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A real estate operator from Portland comes down to St. Helens. He becomes interested in the industrial concerns of the city and begins to investigate. He visits the mill where many men are at work. He stands around the mill property for a day or two and watches the progress. He perhaps has something to sell and is endeavoring to get a line on some of the employees of the mill so that he can make a sale to them. As he watches he becomes more familiar with the men and the work. He enjoys seeing the large timbers dump over the dock and make the water of the Columbia River splash high in the air. All this is interesting to him as he is sizing up the situation with a view to doing some business among the men whereby he can make some money out of them. But alas, the interested spectator becomes too familiar; he undertakes to ingratiate himself into the confidences of the workmen so that he will be in a better position to do business with them at the proper time. He sees the men toiling at their work, which is quite hard too, at times, so he lends a helping hand. The boards creak and the men familiar with the conditions of handling timber and trucks get out of the way of danger, while the real estate man, entirely out of his sphere, stands there until the timber falls upon and breaks his leg. Now this man, who was a spectator there and of his own accord, who took hold of the timbers when he was not asked and when he had no business to, and who did not know enough about the condition of handling lumber and heavy timbers to keep out of the way when danger threatened, is asking the courts to say that the mill company who owned the dock should pay him the enormous sum of \$50,000 for his own negligence and carelessness. It certainly does not seem possible that the courts will entertain such a thing for an instant. Every individual in the city of St. Helens and surrounding country is interested in the success of the lumber industry. It means bread and butter to hundreds of families. If such actions as these are permitted to prevail the lumber and milling industries of this or any other community are in peril and cannot stand the great responsibility of looking out for every Tom, Dick and Harry who might want to see the sights and get in the way where they have no business to be. Of course the workmen of the companies and even strangers who are on the mill properties are protected and always get pay for any accident which happens to them if it is not their own fault, but in a case where the injured man is all to blame, where he had no business to be and when he "butted in" it certainly seems that he has an over supply of what is commonly called "gall", or his lawyers have for him.

There has always been a feeling among the people who lived in the smaller counties and among the foot hills where game abounded, that the game laws

of the state were enacted for some Portland sportsmen entirely and not really for the protection of game. So general has that belief become that the people of counties like Columbia have arrived at a point where they will not and do not give support to the game wardens to the extent they would if they considered that the laws were for the benefit of the farmer as much as for the city sportsmen. The contention of the farmer in this regard has received a strong endorsement in the action of Governor West, in practically dissolving the State Game Commission and doing away with all game protection, for the reason that the Portland anglers were the trouble makers and that the laws would not again become effective until this dissension and strife was adjusted. That some game laws and some game protection is necessary is admitted by all, but when laws are enacted for the sole purpose of allowing a few city sportsmen to have a good time and those laws seem to work a hardship on the actual residents of the outside counties, it is time something was being done. The idea of protecting the streams of Columbia County for a few dozen sportsmen of the City of Portland is ridiculous. And that is just what has been done. So numerous has the number of this species of sportsmen, perhaps more properly called sports, become that it is almost impossible for a resident of this county to get a mess of trout in any of the streams, because every Sunday those same sports are down here whipping out the streams until there is nothing left. Other instances need not be cited. With the present muddle, caused by these city sports, as a starter, it would be a good idea for the next legislature to revise the game laws so that the counties could and would be made the unit instead of the state. No doubt this would be much more satisfactory to the people in general.

For some reason the people of this city are not giving the Lyceum Course entertainments the patronage and support that they should. These entertainments are given under the supervision of the St. Helens High School and the students are doing the best they can to get the support of the citizens. Each one of the numbers presented is of a high class in their particular class. They are not the cheap, broken down actors from some vaudeville circuit or barn stormers, but are entertainers of merit. The people of the city should rally to the support of good, clean entertainment instead of allowing this popular course to die for lack of support. There has already been two numbers given, each possessing much merit for the kind, but the character of these two evidently did not appeal to the public at large. Next Tuesday the entertainment will be Ernest Randall, the chalk talk artist; a cartoonist known all over the country who will draw pictures and lecture on them. It will be one of the most interesting of the entire course. The people of the city should rally to the support of the students and fill the house. The two following numbers, one by Harold Morton Kramer, the famous cow-boy author-lecturer, will be an interesting number, and the final number in February will be the Floyds, a troupe of magicians, the equal of any troupe of the kind in the United States. Don't let the high class lyceum course entertainments go but help them out with your patronage.

That the St. Helens Fire Department is right "on the job" whenever an alarm is turned in was demonstrated last Monday night to a certainty. The fire alarm was sounded at 2 o'clock a. m. when every one of the boys was

at home in bed in various portions of the city. When the fire fighting apparatus reached the scene of the fire a few minutes later there were 19 of the 22 firemen present. Of the three who were not there two were out of town and the third one did not hear the alarm. So it may be said that every fireman in the city, with one exception, was present at that hour of the morning. The present fire company is without doubt the most efficient fire fighting bunch that was ever organized in the city. There is not a man or boy in the crowd but that deserves credit for the interest taken in the affairs of the company. Drills have been held regularly and everyone knows his place when on duty. The Mist wants to emphasize what it has said before, that the community should give every encouragement to the boys in keeping up their good work. When they want anything at the hands of the public, it should be freely granted. When they give an entertainment or social it should be patronized by every good citizen, and if not attended, at least the price of admission should be given. Don't be backward in assisting such a worthy cause. Help the boys and they will give full value in return.

Here is one on the St. Helens laundryman: Opening a bundle of laundry which had been collected by the boy last week at the residence of a large lady, the laundryman looked at the amount of material in a "nighty" and forthwith decided that he could not do the work. He rolled it up carefully and returned it to the lady with a note attached which read "We do not wash tents."

With a 9 mill special city and a 4 mill special school added to the 17.8 mills general levy, property owners in St. Helens will pay 30.8 mills taxes this year.

REUBEN

J. M. Lindsay and wife gave a fineturk ey dinner last Sunday to a few of their friends. Those present were Mrs. Kitty Withrow, Mrs. Minnie Burgess and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Watts and Roy Withrow.

Mrs. Minnie Burgess and son John of Kelso, Wash., are visiting Mrs. Burgess' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lindsay.

Mr. Albert Meier has completed his new barn on his place at Charlton. It is one of the best arranged barns in this county. The cost was about four thousand dollars.

Albert D. Larson and wife sent some of their chickens to the poultry show in Portland last week, also to the poultry show at Astoria. They carried away several prizes.

Tony Whitbeck and wife of Ariel, Wash., are visiting with Mr. Whitbeck's mother, Mrs. T. C. Watts, this week. They will go to Springfield, Ore., next week for a visit with Mrs. Whitbeck's father and mother.

Miss Leora Alexander who is attending the High School in Portland, spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Alexander.

S. T. Alexander made a large shipment of potatoes to Rainier on Wednesday.

Henry Miller and son returned home Sunday from a six weeks visit at his old home in Illinois. They say Columbia county is good enough for them.

The directors of the Retail Merchants Association of Oregon have fixed the dates of the next association meeting June 22, 23 and 24, at LaGrande, Oregon.

TRENHOLM

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bramble visited Houlton and St. Helens Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. O. T. Foster made a trip to Portland Thursday, returning Saturday.

Again the Trenholm postoffice has changed hands. This time the postmaster is Mrs. C. Heim, who began her duties on Monday last.

Mrs. Samuel Churchill, who has been visiting friends in St. Helens and vicinity, is back home again.

It was decided last Saturday to continue Sunday School through the winter. New officers were elected and the time changed from 2:30 p. m. to 10:30 a. m.

YANKTON NEWS

The Yankton school will employ another teacher who will have a class in the old school house on the Hyde farm. The school has been over crowded this term and at present has two teachers and two class rooms.

Mrs. Chestnut, who lived in Yankton a few years ago, and after her husband's death went east, will return with her son and will rent Pete Tylers' house.

L. G. Parker, a former pastor of the Houlton M. E. church, was in Yankton last week representing the World's Faith Missionary Association.

Mrs. Fred Briggs was in Portland last week.

One of Yankton's pretty homes is that of Rudolph Kappler's at the Masten railroad crossing. It is just about finished and was built by J. Griffis of St. Helens.

John Kappler was in Yankton last week on business.

Bert Lampa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterve Lampa, was confirmed in the Houlton Catholic church, being the only child from this neighborhood who was in the confirmation class.

The road between the school house and Masten's railroad crossing has been in a very bad condition. The planks in places were piled up, leaving many deep and dangerous holes. It has been fixed up some this week and will be all right for a few weeks.

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