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SHIP BURNED IN RIVER

Large Ocean Liner Beached
Near Columbia City

ONE MAN BURNED TO DEATH

Loss is Various Estimated at
from \$400,000 to \$600,000
by Fire

At 4:30 o'clock last Sunday afternoon while the big ocean liner, Santa Catalina, from New York, was working its way up the Columbia River on the last lap of the journey from the Atlantic coast, and while just opposite Columbia City, the alarm of fire was sounded from the boiler rooms and before anything could be done to put it out the big boat was pointed toward the Oregon shore and was forced on the sand, there to burn to such extent as caused approximately half a million dollars damage. The only man who knew the cause of the fire was Gus Johnson, the fireman who was on duty, and the spread of the fire was so apparently instantaneous that Johnson was penned into the room by a wall of flame and perished before any assistance could be given him. The fire was evidently caused by the explosion of the oil burner in some manner and the fire spreading to the oil tanks spread so rapidly that the big ship was in flames within a few minutes. A portion of the cargo being oil and ammunition and the crew of Greeks and Italians knowing this, became panic stricken and before the shore was reached, three of them jumped overboard and were rescued. Captain Rose with his wife and daughter and the rest of the crew stayed with the ship until it was safely resting on the beach when they were lowered over the side and taken into Ed Ballagh's launch and landed on the shore.

The boat was loaded with merchandise for Portland jobbers and the fire burned into the cargo until a great portion of it was destroyed.

The alarm of fire was sounded in St. Helens and almost the entire population hurried to the scene of the burning ship. It was a most spectacular sight, a large ship more than 400 feet in length with flames bursting out all over the deck and great volumes of black smoke rolling high up into the air. At 8 o'clock the fire was still burning and making even greater headway than an hour before, when the Portland fire-boat, David H. Campbell, arrived on the scene and commenced to pour in several streams of water. Within an hour the flames on the upper deck were all gone and the several streams of water were turned into the holds. For three days the fire boat continued to pump water into the giant hull until finally the fire seemed to be entirely extinguished and the hull was nearly half full of water. Yesterday however a fire was again discovered in the hold, but was quickly extinguished by the men who were left aboard to watch it.

The entire superstructure of wood work on the boat was burned away leaving only the steel decks. For about 100 feet on both sides of the vessel the sheets of steel were warped and twisted out of shape.

The loss has been variously estimated at from \$400,000 to \$600,000 but the exact damage will not be known until the cargo is unloaded. The underwriters have been busy on the scene nearly every day since Monday and the agents of the W. R. Grace Co., the owners, have been here looking after the interests of the company. It is planned to haul the boat off the sand within a short time and take it to Portland where it is probable that repairs will be made so that it will be able to make the return to New York.

Ghosts of the twentieth century will hold high carnival at the Guild Hall October 29th.

SHIPPING NOTES OF THE WEEK

Several Cargoes of Lumber
Leave St. Helens for
California

The Steamer Quinault of the Portland-Alaska fleet was here during the early part of the week taking on a partial cargo of mining timbers to aid in the developing of that great industry in Alaska.

The Steamer Yosemite arrived today and after completing her cargo of lumber and piling will sail Saturday night for San Diego.

The Steamer Multnomah arrived Tuesday and is billed to leave tonight destined for San Francisco. She carries one million feet of lumber and her passenger accommodations are comfortably filled.

The Steamer Willamette arrived in Thursday night and proceeded direct to the docks of the Columbia County Lumber Co. She will complete her cargo in St. Helens and sail late tonight bound for San Pedro. She carries 900M feet of lumber and 37 passengers. The Willamette on this trip is under command of Capt. Green, he having relieved Capt. Chas. Reinier for this trip.

The Steamer Celio, Capt. Rovig, sailed last Saturday bound for San Pedro. She carried her usual cargo of lumber and in addition took on board 58 passengers.

I. O. O. F. ENCAMPMENT ENTERTAIN VISITOR

Grand Patriarch of the Order
Visits Local Lodgemen

The I. O. O. F. Encampment held a meeting last night at Odd Fellow Hall in St. Helens at which time Mr. Geo. W. Wright of Albany, who is the Grand Patriarch of the order for Oregon, met the brethren in lodge meeting for some time after which the doors were thrown open to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and some invited friends and Mr. Wright delivered a fraternal lecture to the assembly which was highly appreciated and very instructive and interesting. Mr. Wright told of the great good that is being done the world over by the I. O. O. F. lodges in its various branches. After the speaking there was a general social time for about an hour when the crowd climbed the short stairs to the banquet hall where members of the Rebekah lodge had prepared a banquet. During the course of the banquet several toasts were responded to and much merriment caused by the relegation of Chief Fullerton to the position of Engineer of a gasoline stove. It was an enjoyable evening.

DELIGHTFUL BIRTH- DAY PARTY

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. E. A. Ross invited about 12 lady friends in to a little surprise party in honor of her sister Mrs. Minnie Doheshal, the occasion being her birthday. The home was artistically decorated with roses and dahlias and the afternoon was pleasantly spent with fancy work. Mrs. Ross served dainty refreshments. Those present were Mrs. Doheshal, Mrs. Wm. Ross, Mrs. E. A. Crouse, Mrs. J. A. Bill, Mrs. A. L. Stone, Mrs. E. E. Keller, Mrs. F. Sandifer, Mrs. Isbister, Mrs. Owen, Miss Elizabeth Phillip and Mrs. E. A. Ross.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

(The Peoples' Church)

Regular services for next Lord's Day.

Bible School at 10:00 a. m.
Public Worship and sermon 11 a. m.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.
Song Service and a brief inspiring sermon by the pastor at 7:30 p. m.
"Tolleration, versus Principle"

The mid-week service on Wednesday evening will be omitted this week during the pastor's absence at the state conference.

A church home is here for all strangers and friends.
"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

F. J. MEYER
Pastor.

IT LOOKS LIKE A REPUBLICAN VICTORY

Reports From All Over the State
Booth and Withycombe Safe

DEMOCRATS CENTER EFFORTS ON TWO OFFICES

As is Usual With Them Everything Else is Sacrificed For
Senator and Governor

In the present campaign, as in most others of late years, the Democrats of Oregon are centering their fight on one or two offices. This time nearly all the work is being done in the interests of Geo. Chamberlain for United States Senator and C. J. Smith for Governor. In Multnomah County the Journal is also doing some work against C. N. McArthur and for Mr. Fliegel, the democrat, but the main effort is for the two offices of United States Senator and Governor. The rest of the democratic candidates have to look out for themselves.

The campaign being conducted for the two principal offices is a most peculiar one. Senator Chamberlain is held up by the democratic press as the man who has accomplished so much for Oregon and who has been so very helpful to the President in his democratic policies. On the other hand Mr. Booth is being held as a man unworthy of the confidence and respect of the people because he has accumulated some money during his life time of hard work. The real issue between the two men is a political one. If the people of Oregon desire to continue in power the democrats with the attendant closed mills, factories and industries, and provide soup houses for the unemployed, it is up to them to vote for Senator Chamberlain. If Oregon voters want again to see the smoke rolling from the chimneys of the factories and have the laboring man with jobs and general good times they should vote for Mr. Booth. That is the issue and nothing else can be made of it.

For Governor the Democratic press has been hard pressed for some campaign material against the Rep-

ublican candidate, Mr. Withycombe. He is a clean man and the only thing that can be said of him is that he is not a native born Oregonian. In fact there is nothing that can be said against Dr. Withycombe that would be of merit as to his qualifications as a Governor nor of his ability and integrity. Much is being said by the democratic press about his speech of a Greater Oregon and that he is in the hands of some advisors. But that kind of stuff don't go down the throats of the people of Oregon, especially the farmers who know him best. He has a long and honorable record in Oregon. He is a man who is capable of conducting the affairs of the state in a dignified and businesslike manner. He will do it too. Dr. Smith, the democratic candidate has for his platform that he is for law enforcement and is a business man. No doubt he is for law enforcement, but his record does not show that he is any more in favor of law enforcement or any more capable of enforcing the laws than is Dr. Withycombe. And there are lots of people of this great state that are wondering if the law enforcement policy of Dr. Smith will be the same as the law enforcement policy of Governor West.

The campaign is drawing to a close. As stated before the fight centers on the two leading offices and to judge from the reports of the people who are best informed as to condition in their respective localities Mr. Booth will be elected Senator by a large majority and Dr. Withycombe will lead Dr. Smith by many thousands. Mr. Hawley is as good as elected already as are the rest of the Republicans on the State ticket. All signs point to a great Republican year.

RELIABILITY IS SHOWN UP

Houlton Herald Proves Itself
Unworthy of Confidence

The statements contained in the Houlton paper are really so flagrantly false that it does not seem necessary or even worth while to take notice of them.

For example the issue of today contained the information that the new Court when it assumed office found a depleted treasury and charged the old Court with having used up all the road money and that they were issuing warrants for the building of roads in this district which the bank was cashing and wanted 3 per cent discount for same and a lot of such slush. Treasurer Hattan this afternoon made a tabulation of the amount of funds in his hands which show up the truthfulness of the Herald to such a degree that hereafter we feel that it will not be necessary to pay any attention to its ravings. For instance there is on hand in the bond fund today about \$144,000. There is in the general road fund \$62,000 and in other funds about \$12,000. Treasurer Hattan says that he not yet endorsed a single road warrant but has paid them off as fast as they come in and still has more than \$60,000 left with which to pay general road warrants.

This statement is in keeping with all the rest of the mud and slush and slander that is being printed in the little paper. It proves what a great many people already know, that the charges and accusations and slanderous articles contained in that paper, if it may be called a paper, are printed just to cause strife

and to work on the imaginations of some people in order to get subscriptions. But this is enough to prove its standing and its reliability. Pure fabrications of a scheming mind to keep up strife. That's all.

DYNAMITE BLAST INJURES WORKMAN

Ed Boulby Sets Off Blast and
Receives Charge in Face

Ed Boulby, who was in charge of the work of finishing the bridge across Milton Creek, was seriously injured last Wednesday morning by the premature discharge of a blast. Boulby had set a charge of dynamite under a stump and set the fuse on fire. After waiting for some time he decided that the blast would not explode and went back to investigate. Just as he was bending over to see the cause of the delay the charge exploded and threw rocks and dirt into his face. One of his eyes was badly injured while his whole face was more or less injured. Dr. Peel said today that he would not lose the sight of the eye. He is at home now and feels very well satisfied that his injuries are no worse than they were.

On Friday evening, October 16th a large number of the members of the M. E. Church and congregation gathered at the Church Parlors to welcome their new Pastor, Rev. F. N. Sandifer and family. After a bounteous supper the LaBare Orchestra favored them with several selections. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social way.

CRAZED MAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

Wm. McKay of Scappoose
Ends Life With Razor

Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock William McKay, a bachelor living alone in his cabin near Scappoose committed suicide at his cabin home by slashing his throat with a razor. Shortly before the act was committed a brother of McKay, who lives close to the cabin, saw Billy in the door of his cabin and started over that way. Before he reached there the young man told him to go away and not to look at him. "Turn your head and don't look at me", he said and with that he took the razor and drew it across his throat. He immediately fell and his brother rushed to pick him up, in the meantime shouting to another brother across the railroad track. Within a few minutes and before any help could be given the young man was dead.

William McKay was about 28 years old and had been raised in the immediate neighborhood where he died. He was a brother of Jas. D., Norman and Robert McKay, well known citizens of Scappoose. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon.

CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION

Several Jury Cases Tried This
Week

Circuit Court has been in session all this week, part of the time Judge Eakin presiding and two days Judge Campbell being on the bench. Monday the case of the State vs Albert Gardner was tried before a jury and a verdict of guilty was returned. Gardner was charged with non-support and is now out on bail. He has not yet received his sentence. The case of Robert McMath vs Clatsop County, which was an action by the plaintiff for damages for right of way for road purposes, was tried and resulted in a verdict for plaintiff for \$867.24. This case was tried here on a change of venue from Clatsop County.

The case of Wm. Gustafson vs Columbia & Nehalem River Railroad was decided by a jury to day in favor of the plaintiff with a verdict of \$500 for personal injuries. W. C. Shofer was granted a decree against the Rainier Lumber & Shingle Co. Tomorrow the case of the State vs S. E. Smith for a threat to commit a felony will be tried.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE NEXT MONTH

Supt. Allen Busy Making Pre-
parations

School Superintendent J. W. Allen is a very busy official these days making preparations for the Annual Teachers Institute to be held in the St. Helens High School Building on November 4, 5 and 6. He has sent out letters to all the teachers in the county and is having printed this week his programs. On the program will be lectures and addresses by some of the most eminent educators in Oregon and no doubt the teachers of the county will receive much instruction at the meeting. Not only the teachers will be present but the general public is also invited and as many as can possibly do so should attend.

Mr. Allen says there are more than 4000 pupils in attendance in Columbia County and 102 teachers at work. In the eighth grade there are nearly 300 pupils while nearly 200 are in the High Schools. The average monthly salary paid to male teachers is \$90 and females \$70.

4524 Registered in Columbia County

County Clerk LaBare has just finished the compilation of the registration in Columbia County and the figures show that there is a total registration of 4524 divided as follows; Republicans 2822; Democrats 880; Prohibitionists 185; Socialists 212; Progressives 72 and Miscellaneous 353.

NEW COURT IS IN OFFICE

Supreme Court Holds Recall
Law is Valid

JACK DSPAIN RESIGNS OFFICE

New Court Actively at Work and is
Inspecting Roads of the County

In an opinion handed down last Tuesday the Supreme Court held that the provisions of the constitution of Oregon providing for the recall of officers was self executing and that elections held under that law were valid. In the opinion it was stated that the only portion of the law that was not self executing was the one providing for the payment out of the public treasury of reasonable campaign expenses of the officers to be recalled, but said that this provision would not invalidate the whole law because it would be possible for the legislature to prevent such legislation thereby defeating the entire law.

Concluding the opinion the Court said it was obvious that the law could be abused.

This decision was rendered by the Court on the demurrer interposed by the defendant in the quo warranto proceedings instituted by A. L. Clark vs W. A. Harris, and accordingly Judge Harris and Commissioners Farr and Fluhrer stepped down and out of office last Monday and Judge Clark with Commissioners Keelan and Harvey were installed into office.

The new Court went actively to work on matters pending, one of the first official acts being to accept the resignation of Jack Dspain as Road Supervisor of District No. 1 and the appointment of Leo G. Titus to the position. It is understood that Mr. Titus will continue his work as County Engineer and will look after the work in this district for the balance of the year. The new officers will leave for a trip of inspection over the roads of the entire county, in company with the State Highway Engineers and will be back here to begin active work in county affairs some time about the first of the month.

In the case of Glen R. Metsker vs W. B. Dillard now pending in the Supreme Court there has been no decision and Mr. Dillard is continuing the work of the office of District Attorney.

In another decision handed down by the Supreme Court this week it was held that the ballots at a recall election must contain the question of whether or not the officers at whom a recall is directed shall be recalled and that unless such a question is first submitted and carried that no vote on candidates will be considered. Under this ruling, and after it seemed that the recall situation was cleared up, there is serious question as to the validity of any of the acts of the present County Court in Columbia County. Just how the situation will be cleared is not known.

Starting tomorrow the International Correspondence School will have a window display of the results and work of their school, in the show window of Jas Muckle & Son's store in this city. An experienced man will be in charge and will be glad to explain any details or information concerning this greatest of correspondence schools.

Hundreds of letters from prominent people all over the United States testify as to the wonderful work of the school. Ask to see them.

Display in Muckle & Son's display window all next week.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS Geo. B. McClellan, District Manager

The parlors of the Methodist Church will be open all day on election day. Mothers having no one with whom to leave their children at home, are invited to bring them there where they will be cared for while the mothers go and vote.