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## MUTS "JINX" AND AID THE NEEDY

EVENING OF DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT AT LOCAL THEATER.

## CHARITY FUND MUCH INCREASED

Successful Dance Brings Festivities to a Happy Ending With Good Financial Results.

In addition to doing real charitable acts for the worthy unfortunate, the Muts are also real entertainers. This was proven last Saturday night to the satisfaction of a large crowd of people who filled the Columbia Theater to its capacity and listened to these tunts of the Muts for about an hour and a half. The entertainment started off with a song and dance act by M. F. Hazen, which brought down the house. The old fellow proved to the people that he was still quite young and active and was compelled to respond to a hearty encore when he came back with an old fashioned song which was appreciated. Then Dr. Tucker entertained with solo, which was just fine, so fine indeed that he too was required to appear again, and his second selection was even better than the first. S. C. Morton, the Big Mut gave a realistic reading of a maniac in his dungeon, which for dramatic effect was the event of the evening. Responding to a generous encore he again delighted the audience with another quaint reading.

Little Leo Ballagh, 14 months old, was introduced to the audience as Trixy Frigenzy, a noted heel and toe dancer, and her act was one of the best of the evening. The little lady endeared herself to the audience by her sweet disposition and perfect ease on the stage. She surely made a decided hit. Mr. Sten then sat down to the piano and rendered one of the most delightful piano solos ever listened to by a St. Helens audience. He proved himself master of the instrument and was compelled to respond to an encore, which also pleased. Miss Edrie LaBare, in a characteristic negro dialect piece, was also heartily encored and entertained the second time with a comic reading, which brought down the house. Needless to say Jack Root was well received when he was introduced as Caruso and his interpretation of a beautiful solo was appreciated as well as though it had been Caruso himself. He also met the demands of the audience with a second selection.

E. B. Woods and Mr. Sten, in black face make up, held the attention of the crowd for about a half hour with their negro songs and dances, together with some local hits and the manipulation of the bones. These gentlemen proved to be entertainers of merit in that particular line, and their work was greatly appreciated. The title of champion heavyweight pugilist of St. Helens was forever definitely settled in a two round bout between Fred Morgus, 225 pounds, and Edgar Muckle, 120 pounds. This was a side-splitting farce of real merit, for the boys knew about as much about boxing as a hog does about tariff revision, and after two lively rounds, wherein one lick was struck, that one being landed by Edgar on Fred's broad back, Edgar was called the champion. Mayor A. W. Mueller gave a beautiful interpretation of the famous poem "Myself Undt Gott," which was most thoroughly enjoyed. Harley Turner was introduced as the inventor of the violin and he gave two selections of the instrument, which were well received. Mrs. E. B. Woods accompanied the various musical numbers in her own masterly style, and her work was most highly appreciated. Between some of the acts above mentioned Mr. Evans, proprietor of the theater showed four interesting reels of moving pictures, which, taken with the doings of the Muts, made up one of

## YANKTON GRANGE NAMES OFFICERS

Will Entertain Pomona Grange in February.

Yankton Grange, No. 301, held a well-attended meeting in the Grange Hall last Saturday night. This is the largest Grange in the county and among the largest of the state. A purchasing department is maintained, and through it the members get goods at wholesale prices. R. C. Jeffries was re-elected purchasing agent for the ensuing year. Other officers were elected as follows: Master, Guy L. Tarbell; overseer, Than Brown; lecturer, Mrs. Iris Oliver; chaplain, G. L. Tarbell; steward, Alger Oliver; treasurer, Ray Tarbell; secretary, Miss Marie Walker; assistant steward, George Walker; ladies of the court, Mrs. Nellie Lieferman and the Misses Iva Tarbell and Lois Oliver; lady assistant steward, Miss Carrie Bushong; gatekeeper, Earle Bushong. The new officers will be installed in an open-day meeting on January 2. Dinner will be served at noon, and in the afternoon Professor E. B. Pitte, of the extension division of the O. A. U., will speak on dairying and hog-raising. The Grange is arranging for a hard times watch party New Year's Eve. Yankton Grange will entertain the Columbia County Pomona Grange in February.

## CHRISTMAS DOINGS AT THE SCHOOL

Christmas trees and exercises were held in the schools of the city last Friday and a holiday season was taken this week. School will start again next Monday and continue regularly.

## SCARLET FEVER CLOSES SCHOOL

On account of the prevalence of scarlet fever at Warren the schools of that place have been closed. The doctors report about eight cases of the disease in the neighborhood and strict quarantine has been placed on each case.

## DEPUTY SHERIFF AT HIS POST

Charles Brown, the new deputy sheriff, is now stationed in the sheriff's office learning the ins and outs of the duties of the sheriff. Mr. Brown will take up his duties under Sheriff-elect Stanwood on the first of January.

## GUILD LADIES HAVE TOWEL SALE

The Ladies of the Episcopal Guild held their towel sale and tea last Tuesday afternoon in Guild Hall and report a successful sale. All the towels were disposed of, and quite a number of people attended the tea. The ladies realized a comfortable sum for their Guild.

## RURAL DELIVERY FOR NEHALEM

Congressman Hawley has been advised that rural mail service has been authorized at Nehalem, through the Nehalem Valley, 13 miles, for 70 families, but that this and other authorized routes will not be established until the government's financial conditions improve.

## MASONIC FRATERNITY INSTALLS OFFICERS

The installation of officers at the Masonic Lodge took place last Saturday night, when the following were installed: Edwin Ross, W. M.; H. J. Southard, S. W.; E. A. Rotger, J. W.; James Dart, Treas.; E. E. Quick, Sec.; A. L. Stone, S. D.; W. E. Clark, J. D.; Jacob George, S. S.; E. V. John, J. S.; J. Q. Gage, Tyler.

the best entertainments ever held in the city. A neat sum was realized for charitable work of the organization. After the entertainment a number of people gathered at the city hall where Merle Wilson's orchestra furnished music for about four hours for dancing. The dance was also a marked success from every point of view. Altogether it was a successful entertainment successfully managed and carried out by the Muts.

## THIRTY-THREE YEARS IN NEWSPAPERDOM

The St. Helens Mist Has Weathered the Storms of a Third of a Century.

HAS ALWAYS BEEN A FACTOR IN COMMUNITY BUILDING

Down Through all the Vicissitudes of Time the One Inspiring Aim Has Been for the Development and Upbuilding of Columbia County.

This is Volume 34 No. 1 of the Mist. Just 33 years ago Mr. Glendye launched the Mist in St. Helens. Through all these years the paper has never missed publication for one week. It has passed through various hands, each one doing his full part toward the upbuilding of St. Helens and community. The name of the paper is a distinctive one, perhaps the only newspaper in the United States bearing the name of Mist. The long time the paper has been published the many able editors who have been at the head of it coupled with the uncommon name, has made of the St. Helens Mist, one of the best known papers in Oregon. It has grown from a small beginning to its present size and has always been a factor in the betterment of conditions and prosperity of the community. It has seen St. Helens blossom and at times almost wither and die. It has borne the brunt of hard times and has enjoyed prosperity. It has had many ups and downs, but through it all it has been the greatest advertising medium that St. Helens has ever had. The Mist has made St. Helens famous. The present management is rather proud of the progress made during the past three years. During that time much new and modern machinery and appliances have been added to the equipment until today the Mist office is supplied with machinery sufficient to do almost any and all kinds of work in the printing line. A two revolution power press and a modern linotype are among the late acquisitions which enable us to give to our readers a well printed and neat appearing paper, as well as to print all the news. During the past three or four weeks more reading matter has been set up in our office and printed in the paper than ordinarily has been in several issues combined. We are proud of the appearance of the Mist. During the Holiday season we have had a fairly representative list of advertising, but we have to say that the merchants of the city are not good advertisers as a rule. They perhaps may say that advertising does not pay, but in that supposition they are mistaken. Every business house in the city should be represented in our advertising columns continually. We are

doing more towards advertising the city and community than any other agency. We are giving to our readers the best paper that is possible for us to do. In addition to the regular eight pages of the Mist the 16 page farm and home section is the equal of any farm paper published in the West. It all goes with the Mist and from the expressions of our readers we know that it is appreciated.

Our subscription has grown more than 100 per cent during the past two years and the Mist now reaches at least 60 or 65 per cent of the homes in Columbia county. Home merchants and business men should use the columns of the Mist to keep the buyers informed. It pays in the long run, and we hope to enlist more advertising support during the coming year than during the past year.

The Mist is a St. Helens, Columbia County newspaper. It stands for whatever is best for the community in which it is published. It stands for progress in all lines of industry in every portion of Columbia County. It is a home institution and has done much for every business man in the community. It will continue to work for the common good. It is a permanent fixture and will always be found battling for what it thinks is right and for the best interest of the people it represents.

We are taking this occasion of our 33rd birthday anniversary to toot our own horn, and we are ready to back up everything we say about ourselves. Thirty-three years from today the St. Helens Mist will still be doing duty at the old stand and will celebrate another anniversary at that time. It is to be hoped that it will not then be compelled to take the merchants and business men of the city to task for not advertising. The best way to avoid that unpleasantness is for the business men to start next week to do some systematic advertising and bring in so many ads that we will have to increase the size of our paper to accommodate them. We hope to see such a state of affairs. Do not disappoint us.

In the meantime on this Christmas day 1914 we wish to all the patrons of the St. Helens Mist and to everybody who happens to read it, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## HOLIDAY EDITION OF RAINIER REVIEW

Columbia County received a good bit of advertising last week when Editor C. A. Nutt, of the Rainier Review, mailed his special edition of the Review. It was a grand edition for a country paper. Twenty-eight pages of interesting reading and nice ads of the business firms of his community. Taken as a whole the paper was better than a great many large city specials and does credit to the editor, his plant and his patrons.

## SPORTSMEN SHOOT TO FEED THE NEEDY

Members of the Cottonwood Duck Club, of St. Helens, were out last Wednesday at their preserve on Sauvie's Island, in quest of the succulent duck. The result was 106 birds. All members of this club are Muts, some big muts and others not so big, but their hearts are in the right place, nevertheless. Sixty of the birds are to be turned over to the Muts for distribution among the worthy needy of the community. Truly the Muts society of St. Helens is composed of a generous hearted bunch. The fruits of their labors shine like emeralds. May their shadows never grow less. And may God bless them.

## FREEZING WEATHER JOY TO YOUNGSTERS

Ice skating on the ponds and lakes around St. Helens is still fine. Every day and evening parties of skaters are enjoying this sport. More skating weather and good ice this year than for many years. The lowest temperature we have had in St. Helens, was 18 above zero, with an average night temperature the past 10 days of about 22 degrees above. This has been cold enough to freeze the ponds and lakes and make them suitable for good skating.

## NEW LAUNDRY PROPRIETOR HERE

Mr. George Watkins, the new proprietor of the St. Helens Laundry, moved his family to St. Helens this week and they are comfortably located in the residence recently purchased by them from Mrs. E. C. Robertson. Next week Mr. Watkins will begin the work of remodeling the laundry plant and installing new machinery, and within a month he will start operations. Mr. Watkins has been in the laundry business for many years and knows the business from a to z and promises to give to the people of this community the very best of service when he begins operations.

## HOMES AND HEARTS ARE MADE HAPPY

Quantities of Articles Given to the Needy

If there are any children in St. Helens and vicinity who failed to have a merry Christmas this year on account of unfortunate circumstances, it was because the Muts failed to discover them. For the past two weeks every effort has been made to ascertain where there were people whose circumstances were such that the Christmas cheer would not enter the homes, and yesterday, Thursday, the efforts culminated in the loading down of expressman Morley's wagon with groceries, fruits, vegetable, clothing, ducks, together with a considerable quantity of candy and toys, and started out on a route which had been previously mapped out by the Muts.

The response of the people of this community to the call of the Muts has exceeded by far the expectations of any one. Cash from various sources has been received sufficient to clothe all the unfortunate children and some grown folks; vegetables and fruit have been donated liberally, clothing from various homes, in good condition, has come in by the box and to cap it off the members of the Cottonwood duck club provided ducks for the hungry.

The Muts movement has been a decided success in St. Helens this year and has proven a blessing to a number of families and children. Next Wednesday evening the society will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Hall and there decide as to a continuation of the charitable work so successfully launched. All members are requested to be present.

## BURNING TROUSERS CAUSE OF ALARM

At 11:00 o'clock last Saturday night the fire alarm from box 22 sounded and the fire boys were quickly on the alert. The scene happened to be in the Perry house where some lodger had thrown his trousers too close to a radiator and they soon begun to scorch and smoke. With the removal of the trousers the fire was all over.

## BUDGET MEETING FOR NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday, December 29, is the day set by the County Court as the time for discussing the Budget. It is expected that a large delegation of taxpayers from all portions of the county will be in attendance and that the entire expenses of the county will receive careful scrutiny. Every taxpayer in the county should be represented at this meeting.

## BIG STEAMER LOADS TIES FOR INDIA

The big Japanese tramp steamer Shintu Maru arrived at the docks of the St. Helens Creosoting Company today to begin loading creosoted ties for India. This is a part of the contract of ties which the local company is furnishing to the British government for railroad construction in India. Several cargoes of the ties have already been shipped.

## ATHLETIC HOME IS NEARLY READY

The big gymnasium building being erected by the St. Helens Firemen is fast nearing completion. The roof is all completed and only the inside work remains to be finished. Within another 30 days the building will be ready for occupancy. The new athletic club formed by the boys has been christened the Sunset Athletic Club and will hereafter be known by that name.

## LUMBER SHIPMENTS FOR THE WEEK

The steamer Multnomah left yesterday with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco from St. Helens Mill dock. The steamer Johan Paulsen loaded lumber at the docks of the Columbia County Mills this week and sailed for California. A cargo of lumber for Southern California ports was taken out this week by the McCormick steamer, Cello. Her passenger accommodations were all taken.

## PETITIONERS WANT LOW ROAD LEVY

ARE ASKING THAT SIX MILLS BE PLACED AS MAXIMUM.

## SIGNATURES BY THE HUNDREDS

General Meeting of Taxpayers to be Held Next Tuesday to Consider the Budget.

Petitions are in circulation in various parts of the county asking the County Court not to make more than a 5 or 6 mill general road levy for the coming year. At Scappoose, Warren, Yankton, Deer Island, Houlton, Clatskanie, Vernonia and other places it is reported that hundreds of signatures have been secured. Petitions are also in circulation in other precincts but we have not heard whether they are being generally signed or not.

The Budget meeting next Tuesday promises to be the greatest meeting ever held in the county. Tax payers from every portion of the county will be here to discuss the matters coming up. Greatest interest centers around the question of road taxes and it will be on this point that most of the discussion will be had.

## BOWLBY TALKS OF HARD SURFACE ROADS

Says Columbia Will be Treated Like Other Counties.

December 15, 1914.

Hon. Ben W. Olcott, Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon.  
Dear Sir:— I have the letter dated December 2nd, from Mrs. Mildred J. Watts, of Scappoose, Ore., relative to the hard surfacing in Columbia County by the State Highway Commission.

The only assurance that I have given the people of Columbia County relative to this matter has been that they could expect to be treated the same as Jackson County and Clatsop County, when the county court fulfills its obligations and promises. Since the recall of the old Court it has seemed that we would have no further trouble in that county in regard to carrying out the program outlined at the start, relative to the construction of the Columbia Highway through that county. In order to be ready next season for hard-facing, I advise the County Court to get the grading completed on a stretch of road that was approved by the County Court and by myself, that is, the Columbia Highway, from the Multnomah County line northward to St. Helens, on the south side of the S. P. & S. Railway. The right of way agent has been obtaining deeds to some of this right of way in the last few weeks.

If Columbia County receives the same treatment the other counties have received, there will be laid three or four miles of hard surfacing, sixteen feet wide, in the county next year.

This, I believe will be the information that Mrs. Watts desires.

Very respectfully,  
H. L. BOWLBY,  
State Highway Engineer.

To The Taxpayers of Columbia County:

I wrote to Secretary Olcott, inquiring into the promise that the State Highway Commission has been supposed to have made to our County Court in regard to hard-surfacing and taking over and maintaining the Columbia Highway.

Everybody knows throughout the county that Mr. Griswold, acting for Major Bowlby, did make promises. I talked with Mr. Griswold personally after our meeting and know what was promised here. The editors of the newspapers throughout the county certainly did understand that way, and that was the "big stick" that was used to out our old court and Mr. Bowlby is forcing our present court to allow them to get new right of (Concluded on page 8.)