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Sunday Blaze Damages Buildings

Gasoline Explodes in Greek Restaurant Causing Great Damage

WELINGTON AND COOPER'S SALOON SCORCHED

Fire Department Again Demonstrate Efficiency in Saving the Town

Restaurant conducted by Pope Pappas and the saloon of J H Wellington and the Blakesley building saloon of Charles Cooper in the building were severely scorched early morning fire last Sunday. The entire business portion of the building was only saved by the very quick and valiant work of the St. Helens Fire Department. Paul Pope, who had the coffee urn, which burns and discovered that the fault was in his clothing the whole tank on the coffee urn was empty and he saw that he was helpless to do anything alone so he sounded the alarm. Before any help could reach him the entire inside of the restaurant was ablaze and was eating its way into the bar room of J H Wellington. A hose from the mill dock was quickly put in operation but just as it was beginning to work, sprung a leak. By this time the fire boys had arrived on the scene and in an incredibly short time had two streams of water playing on the blaze and within a few minutes had the fire under control. So effective was the work of the firemen that the building was saved and the contents of the saloon only damaged by smoke and water. The entire contents of the restaurant were destroyed and the ceiling and walls of the saloon were badly damaged. Smoke also crept through the wall into the Morgus building doing some damage to Charles Cooper's saloon. All of the damaged parties were covered by insurance except Pope and Pappas who will lose about \$600.

Pleasant Surprise Party GLEE CLUB COMING

The Pacific University Glee Club, which will give a concert in this city on Monday, April 6, is the best one that the college has ever sent on a tour. The voices of the men blending harmoniously, and the work of the student men far surpassing that of previous years. Oscar Axelsson, who carries a feminine role in the second part of the program, handles his part well, and in his solos and duets with Mr. McNeill, is especially good. Joe McCoy has studied elocution and interpretation for a number of years, as well as having carried the leading part in several college plays, and his work is by no means amateur. He certainly makes his audience laugh. Another feature of the program will be the Scotch monologue, including Scotch snogs and characteristic dances, by Lochlan McNeill. He is a native Scot and can certainly get off the "Hoot mon" dope. The program will consist of two parts, the first part being devoted to heavier numbers, and the second part to light, popular numbers. Besides the special features mentioned there will be Glee Club selections, quartet numbers, vocal solos, violin solos, snappy songs, a German yodeler—in fact, a program that is chuck full of fire and college life. You'll be sorry if you don't hear the Pacific University Glee Club on Monday night.

Notice to Contractors

It is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the county of Columbia County, Oregon at the Court House at St Helens, Oregon, on Friday, April 20, 1914, at 10:00 a. m. for the improvement by grading and draining of four roads as follows: Road, 3192.5 feet. Road, 2200 feet. Road and Bennett Hill, 3900 feet. Road, 450 feet. Specifications are on file and may be examined in the office of the clerk. Each bidder shall deposit with his bid a certified check for one percent of the amount of his bid. This shall be forfeited to the county if the award is made and the contractor shall fail, neglect or refuse to complete the work within five days after such award is made to enter into a contract with the county. It is reserved to reject any bid.

Surprise Party

Members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational church, assisted Mrs John Pringle in giving a very pleasant surprise to George Pringle at the Pringle home in Columbia Park Wednesday evening. Music and games were indulged in by the crowd of happy young people after which Mrs Pringle served a lunch that was heartily enjoyed. At a late hour the party dispersed all wishing for George many other and as happy birthdays as this one was.

COUNTY SECURES AUTO TRUCK ATTY. GEN. CRAWFORD IN CITY

New Truck Will do Work of Five Men and Teams Says He Can Save Million Dollars for State

Wednesday morning the new auto truck purchased by Columbia County arrived in St. Helens. This is a large truck purchased by the county court for use in hauling crushed rock on the roads. It is figured that the truck will do the work of at least five teams and five men and the actual expense of operating it will be less than one half the cost of the teams. Another view point considered by the county court in securing the auto truck was that it is not always possible to get teams and men to do the work and especially where there is rush work during the summer when the farmers are busy with crops. The new truck is a White and will be put to work at once. Attorney General A M Crawford of Salem was in the Mist office today and placed an announcement with us which appears in this issue. Mr Crawford has held the position of Attorney General for 12 years during which time he has conducted much important litigation for the state of Oregon. His experience as Attorney General of the state for so many years puts him in position to be thoroughly familiar with all departments of the state and if elected Governor would be able to take hold of the reins of government at once in a manner that would at least be advantageous. In speaking of his platform Mr Crawford says that not only will he save \$150,000 in expenses of administration but that he will guarantee to conduct the state on \$1,000,000 dollars less than was appropriated by the last legislature. He also favors a constitutional amendment which will permit the Governor to veto special items of an appropriation bill and special sections of any bill so that the responsibility of jokers in new laws will rest solely upon the shoulders of the Governor. His platform appears in this issue of the Mist.

FIREMEN TO HANDLE CELEBRATION

Committee to Solicit Aid at Once

At a meeting of the St. Helens Fire Company held last night it was decided to take hold of the Fourth of July celebration in St. Helens this year, providing the business men and citizens provide suitable financial assistance. The boys will have a committee around the city within a few days in the effort to ascertain just what the people want and will stand, and if satisfactory, the Fireboys will take active hold of the matter and give to the city and surrounding country the greatest and best celebration ever held in the county.

Garage Will be Built

Columbia County Auto Co. to Erect Large Building

The Columbia County Auto Co., which has an option on some valuable property on Columbia street in this city, have made arrangements to go ahead with the work of erecting a large building as planned on Jack Despain has been given the contract to excavate the lots and just as soon as he is through with the road work of this district will put a crew of men at work on the building. It is planned to have the new building completed within three months.

COLUMBIA COUNTY COURT HOUSE



\$5,555 Premiums for County Road Bonds

County Court Sells Road Bonds at a Premium

THIRTEEN BIDS RECEIVED OFFERING PREMIUMS

Money Will Be Available At Once, Will Begin on The Road Building

The \$360,000 Columbia County bond issue was sold to the Portland Trust and Savings Bank of Portland Wednesday at a premium of \$5555. Bids were opened in the County Court at 2 p. m. Ten bids for the full issue, all at a premium, had been received from some of the large financial firms of Chicago, New York and Cincinnati. The highest bid submitted was that of Sidney, Spitzer and Co., of Toledo, Ohio, at a premium of \$6156, but was rejected, as it was not made unconditionally. The bid of the Portland Trust and Savings Bank, accompanied by its check of \$18,000, was entered by the manager of the bond department, C. W. Woody, unconditionally, at a premium of \$5555, and as the next highest bid the court awarded that concern the entire issue. Of the \$360,000 issue for permanent highway improvement \$66,000 runs for five years, \$100,000 for 10 years, \$100,000 for 15 years and \$100,000 for 20 years, bearing 5 per cent interest, payable semi annually. The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$50, or multiples thereof, up to \$1000, at the option of the purchasers. Two hundred and sixty thousand dollars of the proceeds from these bonds is to be used on the Columbia River Highway, from Multnomah County line to Clatsop County; \$60,000 on the Nehalem road, \$15,000 on the Clatskanie Mist road and \$25,000 on the Pittsburg Houlton road.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR AN ENTERTAINMENT AND SOCIAL

Geo. M. McBride Visits St. Helens This Week At Scappoose Friday Evening April 10th

George McBride was down from Portland Wednesday looking after business matters and incidentally looking after his political fences. George is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Joint Senator of Multnomah, Columbia and Clackamas counties and he is making a good showing. He is recognized as one of the brightest young attorneys in Portland and is now engaged in very important litigation. He is clean, able and conscientious. He knows the requirements of the whole district better than perhaps any other man in the district because of his long residence in each of the three counties. He was born in Clackamas county and lived there as a boy, and has had property connections there ever since. He was a resident of Columbia county for a number of years, having been a farmer near Deer Island for some time and a practicing attorney at St. Helens. For the past three years he has resided with his family in Multnomah county and has offices in the Yeon Building. Of course down here in Columbia county we are all going to vote for him and we are going to urge our friends in Multnomah county to do likewise. In Clackamas he will fare about the same as he will in Columbia and will no doubt carry the county by a great big majority over all competitors. He has announced as his slogan, "Common Sense Legislation in the Interest of Taxpayers." A vote for George McBride is a vote for a Senator who will look after the best interests of Columbia county, as well as the other counties of the district.

Honest Weight at Harrison's Store

The county and state inspector of weights and measures was in town this week examining the merchants' scales here. Out of four scales in constant use at Mr. Harrison's store all were found to be accurate and were sealed accordingly. Pd, Ad.

FOR SALE—10 acres all under cultivation, 1 mile from city limits.

GEO. PERRY, Houlton, Ore. JOHN PHILIP.