

# 3,000 Registered Republicans in Columbia County Mean 3,000 Votes for Hughes

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## QUALIFICATION BOARD MAKES REDUCTION

### COUNTY VALUES LOWER WARD GRANTS PETITIONS OF HUNDREDS OF TAXPAYERS.

At its last meeting the board of qualification, acting on petitions from hundreds of taxpayers in the county, made a flat reduction of 25 per cent on the assessed valuations of Columbia county. The valuation in 1915 was \$15,057,925. and by this reduction the taxable property for the year 1916 is \$10,645,560. In this latter amount is not included the valuations of the public service utilities, the value of which is fixed by the state board, nor some \$200,000 of personal property. The figures, as assessed by Blakesley has them, are as follows:

Acres of tillable land, 193,964; value.....	\$ 2,910,815
Acres non tillable land, 296,755; value.....	5,312,940
Improvements on deeded or patented lands.....	428,980
Town and city lots.....	530,370
Improvements on same.....	512,400
Logging railroad and rolling stock.....	240,580
Sawmills, machinery, etc.....	318,075
Merchandise and stock in trade.....	105,015
Farming implements, wagons, etc.....	20,035
Notes and accounts.....	5,385
Shares of stock.....	52,555
Hotel and office furniture.....	7,010
Cars, 1,797.....	64,240
Auto, 7,140.....	108,345
Boats, 1,374.....	2,060
Wine, 1,025.....	3,580
Autos and motorcycles.....	19,305
Total.....	\$10,645,560

In the item "logging railroads," it could be borne in mind that several of the county's logging railroads are assessed as common carriers and assessed by the state, so those are not included in the amount given, neither are the railroads and public service utilities. Last year these concerns were assessed on a basis of \$2,120,000, and should their assessment be what it was then the total valuation of the county's taxable property will be in the neighborhood of twelve millions of dollars.

## CANNERY BUSY CANNING APPLES

L. Rosasco, manager of the Columbia River Canning & Produce company, informs us that during the past ten days he has canned about thirteen tons of apples. He has orders for two carloads of this fruit, which is being packed in quart cans. While the real rush of the canning season is almost over, the cannery still employs some 35 people and is using the produce of the farmers as it comes in. Mr. Rosasco states that he can use more apples than are being delivered and will pay the top market price.

The cannery has an order for ten carloads of potatoes, and during the past week has shipped several cars, but the car shortage is interfering seriously with the shipments, as Mr. Rosasco states it is almost impossible to get cars when the shipments are ready.

## GOVERNMENT MAKING IMPROVEMENTS HERE

The United States government dredge Wahkiakum is now engaged in deepening the channel at the St. Helens jetty, just across the river. The high water of June caused a considerable deposit of sand, etc., at the shallow and narrow places of the channel, and the dredge is now removing this settlement and pumping it to the nearby tidelands.

Another improvement contemplated and on which work will start in the next few days, is the deepening and widening of the channel from the St. Helens docks to the main channel of the river. At the present low stage of water the river boats have to go down river a considerable distance before making the turn to come to St. Helens, and upon the completion of the proposed improvement they can come straight across from the lower end of Sauvie Island to the St. Helens docks.

## CLATSKANIE WINS FROM ST. HELENS

### GAME HARD FOUGHT Reported for the Mist by Official High School Reporter.

Decker wins toss up. McKiel kicked off and Lake returned 25 yards. Clatskanie intercepted forward pass. Three first down made on the bucks and forward passes and ball is on two-yard line. Beeler recovered fumble and ran 98 yards for touchdown but umpire declared offside on St. Helens and Clatskanie makes touchdown. McKiel failed to kick goal. Decker returned McKiel's kickoff 30 yards. St. Helens makes three successive downs. St. Helens loses ball on downs. Clatskanie makes two downs. First quarter ends with ball in middle of field. Clatskanie loses ball on downs. St. Helens makes touchdown by line bucks and forward pass, Decker carrying ball for eight yards for touchdown. Decker kicked off and Decker returned ball five yards. St. Helens makes big yardage but end of the half prevents score. Score 6 to 6.

Walker kicked off and Clatskanie returned ball 15 yards. By-line bucks and passes Clatskanie makes touchdown and kicks goal. Ball is bucked up and down field with neither team making yardage. Game ends with ball in center of field. Score, Clatskanie 13, St. Helens 6. St. Helens will play Rainier at that city Thursday.

## BIG POLITICAL MEET- ING FOR ST. HELENS

### All Candidates of Each Party to Be Heard.

A political meeting such as seldom occurs will be held at the city hall Wednesday evening, November 1, at 8 o'clock. The presidential candidates of each party will be represented and all of the candidates for county offices are expected to be present and state their reasons for expecting the suffrage of the voters. Another strange thing about this big political meeting is that it is to be held under the auspices of the Guild of the Episcopal church, and the meeting will be called a "Pan Roast."

From the program outlined, some of the candidates will be panned, even if they are not roasted. Various well known amateur stage celebrities will take the part of those candidates who find it impossible to be present.

## DAUGHTERS OF POCA- HONTAS ENTERTAINED

Millicoma Council No. 23 of Scappoose. Daughters of Pocahontas, were entertained at a luncheon Wednesday by Mrs. A. S. Harrison at her St. Helens residence. Covers for sixteen were laid and the favors were papouses in pink and white canoes. The decorations were pink and white and palm ferns. Mr. G. A. Platz, deputy great sachem of the I. O. R. M., was toastmaster. The guests were brought from Scappoose by automobiles. All those present had a delightful time and are thinking of organizing an auxiliary council in St. Helens. Mrs. Mary Roy assisted the hostess in the entertainment of the guests.

## CARD OF THANKS

We hereby return our heartfelt thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted us in the sickness, death and burial of our loved one. When like affliction comes to them, if it is not in our power to aid, may other hands as thoughtful minister to their wants.  
MRS. WM. ROSS AND FAMILY.

## WARREN TAXPAYERS HOLD BIG MEETING

### H. A. LEWIS ENDORSED Measures on Ballot Given Much Consideration.

The Warren Taxpayers' League held an important and enthusiastic meeting last Saturday at Erickson's hall, in Warren. About seventy people were present. Chairman Lund presided and Oscar Erickson performed the duties of secretary. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the coming election, the fitness of candidates for office and the several important measures coming before the people.

W. J. Fullerton spoke at some length on the adoption of the tax limitation amendment and urged his hearers to vote in favor of this measure. The single tax amendment of Oregon's famous agitator, Mr. U'Ren, came in for its share of discussion and from the trend of thought it was plainly seen that Mr. U'Ren didn't have many sympathizers in Warren. Mr. Fullerton spoke in favor of H. A. Lewis for joint senator and stated that C. E. Spence, master of the Oregon granges, had endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Lewis. Others spoke in favor of Mr. Lewis, and the meeting gave this candidate its endorsement. No other candidates were endorsed, though several were mentioned and their records brought to the attention of the meeting.

It was the general consensus of the meeting that the taxes of the county were entirely too high and that a reduction should be demanded.

The Warren Taxpayers' League was organized some time ago for the purpose of discussing measures and conditions which might benefit the community and county, and it has been very active in this direction. The league is composed of Warren's most substantial citizens, and they work together for anything which is of community benefit.

Several short talks were made during the evening by Messrs. Lund, Carlson, Erickson, Larsen and others and the meeting adjourned about 11 o'clock.

## COUNCIL HOLDS BRIEF SESSION

### Fire Chief Submits Report Relative to Use of Apparatus.

The city council met in regular session Monday night, E. L. Ballagh, president of the council, presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

D. D. Mowrey made application for a building permit to alter the interior of the Harris building on the Strand.

Fire Chief Watkins submitted a written report relative to the use of fire apparatus and services at the recent barn fire near Scappoose. The council adopted the report and ordered the recorder to send a bill to Frank L. Smith in the sum of \$119.34 for use of apparatus and damage thereto.

Complaint having been made that the large boats tie up at the municipal dock at night, thus keeping the smaller boats from landing, the marshal was instructed to have signs placed, warning such boats not to tie up over night.

Councilman White brought up the matter of a tower for drying and caring for fire hose. On motion the matter was referred to Mr. White with power to act.

The council agreed that the regular meetings should, from now on, be held at 7:30 p. m.

The council then adjourned.

The state game commission has agreed to send two crates, containing 100 young Chinese pheasants to Columbia county. They will be shipped to the St. Helens Rod and Gun Club, and that club will see that they are distributed in several places near St. Helens. Some of them will be turned loose on the Muckle ranch, Washington Muckle having kindly volunteered to feed them during the winter. The birds will be shipped from the state's farm at Corvallis.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY ROAD MATTERS

### REPORT OF WORK DONE Grading, Macadamizing and Bridge Work.

From the information and figures submitted below, the taxpayers in the county can see that considerable work on the county's highways has been done this year. The information given is practically up to the present date and embraces all of the road districts in the county. The Mist would like to give all the details but space this week is lacking. In Road District No. 1, 23,000 lineal feet of grading, 12,600 feet of macadam, and 3,527 feet of hard surfacing have been done. Most of the grading has been done on the Frink road and five wooden bridges have been constructed on this road. A summary is, hard surfacing, .65 miles; grading, 4.35 miles, and macadam, 2.39 miles.

In District No. 2, 21,900 lineal feet of grading and 26,300 of macadam have been done. There has been 19,000 feet of macadam placed on the Trenholm road and most of the balance on the Portland-St. Helens road. The summary is, grading, 4.15 miles, and macadam, 4.98 miles.

In District No. 3 the summary shows 25,150 lineal feet of grading and 24,600 lineal feet of macadam. Reduced to miles, it is, grading, 4.76 miles, and macadam, 4.65 miles. The heaviest part of the work was on Clover Hill Farm to Tide creek road, where 9,000 lineal feet of both macadam and grading has been done.

District No. 4 has 17,200 feet of grading; 13,100 feet of macadam, and 8,800 feet of clearing and grubbing. The A. L. West and Jos. Hackenberg roads come in for the greater portion of the work. The summary is, miles grading, 3.26; macadam, 2.48. There is a reinforced concrete culvert at Rainier and concrete abutments at Delena.

Much work has been done in District No. 5. On the Marshland road alone 15,000 lineal feet of macadam has been placed. The Clatskanie Heights and Lindborg roads have also had much work. The figures are lineal feet grading, 14,200; lineal feet macadam, 20,100. Reduced to miles: Grading, 2.70; macadam, 3.81. Concrete abutments and wooden bridge at Hazel Grove. Also clearing away slides at estimated cost of \$5,000. In the Nehalem country, District No. 6, the Lower Nehalem and Upper Nehalem roads have both been improved. Miles of grading, 3.03; miles of macadam, 3.03. In District No. 7 the Rock Creek road has come in for a good share of the work. There has been 10,700 feet of this road graded. Much work has also been done on the Upper Nehalem road. The figures are: Lineal feet of grading, 25,850; macadam, 5,000. All of the latter was done on the Upper road. A new steel bridge has been built at Vernonia, and a wooden bridge at Trageser place. Summarizing the whole work we find these totals:

Total miles graded.....	27.15
Total miles macadamized.....	22.28
Total miles hard surface.....	.65

Much work is being done on the Trenholm road and reports from a resident of that locality yesterday are to the effect that Supervisor Felton is making rapid progress rock and rolling on the hill leading down to Trenholm, and with a few more days of good weather the road to that point will be about completed.

In a subsequent issue of the Mist figures showing the cost of each of these roads will be given, which information will be of interest to the taxpayers of the county.

M. O. Evans, Jr., assistant state leader of the extension service in the department of agriculture at the O. A. C., Corvallis, was a visitor in St. Helens Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Evans, in the interest of the state institution, is trying to make arrangements where a farming expert can be located in Columbia county and co-operate with the farmers in the raising and disposition of the farm products.

## ANNUAL INSTITUTE HELD IN RAINIER

### TODAY IS LAST DAY Many Teachers in Attendance and Give Good Program.

The Columbia County Annual Teachers' Institute was opened at Rainier and is attended by teachers from all parts of the county as well as many visitors. Quite a few from St. Helens are in attendance. The institute opened with an invocation by Rev. A. S. Mulligan. Music, addresses and topics of interest were the features of the first two days, and a reception to the teachers at the gymnasium Wednesday night was well attended and much enjoyed. The program for today is as follows:

- Friday Morning**
- 9:00—General Assembly Invocation.....Rev. A. S. Mulligan
  - 9:10—General Assembly Cornet Solo.....Lloyd W. Schisler
  - 9:20—Subject Selected.....J. A. Churchill
  - 10:00—Recess.
  - 10:20—Departments
  - General Assembly—"Blackboards and Books".....Miss Fox
  - Room 8—"Winds, Ocean Currents and Eclipses".....A. D. Carpenter
  - Room 10—Debating.....D. W. Wright
  - 11:00—Recess.
  - 11:10—Departments
  - General Assembly—"Hearing or Reading a Story".....Miss Fox
  - Room 8—Subject Selected.....M. S. Pittman
- Friday Afternoon**
- School Officers' Meeting.
  - 1:00—General Assembly.....Music
  - 1:15—"Make the School Serve the Whole Community".....Earl Kilpatrick
  - 2:00—Subject Selected.....J. A. Churchill
  - 2:40—"Duties of a Director".....M. S. Pittman
  - 3:20—School Officers' Round Table Questions of vital importance affecting every phase of school activities will be discussed.....J. W. Allen
  - 4:00—Dismissal.

## WILLIAM M. ROSS LAID TO REST

### Sorrowing Friends Pay Last Tribute to Respected Citizen.

In the presence of hundreds of sorrowing friends, all that was mortal of the late William M. Ross was laid at rest Friday afternoon in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Warren. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in this city. Rev. McFongal officiating, assisted by Rev. Hisey, Rev. Sandifur and Rev. Heist. The church was filled to overflowing and many wishing to pay a last tribute to deceased were unable to gain admittance. The Masonic and Odd Fellow orders, of which Mr. Ross was a member, attended the services in a body, and the services at the grave were conducted by the Masons. The floral offerings were beautiful and numerous, and expressed the sympathy of his numerous friends.

## HON. W. C. HAWLEY WILL SPEAK HERE

### At City Hall Thursday Night, Novem- ber 2.

Hon. W. C. Hawley, congressman from this district, will reach St. Helens Thursday afternoon and will speak at the city hall that night. Chairman Miller of the republican central committee is making preparations to give the congressman a royal welcome. Hawley is a forcible and logical speaker and his long experience in congress is an assurance that he will give his hearers important facts as to the government's legislation of the past four years.

A. Jensen, who for some time has had a studio here, expects to locate at Fifth and Washington streets in Portland. He will leave St. Helens November 1. His photo studio will be open until the night of October 31, and Mr. Jensen states that all desiring photographic work done should call before that time. Mr. Jensen did most of the photographic work for the Industrial Edition of the Mist and his work received many compliments. The Mist regrets to see him leave.

## COUNTY GRAND JURY MAKES THEIR REPORT

### SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS Advocate Abolishment of Roadmas- ter's Office.

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon: We, your grand jury, beg leave to report as follows:

That we have examined the several cases of persons having been bound over by the justice courts in the several districts of the county. We have also examined charges against other persons and individuals for the commission of misdemeanors to which our attention has been called, and have fully examined those several cases where we had cause to believe that a crime had actually been committed, and where we believed the good of the community demanded an examination, all of which the several bills and indictments, we have reported to your court.

We have also examined into the case of one Velma Young, who is a person of feeble mind, who resides alone with her father, and we find from the testimony, that we have had, that she is a person who should not be allowed to remain alone, and act in company with some other female person, and we earnestly recommend that the county court of Columbia county will take immediate steps to have said Velma Young placed in the institution for feeble minded at Salem, Oregon.

We have examined the various offices occupied by the various officers of the county, and we find they are all kept neat and orderly, and the building appears to be in good condition.

We also called at the office of the roadmaster, and we believe that this office is unnecessary, and therefore recommend that the office of roadmaster be discontinued and the work now done by the roadmaster be transferred to the office of the county surveyor.

We also recommend that repairs be made upon the vault on the north side of the basement of the courthouse, that ventilation be secured therein.

We recommend, too, that a good and substantial table be placed in the grand jury room in the basement of the courthouse.

We have also examined the poor farm and its surroundings.

We have, however, no recommendation to make.

We having now completed the business before us we ask that we be discharged from further service at this time.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 17th day of October, 1916.

OMER NICKERSON,  
Foreman.

## REPUBLICANS HEAR JUDGE CLEETON

Judge Thos. Cleeton, for many years a resident of Columbia county and now county judge of Multnomah county, addressed a large audience at Watts & Price hall in Scappoose last night. The judge scored the democratic administration, showing where their policies were far from efficient and also that in the administration of the government affairs the party had been most extravagant. He asked the people to support the nominee of the republican party, Charles E. Hughes, who would carry out the policies of the grand old party.

Judge Cleeton will speak tonight at Warren, in Erickson's hall, and many from St. Helens are planning to go and hear his speech.

## SICK BOY'S CONDITION IS REPORTED BETTER

Little Richard Tucker has been seriously ill for the past ten days with pneumonia. His condition today, however, is much improved and the attending physician holds out hopes for his recovery. The sick boy is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Tucker.