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LARGEST SHIP BUILT IN OREGON

A VERY BUSY SCENE.

Work in Course of Construction at the St. Helens Ship Yard.

It was our pleasure to visit the shipbuilding yard Saturday. Manager Price's launch met us at the landing and in company with our better half and daughter, and Miss Leith, we landed on the celebrated island.

It was a busy scene. A large force of men were at work and each had a job. The hull of the great new ship is a monster and we are informed that it is the largest single deck ship ever built in Oregon.

It certainly required a master mind to design this ship. Each piece seemed to be a different size and shape, but they all fitted snugly in place.

To build this ship will require a large force of men and it is supposed to be completed in eight months. It is 250 feet in length and will require 40 tons of iron in its construction.

Seven-foot holes in the walls were bored with compressed air and one and one-quarter inch bolts of the same length were forced down by the same power. The drafting floor is covered with patterns of all sizes and welding shapens. The odd shaped timbers are cut with hand saws adjustable to 45 degree angles. The machinery is of the latest model and of a kind that is found nowhere else than in a shipbuilding yard.

Fifty men are at work and twenty more were added this week. Launching is the great event of the building of a ship and the launching of this large vessel will attract thousands of spectators as well as those identified with ship building interests. This event, however, will not take place before next spring.

We acknowledge the many courtesies extended us by Manager Price and W. R. Hewitt, chief engineer of the McCormick fleet.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce News of October 16, gives the following interesting sketch of this ship:

One of the most important shipbuilding enterprises that has been undertaken in the Columbia River basin is now well under way in the yards of the ship building department of the Chas. R. McCormick Co., at St. Helens—a suburb of Portland.

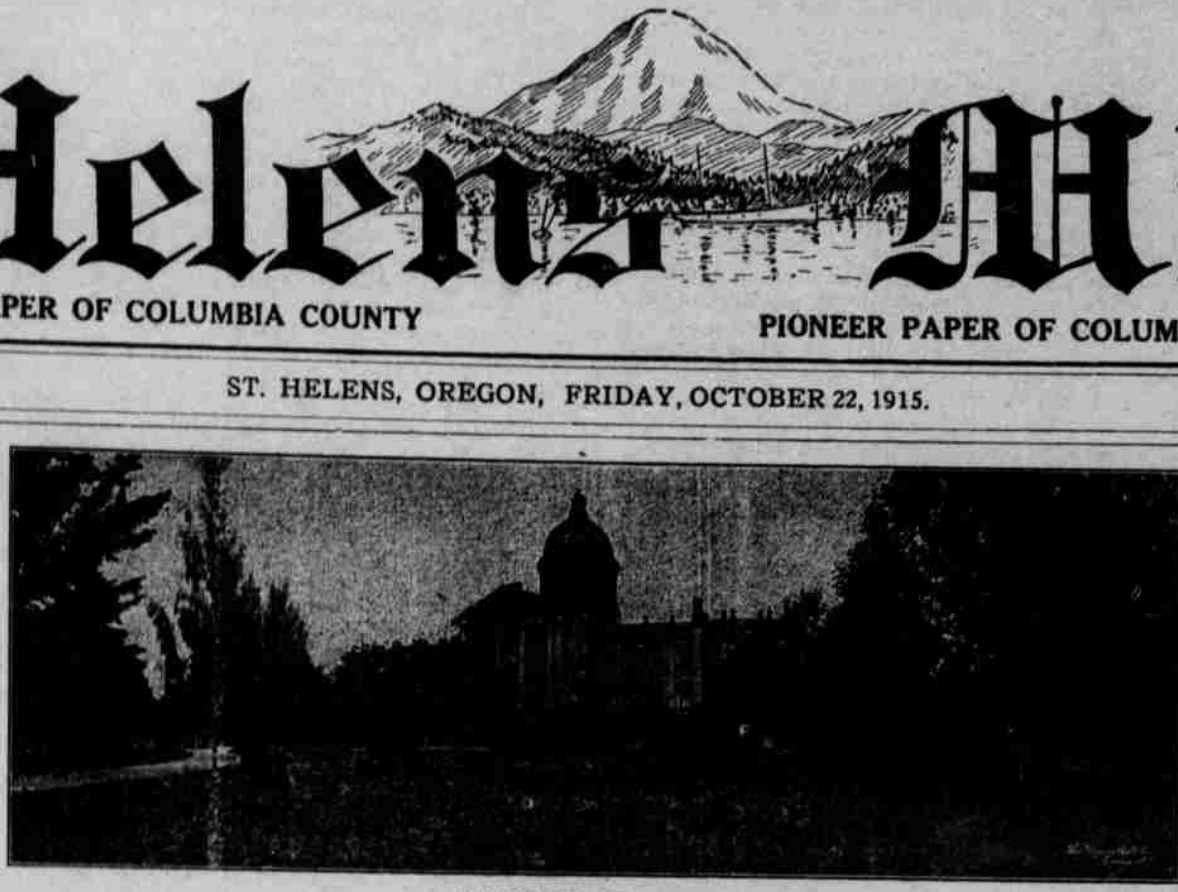
This craft, which is large for wood construction, is to embrace a novelty in the matter of auxiliary power that will attract more than Pacific Coast attention. The craft will be rigged as a five mast sailing schooner and boiler engines installed, capable of giving the craft a speed of about 7 knots when loaded. The new ship, which is not yet named, will be 275 feet long over all, 250 feet between perpendiculars and 48 feet beam, with 19 feet depth of hold.

It is stated by good authority that she is probably the largest single decker of wood construction yet recorded. Her capacity will be 2,000,000 feet of lumber. The consumption of her engines, which will consist of two 320 H. P. units at .58 lbs of fuel per horse power hour, is considered a marvelous economy in fuel operation, and in view of the fact that the craft will not require power for a part of her voyage, it will be seen that the sailing radius of the new ship will be very great.

In planning the Panama canal service in the past the sailing ship master has concluded that there would be no economy in his using the new water channel. The calms on the Pacific side of the entrance for several hundred miles to sea, the conditions attending the movement of the craft through the canal, the cost of towage, etc., eliminated the sailing vessel. With Mr. McCormick's new vessel, carrying its power within itself, it will have no difficulty negotiating the Panama canal as expeditiously as any average steamship.

It would seem from the preliminary studies of steamship men, that this new type is going to be regarded as a revolutionary step in the lumber trade.

The St. Helens Ship Building Co., which is in the marine construction de-



OREGON STATE CAPITOL

The Capitol of Oregon, commonly called the "State House," is located upon a slightly elevated plat of ground near the center of the city of Salem. The general plan of the building is that of a cross, the length being from north to south, and width from east to west. The main fronts are on the east and west

wings, which are 60 feet in width, and the wings extending north and south are 100 feet in length and 80 feet in width. The east and west main fronts project 40 feet from the main walls, and there are porticos 16 feet wide across each, with steps full width. The porticos are supported on large Corinthian columns with heavy pedestals. These columns extend in one length the height of two stories.

The height of the main building from the ground to the cornice is 75 feet. Towering above the main building is the ornamental dome, constructed of iron covered with copper. It rises directly from the center of the building, being supported by heavy iron pillars at the bottom and extends 137 feet from the ground.

The general plan of the building is divided into three stories. The first story, or ground floor, called the basement floor, is 16 feet in height in the clear between floors. The second or main floor is 21 1/2 feet in height in the clear between floors; while the third story, or second floor above the basement or ground floor, is 20 feet in the clear between floors.

THE TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

Last Rites of the Murdered Women and Murderer.

The murder of the two defenceless women, Mrs. Alice M. Stout and Mrs. Conita M. Todd, slayers, by Wm. Stout, as revealed in last week's issue, was a great shock to the community and was the principal topic of conversation. It is the general impression that the murder was premeditated, as the shooting occurred immediately after the women entered the house and there was no time for a quarrel, either domestic or otherwise. As the position of the bodies indicated their attempted flight, it is believed that he immediately made known the fate that awaited them.

The bodies were taken in charge by Coroner White, who prepared them for burial. The bodies were kept until Mrs. Stout's step-son-in-law, C. C. Stamper and wife, arrived from Turner.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the M. E. church, Rev. F. N. Sandifur officiating, and interment was had in Warren cemetery.

The body of Wm. Stout, the murderer, was buried in Warren cemetery Saturday. He had no close relatives here except a nephew, who works in Sherman's mill.

COURT NEWS.

State vs. Joe Erickson, selling liquor without license. Indictment faulty and set aside. Referred to grand jury. Grand jury reported no true bill.

Grand jury excused Wednesday, subject to call.

State vs. Ed Montee, selling liquor without license, on trial.

A. L. Sukanis vs. Benson Lumbe Co., to recover damages, set for Oct. 22.

Geo. Moeck vs. Alice Moeck, divorce, set for Oct. 25.

Milton Smith vs. Paul Poetsale, to set aside deed, set for Nov. 8.

E. V. John vs. A. L. Herman, appeal from justice court, set for Nov. 9.

State vs. Geo. Vollams, selling liquor without license, set for Nov. 10.

State vs. W. C. Lee, selling liquor without license, set for Nov. 12.

Quincy Mer. Co. vs. A. Dahiman for settlement, set for Nov. 23.

THE HEWITT BUILDING.

The new garage building on the corner will be known as the Hewitt building. It was erected by W. R. Hewitt of San Francisco, chief engineer of the McCormick fleet. It is 100 feet square and presents a very neat appearance.

The east room is already occupied by Bennett's barber shop, where everything new and up-to-date has been installed.

The next room is the office of the St. Helens Improvement Co., with E. A. Laws on deck. This is also the St. Helens office of the Land Department of the St. Helens Lumber Co.

The adjoining office has not yet been leased.

The corner office will be used for a display room by the Independent Auto Co., where Fords and Dodges will be on exhibition. The Independent Auto Co. has almost unlimited room for their garage in the rear, and all the necessary machinery for repairs will be installed. Also all kinds of auto supplies.

R. Constantin has leased one of the rooms fronting west and will occupy it as soon as he gets time to move. He is a plumber and carries everything in his line.

The room adjoining is yet unleased.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Glen Burnett, the renowned athlete from Houlton, joined the freshman class Monday.

Plavius Sten has been added to the High School faculty. He will teach Prof. Baker's subjects, and Prof. Baker will have charge of the teacher's course, which has recently been added to the curriculum. Those taking this course will be allowed to teach in a grammar school for two years without taking an examination.

The football squad journeyed to Ridgefield Saturday afternoon. The game resulted in a 93-0 victory for Ridgefield. Fumbling on the part of our fellows was largely responsible for defeat. The Ridgefield team was somewhat faster and heavier than St. Helens and our boys lost confidence in themselves. Perry played a brilliant game and made one or two long gains, which would have netted touchdowns, had it not been for fumbles on the next play. Veazie also showed up well, and Deaver showed marked improvement. Boyce, who substituted for Wilson in the second half, played a good game.

Next Saturday Kalama is due to a drubbing on the local gridiron. Everyone come out and root, and help the good cause along.

The seniors have decided on a class emblem. It is a ring in the shape of a four-leaf clover, and will be very pretty.

The freshmen have elected officers for the year. Kalle Stanwood, president; Beasle Dunwoody, vice president; Lester Lake, sec'y-treas.; Harold Decker, sergeant at arms.

Dale Perry has offered to let the freshmen attempt to put him in the river on Halloween night. Come out and watch the fun.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The ninth annual convention of the Columbia County Sunday School association will be held in the M. E. church of Clatskanie, October 26 and 27, next week.

Rev. Chas. A. Phipps, international field worker, and secretary of the Oregon State S. S. association, and U. K. Hall, president of the State S. S. association, will be among the speakers from out of the county.

All Sunday schools in the county are requested to send delegates.

Among the topics will be "The Suggested Course in Bible Study," as put out by the state board of education, "The Sunday School as a Factor in Character Building," "Sunday School Efficiency," "Some Modern Problems," "The Needs of the Teen Age Boy and Girl," "The Church and Its Relation to Young People," "The Value of Graded Lessons," "Responsibility of the Teacher," "The Seven Pointed Teacher," "Literature as an Element of Moral Training."

Delegates will be entertained on the Harvard plan. The W. C. T. U. will serve lunch.

GUILTY OF SIMPLE ASSAULT

Just before Mr. Long of Houlton, left for Palm Beach, Florida, as was recorded in last week's issue, he and his son had an altercation with Mr. Hartman, a jeweler at that place, over the repairing of a watch. Anyhow, it is claimed that Long or his son landed a couple of times in Hartman's face and immediately boarded the train.

A warrant was issued for his apprehension and he was arrested in Portland and returned here for trial. His case was heard in Justice Watkins' court before a jury and each was found guilty of simple assault and the court assessed their fine at \$5 each and trimmings.

CREAMERY TO BE IN MASONIC BUILDING

The St. Helens Co-Operative Creamery Association has leased the north room in the Masonic building and men are already at work remodeling the building.

The floor in the west half of the building was taken out and will be filled in and a concrete floor put down. The machinery has not arrived yet.

The stock of farm implements belonging to the Muckle Hardware Co. was removed and stored in the Muckle barn.

The creamery managers will be in the city today to deliver certificates of stock to those who have subscribed, and to others who want to assist the laudable enterprise.

FOR THE SOLDIERS.

The ladies of the Episcopal Guild will sew bandages for the soldiers Tuesday afternoon at the Guild hall. Everyone invited.

AUTO ACCIDENT.

One Badly Injured, Others Slightly Hurt.

An auto accident occurred on the highway west of here Saturday evening that came near resulting fatally.

The occupants of the auto were E. C. Strode of Omaha, chief council for the Mountain Timber Co., which is now on trial at Kalama, Cory Burnett, also an attorney, and wife and Miss Appleby.

They were on their way to Kalama, and when near here, attempted to pass an auto that was going at a pretty good clip, when the wheels on the ground outside the gravel, skidded and the auto turned turtle.

The parties were brought to the office of Dr. Peel, where they received surgical attention.

Mr. Strode was unconscious and it was some time before he came to himself. He had four teeth knocked out, cut over the eye and nose, and a cut on the knee. It was thought for a time that he would not recover.

The other occupants escaped with a few bruises.

LIST OF TRANSFERS.

Reported by Columbia County Abstract Company.

Oct. 13—Edwin Ross et al to A. S. Harrison; lot 19, Blk. 2, 1st Add. to Columbia Park, \$150.00.

Oct. 14—Nancy A. Tichenor et ux to Mrs. Emma Sheldon; land in Bryant D. L. C., Sec. 8, T. 7 N., R. 4 W., \$975.00.

John M. Lundin to E. R. Stromquist et ux.; 8.7 a. in Sec. 31, T. 7 N., R. 3 W., \$150.00.

A. M. Campbell to Alfred S. Harrison; W 1/2 lot 1, Sec. 7, T. 4 N., R. 1 W., \$1.00.

Maria D. McSweeney to School District No. 8; 1 a. in Sec. 19, T. 6 N., R. 5 W., \$75.00.

Oct. 16—Edwin Ross et al to E. I. Ballagh et ux; lot 26, Blk. 2, 1st Add. to Columbia Park, \$200.00.

Enock W. Conyers et al to Nancy A. Tichenor; lots 1 and 2, Blk. 7, City of Clatskanie, and land in Bryant D. L. C., Sec. 8, T. 7 N., R. 4 W., \$1.00.

John McQueen et ux to Geo. Gensman et ux; tract of land in Secs. 4 and 5, T. 4 N., R. 1 W., \$1550.00.

C. W. Johnson to J. A. Waller; land in Sec. 26, T. 5 N., R. 2 W., \$10.50.

Rainier Land Co. to L. C. Stewart; lot 3, Blk. "H," Roxy Park Add. to Rainier, \$225.00.

A. B. Wright et ux to L. C. Stewart; same as above, \$1.00.

"DEEP WATER SLIM" IS KILLED

FELL FROM THE DOCK.

John J. Judd Meets With a Fatal Accident.

John J. Judd, aged about 65, fell from the dock in the rear of the "Uncle Tom's" restaurant Friday forenoon and broke his neck, death following immediately. He had gone from the restaurant to clean some fish, when he stepped on a rotten plank which broke and he fell to the ground beneath, a distance of about twenty feet.

While this death was accidental, and on the morning following the triple tragedy of the murder of Mrs. Stout and Mrs. Todd and the suicide of the murderer, Wm. Stout, the community was not so horror-stricken.

Judd, who was familiarly known as "Deep Water Slim," was a well known character about town and was a friend to everybody but himself.

At one time he occupied the position of train despatcher on an eastern road and John Manning, night watchman at the mill, was a conductor on the same road and received orders from him.

In a railroad accident in the east, Judd's wife and children were killed and with their death he lost his grip on life and whiskey was his downfall.

While the body was practically a county charge, his friends made up a purse and gave him decent burial. Funeral services were held at White's chapel by Rev. John Foster, and Mayor Morton pronounced an eulogy over his grave.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES.

All districts will receive \$5 with their April apportionment for each teacher who attended the annual institute for at least 16 hours, upon the return of their attendance certificate, indorsed by the district clerk, to the office of the County School Superintendent.

The following visits were reported by the County Superintendent:

District No. 28, under the management of Miss Jennie Walker. Building very good; flag not flying; present 22, absent 3; equipment good; doing good work; should be a standard school.

District No. 21. A. B. Lake, teacher; building fair; flag flying; everybody very busy; good work; present 26, absent 6 (for cause); equipment needed; this is the junior district in the county, being only 5 months old; all seem boosting for a good school.

District No. 54, Miss Madeline Thomas, teacher; surroundings pleasant; everyone busy and congenial; flag should be flying; present 19, absent 1; everything moving nicely.

District No. 11, Miss Mary Maclay, teacher; everybody hustling for a good school; new out houses; new floor; new paint; need new seats, flag and flagpole; present 8, absent 1; a good school.

District No. 34, Miss Anna Welsenborn, teacher; present 10, absent 0; good building; well kept ground; should be made a standard school; work moving along nicely.

Good discipline is observed most everywhere and the school spirit was never better. School officers seem willing to make every needed concession for the betterment of their schools.

Several new teachers have been recently employed in the county, among them F. J. Sten, St. Helens High School; Miss Weis, third and fourth grades, Houlton; and Miss Ida B. Anderson, grade teacher at Scappoose. St. Helens has added a teacher's training course to her High School course, making a total of sixteen teachers employed.

RECOGNITION.

Dear Editor: Permit me, through the medium of your paper, to thank the "boys" who slipped one over on me for helping them to put "Slim" away last Sunday. Yours truly,

FOSTER.