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VERY FEW CHANGES AT COURT HOUSE

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS SELECT THEIR DEPUTIES.

CHANGES TO BE MADE MONDAY

Sheriff's Office the Only One Where Strangers Will be Seen.

Next Monday the new county officers will take hold of the reins of government for Columbia County. A visit to the Court House will seem just the same, however, as the only new faces to be found will be in the sheriff's office, where E. S. Stanwood will preside, and Charles Brown will be in the deputy's chair. In the clerk's office A. F. Barnett, the present deputy, will occupy the clerk's chair while Mr. LaBare, the present clerk, will stay in the office for the time being as deputy clerk. In the assessor's office, C. W. Blakesley still holds forth and his former deputy, Martin White will again take up his duties as deputy assessor. Treasurer Hatan was re-elected and will continue to handle the funds of the county. He will not require the services of a deputy until the time comes for the collection of taxes. Surveyor Van Orshoven was also re-elected and will be found in his accustomed place, while school superintendent, Allen will look after educational affairs of the county for two years more. County Judge Clark and Commissioner Harvey will still transact the business of the county, assisted by Judson Weed, of Vernonia, who will take the place of B. J. Keelan, whose term expires.

T. S. White will take up the duties of coroner in place of Frank Sherwood whose term has expired.

DR. EDWIN ROSS HAS A BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Edwin Ross celebrated the advent of the year 1915 jointly with Dr. Ross' birthday, with a dinner and watch party on New Year's eve. When Dr. Ross entered the dining room he received his first intimation of the festivities when he was greeted by a large birthday cake, decorated with fifty candles, which was placed on a small table in the center of the room, under the chandelier. Across each end of the room was a large dining table having a center piece of yellow and white chrysanthemums, from which gleamed numerous candles. The guests invited to the birthday dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. William Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Adin Ross, Mr. and Mrs. David Davis, Messrs. Harold and Cecil Ross, Mrs. Partridge, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Dolanah, Mr. Switzer, Harriet and Charles Ross and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone. In addition there were invited to the watch party and supper which was served at twelve, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. John and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard and family and Miss Dunn.

NOISY DEMONSTRATION AT NEW YEAR

The new year was ushered in at St. Helens with all the usual noise. Every bell in the city was ringing, all the whistles blew their loudest, kids with horns of all descriptions were doing their best to drown the sounds of the bells and Bob Cole turned out all the lights for five minutes. It is quite likely that had Bob not turned on the lights again the bells and whistles and kids would have been making noises yet, but after about five minutes of total darkness, the lights were again turned on and the noises ceased.

Col. C. S. Reeves, representing some of the timber companies with large holdings in this county, was down from Portland Tuesday taking part in the deliberations of the taxpayers at the budget meeting.

SCARLET FEVER EPIDEMIC OVER

Regarding the scarlet fever cases in Warren, the Mist is informed that only four cases of the disease were reported to the physicians and that two of these have been released from quarantine and the other two are almost ready for release. School will start in the Warren school house next Monday and on this, Friday, evening the New Years exercises will be held, unless some new cases develop. The malady has been in a very mild form and the prompt action of the school officers, the parents and the health officer has prevented its spread with only the loss of the regular holiday season from school anyway.

MR. COLLINS GETTING READY FOR SESSION

Representative Collins, of Rainier, spent a few days in St. Helens the early part of the week. Mr. Collins is getting ready for his journey to Salem this month where he will be on duty for forty days to guard the interests of Columbia County.

NEW FLOOR IN BANK BUILDING

A new floor is being laid in the Columbia County Bank building, made necessary by the condition of the floor joists caused by dampness. It will be so repaired this time that no more trouble will be experienced from this cause.

VERY ENJOYABLE DANCING PARTY

The dance at the City Hall last night was one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season. A large crowd of people danced the old year out and the new year in, to the sweet strains of Merle Wilson's orchestra.

NEW AUTO FOR THE DEPOT RUN

Henry McCoy, proprietor of the Red Car line of autos in St. Helens, this week purchased a new 7 passenger car for use on the run between St. Helens and the depot.

H. S. STUDENTS REPORT PROGRESS

Fred Morgus is suffering with a felon on his finger. We had a better attendance this week, skating is over.

Mr. Collins, of Rainier, was visiting school this week.

Frank Robertson has not yet returned from Montana.

The debaters are working very hard on their subjects.

We are thinking of starting the New Year by going to school.

Superintendent Wilkerson, of Rainier, was a visitor this week.

Some of the pupils extended their Christmas vacation far into the week.

The contents of the Christmas stockings are still being enjoyed by the pupils.

The English II class are very much enjoying Webster's "Bunker Hill Monument" address.

Because of the illness of Mrs. McNulty, Mr. McNulty has been detained at home a short time this week.

Among our other distinguished visitors were Miss Pearl Woods, Miss Jones, Miss Bernice Masten and Mr. Walden Dillard.

It was rather difficult to make Dr. Enna understand that we were all suffering with bad colds, he even doubted the teacher's word.

LOCAL NOTES.

The firemen's dance at the City Hall last Saturday night was a very enjoyable affair.

Watch services were held in the Methodist church and the Congregational church last night.

Dr. Emil Enna wishes to announce that the practice of the Ladies Singing Society will be resumed on Monday, January 4th, at the Guild Hall.

Nels Carlson, the efficient night policeman, of Rainier, was in St. Helens yesterday, attending his sister, Mrs. Johnson who is seriously ill.

COUNTY BUDGET MEETING DRAWS CROWD

Taxpayers From Every Section of the County Take Part in the Discussions.

SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE LEVY IS AGREED UPON

Northern Portion of the County Demands a Ten-mill Levy, While the Southern Portion Wants Five Mills. Seven and One-half Mills Results.

The budget meeting of Columbia County taxpayers held at the Court House last Tuesday, will go down in the history of the county as the most interesting and lively meeting of taxpayers ever held in the county. At 1 o'clock, the hour set for the meeting, the Circuit Court room in the Court House was filled to overflowing, many people standing in the aisles and on the outside of the door. County Judge Clark called the meeting to order, and in a few remarks outlined the purpose of the meeting and the work of preparing the budget, as well as some recommendations to the taxpayers. F. C. Caples, secretary of the Columbia County Taxpayers League, then read to the meeting and the County Court some resolutions which had been adopted by his League, requesting the County Court to keep the levy for roads down to 5 mills, or not to exceed 6 mills. He also read some other committee reports, including an estimate of the amount of money a 5 mill levy would raise by taxation, and stated it as the opinion of the Taxpayers League that a 5 mill levy would be sufficient for all road work the coming year. He also presented a recommendation of the League to the Court asking the office of County Roadmaster be abolished, stating that this particular office was an unnecessary expense, not justified by the service received from the expenditure of several thousand dollars.

After Mr. Caples had finished, a number of taxpayers from the various portions of the county discussed the road levy from several angles. Mr. O. B. Bennett, of Clatskanie, presented a petition signed by 48 business men of Clatskanie, urging a 10 mill levy. Mr. Alonzo Van, of Mist, presented a petition from tax-

payers in his district also asking for a ten mill road levy. Mr. W. J. Fullerton then presented a petition signed by citizens of Scappoose, Warren, Yankton, Deer Island and St. Helens urging the Court to levy not to exceed a 6 mill tax and most of the petitions contained the maximum of 5 mills. All of these petitions were ably backed in fiery speeches by their sponsors, and it was plain to be seen that a feeling of sectionalism prevailed throughout the county. Mr. O. J. Evenson, of Clatskanie, then argued for a 10 mill levy, but suggested that it might be possible to split the difference some way in the amounts demanded by the different sections of the county, and this suggestion brought others of a similar nature. Senator George M. McBride then took the floor and urged that a peaceable solution of the question should be by all means be arrived at by a compromise. The offer of compromise seemed to strike a popular chord, and within a few minutes after motions and amendments and amendments to the amendments and substitutions and various other parliamentary technicalities, almost too numerous for Judge Clark to keep track of, had been submitted, it was almost unanimously agreed that the road levy be fixed at 7.55 mills.

The meeting then broke up with the best of feeling and everybody seemed pretty well satisfied.

The levy of 7.55 mills for road purpose, together with the sinking fund and interest on bonds, will amount to more than 9 mills, thereby making the road taxes for the year almost the same as that of last year. However the total 1 vies this year in most of the places in the county will be about 2 mills or more lower than were the taxes last year.

SHIPPING NOTES OF THE WEEK

The steamer Johan Ponton loaded at the Columbia County Mill docks this week and left out yesterday bound for San Francisco.

The Willamette arrived in Portland yesterday and will come to St. Helens to take on a part cargo of lumber for Southern California.

The Cello sailed Wednesday night from St. Helens with 900,000 feet of lumber bound for San Diego. About 10 passengers had accommodations on her.

The steamer Klamath left out last night with a million feet of treated piling and lumber for San Francisco, and her passenger accommodations all taken. The piling are for the building of municipal docks in San Francisco Bay.

The big Japanese steamer Shintu Maru is at the tie boom near the shipyards, where thousands of creosoted ties are being loaded on the big ship for shipment to India. This is a portion of the order of 10 million feet of ties for the British government railroads in India, which was placed with the St. Helens Creosoting Company nearly a year ago. About thirty longshoremen are engaged in loading the Shintu Maru. The crew of the ship is entirely Japanese, from captain to cabin boy.

Shortly after the arrival of the vessel in this port one of the Japanese sailors deserted and tramped through the swamps and sloughs for a couple of days in an effort to get to Portland where he intended to lose himself and remain in this country. The loss was reported and A. B. Lake took the trail of the deserter and located him in a cabin on the Domeyer place on Willamette Slough, where he arrested him and brought him back to St. Helens and he was delivered to the ship.

POPULAR COUPLE JOINED IN WEDLOCK

Miss Welhelmina Cohn, a popular member of the younger set, became the bride of Clarence Fitchette Morse, of New York, Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Cohn, in Portland, December 29th. It was delightfully simple and unostentatious. There were no attendants, and the bride wore her traveling suit of dark blue broadcloth, with small chic hat of black velvet, and she carried an old-fashioned bouquet of rosebuds and lilies of the valley. Only relatives were present at the ceremony, at which Judge Gatson officiated. A wedding breakfast was served after the ceremony, the dining-room being artistically decked with white chrysanthemums and roses, combined with feathery smilax.

In the drawing room where the marriage service was read, a color scheme of pink was developed with roses and chrysanthemums.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse left immediately for Southern California, where they will make their home indefinitely. The bride is a charming and interesting girl, popular socially, and since the announcement of her engagement a few months ago she has been feted extensively.

Miss Cohn is well known to a good many St. Helens people. She has been a frequent visitor in this city for several years, being an intimate friend of Miss Amy George and Mrs. E. A. Rotger. Miss Amy George being present at the wedding.

Mrs. Mildred Watts, of Scappoose, spent two days here the early part of the week and while here took an active interest in the taxpayers meetings held Monday and Tuesday.

OREGONIAN ANNUAL GREAT PRODUCTION

The Oregonian Annual of today, is a magnificent publication. The most striking feature of the entire paper is the section showing photographs of the business sections of Portland, as compared with those same sections only a few years ago. These pictures tell the tale of the progress in the building of the city more than could pages of reading matter. Other sections of the paper are very interesting and instructive and taken as a whole, the paper will be one of the greatest advertising features ever published in Oregon.

AN INTERESTING NEIGHBORHOOD SCRAP

A case of assault and battery was tried before Judge Watkins and a jury yesterday wherein Mr. Carlson, of the Masten Camp, was accused of assaulting Mrs. Fritz. It seems that in the beginning Mrs. Fritz and Mrs. Carlson had a disagreement and were engaged in some strong flatic arguments when Mr. Carlson happened along and took a hand in the performance. Mrs. Fritz was equal to the occasion and securing a club undertook to lick the whole Carlson family whereupon Mr. Carlson gave her a shove and she fell down receiving severe injuries. After listening to the details of the affair the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL REDMEN

On Friday night, January 15, the Red Men Lodge of St. Helens will hold a meeting in the K. of P. Hall at which time every member of the order is urgently requested to be present. There will be present a personal representative of the Grand Sachem, and much work of importance to the order will be transacted. Mr. J. H. Tregigas, of Portland spent a few days in St. Helens the past week looking towards the holding of this meeting, and is very anxious that every member attend. There will also be present members from the neighboring tribes and it is planned to have a grand pow-wow.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES.

"A church home for strangers and friends."

Sunday 11:00 a. m. Quarterly communion services.

It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to be present. Bible school at 10:00 a. m. Christian Endeavor services 6:30 p. m.

Preaching by the pastor 7:30 p. m. "Is the World Growing Better?" Are you interested in this subject? If so, come and hear the discussion. If not, come and see.

Wednesday, January 6, 7:30 p. m., annual business meeting of the church.

Reports will be submitted from all departments of the work for the past year.

Election of officers for the ensuing year and all matters of interest will be considered.

The Christian Endeavor Society held "open house" and a watch service on New Year's eve. Refreshments were served and a general social time was had.

We wish our many friends a happy and prosperous New Year.

Come and enjoy the fellowship and services. F. J. MEYER, Pastor.

NOTICES OF M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m. This will be the annual roll call of members. Every member of the church is expected to attend and to respond to the call of his or her name. A suitable sermon will be preached.

Epworth League 6:30. Topic "Promises of a Redeemer."

Evening sermon 7:30 p. m. With this service begins our evangelistic meetings, to run each night during the week at 7:30 p. m. A short song service will precede the sermon each night. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

F. N. SANDIFUR.

DEPUTY SHERIFF FINDS BOOTLEGGER

MAN OPENLY SELLING BOOZE TO BOYS AND MEN.

HAS A GOVERNMENT LICENSE

Thinks State Laws do not Govern While in Possession of Internal Revenue Tag.

Deputy Sheriff Martin White returned this morning from Westport, Oregon, having in custody a man named Sutvin, whom he arrested this morning for bootlegging. Sutvin, it appears was a working man who owned a small tract of land near Westport just in the Columbia County border, and having nothing else to do he had secured a government license to sell liquors and proceeded in his launch to Astoria, where he laid in a supply of wet goods. He took his stock to his little home near Westport and was doing a thriving business furnishing booze to boys and men at good prices. Deputy White heard of the activities of the gentleman and proceeded to his place of business where the sale of liquors was made openly and apparently without fear of the law. Sutvin claims that his government license protects him from arrest for any violations of the state laws, but Deputy White could not see it that way and accordingly Mr. Sutvin is now languishing in the county jail awaiting a hearing before Justice Watkins, which will probably be given tomorrow or Monday.

NEWSY ITEMS FROM TRENHOLM

Mr. J. H. Christensen was a recent Trenholm visitor.

School has closed for two weeks, opening again Monday January 4.

Miss Ethel Smith is spending the Holidays with friends in Portland.

Mr. Clyde Herr is home again from Aberdeen, Wash., to work in the mill.

Miss Lena Herr is spending Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Christensen at St. Johns.

James Ketel celebrated his fifth birthday the past week. About twelve little ones were present and a delightful time reported.

Mrs. Ettor Kelly invited several little folks to her home last week to celebrate the birthday of Ella and Albert Kelly. Games were played and lunch served by Mrs. Kelly.

The Parent-Teachers Club held its regular meeting Friday evening December 18. The subject under discussion being, "Co-operation of Home and School." Papers were read by Miss Smith, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Brockway and Mr. Phill Holden.

Them ill is running again and it seems good to see all our men working once more and everyone wearing "the smile that won't come off."

A Christmas concert and tree was given in the school house Christmas eve, and was a success in every way. The special music given by a mixed chorus, with Mrs. Fred Schneider as organist, deserves credit for a larger settlement than even Trenholm. The decorations of tree and school house surpassed all records and every one seemed to enjoy themselves. Santa Claus was there too, bringing apples and candy bags to little folks.

NEW COMMISSIONER VISITS ST. HELENS

County Commissioner-elect Judson Weed, of Vernonia, came over from his home last Monday and attended the budget meeting. Mr. Weed will take office at commissioner next Monday and will have a hand in making the tax levies for the coming year.