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WORK FOR SHIPYARD

HULL TO BE BUILT FOR GOVERNMENT SNAGBOAT.

COMPLETED IN 90 DAYS

Contract Was Awarded on Wednesday and Work to Commence at Once.

Revival of activity at the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company is pleasing knowledge to a many people. The company secured a contract from the government to build a new hull for the snagboat and dredge. Work is to begin at once and be completed in ninety days. The contract price on this is very satisfactory to the management, in consideration of existing conditions.

In addition to the work on the snagboat, a barge for one of the other companies is also to be produced at the local plant. We are confident that other work is in prospect for the near future, but this has not been definitely arranged.

ENTERTAINED DELIGHTFULLY

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McCormick entertained delightfully with a dinner on Thursday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mackay, of Portland. Seated around the flower bed table were the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Muckle, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rotger, Miss Amy George, Miss Leona Perkins and the hostesses.

ALL CONTEST AT CLATSKANIE

Our basket ball team will go to Clatskanie to play with that high school on Saturday. We have high hopes for St. Helens, for our boys have done some good practicing for the time past. Great interest has been taken and our regular team is soon to be picked. Some of those training are, Lester Wellington, Perry, Edward Veazie, Chas. Smith, Clarence Goin, James Adams, Law, and Dewey Smith.

NO CENSUS TO BE TAKEN THIS YEAR

There will be no census taken this year by the assessor. Governor Hitchcock on Thursday, gave his official approval to the Dillard bill, which repeals the law requiring assessors to take census every ten years. The author of the bill claims that a saving of \$10,000 will be effected by the passage of his measure.

ROAD SURFACING ON ROADS IS SLOUGHING

About 700 feet of the hard surfacing cone in Clatsop County on the Columbia Highway is falling to pieces, so we are informed by a gentleman who has been over the roads that county during the past month. This is a portion of the road finished by the State Highway Engineer and is only been finished a short time.

CIRCUIT COURT NEXT MONDAY

Circuit Court will convene in St. Helens next Monday at which time the jury will be called to try several civil cases ready for trial. Judge Eakin will probably be in St. Helens for a couple of weeks.

LOCAL LUMBER PLANT ENLARGES WHARFAGE

The Columbia County Lumber Company, whose mill is located near St. Helens, will make some improvements and changes about the plant, particularly to their dockage facilities, which will be enlarged.

ANTOMOBILE BURNS IN PORTLAND FIRE

Miss Maclay, Local Teacher, Loses Her Car.

Miss Mary Maclay, of Columbia City, and an efficient member of the corps of teachers in the St. Helens public school, sustained a very severe loss last Saturday by losing her Ford automobile in a garage fire at Portland. Miss Maclay motored to the city Saturday forenoon, where she intended to have been an interested spectator at the automobile show. She left her machine for temporary storage at a garage on the east side. Shortly afterwards an explosion occurred in the garage and the building with its contents was practically destroyed. Miss Maclay's car was one of twenty-three to be entirely destroyed or badly damaged. There was no insurance on the car. However, Miss Maclay's car may be repaired at some considerable expense. The unfortunate young lady returned home by train the next day, and seemed to accept her misfortune in a philosophical manner, looking upon the situation from the brightest side.

GONE AFTER THE REAL MEAT

Senator Chamberlain has at last gone after the real meat in the ocean in regard to the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia River by federal aid. On Thursday he introduced an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill to place the appropriations on a continuing contract basis, and asked that \$4,100,000 be appropriated for such use, in addition to the \$1,250,000 as carried in the House bill appropriation for improvement work at the mouth of the river. Other great waterways of the nation are aided by the government on the continuing basis, but the Columbia improvement has been carried forward on a piecemeal basis, greatly to the disadvantage of commerce and trade and the development of the shipping industry on the Pacific.

VISITED ABOUT HALF OF SCHOOLS

County School Superintendent I. W. Allen states that he has visited about one-half of the schools in this county, this applying, of course, to his annual visits as required by law. He visited one or two schools in the vicinity of Rainier on Thursday of this week.

TAX COLLECTIONS ARE BEING MADE

County Treasurer Hattan has completed the work of sending out notices to the individual taxpayers in the county and is receiving many requests for statements, which are being prepared and mailed at the rate of about twenty pages of the roll per day. The heavier taxpayers are receiving their statements, and collections so far have been very satisfactory. Mr. Hattan expects to have all statements in readiness by the middle of March.

NIGHTS MADE HIDEOUS BY BLASTING

Sleep cometh not to the average resident of this town, which nestles securely on the shores of the grand Columbia—at least, not the sleep of the just and Godly. Industry thrives to that extent that, to keep pace with the demand workmen boreth the earth, and after the boring hence the thundering vibrations of the exploding powder. The air shrieks, the windows rattle, the earth vibrates, the cockerell crows in celebration of the event. All this taketh part away into the tired hours of the night, when the righteous are attempting to restore the energies wasted the day before by chasing the almighty dollar. Verily, man is a conundrum. He howleth if industry does not thrive, and he walls and gnashes his teeth when his slumbers are disturbed by the wheels of industry. But, please if you have to shoot the earth, touch the trigger more gently.

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1914 COMPLETE

County Treasurer Has the Tax Roll and Collectors Are Being Made.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED IS \$398,809.43

The Various Segregations Consist of School, General Road Special Road, City, State and County.

County Assessor Blakesley completed the work of computing the tax levies on the 1914 assessment roll, and turned the tax roll over to Treasurer Hattan on January 25th. The total amount to be collected on the 1914 roll is \$398,809.43. The total assessed valuation of all property in the county is \$17,649,500. This is a decrease from the 1913 roll of \$1,647.57.

The segregations on the 1914 roll to be collected are as follows:

County	\$84,857.55
State	48,248.45
School	30,496.00
Library	381.20
Indigent soldiers and sailors	160.00
General tax	164,143.20
General road	133,255.63
Special school	77,309.96
Special road	13,360.62
Special city	10,748.95
Total	\$398,809.43

Fire Patrol Tax.

In addition to this there is a tax of 5 cents per acre on timber land for fire patrol purposes. This tax is levied against 11,657 acres, which will total \$582.85.

Special City Tax

Four cities within the county levied a special tax, the amount to be collected for each of these being:

Clatskanie	\$ 1,955.36
Rainier	4,070.05
St. Helens	4,571.50
Vernonia	152.02
Total	\$ 10,748.96

Special Road Tax

There was one road district which levied a special tax, being district No. 7, where a 6-mill levy was made, which will raise \$13,360.62.

General Road Tax

The general road tax will raise for the seven individual districts the following amounts:

District No. 1	\$ 18,696.52
District No. 2	27,679.32
District No. 3	18,876.32
District No. 4	22,918.54
District No. 5	17,031.70

SAFELOWERS WORK AT INGLIS OFFICE

An unsuccessful attempt to blow the safe in the postoffice at Inglis was made last Monday night. However, the culprits made way with about \$2. The walls of the building had been carefully padded to deaden the sound of the explosion, and the safe loaded with nitro-glycerine, but the results of the explosion were unavailing so far as gaining entrance to the safe. Tramps are suspected as being the culprits.

WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL ROLL CALL

Avon Lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias will hold their annual roll call in St. Helens on Tuesday evening, February 16. The lodge members on planning on making this the big fraternal event of the year and are planning on a large attendance.

COOKED FOOD SALE FOR FEBRUARY 6

The regular Saturday Cooked Food Show of the Congregational Ladies Aid will be held at the Muckle implement store in the Masonic Building on Saturday afternoon February 6.

Phone your orders to 107-6, Lone Fir Dairy, for pure milk and cream.

MARKET SITUATION IS TWO-ANGLED

Feed for Stock and Poultry Soars, Products Decline.

An interesting situation exists just at this time in the general trade conditions of the country. This is of particular interest to the rural as well as the city resident. Some of the products of the soil are soaring in price, while others are declining. Last Wednesday wheat was quoted at \$55 per ton, middlings and oats at \$40 per ton, shorts \$32 per ton. These quotations are of particular interest to the dairyman, since prices for his product are declining. Many people are disposing of their poultry rather than pay \$2.75 per hundred for wheat for food for the flock. Eggs are declining in price in the face of this condition. Pork slumped 10 cents per hundred at the Portland stock yards Thursday, \$6.70 being the ruling price. In Portland Thursday, ranch eggs were selling at 30 to 31 cents, case count, with receipts heavy and demand normal. Butter at 32 cents per pound for creamery prints was no change from the day before.

Sugar is quoted today at \$5.85 for the fruit and berry grade. Hops are showing an advance, one lot being sold at Springfield Thursday at 13 1/2 cents. Oregon potatoes are quoted at \$1 to \$1.25. Veal is firm at 12 to 12 1/2 cents, while pork, block, is 8 1/2 cents.

THE LATEST BUSINESS FIRM

The Columbia River Canning & Produce Company is the name of the newest business firm in St. Helens. A. J. Kelley is president, L. Rosasco, vice president and manager and Chas. D. White is secretary and treasurer. The work of installing the machinery in the plant is now going on and everything will be in readiness for operation with the opening of the fruit and vegetable season. The plant is located just west of the Italian Importing Company's store.

WHEELER PLANT IS INACTIVE

Cole H. Wheeler, of Portland, accompanied by his wife, were visiting and attending to business matters in St. Helens Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are former residents of this county, having resided at Clatskanie for many years. Mr. Wheeler is manager of the Wheeler Lumber Company, at Wheeler, on Nehalem Bay, but like many other lumbering institutions of the west, the plant is inactive at present, and has been for many months.

SUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY POSTPONED

The damage case of the S. P. & S. Ry. Co., against Consolidated Contract Company and Columbia County which was set for trial in the Federal Court at Portland for yesterday has been continued until next Tuesday.

SANDWICH ISLANDS THEIR DESTINATION

Mr. Chas. Muckle and his niece, Miss Amy George will leave Portland on the third of February for San Francisco, where they will immediately sail on the Pacific Steam Ship Company boat, Siberia, for Honolulu. Other members of the party will be Mr. and Mrs. James Muckle, of Portland. They will visit the San Diego and San Francisco fairs before returning to St. Helens.

MUSICAL PROGRAM AT HIGH SCHOOL

There will be a Musical Entertainment at the High School building next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All the students will take part assisted by Dr. Tucker, voice Mr. Harley Turner, violin, and Miss Helen White will play a piano solo. All parents and interested people are invited to attend.

REVIVAL OF BLOCK INDUSTRY IN SIGHT

CONTRACT IS LET AND WORK WILL SOON BE IN HAND.

LOCAL QUARRIES WILL FILL ORDER

Eighty Thousand Blocks Will be Turned Out for Portland Use.

The firm of Jeffrey & Bufton received the contract for paving with Belgian Blocks a portion of Front street in Portland. The bid was awarded last Wednesday and immediately one of the members of the firm came to St. Helens to make arrangements for the blocks. These arrangements were not hard to make for when the contractor found Mr. John Philip, he found that his order for 80,000 blocks could be filled at once, as Mr. Philip had more than double that amount on hand all ready for shipment. Accordingly Mr. Philip was given the order to furnish 80,000 blocks at Portland and delivery of same will be made within two or three weeks. This is the first order for blocks that has been received here for many months and Mr. Philip thinks it will be followed by other orders so that work in the quarries may be quite brisk during the spring and summer.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AFTER MEMBERS

The membership contest which has been carried on by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational Church, came to a close last Tuesday, at which time the losing side banqueted the winners. The Guild Hall was secured for the occasion and at 6:30 the banquet tables were spread for the entire membership. Sidney Malheuish was the leader on the losing side and he was master of ceremonies. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the young people.

GOVERNMENT TIMBER CASE IS HEARD

The case of the United States against the Southern Oregon Company for the forfeiture of 97,000 acres of Southern Oregon timber lands valued at approximately \$2,500,000 was argued yesterday before Judge Wolverton in the United States District Court. The case was started in December, 1910.

CANNOT PUBLISH COMMUNICATIONS

Several communications, more or less of a personal nature, have been received by the Mist this week, not signed by the authors. Under no circumstances can such communications be printed unless the writer's names are signed, and then only where the communications are not too personal.

ANOTHER ICE RUN IN THE COLUMBIA

Great quantities of ice are again floating in the Columbia. Navigators regard this hindrance to navigation as the most serious of any they encounter. The present flow of ice is the second one this winter, however, it is not serious as on the previous occasion.

FORMER RESIDENT GOES TO MICHIGAN

J. A. Bill has sold his property in St. Helens and has purchased a farm near Alpena, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Bill will leave St. Helens about the middle of March for their farm in Michigan and will make that their home. A notice of sale of their household furniture appears in this issue of the Mist.

Bees for Sale.—Enquire at the Hankey ranch west of Houlton. Mrs. John Dolan, Houlton. 3t