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NO 1.

## FLAG POLES AND SPARS

An Old Industry Under New Methods—Plant to be Located on the Island. Flag Poles for the Big Fair.

Mr. G. R. Bolander, of the G. R. Bolander Co., of Oakland, Cal., spent three days in St. Helens last week, coming up on the Multnomah and while here selected a site for the installation of his new invention for making ship spars, spuds and flag poles. He will begin at once the erection of buildings where he will place machinery and begin operations as soon as possible. The machine he has invented for this work resembles a wood-turning lathe, only on a much larger scale and operated by electric power.

The time estimated in turning out a one-hundred-foot spar on the new machine is four hours, a saving of more than three days by ordinary labor. Mr. Bolander has been working for six months on 120 flag poles for the San Francisco fair buildings and after looking over the field decided that St. Helens was the ideal place to locate his plant. He will furnish nearly all the flag poles for the big fair and has assurances of contracts for spars and poles enough to keep his plant in continuous operation.

The plant will be built adjoining the ship yards on the Island and will be connected with the power at the ship yard mills.

## They are Ready.

The first of the State Inter-scholastic debates will be held in the auditorium of the school house on Friday evening, December 9, when the question, "Should the United States Maintain a Large Navy," will be settled by our young silver-tongues for all time to come.

Our high school has two teams in the field, Messrs. Virgil Hattan and Harry Richardson will support the affirmative at home as against the negative team from Astoria; while, on the same evening, Mr. Dale Perry and Miss Beth Perry will travel to Astoria in support of the negative as against the affirmative team of that place.

The English teacher, Miss Hammarstrom, has been coaching the team and they show ability of an order that merits a crowded house in encouragement of their efforts to bring victory home to St. Helens. If the team wins they will meet others of the league in turn. A small admission will be charged to defray expenses.

## POWELL-SMITH.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Sunday at high noon, Dec. 21, when Inez Oneda, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith was united in marriage to Virgil Leslie Powell, of Vernonia. Rev. Conklin, pastor of the Evangelical church, of Vernonia, officiating.

The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of cream white messaline, with a long veil of silk chiffon, draped with a wreath of orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations.

The groom wore the conventional black.

Miss Gladys Smith, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Roy Smith, brother of the bride, waited upon the groom, while Mrs. T. L. Thorp sent about sweet strains of music.

The home was profusely decorated with Oregon grape leaves, white crepe paper, and a large white bell.

A delicious wedding dinner was served after which Mr. and Mrs. Powell departed on a brief wedding journey to their home, followed by the best wishes and congratulations of their many friends.

The guests besides the family were, Mrs. J. E. Bennett and little daughter Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sheely, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Thorp and daughter Dorothy.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were given the happy pair.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Powell are exceedingly popular and well known throughout this valley.

## "TWENTY YEARS AGO"

Happenings in St. Helens About Christmas Time in 1893—Times were Dull. Astorians Wanted a Railroad.

Miss Mamie Dart, a student of the Portland university, is spending the holidays at her home in this place.

Prof. W. H. Powell, of the Oregon City public schools, visited with friends at Scappoose Christmas and attended the ball there in the evening.

It was a sly affair, but to Prof. Cleeton and his bride THE MIST extends hearty congratulations. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shannahan, near Vernonia, on Christmas day.

Monday last was Christmas day, but we feel safe in saying that in too many ways the day seemed not like Christmas. It was devoid of all those little gifts which add to the pleasure of the occasion, at least in many instances. It is the general expressed conviction that people ought to be very thankful to have enough to eat and a comfortable place to sleep, so if we have not received those usual little gifts let us not complain.

In nearly every branch of business do we see expenses being reduced where it is possible. Steamboat men are resorting to extreme measures in this respect. As evidence of this fact if one will observe when the steamers are leaving the dock at this place the engineer closes the cut-off valves after one or two hard puffs, where formerly one could hear the loud puffing of the steamers for several moments. This is "cutting off" expenses we presume.

A community never existed which possessed more staying qualities than do the people of Astoria. They have been harping railroad for the last twenty years, and yet they are at it. The prospect gets brighter every year, and if something does not materialize pretty soon the prospects will get so bright they will not need a road. Late advices from there are to the effect that there has been lately the most businesslike proposition submitted to them of any of the past. This should be cheerful news for Astorians, for they have been the victims of more railroad adventures, "rainbow chasers" and "wildcat" schemers within the last eight years than all the people in the state. We have been, and are yet, earnest advocates of a railroad to Astoria, and we will hail with great gratitude the completion of one.

## Christmas Service.

There will be a Christmas service in the Episcopal church on next Sunday evening, December 28th, at 7:30 o'clock. You are cordially invited.

## Christmas in St. Helens

THE SOCIAL DOINGS + PUBLIC FUNCTIONS

### FIREMENS' MASQUERADE BALL.

The First Annual Masquerade given by the St. Helens Fire Company in the City Hall on Wednesday evening was a great success. A great variety of characters were represented, some of the costumes being elaborate and fine. Others were of a comical order and the characters assumed were all well portrayed. One of the characters assumed was the St. Helens Mist by Miss Laura Barber, and many were the compliments paid her for the artistic arrangement of her costume. The heading of this great weekly paper was in plain view from every side and the cartoons and pictures lately printed were shown to good effect. Thanks, Laura.

The prizes for the best sustained lady and gentleman character were won by Mrs. Hicks, representing Pocahontas, and Frank Popejoy, representing Uncle Josh Hayseed. Frank seemed to be right at home in this character and there were people who said that he must have been raised on a farm by the way he acted.

The prizes for the best lady and gentleman waiters were awarded to Mrs. M. L. Wilson and Joe Clark.

During a lull in the dancing, while the judges were deliberating, Assistant Fire Chief G. F. Robertson mounted the stage and in a few appropriate remarks called attention to the work of the St. Helens Fire Department in the matter of protecting the property of the citizens and the furnishing of some of the social functions of the city. He called for Fire Chief L. E. Allen to come to the stage and Chief Allen who was in the rear of the hall, in a bewildered and hesitating manner started slowly forward. Immediately the other twenty-one members of the company fell in behind the Chief and together all proceeded to the stage. Then Mr. Robertson took from his pocket a mysterious looking package, opened it, and held up a beautiful gold watch bob, engraved with the letters "L. E. A." and presented it to the Chief as a token of good-will and appreciation from the entire membership of the fire company.

The scene was one which probably will never be forgotten by the members of the fire company. The feeling manifested by the members was so evidently sincere that no doubt existed of the good feeling toward Chief Allen by the members of the company. In that feeling there is also an assurance to the property owners and the citizens at large toward Mr. Allen and his band of fire-fighters.

In a little more than one year since Mr. Allen took charge of the fire company, there has been organized and equipped one of the most efficient volunteer organizations in the state of Oregon. There is an interest manifested by each and every member of the company and each one of the boys is proud of the company; they are each one loyal to the Chief and other officers and discipline is one of the characteristics of the organization.

The people of the City of St. Helens are proud of Fire Chief Allen and his valiant fire-fighters.

Misses Nellie and Leona Perkins are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of their mother at Drain, Oregon.

Mayor A. W. Mueller was a Christmas guest at the Shepard Springs hotel, on the upper Columbia river.

### HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE.

The high school of Miss Hammarstrom's class held a Christmas tree entertainment at the City Hall on Monday evening. The Freshmen were dressed as babies, the Sophomores as 5-year olds, the Juniors in fancy dress and the Seniors as nurses. The evening was spent in games with refreshments. Prizes were awarded to the best baby which was won by Fay Lynch; best 5-year-old, Goldie Hattan; best junior, Ethel Sten as Pocahontas, best nurse, Annie Quick. The boys? John, Gene and Ed. came in for lots of fun during the evening and were kept busy running errands for the others. It was a unique and delightful evening of entertainment.

### AT THE ST. HELENS HOTELS.

Each of the hotels of the city served Christmas dinner. The large dining room of the St. Helens hotel was well filled with guests and the bill of fare was heartily enjoyed by all. The Orcaadia hotel also served roast turkey with cranberry sauce and all the attendant good things that usually go with such a dinner and the guests were made to feel at home. The other hotels and boarding houses also provided their patrons with a regular home Christmas dinner. The Christmas spirit prevailed at every public place and was thoroughly appreciated by the public.

### M. E. CHRISTMAS TREE.

On Tuesday evening the Christmas tree of the M. E. church and Sunday school was held in the new building and was attended by the usual large number of Sunday school children and members of the congregation as well as friends. The program was interesting and the tree was beautiful. Gifts were there for all the children and were handed out by a real live Santa Claus much to the delight of the youngsters.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Congregational church held a Christmas tree on Sunday morning for the Sunday school pupils. The program, under the supervision of Miss Lucille Hobbs, was appropriate and well rendered. The tree was laden with presents for the little folks and some for the big folks, too. After the tree Rev. Meyers delivered a Christmas sermon to a large congregation.

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

The pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the St. Helens school rendered their Christmas program Monday evening at which time a beautiful tree was the principal attraction. Miss May Farnum and Prof. Baird were in charge and each child received a present.

On Wednesday afternoon the children of the lower grades had their tree and program. Miss S. Lizzie Farnum, Miss Weed and Mrs. Saurer managed this affair much to the delight of the children.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rotger left on the Klamath early this week for San Francisco where they arrived on Christmas day and will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in that city.

Mrs. M. E. Miller had as guests on Christmas day her mother, Mrs. Ashby, and two sisters and their families from Banks, Ore.

Roland Masten and family visited friends and relatives at Svensen on Christmas day.

George McBride was a Christmas guest at the home of his wife in Portland.

## RATE OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS

Order No. 7705.

On and after March 16, 1914, the classification of articles marlable under Section Eight of the Act of August 24, 1912, authorizing the establishment of the parcel post service shall be extended so as to include books. The rate of postage on books weighing eight ounces or less shall be one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, and on those weighing in excess of eight ounces the regular zone rate shall apply.

All regulations or parts of regulations in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

## ENFORCING THE LAW.

Officers Endeavoring to Put a Stop to Drunken Carousals on Board Local Passenger Trains—Arrests Made.

Determined to put a stop to the drinking and drunken carousals on the trains that run from Astoria to Portland, Deputy Sheriff Lake and Special Officer Keller of the S. P. & S. boarded the train last Tuesday evening down the line some place and after passing Deer Island locked the doors and proceeded to place under arrest several men who were drunk. Upon arriving at Houlton Deputy Sheriff Lake took five of the men in charge and brought them to jail in this city, while Mr. Keller proceeded on to Portland where he arrested several more. The five men confined in the St. Helens jail were given a hearing before Justice Watkins on Wednesday and each pleading guilty was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25.00 each. None of the fines were paid and the men are serving time in the county jail at the rate of \$2.00 per day.

## Special Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 7th day of January, at the polling place, to-wit: the City Hall, in the City of St. Helens, in the County of Columbia and State of Oregon, a special election will be held for the election of city officers to-wit:

MAYOR of the City of St. Helens, Oregon.

FOUR COUNCILMEN of the City of St. Helens, Oregon.

TREASURER of the City of St. Helens, Oregon.

FIVE WATER COMMISSIONERS of the City of St. Helens, Oregon.

And also for the purpose of obtaining an expression from the people as to whether or not the City shall construct and maintain a public wharf.

Which election will be held at 8 o'clock in the morning and continue until eight o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

Dated this 26th day of December, A. D., 1913.

E. E. QUICK, City Recorder.

## Vote of Thanks.

On motion it was unanimously recommended that a vote of thanks be extended to the Plymouth Congregational church, Wesleyan Methodist church, and to the school district for use of their buildings during the remodeling of the Methodist church. It was also voted to reimburse the school district for lights used at evening services held at the school house.

L. R. RUTHERFORD,  
Secretary pro tem.

The above is taken from the minutes of the official board of the First M. E. church of St. Helens, Oregon, held at the church Monday, Dec. 22, 1913.

E. T. LUTHER, Pastor.

Judge and Mrs. Dart entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Younger, of Portland, besides local guests, at a Christmas dinner yesterday.

## CHURCH RE-DEDICATED

Tasty Decorations—Entertaining Vocal and Instrumental Music—Masterly Address by Dr. Fletcher Homan

Last Sunday the First Methodist Episcopal church of St. Helens was re-dedicated. The building has been enlarged by adding sixteen feet to its length and by putting a basement under the entire building. It is a credit to the men who have done the work, and it is a matter of much gratitude that no one was hurt during the building.

The church was very tastily decorated with myrtle, Oregon grape and ferns.

The anthems rendered by a double quartette were much appreciated by the audience, as was also a duet given by Mrs. C. C. Cassatt and Mrs. R. C. Williams.

Dr. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette university, gave the dedicatory address. It was a masterly appeal for the church to fill its place in the world's program. This was followed by the dedication. Dr. J. W. McDougall, superintendent of the Portland district, preached in the evening on the subject of "The Divine Builder."

The people were much pleased with the convenience of the basement and the general appearance of the building. The work is due to the efforts of Dr. J. W. McDougall, the building committee—L. R. Rutherford, E. E. Quick, J. S. Allen, J. W. Aiken, the pastor—and the members and friends of the church.

Our hobby is job printing. What is yours?

## Letter From Reuben.

Mrs. T. C. Watts visited with friends in Portland last week.

J. M. Lindsey attended the G. A. R. Post at Kalama last Saturday.

Bert Bishop and wife, of Scappoose, are visiting with their father and mother this week.

The Columbia Timber Co. closed down their logging camp Saturday until after the holidays.

J. S. Whitbeck, of Ariel, Wash., is spending Christmas visiting his mother, Mrs. T. C. Watts.

C. Lewis and J. N. Shunnessen, of Rainier, made a pleasant visit to Reuben on Monday evening.

Umtats Tribe of Red Men, of Goble, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: C. C. Fowler, Sachem; J. E. Inman, S. S.; Nick Thomas, Treasurer; W. E. Makinster, K. of R.

Miss Ethel Farmer and Orville J. Malcolm were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Watts, at Reuben, Oregon, Dec. 23, 1913. T. C. Watts officiating. These young people grew in our midst and are held in the highest esteem. The entire community unites in hearty congratulations.

Goble Grange No. 329 elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Orville Link, Master; Hannah Link, Overseer; Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, Lecturer; J. W. Patrick, Chaplain; M. Link, Steward; J. M. Lindsay, Assistant Steward; Miss Anne Lindsay, Assistant Lady Steward; G. W. Makinster, Secretary and Treasurer.

## Methodist Notice.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.

You are invited to participate in any or all of these services.