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SUES FOR \$50,000

W. A. Firebaugh Files Suit Against St. Helens Lumber Company

Suit was filed in the Circuit Court last week by W. A. Firebaugh against the St. Helens Lumber Co. of this city for \$50,000 damages for injuries sustained by Mr. Firebaugh while on the dock at the mill last summer. It appears that the yard crew of the mill were trucking some very large timbers to the edge of the dock and throwing them into the river where they were picked up and towed over to the ship yards. Mr. Firebaugh, who is engaged in the real estate business in Portland, saw one of the timbers go over the dock and cause a big splash in the water, so he determined to watch the next one. When the crew of workmen put the next big timber on the truck it was so heavy that they had some trouble in getting it started and while Mr. Firebaugh was standing there he took hold of the timber to help push it along. One of the deck timbers of the dock began to crack and some one called to look out, so all the men except Firebaugh let go the timber and stepped back. The board broke permitting the wheel of the truck to go through, causing the large timber to roll off the truck and onto the leg of Firebaugh. The result was a badly fractured leg which had to be amputated later. Now Mr. Firebaugh has started suit to recover \$50,000 damages for negligence on the part of the company for having a board on the dock that broke and caused the timber to break his leg.

FRED MORGUS BUYS GOOD LOT

Young Business Man Makes Good

Fred Morgus this week purchased the corner lot of the Laws property on Willamette and Winter streets. This is one of the choice lots in that fast growing business section of the city and Fred has made a good purchase. This same young man, Fred Morgus, who has been raised in St. Helens from babyhood, and who is known by and knows everybody in the city, is a good example of what a young man with a little ambition and rustle can do. Not yet 18 years old Fred is a partner in the mercantile business of H. Morgus & Son, and has accumulated, by his own work, sufficient money with which to become the owner of several valuable pieces of property. He is a boy who is highly respected and honored by his associates in the High School and other organizations and is a worthy example for some of the other boys to emulate.

D. ERNEST RANDALL

Next Tuesday night D. Ernest Randall, the noted chalk talk artist and cartoonist will appear at the City Hall to give one of his unique and interesting entertainments, as the third number of the Lyceum Course. This will be one of the leading features of the entire course and will be well worth seeing and hearing. Remember the date, Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the City Hall.

A SMALL BLAZE

ESTABROOK & BLEW'S SALOON SCORCHED IN EARLY MORNING FIRE

Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock smoke was seen coming from the Estabrook & Blew saloon in great volumes and a fire alarm was turned in immediately. The firemen were quickly on the scene and upon breaking in the building it was found that the wall in the stock room at the back of the building was on fire, but a few buckets of water put it out. The fire was just smouldering along and was discovered before it had gained any headway and very little damage was done. It was most certainly a narrow escape from a serious conflagration because the location of the building is such that if a fire should get a good start there the entire block would more than likely go with it. Just chance, too, that the fire was discovered at that hour of the night. Some of the boys were in the restaurant across the street writing out invitations to a social function and were just finishing the work when they discovered the smoke. Which all goes to show that a night marshal is necessary for the protection of property, after most people have retired.

A BUSINESS CHANGE

INDEPENDENT AUTO CO. PURCHASE CHRIS JOHNSON & SONS BUSINESS

Chris Johnson & Sons have sold their automobile business in St. Helens to the Independent Auto Co. The transfer of the business was made last Monday and the new firm has already secured a new 16 passenger, six cylinder, 50 horse power Winton car which is now on the run between Houlton depot and St. Helens. John and Roy Johnson have taken their large car to Clatskanie and it will be placed on the run there between the depot and the city. The new firm in St. Helens announce that they have made arrangements to take up all the tickets which were issued by the Johnson firm so the tickets will be good now the same as before.

ST. HELENS 20 YEARS AGO

ITEMS TAKEN FROM THE MIST OF DECEMBER 8, 1893

Chas. Johns and wife were passengers up the river on the Dixon yesterday morning.

Albert Wood of Vernonia came over from that place Monday last, and reports five inches of snow on Bunker Hill.

The old saw mill at Columbia City, that has so long been a wreck, has lately been purchased—a part of the machinery—and removed to Clatskanie, where it will be used for the manufacture of shingles.

Some sidewalk repairing is necessary in this place, just to bring everything up to a standard of agreeableness and comfort. Let those whose duty it is to look after such things do so, and then we can travel around town with a little more comfort.

Through the efforts of the county commissioners the railroad crossing at Milton station has been greatly improved. The heretofore steep incline has been so changed that it is now possible for a team to draw an ordinary load over the track at that place. The improvement is of basalt rock and from the general appearance it is put there to remain.

Sheriff Watts has made his appointment of deputy in the person of Chas. Doan of Rainier, and it is one which meets with universal approval. Mr. Doan served faithfully and efficiently in the office of assessor of this county four years ago, since when he has devoted his time to general business

COUNTY COURT MAKES TAX LEVY

Each Department and Officer is Limited to a Certain Amount

STATE LEVY IS 3.7 MILLS

Under the law of 1913 each office and department of the county must stay within the appropriation allowed at the time the levy of taxes is made and as estimated by the County Court. All appropriations must be itemized and all officers and departments must keep within that appropriation. No officer or department is permitted to expend any amount more than 10 per cent greater than the appropriation under any circumstances.

The meeting of the County Court last Friday was attended by quite a number of citizens and taxpayers who took up the budget and discussed it thoroughly, after which the court made levies for each department as follows:

Levy	Amount
State	.0037964 \$66,965
School	.00170336 30,776
Library	.00002126 384
School officers	.00000554 100
County Court	.00016605 3,000
Circuit Court	.00049813 9,000
Justice Court	.00003875 700

Sheriff	.00019372	3,500
Clerk	.00016605	3,000
Treasurer	.0001107	2,000
Coroner	.00001661	300
School Supt.	.0000941	1,700
Health Officer	.0000133	244
Fruit Ins.	.00001107	200
Assessor	.0001882	3,400
Tax rebate	.0000277	500
Current expense	.00027674	5,000
Court House	.00013837	2,500
Jail	.00006642	1,200
Pool	.00026525	4,792
S. and S.	.00001661	300
Insane	.00000554	100
Election	.00013837	2,500
Roads	.00027674	5,000
Forest Fire	.00004985	900
County Fair	.00005535	1,000
Weights and M.	.00003875	700
Scalp	.00001170	220
Total	.00830000	149,957

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS	
Bridge repairs, mach'y, etc.	.00341,182 \$61,644
Permanent Road Bldg	.00608,818 110,000
Total	.009,500 \$171,644
Total levy	.0178 \$321,601

COLUMBIA COUNTY AUTO CO.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE FOR NEW ENTERPRISE

The Columbia County Automobile Company has filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State with a capital stock of \$50,000, and with E. R. Anderson, A. J. Grosbeck and Howard Bennett the incorporators. The principal office and place of business is St. Helens, where a large garage and machine shop will be operated. In addition to the sup. lies and machine shops the company will have the exclusive sales agency for the Ford and Studebaker automobiles. They have secured property on Columbia street and work on their new building will be started within a month.

THIEVES ARE BUSY

Returning home from her duties at the store last Tuesday evening, Mrs. C. H. John discovered both back doors of the house unlocked and open, which at once aroused her suspicion, as she always leaves the doors locked when away from the house. She commenced a search of the house and discovered her diamond ring was missing, but nothing else gone. As yet she has found no trace of the missing ring, but every effort will be made to locate the ring and the person who took it.

Notice is hereby given that the Muckle Grocery Company has filed, in compliance with law, supplementary articles of incorporation, changing the corporate name of said corporation to the "Williams & Hall Co."

L. D. Williams,
D. Walter Williams,
Rees R. Hall,
Directors.

pursuits and has proved a successful business in every sense. With T. C. Watts, master of ceremonies and Charley as his able assistant, the office of sheriff in this county is filled with two thoroughly efficient men.

SHIPPING NOTES

The Steam eWillamette sailed from here Saturday night with a cargo of 900M feet of lumber and 50 passengers. She goes to San Francisco.

The Steamer Klamath left down Saturday afternoon for Astoria and went to sea early Sunday morning with the Celilo on her hawsers. Wireless reports from Capt. Jahn, sen reports the Klamath making good time with her tow and he expected to arrive in San Francisco tonight. Among the 60 passengers on the Klamath was Mrs. L. G. Ross, who goes for a sojourn in California.

The Steamer Yosemite arrived in Sunday and after taking on 500M feet of lumber to complete her cargo and receiving her full complement of passengers, left down Tuesday night, bound for San Pedro and San Diego, Capt. Chas. Marro, formerly of the Steamer Multnomah, now has charge of the Yosemite.

The Merchants Exchange reports the safe arrival of the Schooner Irene at Launceston, Tasmania. The Irene, Capt. Mitchell, sailed from St. Helens Sept. 16th, carrying a cargo of one million feet of lumber loaded at St. Helens. The many friends of the Captain will be glad to learn of his safe arrival.

The Steamer John Poulson of the Loop Company's fleet loaded a partial cargo here and left down river Thursday noon.

The Steamer Yellowstone, after loading a partial cargo of wheat in Portland dropped down to St. Helens Thursday night. She is taking on a deck load of lumber here for delivery in San Francisco.

The Steamer Multnomah arrived in Thursday and is loading for San Pedro. She will probably sail Monday night with a million feet of lumber and 60 passengers.

ANOTHER BIG SOCIAL SUCCESS

LADIES OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ENTERTAIN ST. HELENS PEOPLE

With every available chair and bench occupied and more than one hundred people standing in the aisles and in the rear of the room, the large auditorium beautifully and lavishly decorated, boys and girls dressed in the costume of the Flowery Kingdom, and with everybody in the best of humor, the ladies of the Congregational church staged their annual Christmas sale and entertainment last night. Without going into detail of the merits of the individual performers let it be said that each number on the program was the best, but better than all was the little five and six year old boys and girls in their innocent and interesting songs and actions. The little tots were surely fine and if nothing else had been on the program each and every person would have received full value for their admission fee. But that was not all. There were songs by Miss Stennick of Rainier, E. W. Root and A. A. Galichio of St. Helens which were each so well rendered that an encore brought them back for the second time. Then the scene depicting the Japanese wedding was beautiful with all the girls and boys dressed in Japanese costume and going through their various parts with the little jiggety-jig trot used by the Japanese in real earnest in their native country, with the ceremony of a wedding vividly reproduced by them, it was certainly interesting. The O. P. R. A. which resembled amateur night at a vaudeville was a screamer for a finish to the entertainment and some of the performers in that farce would make some of the professionals look ashamed of themselves. After the performance the people visited the various booths and bought pretty things to wear and good things to eat until a late hour. Altogether it was a grand success and netted the ladies of the church a tidy sum for their work.

Houlton Store Robbed

Window Broken and Dry Goods Stolen

Thieves broke into Perry & Graham's store at Houlton last Wednesday night and carried away some goods valued at about \$25, among which was about \$8.00 worth of ribbon, 4 boxes of gloves, one \$5 sweater, some auto veils and other articles. The thieves gained entrance by breaking open the front window. Just a year ago, before Christmas, the same window was broken open and articles of a similar nature taken.

Circle Elects Officers

Houlton Circle No. 478, Women of Woodcraft elected the following officers last Tuesday afternoon: Past Guardian Neighbor, Elsa Wikstrom; Guardian Neighbor, Anna VanNatta; Advisor, Agnes Dixon; Clerk, Minnie Morley; Banker, Mamie Felton; Magician, Julia Anderson; Captain of Guards, Anna Richardson; Inner Sentinel, Maude Chittim; Outer Sentinel, Mary Hazen; Attendant, Ada Brouse; Managers, Etta Cole, Maud Chittim, Elsa Wikstrom.

WILL BUILD TWO BARGES

Shipbuilding Co. Gets Large Contract

A contract for the building of two large barges was awarded to the St. Helens Shipbuilding Co., this week. The barges will be of 1200 tons capacity, each and will be used for transporting stone from Fishers, Washington, to the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River. They will be owned by the Columbia Contract Co. and together they will cost about \$25,000. The work on these barges will be completed April 1st, and will keep the crew busy until that time when work on another large steam schooner to take the place of the wrecked Merced will commence. Work at the yards has been continuous since the spring of 1912, during which time three large ocean going setamers have been launched and several smaller boats have been built. The building of ships has become one of our big industries and is one of the things which go to make St. Helens the pay roll town of Oregon.

High School Notes

St. Helens broke the jinx Saturday by winning its first game. The boys found out how to win now and are going to keep on the winning side after this. Kellogg starred at center for the local bunch. Score, St. Helens 19, Rainier 10.

Kellogg	C.	Clark
McDonald	L. F.	Fowler
Roberson	R. F.	Furer
Perry	L. G.	Atkins
Richardson	R. G.	Johnson

Subs.—Smith for Perry; Silva for Furer; Furer for Clark.

Field goals—Kellogg 5, McDonald 4, Fowler 4, Furer 1.

Fouls—McDonald 1.

The game with Clatskanie next Saturday was postponed until future date.

The girls of the High School have organized a "Choral Club," with Miss Hammarstrom as director. They make their first appearance Thursday evening in "A Night in Japan," at the City Hall.

Harold Ransom returned to school Monday after a two weeks vacation at his home in Aumsville, Ore.

The Lyceum Course is not receiving the patronage it should.

Laurence Davis and Russell Sterling have registered as Freshman this month.

THANK YOU

The members and friends of the Congregational Ladies Aid wish to thank all those who so generously contributed to the success of their entertainment and bazaar, by donations, patronage or assistance in the entertainment, especially Mrs. E. Ross, who planned the decorations, Miss Perry who took charge of the entertainment, W. W. Blakesley, who planned and built the various booths, the Galichio Orchestra, Mrs. Brough, Miss Stennick, and E. W. Root who donated their services, and each and every one who aided in any way.

Arcade Theatre

Special Sunday matinees 4:30 to 6:00 p. m. Complete change of pictures for Sunday night shows. 5 and 10 cents.