes well satisfied with an evening of unusual features and enjoyment. Announcement was made of a basket supper to be held in two weeks, the proceeds to be used towards buying some needed furniture for the hall.

## FAIR WEEK DANCES

During the week of the County Fair in St. Helens there will be no dances in the City Hall, one on the 25th given by the St. Helens band and one on the 25th given by the St. Helens Fremont. Both of these organizations are worthy the support of every citizen in the city and inasmuch as both of them are trying to be self supporting it behooves everyone to buy a ticket. The evening of the 25th the full band will play for a while, after which a four piece orchestra will furnish the music. The Firemen will have the Galichio Orchestra which is so well known that it needs no advertising. Remember the dates, the Band dance on Sept. 25th and the Firemen dance on Sept. 27th.

## COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Columbia County Sunday School Convention will be held at the Presbyterian church, Clatskanie, Ore., Oct. 8th and 9th, 1913. Sunday School Superintendents are asked to see that their schools are represented. Elect delegates without delay. Take your offering for the state and county work and send it in to the county treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Clark of Rainier.

C. L. Dark, Chairman.

## BRADFORD 3-ST. HELENS 4

BEST GAME OF SEASON PLAYED ON LOCAL DIAMOND LAST SUNDAY

You who did not see the ball game last Sunday missed the best game of the season. The Bradford Clothing Co. had the strongest line up of any team who has played on the local grounds this season and gave all our local boys a hard game. It was a fight from the first ball thrown until their last man flew out to Richardson in the ninth inning. St. Helens secured the first run in the 3rd inning, Eichman getting a home run over the left field fence. Bradford evened it up in the 5th inning, Wetton, pitching for the visitors, landing on one of Eichman's choicest for a home run. In the lucky seventh Brakke got on by some fast sprinting. Willis hit safe, Brakke taking second. Stevens, after knocking several fouls, picked out a good one for over the fence route, scoring Brakke and Willis ahead of him. Two hits and three errors gave the visitors two more in the ninth, but that was all they could do. Richardson had 7 put outs in center field, getting three in the ninth, Eichman fanned 7 and allowed 7 hits. St. Helens got 7 hits; Eichman 2; Dill 2; Stevens 2; Willis 1.

The home run habit is getting quite a fad, Eichman having four in the last three games; Stevens 2 in two games.

Stevens is hitting better since he has been playing the bases than when he was pitching.

The crowd had lots of fun with Papa Ballagh, which only made him play like a youngster.

Watch for posters for next Sunday's game.

## CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

ST. HELENS-PORTLAND CAR TO MAKE ONLY ONE TRIP UNTIL SPRING

The St. Helens-Portland Auto Co., running the big car between Portland and St. Helens is now making only one trip a day each way, the car leaving St. Helens at 7:45 a. m. and arriving at Portland at 9:30, leaving for St. Helens at 3 p. m. and arriving at 4:45. On Saturdays and Sundays the evening trip will be made just the same, leaving St. Helens at 6 o'clock and leaving back from Portland at 11 p. m. On other days of the week the big car will remain in St. Helens during the evening and can be had for parties desiring to make trips of any kind. Captain Abel says that as soon as the rainy season is over in the spring they will again start the two round trip each day schedule and will probably put another car on so that there will be cars going each way all the time. This car has now been running for about six weeks and has been a success from the very start. The people all along the line have given it hearty support and now that the experimental stage is passed the service and equipment will be bettered all the time. It is certainly an ideal ride on this car from St. Helens to Portland and return, going over some of the best roads in the state and passing through some of the very choice farming country along the river. It is worth while to take the trip occasionally just for the ride, even if one has no business to look after. The schedule as now run gives a person five hours in the

## ROAD MOVEMENT VIGOROUS

Committees Appointed are Hard at Work Securing Funds and Data

SEVERAL METHODS FOR RAISING FUNDS

Good roads is still the absorbing topic all along the line in this county. Nearly every man who has visited St. Helens the past week has been talking good roads. There seems to be a general feeling that now is the time to take some definite action in the matter of roads. That good roads will be a great financial benefit to every farmer, land owner and tax payer in the county is the sentiment expressed and that everything will be done by each community that can be done for the purpose of making roads.

Only a few dissenting voices are heard about raising and spending a large amount on the roads. The committee appointed at the meeting last week to look into the matter is working and before many weeks will be ready to submit to the county court a plan of operation that is expected to be satisfactory to all portions of the county. The bonding question is being talked and all arguments for and against it lead to the conclusive sentiment that if enough money can be raised by this method to build the roads needed, the bond method is the proper one, but that if there can not be enough money raised that other method of taxation direct is the better. Taking a total valuation of \$18,000,000 in the county the sum of \$350,000 could be raised by a bond issue and from estimates made by men who are presumed to know, this amount would build a good road down the river front, make two connections with the Nehalem and put the Nehalem valley road in first class condition. There are those who say that this amount of money would not do the work, but admit that with this amount and a general levy of taxes which, for the purpose of paying the interest on the bonds and the extra work on the roads, would equal the special and general levies now made would be sufficient for all purposes. Then the county court has a plan mapped out in case there is no bond election or should the bond issue be defeated. Their method being to consolidate the several road districts of the county into four districts; then levy a general road tax of about 10 mills to be spent in the several districts from which the money comes. The levying of special taxes would be discontinued by all the districts under this system and only the general tax would be required. With the money raised in the various districts work would be started on a road at the boundaries of the district or from some important point and

city and travel each way during daylight, so that it will no doubt be the chief means of travel for St. Helens and Southern Columbia county people to and from the city during all the year.

There will be service in Christ Episcopal church next Sunday evening, Sept. 14, at 7:15.

completed entirely that year so far as the money lasted. The following year another levy would be made and work resumed where it was left off this year. A general levy of say ten mills would raise in the neighborhood of \$180,000, and after saving a small proportion for bridges and repairs the balance would build several miles of road. In two years they figure by this method that the same amount of money could be raised as by bonding and no debts would be created upon which to pay interest for a number of years. They also figure that not more than three years would be required under this system to build every main and side road in the county in a permanent manner, after which time the tax levy for road purposes would be very nominal.

Another proposed method is for the county court to levy about a 10 mill general tax, after dividing the county into four districts, and then bond the county for say two years for about \$300,000, and build all the roads during the next year, so that the levies for the next few years would be for the purpose of paying off the bonds and a small portion for maintenance.

It is a foregone conclusion that some of these systems will be adopted this fall and that next year will see the greatest activities in road building that Columbia County ever had, and that before the next three years have elapsed there will be permanent roads on permanent grades established all over the county.

Several big firms and citizens of Portland have taken very much interest in the building of the Columbia Highway and have pledged several thousand dollars towards having the survey made. Among the heavy contributors are the Oregonian and the Journal, each with a subscription of \$500. James Muckle also gave that amount. A committee consisting of Geo. McBride, W. B. Dillard and Edwin Ross were appointed to look after the funds from this section of the county, and we understand a similar committee has been appointed at Rainier and one at Clatskanie. It will require about \$7500 to make the preliminary survey and this amount will be raised within the next few days. As soon as this is done the money will be placed at the disposal of the County Court and they will pass a resolution requesting the State Highway Engineer to take charge and make the survey, which he has promised to do.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

St. Helens Imp. Co. to G. V. Bennett, lot 3, blk 10, R. R. Add. E. Joubert to A. Joubert, 40 acres in 8-3-2.

A. V. & G. H. Lemont to A. S. Harrison, blk. 12, Rose Hill Add. A. & R. S. Lindsay to E. F. Messinged, lots 2, 3, blk 3, in Vernonia.

E. O. & Wm. Deshter to W. A. Harris, 50 acres in 5-4-4.

## St. Helens Represented

Geo. M. McBride Appointed on PORTS OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE

Geo. M. McBride of this city has been appointed on the Ports of Columbia Committee by Dr. Alfred Kinney of Astoria, the chairman. The membership of this committee consists of prominent business men and shipping men from the counties of Oregon and Washington bordering on the lower Columbia River, and has for its objects the deepening of the bar and channel of the river, so that the boats of the deepest draft may enter the river and go to any of the ports along same. Dr. Alfred Kinney of Astoria is chairman and among some of the members are T. B. Wilcox, W. J. Burns, J. N. Teal, S. M. Mears, C. B. McLeod, F. W. Mulkey and Oscar Huber of Portland; Geo. W. Sanborn of Astoria, P. J. Brix of Knappton, Wash., C. H. Watzek of Wauna, Ore., and J. P. Stapleton of Vancouver, Wash.

St. Helens is interested very much in these matters and appreciates the appointment of Mr. McBride who has had the experience necessary along the river and in shipping matters to make a valuable man on the committee. During last year there were nearly 150 vessels cleared from St. Helens loaded with lumber and the prospects are that the coming year will equal if not exceed that number. Some of these vessels were of heavy draft and we want to be able to accommodate and load the deepest draft vessels that enter the Columbia river, and the Columbia River should be dredged out deep enough to permit the entrance of the deepest draft vessels that float the seas.

This committee of prominent citizens is working somewhat on the theory that the jetty will not accomplish the purposes aimed, or at least is a very slow way to accomplish it, but the giant dredges will do the work much quicker and more satisfactorily. They are working with a view to getting at least two more large government dredges to work on the bar and along the channel, and hope to have the river in shape when the travel from the Atlantic by way of the Panama Canal starts to arrive that the Columbia river will get its full share.

## John T. Jefferies

John T. Jefferies died Monday, Sept. 8th, after a long illness, and was buried today in the Yankton cemetery, Rev. Wood of Houlton preaching the funeral sermon. He was born in Indiana July 26, 1851, but lived in Michigan most of his life, coming to Oregon about three years ago, and has lived in Yankton since. He leaves a wife, three sisters: Mrs. G. F. Hasty, Mrs. D. M. Robinette and Mrs. J. F. Rice, all of Yankton; one daughter, Mrs. Annie Butts, of Yankton, and three sons, R. C. and C. E. Jefferies of Yankton and C. T. Jefferies of Michigan, besides 10 grandchildren. The many and beautiful floral offerings showed the high esteem the deceased and his family are held by all who know them.

## ARTISANS HAVE JOLLY TIME

SELLWOOD LODGE VISITS ST. HELENS TO HELP INITIATE CLASS

On last Saturday evening a jolly crowd of young people consisting of 21 members of Sellwood Assembly No. 5, United Artisans visited St. Helens, making the journey in one of the big "Seeing Portland Autos." The occasion was the initiating of a large class into the local assembly. The representation was headed by H. E. Sellwood, Master Artisan. The Sellwood team put on the beautiful ritualistic work of the order, which was most impressive, after which a social time was enjoyed by all. Mr. Hudson, Mr. Cunningham and Miss Fay Wise, members of the University Park Assembly, rendered some exceptionally fine vocal selections, and those who missed hearing them can chalk up a big minus. Then all made merry around the tables, enjoying a feast such as can be surpassed nowhere. Special mention should be given to the Boston brown bread furnished and made by Mrs. Dillard. I could not begin to mention all the good things composing the rare treat, but praises were given by all and the Portland friends hope for many more opportunities of such nature and all of us join them in this desire. There is another class to initiate on the night of Sept. 20th. There will be a joint meeting of the supreme officers with us on Oct. 4th, also an entertainment consisting of Portland's best talent on Oct. 11. Local Assembly No. 80 United Artisans.

## COLUMBIA CO. HAS \$18,000,000

ASSESSMENTS RAISED \$3,000,000 THIS YEAR OVER 1912

Last Monday the Board of Equalization of Columbia County met and is hearing complaints of the property owners who feel aggrieved at the valuations placed on their property. The assessments this year have been revised upwards quite considerably over those of last year. In 1912 the assessments, omitting the assessments fixed by the State Commission on Railroads and other public service corporations, was \$12,700,680, and this year Assessor Blakesley has made the valuations show \$15,815,015, after deducting about \$180,000 for personal property which is exempt this year and counting on the average of \$1,000,000 of timber that has been cut out during the year. The amount assessed by the state board last year was \$1,894,335 and it is expected this year that this amount will also be raised in about the same proportion that the other property has been raised by the county assessor, so that the total valuation of the county for 1913 will reach approximately \$18,000,000.

For Sale—Fine chicken farm, with good 5-room house, chicken houses and scratch pens, barn and other outbuildings; also fruit trees and small fruit. Will sell all or part at reasonable price. See Dick Robertson, St. Helens, or call at this office for particulars.

Death to headaches—Glasses fitted by Drs. Lowe & Turner.