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## SCHOOL WORK FOR YEAR IS FINISHED

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FULLY DEMONSTRATE SCHOOLS' EFFICIENCY.

#### Large Class Finishes Grade Work and Passes on to Higher Branches of Study.

The commencement exercises of St. Helens schools were held at the high school auditorium last Friday evening, attended by about 300 guests and well entertained. The exercises were of such a character as to warrant the statement that none more interesting or instructive were ever held anywhere. The gratifying feature of all is the fact that the graduating class from the high school, numerically small, gave such evidence of thoroughness in the work just completed.

Much praise is due the faculty and school board for the commendable manner in which the work of the institution has been conducted during the past year, at least. Results were more effective than any other means of commendation.

School work in the St. Helens district has assumed large proportions in recent years and it is one of the most important of the state. The average attendance in St. Helens during the past year has been 250, and at 100 in the West St. Helens district.

The results in the grade work at all schools was abundantly satisfactory during the year, especially in the eighth grade classes. From the St. Helens school there was a class of 100 who passed on to the high school work and five from the Houlton school. In addition to the graduating class of seven, makes a record of which we have a right to be proud.

The members of the graduating class who took part in the program acquitted themselves in such a manner as to again warrant the statement that their work for the past four years has been thorough. The program was replete in all respects with features which characterized the occasion as the best ever held here.

Salutatory.

Miss Ethel Sten delivered the salutatory in the following well chosen words:

A sincere and cordial welcome is the supreme expression of friendship. It is the thought that you are welcome that makes you forget the disappointments and cares of the day. It is the little misunderstandings, which the time loom up like mountains, most make one forget that to every cloud there is a silver lining. Now, it is our sincere wish that you join with us in the pleasure of our commencement, and let me in behalf of the graduating class of nineteen hundred and fifteen extend to you a most cordial welcome.

From the very creation up to the present day, it is well to note that mankind has been addicted to many evil habits. Usually we do not care to reform them, but nevertheless they remain with us as some sort of stain, which binds us as it were, to prison walls. We struggle to free ourselves, but alas! too often it seems to be vain, and we are completely deluded to habit.

Knowing that "we grow into the likeness of the things we habitually contemplate," we should always guard every thought and action. In other words, we should think twice before we speak or act. How often do we criticize our neighbor, say an unkind word unintentionally, or quarrel with our own cases, forget to smile or encourage a fellow sufferer in all probability at the time when encouragement is most needed. Thoughtless, indeed, but is it not so that:

We scatter seeds with careless hand, and dream we never shall see them more, but for a thousand years their fruit appears, and weeds that mar the lands, or healthful shores."

Human nature is weak, and does not readily admit its defects, and is usually offended if they are referred to by anyone. If we do not guard ourselves, we acquire bad habits unconsciously, and when once acquired, they are very hard to overcome, for habit is a cable. We weave a thread of it each day, until finally it becomes so strong, we cannot break it.

In our journey of life we meet many people whose lives seem to be free from every undesirable habit. We envy them, but do you not think, dear friends, that theirs has been a struggle? We cannot attain perfection, but we should try our best to attain it to the greatest of our ability.

## PROMINENT BOOSTER TO RESIDE HERE

### Will Spend Summer of Pleasure on Farm at Deer Island.

The farming population of Columbia county is to be increased and the production of crops correspondingly augmented this year. We are to have a booster farmer, one who has boosted for Oregon for years, and boosted everything in Oregon. His advent into the farming game in our midst is certainly something meriting special notice. This late addition is E. C. Giltner, who for so many years has served so acceptably in the capacity of secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and who has just recently resigned from that work. Mr. Giltner has owned a farm at Deer Island for a good many years, has visited the place at regular intervals and devoted considerable time and money to its development. He will reside there for the summer and in the fall will return to the city, where he will engage in other pursuits. Columbia county has many attractions for the retired business man of the metropolis, where his time can be spent to both profit and pleasure.

## CLOSING EXERCISES AT WARREN SCHOOL

### Large Class Graduates From Eighth Grade Work.

The Warren school closed last Friday evening for the year with appropriate exercises. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with grapevines and home-grown roses. The people of Warren showed their appreciation of the good work done in the school during the year by their large attendance at the exercises, the hall being filled to capacity. The program was long but was received with great interest. Those taking part in the program work did their parts creditably. The class of graduates from the eighth grade work consisted of twelve, and were showered with many beautiful flowers as well as many congratulations. W. J. Fullerton gave a most excellent class address, admonishing the graduates to keep on with their work. Warren has had a very successful school year. The teachers were: W. L. Dunton, C. E. Lake, Mary Thomas and Mary Dahlgren. Many of the patrons expressed their regret that C. E. Lake would not be one of the teachers next year.

## DELEGATES ATTEND GRAND LODGE SESSION

### Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Held Forth at Newport.

W. J. Fullerton and Charles M. Beeler are at Newport this week attending Odd Fellows lodge, as delegates from the St. Helens lodge. They left Sunday evening and expect to return today. L. E. Allen was also chosen a delegate from the local lodge, but was detained at home. The St. Helens Odd Fellows have one of the strongest lodges in the Oregon domain, and its members are prominent in the work of the grand lodge. The Rebekah lodge at St. Helens is represented at the grand lodge session, also being held at Newport this week, by Mrs. M. F. Hazen, and the Houlton Rebekah lodge by Mrs. Emma Belford. All the delegates expect to return home this week.

## OWNER OF STRAY HORSE IS LOCATED

### Comes to St. Helens and Recovers Animal Stolen From Beaverton.

The stray horse sold by the city marshal of St. Helens two weeks ago was recovered by its owner last Saturday, when J. P. Pinta of Beaverton, foreman of St. Mary's Home, at that place, arrived in the city and established his right to the animal. The horse was stolen from the barn at the home on the night of April 7. Mr. Pinta made satisfactory arrangements with Chas. Muckle, who purchased the animal, and the city recorder, and took the horse home with him.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Columbia County High School Tennis contest for the championship of the county will take place on the courts at St. Helens tomorrow. Owing to inclement weather the tournament was postponed last week. There will be a large number of contestants and spirited playing will be the result.

## HIGHWAY ENGINEER BARES ROAD MATTERS

### MR. CANTINE GIVES FULL INFORMATION TO THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

#### Important Meeting Held at Salem Takes Up Many Matters Pertaining to Roads.

Evidences of gross mismanagement in highway matters are coming to light as investigations are being made by E. I. Cantine, state highway engineer. At a meeting of the State Highway Commission, held at Salem on the 12th of this month, Mr. Cantine submitted the result of his investigations.

Part of the report of Mr. Cantine shows that Mr. Bowby, former highway engineer, had spent \$9333 more than was authorized by the commission in completing the Biggs-Wasco road. The board when West was governor, authorized the expenditure of \$30,000 for the road and later gave permission for an additional expenditure of \$5000. Now it develops that the ex-highway engineer has spent \$44,333 on the road.

The policy of evasion pursued by the Consolidated Contract Company in regard to completing the remainder of its contract work on the Columbia highway in Columbia county was denounced before the commission by Cantine, the new highway engineer.

"I intend to speak plainly to this commission," said the engineer. "I don't like the way this company does business. They continually side-step and won't come out in the open. I have notified representatives of this company that they must begin work by May 15 on their contract or the contract will be cancelled."

All money to be spent this year by the state on roads will be used in completion of roads already under way, according to Governor Withycombe, who said that it was his belief that none of the fund should be expended on new roads.

Expenses of the state highway

## CREOSOTE CARGO IS DISCHARGED HERE

### HEAVY INCREASE IN MANUFACTURE OF THIS COMMODITY IN UNITED STATES.

#### Demand for Treated Material Grows Very Rapidly Throughout the World.

The British steamer H. C. Henry arrived in the local harbor Monday with a part cargo of creosote for the St. Helens Creosoting Company. The Henry discharged part of her cargo on Puget Sound, at the Eagle Harbor creosoting plant, before coming to the Columbia river. The cargo was taken at London, sailing from there April 19.

Because of the war abroad there have not been regular shipments of creosote to this Coast and the H. C. Henry is one of the first carriers to make her way from the trouble zone for several months.

Owing to a falling off since August 1 of nearly 30 per cent in shipments of creosote from England and Germany, whence comes all but a small part of the imported oil used by wood preserving plants in this country, American manufacturers have taken steps which, it is estimated, will increase production of the domestic article by about 25 per cent. The imported oils ordinarily form about 65 per cent of the total used in the United States, where creosote is the most important wood preservative.

The statistics show that wood preserving is one of the most rapidly advancing industries in the country. In 1895 there were fifteen plants in the United States; in 1914 there were 132 plants of all kinds, 100 being of the pressure-cylinder type. Ninety-four of these plants last year used more than 79 million gallons of creosote oil, more than 27 million pounds of dry zinc chloride, and nearly two and one-half million gallons of other preservatives, such as

## HIGHWAY CONTRACT PROBABLY REVOKED

### Final Decision Likely to Be Reached Today.

After making some preparations to resume construction work on the highway last week the Consolidated Contract Company, in all probability, will have its contract with the county abrogated today. The contractors have deceived the county court and the public in a very systematic way for the past month or more, until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. We are reliably informed this morning that the matter will be definitely closed today.

In the event that the contract is abrogated, it will place the county court in a position to relet the contract or proceed to do the work on its own account.

The contracting firm is now making overtures to the county to settle on some manner of basis, showing a disposition to recede from its former position.

## BUSINESS MEN ORDER BY-LAWS DRAFTED

### Organization of League Will Be Completed Next Week.

A meeting of business men of St. Helens and Houlton was held at the council chambers Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a business men's league, the purposes of which will be to advance the commercial and industrial welfare of the community. There were about twenty present and the outline for an organization was discussed at considerable length. The result of the meeting was the appointment of a committee to draft constitution and by-laws for an organization, the committee to report at a meeting to be held Thursday evening, May 27. This committee is composed of M. E. Miller, John Philip, A. S. Harrison, Harley Turner, B. I. Plummer.

An effort had been made during the previous week to ascertain the names of business citizens who would affiliate and co-operate with such an organization, resulting in a good many business people signifying their willingness to help. The meeting next week should be well attended.

## CIRCUIT COURT IS STILL IN SESSION

### Several Important Matters are Heard and Disposed of During Week.

The present term of circuit court is disposing of a good many important matters this week. The grand jury finished its labors, made its report and was excused Wednesday. One of the very important matters heard in the circuit court this week was the retrial of the case of Sophia Salmi against the Columbia & Nehalem River railroad. This case was heard in the circuit court here in March of last year, appealed to the supreme court and remanded to Columbia county for retrial. The plaintiff in the former trial secured a verdict of \$4500.

The report of the grand jury will be found on page 3 of this issue of The Mist.

## FORMER PASTOR VISITS ST. HELENS

### Rev. Mr. Haley, After Sixteen Years' Absence, Returns for Brief Time.

George G. Haley of Portland, was in St. Helens a couple of days this week. The mere fact that Mr. Haley was here does not mean a great deal, but when we connect him with earlier-day life of St. Helens, it means something. His mission here this week was as a delegate to the ministerial conference in session Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Haley is pastor of Lincoln Methodist church, Portland. Eighteen years ago he was pastor of the Methodist church in St. Helens, leaving here 16 years ago. He had charge of the Warrenton work for a year and was then sent to Idaho, returning to Portland about a year ago. This reverend gentleman has become a cripple, due to rheumatic trouble, has been a long sufferer from that ailment, but at present is somewhat improved. He says the St. Helens of today could scarcely be recognized when compared with the St. Helens of his time. Mr. Haley has a great many friends here who were pleased that he should return for a brief visit.

## IMPORTANT MEETING OF MINISTERS HELD

### MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION IN ST. HELENS FOR TWO-DAY CONFERENCE.

#### Splendid Program and Able Discussions of Religious and Social Topics.

A meeting of unusual interest and importance was held in St. Helens Wednesday and Thursday of this week, when nearly forty clergymen of the Methodist Ministerial association of this state were in attendance. A program replete with intensely interesting subjects was rendered, consisting of a vast number of social and religious topics.

The meeting was under the direct charge of Rev. J. W. McDougall, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. F. N. Sandifur, pastor of the local church.

The ladies of the church served luncheon and dinner during the two days in the Epworth League parlors, Wednesday evening being the most notable of these occasions, when Mayor Morton was the guest of honor, who delivered to the visitors the keys to the city, and in remarks unmistakably sincere, bade the visitors welcome.

Specially prepared music for the occasion was rendered by the church choir throughout the series of services.

Perhaps the most noteworthy of all the features of the program was the address delivered Thursday evening by Bishop R. J. Cooke. Dr. Cooke is one of the most powerful Christian workers in the United States. His address was listened to by one of the largest audiences ever greeting a clergyman in this city.

During the two days the following program was carried out:

Wednesday, 9:30 a. m.—Devotional service, J. W. McDougall; Sunday Schools, M. B. Parauagian, Sunday School Missionary, Oregon Conference, presiding; Childhood and the Church, W. H. Hampton, G. G. Haley; Value of the Sunday School to the Church, S. H. Dewar, O. C. Collins; What Needs Are the Most Urgent in Our Sunday Schools, Frank James; Address, E. O. Eldridge.

Wednesday, 2 p. m.—Devotional service; Missionary; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. A. R. Maclean; The Effect of the War on Foreign Missions, Louis Thomas, C. L. Dark; Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. Margaret Lake Garton, Phillip Descher; Our Obligation to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension Society, A. R. Maclean, F. N. Sandifur; address, R. Elmer Smith.

Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.—Devotional service; Address, "Willamette University," Dean G. H. Alden; Address, "Kimball College of Theology," President H. J. Talbot; Address, "Conference Claimants," G. F. Hopkins, secretary of Conference Commission.

Thursday, 9 a. m.—Devotional service; The Relation of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Organized and Unorganized Labor, C. O. McCulloch, C. L. Hamilton; Best Methods of Using the Organization of the Church for Interesting the Industrial Classes, C. C. Rarick; The Churches' Greatest Need, Sanford Snyder, W. W. Youngson; The Vows of a Methodist and What They Imply, W. E. Ingalls, G. H. Peese; Address, T. W. Lane.

Thursday, 2 p. m.—Devotional service; The Preacher; Planning Our Work as Pastors, W. S. Gordon, A. B. Calder; Pastoral Visitation, C. M. Van Marter, Alfred Bates; Elements of Success and Causes of Failure in the Ministry, John Parsons, J. W. Thompson; Communion Service, J. W. McDougall.

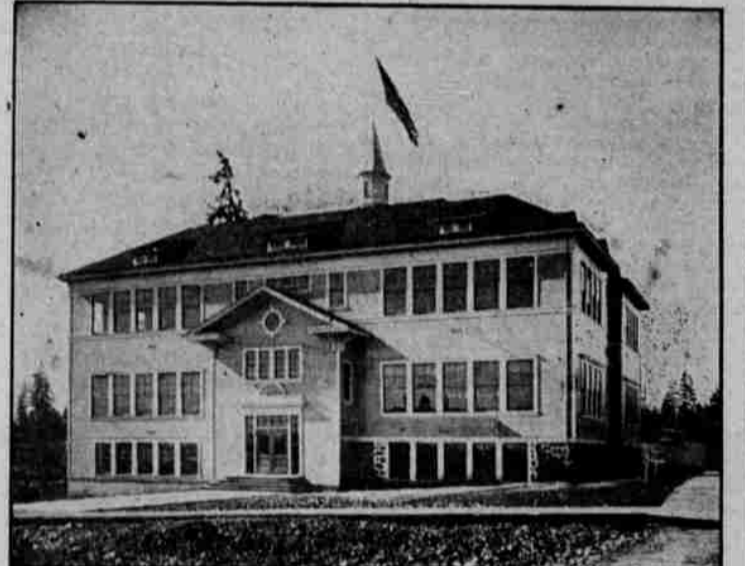
Thursday, 7:45 p. m.—Devotional service; Address, Bishop R. J. Cooke.

## STOCK PLAYS HOB IN FARMER'S GARDEN

Teddy Berg of Warren, was in St. Helens Tuesday morning attending to business matters, among them being an attempt to locate the culprits who deliberately turned several head of stock into his garden the night before. Mr. Berg has an eleven-acre tract of land near the Stevens place, which he is developing into a real home. He had taken particular care this spring to grow a splendid garden of nearly an acre. It was practically ruined by the intruders.

## MINSTREL SHOW.

The minstrel performance to be given by the members of the Sunset Athletic Club will positively take place next Wednesday evening at the city hall. The boys have a good program and assure about two hours of solid amusement. Prices have been made so low that anybody and everybody can afford to attend.



ST. HELENS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

department for April according to the report of E. I. Cantine, totaled \$30,539.42. Of this amount office, engineering and other expenses totaled \$8,646.68. The department spent \$10,937.02 in work on the Seaside-Tillamook road and the Columbia highway in Clatsop county. In Columbia county \$2026.70 was expended on the Nehalem road; \$287.96 on the Pittsburg-St. Helens highway; and \$161.74 on the Columbia highway; a total of \$2476.40 for the entire county.

The counties of Clatsop, Columbia, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Linn and Yamhill have requested the state highway department to prepare bridge plans, let the contracts and supervise bridge construction in the respective counties.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR COUNTY FAIR

### One Day to Be Devoted to This Special Pleasing Feature.

An important feature of the county fair this fall will be a music festival which will take place on Friday afternoon, September 26. Dr. Emil Enna, who has given such general satisfaction as a musical leader and instructor in St. Helens and vicinity for several months, will have charge of the music at the fair. In his chorus he expects to have about 1000 voices. This will be an event of more than ordinary interest and an attraction which will be greatly appreciated.

coal tar and crude oil, treating a total of nearly 160 million cubic feet of timber, an increase of about seven million cubic feet over 1913, and of 35 million cubic feet over 1912.

The most important consumers are the large plants in which railroad ties and timbers are treated. The preservatives materially lengthen the ties' period of service, lessen the labor cost involved by renewal, and decrease the drain upon the forests due to tie and timber cutting. To some extent the treatment of fence posts and other forms of farm timber is being taken up, an inexpensive apparatus and method having been devised by the Department of Agriculture; but as yet the use of wood preservatives by farmers is on too small a scale to have any importance in the total, while the practice of treating telephone poles is in its incipency in this country.

With the rapid advance of this industry as a whole, the choice of preservatives has been fairly well established, but the kinds and classes of materials to be treated need development along certain lines. In Germany and other European countries practically all cross-ties laid by the railroads are treated with chemicals or preserving oils. In this country but 30 per cent of the ties purchased by the railroads are subjected to such treatment. The number of poles treated in this country is a very small per cent of total in use.

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