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BUILDING AT THE HELENS SHIPYARDS

rmick Co. Receives Order be Building Second Ship.

shiphuilding plant of this city er ship, which will be almost

d has already been broken sew ways and the company instructed to make all pos taste in getting this vesse for commission. It is gener erstood that the vessel under ection will be named City of ed and has under consider the name of City of Astoria for vesuel.

keel has been ordered from

new motor ship will be of construction, almost 300 g. 48 feet boam and will draw haded 23 feet. Her estimated capacity will be 2,000,000

r rig, but with an auxiliary of the Semi-Deisel engines of its, each unit having 320 capable of propelling when loaded at a rate of niles an hour without the use These engines are manu ed in Sweden, and the order placed and delivery prom ethere will be no delay in placvessel in commission when empleted. The vessel will be st single deck wooden ship and probably the largest mod yet built in the United

sew big motor vessel now in of construction at the yards for the same owners, has aleen chartered for almost a service from the time she goes mmission, and this fact, to with the demands of many that they be given an interes demands that could not be ed, led the McCormick people and their scope and to build a thip to the City of Portland derable amount of Portland beal capital will be invested in

ship. its force of workmen, and all possible haste to get both is out as soon as possible, for freight rates are very high now lannage very scarce, and these ships are in demand.

### LLED BY ACCIDENT

lor Killed While Loading the Steamer Willamette.

I Allender, a satior on the her Willamette, was killed by tent Tuesday forenoon, while end in loading. He was knocked toard when he tried to land a st load of lumber from the dock, g a distance of about twenty landing on his head on a log

was picked up in an unconcondition and taken to the of Dr. Wade, who gave what he could. The unfortunate dled some four hours after the

ander was from San Francisco had been employed on the steam ly about two months. Little is n of him by the other members he crew. He was a Finlander, tie, aged about 30.

coroner's inquest was held but le was learned aside from tho

### SHIPPING.

the steamer Multnomah sailed tday for California ports with of passengers.

The steamer Willamette left out eday for San Pedro with 900,000 t of lumber.

he steamer Cellio swung into the nam Wednesday with a good list bring a rebuff.

Passengers and 1,000,000 feet of The budget

**NEGRO MINSTRELS** CAPTURE AUDIENCE

Great Success of Home Talent a Burnt Cork Artists.

The Negro minstrel show given in the city hall Friday evening for the benefit of the Firemen and Muts, was patronized by a large and appreciative audience. It was an entertainment worth while, not only from a point of excellence but the aved a hurry-up order for worthy object for which it was gotten up. The receipts exceeded \$100, ste of the ship now on the white perhaps nearly as much more was secured by Mut membership

The "Nigger" characters were composed of prominent business and professional men, who otherwise could not be induced to appear "in public upon the stage" for any other object than charity.

Mayor S. C. Morton presided as interlocutor, flanked on each side by as dandy a lot of coons as you ever

The music was furnished by La Bare's orchestra. As the curtain rose, "Old Kentucky Home" sung with true Negro melody.

The end men were "Sambo on the Spot." McCoy made a hit with his solo. Also Eddie Wood in his bone solo and Williams in his buck and wing dance.

The jokes made good local hits. The solo, "When I Was a Dreamer," by Mayor Morton, was especially good and splendidly rendered. The audience required an encore. His little daughter, Miss Marion, acted as dream vision and in a very sweet and attractive manner. Miss Leona Perkins led the chorus.

Parson Miller elucidated to the satisfaction of all, even if he did have difficulty in removing his long handled glove. The drum chorus without drums was a good number.

Mr. Laughman, an insurance agent who happened to be in the city, favored the audience with splendid ventriloqual exhibitions, which was a very attractive number.

The quartette by Messrs. McCoy, Ostrander, Cassatt and Brown, was vociferously greeted and responded to an encore.

The banjo solo by Mr. Wellborn eccompanied by Mr. McCoy, was a true Negro number.

The High School glee club favored the audience with a song and re-

The last act was a cotillion, and it was certainly a "scream," especially when Charlie Brown and Eddie Woods, "the long and short of it," swung around the corner.

Mrs. Woods, who presided at the plano and who attended every rehearsal, and was one of the principal factors in the success of the entertainment, was presented with a token of appreciation by Mayor Morton, on behalf of the aggregation of coons.

## THE COUNTY BUDGET

The county court late Tuesday afternoon completed the preparation of the county budget and set the time for the taxpayers' meeting on Wednesday, December 29.

According to law, as verified by the county attorney, the county bud get could not be prepared until after December 1. The law fixes this date for the final reports of the tax levying powers of school, municipal and other levies.

The county court exercised their best endeavors in the preparation of this budget. Whether it meets the approval of the public or not, it was the intention to appropriate such funds and such amounts as the court in their judgment thought best for the maintenance of the county and for such improvements as are necessary. They honestly believe with all the facts before them and with an intimate knowledge gained from experlence, that the amounts apportioned are necessary for the coming year. While taxes are high and constantly growing, it is only fair that each should study the budget with care and detail. It is the peoples' budget 126.95. The amount set forth inand if some item is found that can be omitted, tell the court about it. An honest criticism of the budget, based on good grounds, will not

The budget provides for an expenditure of \$174,748.20, which is \$134,000 on budget day.

MEETING OF THE TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE

Resume of Business Transacted at Saturday's Meeting.

The meeting of the Taxpayers' attended and at times there was not accommodations for all those who desired to hear the proceedings. It is the intention of the league to secure larger quarters if possible at the meeting to be held on budget day.

The proceedings were harmonious and it seemed to be the desire of all to reduce the forthcoming tax levy to the lowest possible limit. This is also the wish of every taxpayer, but on the other hand a certain amount will be necessary for the proper maintenance of the county.

The proceedings were as follows: The Columbia County Taxpayers' League met in special session at the court house at 10 a. m., Saturday,

with J. G. Watts of Scappoose, in the A letter was received and read from Robert E. Smith of the Tax Liberator, regretting that he could

not be present. A communication from Sheriff Stanwood in regard to the expenses of his office, was received and a vote of thanks expressed;

Mr. Rose told the meeting that his people were in favor of a nine mill tax, provided the money was spent on the roads that they would designate, otherwise they were not in favor of it

Motion made and carried that petition for referendum to the people limiting the levy for general road purposes not to exceed five mills and for the election of road overseers.

Motion made and carried that a resolution be prepared by the committee and presented at the budget meeting asking that the court redistrict the county into more road districts in 1916.

Motion made and carried that the Columbia County Taxpayers' League are not in favor of a general road tax levy to exceed three mills at the county budget meeting. An amendment was offered by Mr. Olsen that tary notify the taxpayers or road supervisors asking them to call a special meeting for the voting of a special road tax for their several districts.

Motion made and carried that the league ask the court to furnish to the budget meeting an itemized account for the amounts asked for each

The following special committees were appointed: Budget meeting. C. J. Larson, G. Lang and Henry Olsen. Roads and bridges, Fred Adams, W. H. Rose and K. F. Larson. County officers, Mrs. M. J. Watts, Bert West and W. J. Fuller-

On motion, league adjourned to meet on budget day when fixed by the court.

## TEACHERS' MEETING

On December 4, the upper Nehalem Teachers' association held its second meeting. Mr. Claybaugh led in the discussion of the co-operation which should exist cetween the people of the community and the school as set forth by Hart in his "Educational Resources of Village and Rural Communities." Mr. Claybaugh proved an able leader and the discussion was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon, Mr. Winn demonstrated the preparation to study of cattle. Mrs. Claybaugh grade. The results were excellent.

busy work in the primary grades.

The next meeting will be held December 18.

an increase over last year of \$6. cludes \$10,000 for the poor farm and \$6000 for general election expenses and for registrars.

This year state, county and school is placed at \$151,000. Last year it tents were destrayed. A subscripwas \$168,000, but was reduced to tion was taken up here for their ben-

#### REGISTRATION TO START JANUARY 3

Only Change of Residence Thereafter Will Necessitate Enrollment.

Registration of voters for the 1916 elections, under the new permanent system of registration adopted by the last legislature, will begin January 3, in all counties in Oregon. Through the passage of the new law league Saturday was very largely it will not be necessary hereafter for voters to register more than once unless he changes his residence or fails to vote at least once within the

blennial period, ending November 30.

after the regular biennial general election. Residents of the different county eats are required to register in person with the County Clerks, but electors living in other parts of their re spective countles may register without charge before any official registrar. The County Clerks are author-

ixed to appoint registrars throughout the counties for this purpose. These registrars will receive 10 cents for each elector registered, the money to be paid by the different county courts from county funds. The new law also provieds that voters absent from their respective counties may register before any notary public or County Clerk, and their affidavits will be sent to the county where they

Persons who fall to register until election day in any county except Multnomah may vote only after they have obtained affidavits as to their eligibility from two freeholders residing in the county. In Multnomah county those who have not registered until election day must secure affidavits of six freeholders before they

can vote. The card index system which will be used under the new law or registration, is expected to simplify matters greatly. The elector will be re quired to sign his name but once instead of several times, as under the old system

In the future County Clerks must arrange the cards for each election precinct in alphabetical order, according to the surname of the respective voters. Lists of the registered voters must be furnished to the

different election boards. Following the election next Noyember and blennially thereafter. the different County Clerks will be October and inspected the plant. required to compare the polibooks of all general and primary elections, as well as other elections which may be held throughout the county, with the register of electors. When it appears that anyone is on the register who is shown by the pollbooks not to have voted at least once during the preceding two years, such persons will be eliminated from the register.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Chas. Laws, a prominent senior, has quit school.

Along singing lines the glee club a making a "howling" success.

In order to give the public the worth of their money, the minstrel performers are practicing very dillgently.

At the regular monthly meeting of the student body, letters were awarded to the following: Basketball, D. Smith, R. Laws, Veazie, Perry, C. Smith, J. Adams. The only one recelving a track letter was Perry.

Last Saturday night the boys' literary society met and the following program was rendered: vocal solo, Harry Wilson; "Boundaries of the United States in 1925," L. Davies; 'School Spirit," Veazie; piano duet, Southard and Ostrander.

On Dec. 2 the basketball team of the Sunset Athletic Club defeated the gave a phonetic lesson in the first High School, 30 to 19. The lineups: S. A. C., McDonald, 12; Sten, 8; Miss Thomas gave a short talk on Pringle, 10; McKle; Peterson (c); substitutes, Vearie for Deavers: Browne for Laws. High School, F. Wellington, 13; F. Deavers; C. Perry; G. Zysett (c) 6; G. Laws.

The residence of Mrs. John Scott in the Yankton neighborhood, destroyed by fire on Friday of last week. The family were absent from home at the time and the entire conofit.

# CREAMERY STARTS THE ST. HELENS

"ST. HELENS BEST," THE NAME ADOPTED

The Article of Butter Produced in Our Creamery.

creamery made its first 'batch" of butter Friday and it has been pronounced the equal of any butter. The brand selected is "St. Helens Best." This should prove a popular brand and in buying butter that brand should have the prefer-

The creamery is incorporated under the state laws with a capital of \$3000, and the following officers were elected: A. H. Tarbell, presi dent; H. C. Jacobsen, vice president; T. Brown, secretary-treasurer. P. C. Jacobsen, a butter maker of special merit, was secured as butter maker.

The product of nearly 500 cows has been contracted for, and to pre vent interference with patrons from outside influence, contracts were sub scribed to for each patron to supply the entire product of his herd, less amount used for home consumption for a period of five years.

Thirty cans of cream were delivered the first day and the number i increasing every day.

The delivery of cream has been so arranged that it can be conven iently handled, as follows: two days for Yankton and Bachelor Flat, two days for Warren, two days for Dee Island

The first butter was not placed on sale in grocery stores until Tuesday on account of the non-arrival of wrappers and other supplies.

### TO BUILD STEEL SHIPS

Enlargement of St. Helens Shipbuilding Plant Proposed.

A big shipbuilding plant that will be capable of turning out steel as well as wooden vessels, may be built in St. Helens soon after the first of the year.

This matter has been under consideration for some time past. A representative of the Willamette Iron & Steel Co. visited this city last

building Company have been asked to consider plans for enlargement of their plant that will enable them to lay down steel hulls with a maximum length of about 350 feet.

The question of financing the en terprise alone stands in the way of an affirmative decision, it is reported.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has intervened in the proceedings in the hope of bringing the ne gotiations to a successful conclusion. Officers of the company were in

conference last week with several prominent Portland people interested in the proposed enterprise who realize that it would be a substantial aid in industrial advancement. It is understood that officers of the

Willamette Iron & Steel Company are following the negotiations closely, with the knowledge that they will be in a position to supply the vessels constructed at the proposed plant with boilers and other machinery. The plant is equipped to build

wooden vessels only, but it is believed that the changes necessary to enable it to handle steel hulls can be made with comparatively small ex-

With the present heavy demand for ocean-going carriers and the steady destruction of existing vessals, both steel and wooden vessels are in great demand.

It is understood that orders for five or six ships can be had as soon as arrangements are made to build them. Tentative plans provide for fabrication of the steel at Detroit or ome other Eastern manufacturing enter and its shipment across the continent or through the Panama anal to St. Helens.

ould be placed on a permanent basis and that the plant could be operated steadily even after the present abappears.

CITY BUDGET

December 6th, 1915. To the Honorable City Council, St.

Gentlemen-We should make our City tax levy tonigat, and in order that you can better determine what the levy should be, I will itemize what approximately our present expenses are. Of course we may be able to prune to some extent this expense during the coming year, and I hope so, but should the City prosper and improve, it will be a hard matter

#### to get along on a less amount. Present Monthly Expenses

ı	Salaries
3	Two marshals\$120.00
1	Recorder 37.50
1	Treasurer 8.00
	City Attorney 40.00
ļ	Total Salaries\$205.56
۱	Lights, Streets, City Hall,
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3	Insurance on City Hall 10.00
	Fire Dept., wages 16.6"
3	- or a rec milashumenti her mo.
ä	about 40.01
ā	1 to price and peach im-
3	provements 60.00
2	The state of the s
	Maintenance City Hail,
8	Wood, etc 10.00
i	Printing 20.00
	Total monthly expense \$547.1
1	Interest on debt, per month. 70.00
1	Total\$617.1
i	This will make a yearly expense o

about \$7400.00.

A nine mill tax levy on an approximate valuation of \$940,000.00, will bring to the City about \$8400.00. This will leave us a surplus of \$1000. provided our estimate of expense runs no higher than they do now. However, it must be borne in mind that at least 10 per cent of the taxes are liable to be delinquent, so the City might not have more than \$7500. We will of course derive some little revenue from licenses, peddlers, fines and rent of City hall. which will go towards making up the delinquency. In 1913 the City had an 8 mill tax and also about \$5500 in saloon licenses. In placing a 9 mill tax this year, we are raising only \$800 more than that council, and at the same time losing the \$5500 licensured for levying so high a tax, but under the circumstances, I do not see how we can avoid it, for we will have to gradually adjust ourselves to the new state of affairs. If we have any surplus, it will be an easy matter to make the levy a mill lower the next year. However, this is a matter for you gentlemen to decide.

> Respectfully submitted, S. C. MORTON, Mayor.

# LIST OF TRANSFERS.

Reported by Columbia County Abstract Company.

December 1-N. O. Larrabee et ux to Mary Myrtle Mason: lot 1, Blk. 6, South St. Helens, \$10.00.

Chas. R. McCormick et ux to Jaser Mason et ux; lot 16, Blk. 6, So. St. Helens, \$10.00.

J. W. Ranes et ux to Beaver Homes Grange; tract 79, Beaver Homes, \$65.00. Dec. 4-Chas. J. Cook et al to E.

C. Johnson; land in Secs. 29, 32 and 33, T. 4 N., R. 1 W., \$1725.00. Dec. 7-St. Helens Improvement

Co. to H. W. Miller et ux; lots 7 and 8, Blk. 9, Railroad addn. to St. Helens, \$10.00.

St. Helens Improvement Co. to Wm. Blackmore et ux; lot 8, Blk. 6, Railroad addn. to St. Helens, \$10.00. Scappoose Acres Co. to P. Edw. Almquist; tract 23, Scappoose Acre Tract, \$10.00.

### CITY LEGISLATURE.

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening, the matter of fixing the tax levy for the ensuing year, was discussed. Mayor Morton submitted the budget of probable expenses (published elsewhere in It is believed that the industry this issue) and on motion a levy of 9 mills was adopted.

This is one more mill than that for 1915, but the coming year the city normal demand for steel bottoms dis- will be deprived of \$5500 saloon li-