DESPAIN WINS CASE AGAINST ZIPPERER

Jury Awards Him Damages in the Clatskanie Boy Now in Jail Here Sum of \$450.00. Admits Guilt.

Another case which occupied the time of the court was Lillison, vs. Smith. The plaintiff sued Smith for \$142.50 for damages to a motorcycle he was riding and which was in collision with Smith's automobile. The jury found in favor of Smith.

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MERCIAL CLUB MEET Committees Appointed and Routine Business Dispatched.

enthusiastic meeting in the library rooms Thursday night of last week. President Cornthwaite announced the standing committees, which met with the approval of the thirty members present.

The matter of street paying was taken up and discussed, as was a memorial to the state legislature relative to state aid for the highway from Portland to the sea. A com-mittee was appointed to draft suit-

The "freak laws" being introduced in the legislature which are calculated to hamper industrial enter-prises and retard the development of the state, came in for a strong denunciation, and the club went on ecord as opposed to any such legis-A committee was appointed lation. and a remonstrance formed and sent

have been added to the club's regis-

lic roads within the city limits of was taken on at up river mills.

St. Helens was taken up and a plan

The steamer Northland saile formulated whereby the property owners will co-operate with the club and the county court in having some pavement done.

Other matters of interest and benefit to the city were discussed and no oubt some action will be taken in the near future. The club has startd off in a very enthusiastic manner and the interest, instead of waning, apparently is increasing.

SNOW AND ICE IS IN EVIDENCE

Cold Weather Causes Some Inconvenience Here.

The snow which began falling Monday morning ceased in the after-noon but a chilly wind from the north froze the ground and the snow still remains, much to the delight As yet, the ice is not thick enough to insure good skating. While residents of St. Helens feel somewhat chilly, if they stop and consider the conditions in the middle west and even in eastern Oregon, they should sel that they are most fortunate. Montana and eastern Washington the temperature was below zero; in Nebraska, Wyoming and Idaho, blizzards were raging and all rail traf-fic was at a standstill. In other western states similar conditions prevailed, but in St. Helens an overcoat and a nice stove made one comfortable on the street or in the For three days the postoffice has received no eastern as the westbound trains are still held up, waiting for the rotary snow plows to clear the lines so they

ANSWERS LAST CALL

William Edward Mellinger, of Vernonia, a pioneer of Columbia county, answered the final summons January 22, at his home in Vernonia. The funeral was held on the 25th, and a large number of sorrowing fri nds attended the obsequies. Mr. Mellinger bertson, of Scappoose, was brideswas born at Vernonia, February 8, maid and Mr. Walter Nagle, brother 1879, and had lived in that community all of his life. He leaves to mourn his departure five brothers and three sisters and a host of friends throughout the county.

YOUTH IS CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME

The case of U. S. DeSpain vs. J.
L. Zipperer occupied the time of the circuit court Friday and Saturday and was placed in the hands of the jury late Saturday afternoon.
After being out for two hours they rendered a verdict in favor of Despain, awarding him \$450 damages.
The amount sued for was \$495. The case was the outcome of an automoto to her home, about two miles distant to her home, about two miles distant The amount sued for was \$495. The case was the outcome of an automobile accident which occurred on the Warren-St. Helens road the latter part of October. The plaintiff claimed the defendant tried to pass his car, which was being driven by Edgar Muckle, and in passing the rear fender of the Zipperer car struck the front wheel of the DeSpain car, causing it to go into the ditch and damestive to the constable in Clatskanie. front wheel of the DeSpain car, causing it to go into the ditch and dam-given to the constable in Clatakanie, aging it. The court allowed defend-who phoned Sheriff Stanwood. Mr. aging it. The court allowed defend-ant 30 days in which to ask for a Stanwood left the same evening for Clatskanie but could not locate the

The jury found in favor of Smith.

Court adjourned and will not meet again until March.

ENTHUSIASTIC COM
The sheriff telephoned the onicers in Vernonia and Timber and also notified the train crews to keep a look-out for the boy. In some way he slipped through Vernonia, but Deputy In seemed as though she feared the plunge, or was it really fear?

So targe, so grand, so beautiful, with fittings of the best.

She paused before her maiden dip into the water clear, as through the surf the sped.

As if in racing with herself, she was bound to keep ahead. out, seeing tracks of the boy in the snow, followed them. Lewis heard the auto coming and dodged into the timber alongside the road until the car passed. Parker, however, went only as far as a curve in the road and in a few minutes the boy walked into the trap laid for him. He was brought to Clatskanie and turned over to Constable S. A. Tur-ner, who brought him to St. Helens. The boy admits the crime and states that he is sorry for it, that he did not lay in wait for the little girl, but his meeting her was purely accidental. The boy's parents live in Clatskanie and his father is janitor of the school Raymond Lewis realizes the seriousness of the charge against him as he is a boy of more than ordinary intelligence. intelligence. This year he did not attend school as he stated that he had some trouble with the teachers last year and was not allowed to attend school this term. His case will probably come up for trial at the next term of court.

WATERFRONT NEWS

The steamer Daisy Matthews, after taking on 325,000 feet of lumber, A their meeting last night, the sailed Sunday morning for southern matter of street paving and what the county intended doing on the pubcargo, amounting to 1,125,000 feet.

> The steamer Northland sailed for San Pedro Saturday night. Her cargo Helens since she was in a collision with the steamer Northwestern, on December 29, when fifteen miles north of N. W. Seal rocks. The accihappened at 5 o'clock in morning, and from accounts of Cap tain Hodge the Northwestern crossed in front of the Northland. The Northland struck the Northwestern aft and smashed several plates of the passenger boat. The Northland herself sustained injuries which neces sitated the vessel going on dry dock.

is her stem was smashed in and other damages done. No one was injured and both vessels were able to proceed on their journey. The steamer Celilo arrived in Tuesday morning and went direct to the tie boom for a consignment of 600. 000 feet of tes, which she will deliver at San Pedro. The ties are for the Southern Pacific railway and will be used in railroad construction Mexico. After taking on ties vessel dropped down to the lumber

WEDDING OF COLUM-BIA COUNTY COUPLE

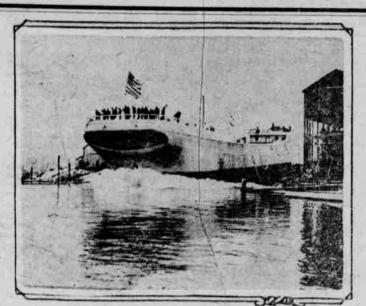
late Thursday night.

company's wharf where she took on

375,000 feet of lumber and sailed

Miss Myrtle Bennett and Mr. Steffen Nagle were united in marriage Wednesday, January 24, at noon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs. Homer Bennett, at Warren, Oregon. Rev. Taylor of St. Helens officiated. Both of the young people are Columbia county products, hav ing been born and raised in this com-The bride was very daintily dressed in white and pink and car ried a beautiful bouquet of pink carnations. The room was decorated with many ferns and flowing chains The of myrtle. of myrtle. After the wedding the week, being John Pontius, formerly guests and friends were served to a of Lincoln high schol of Portland.

wedding trip.



LAUNCHING OF MOTOR VESSEL S. I. ALLARD

She nestled on her ways as a water At last she was freed of her bonds, fowl at rest,
and, filled with joy and pride,
arge, so grand, so beautiful, with She started on her life's career into

But when tiring of this sport, she came to peaceful rest,
Feeling sure that of her joys in life
her launching was the best.
And now, dear S. I. Allard, we wish

As through the seas you pick your way, on your mission good and true.

—Clarence Goin. -Clarence Goin.

MOTOP SHIP ALLARD LAUNCHING A SUCCESS

Without a Hitch Biggest of Lumber Carriers Slides Off Ways.

Notwithstanding the snow and cold weather, several hundred peoprominent shipping and marine men were also present.

on the launching, which is declared was \$50,000 feet of lumber, a portion to have been one of the prettiest yet of which was loaded here. This is the first trip of the Northland to St. hit the water easily and her progress was soon under control and she was taken in tow by the tug boats which awaited her.

The S. I. Allard is the largest motor vessel yet built on the Pacific coast. She is 285 feet in length, 48 foot beam and 21 feet depth of hold, and her carrying capacity is esti-mated at 2,200,000 feet of lumber. It is understood that she has already been chartered for two trips to Australia, carrying lumber cargoes to the ports of the antipodes and bringing coal back. The work of install-ing her engines and machinery is now in progress and all haste will be made in getting the big carrier ready for service.

It is probable that the ways left vacant by the S. I. Allard will soon have another keel in place, as the shipbuilding company has under consideration several propositions for ship building.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Last Friday afternoon two of the sophomore boys wrestled in the as-sembly room, with the result that one of them broke a window pane with his foot.

The new seating arrangement went into effect last Friday. As a whole this regulation is very displeasing to the students, but there are a few who are very much satisfied with their new seats. Among these are Mason Dillard and Ivar Welinder.

The high schol debating teams are working very hard securing new subaffirmative team, represented by John debate the Clatskanie team on some

One new student was enrolled last

Coach Shister issued a call for basketball men last Monday, as Scap-poose wanted to play our team on Wednesday and Saturday. Nearly fifteen students responded to the call even though two games were all that were to be played. Practice was held in the S. A. A. C. gymnasium, as the ist this week.

COUNTY COURT IS FOR HARD-SURFACINC

Decides to Lay One Mile of Sixteen Foot Road.

The county court has definitely decided on laying some hard-surple gathered at the shippard to with the gentless the launching of the motor vesures the launching of the motor vesures the launching of the motor vesures as yet has not been designated, at sell S. I. Allard. As the last keel though several propositions are unblock was knocked from under the vessel, she began to move, and as she vessel, she began to move, and as she which seems to meet with the gengalined momentum. Miss Jessie Aleria approval of the court, however, sained momentum, which is a cement foundation with an assemble of the court. gained momentum. Miss Jessie Allard swung a gaily decorated bottle is a cement foundation with an assof real champagne against the bow and christened the vessel S. I. Allard. the courthouse, and both sides of in Salem asking that they use their influence to prevent the passage of such laws.

The membership committee was The membership committee was urged to get busy, and they did, for since last meeting 32 new members carried 36 passengers.

WAIERFRONT NEWS

And christened the vessel S. I. Allard, in honor of her father, a prominent banker of Eureka, Cal., and a heavy stockholder in the vessel. Standing depot in West St. Helens, or further, on the platform with Miss Allard were Chas. R. McCormick, president of the company, and other officials cost in the sixteen feet wide, and will be payed. of the company, and other officials cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000 who had come from San Francisco Commissioner Harvey is now in Seto witness the launching. Many other attle for the purpose of buying or investigating a paving plant which has a daily capacity of 500 to 700 The launching was without a hitch square yards, which plant can be or a single mishap, and Superintenbught at a low price. The court dent Christensen was congratulated thought best to investigate this proposition in the event that they decided to do the work instead of let-ting it by contract. Mr. Harvey will render a full report upon his return from the Sound city. The court de-cided to lay hard surface on this particular piece of road because it bears the heaviest traffic of any one stretch of road in the county, and if the pavement laid will stand such traffic it will demonstrate the fitness of laying more of such kind in other places in the county.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FARM CHANGES HANDS

Former Resident of Minnesota Purchases Farm Near Warren.

A deal was closed Saturday where-by Ole Mickelson, of Karistad, Minn... became the owner of the E. M. Newman farm, which is a short distance from the Warren depot. The farm comprises 25 acres and is all improved and there are several good buildings on it. Mr. Newman settled on the land twelve years ago, when, as he states, it was just a stump patch, and year by year he has improved the place until it is recognized as one of the best small farms in the county. Mr. Mickelson, whose family consits of his wife and five boys, plans to take immediate charge the farm, and in all probability Mr. Newman will buy another farm and remain in Columbia county. He is a god farmer and a good citizen, and it is hoped he will stay amons us. It is understood the purchase price of the 25 acres was at a figure considerably in excess of \$5,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Perry, of Alberta, Canada, arrived in St. Helens Wednesday and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Barnett. Mr. Perry is a cousin of Mrs. Barnett.

high school has no gymnasium. We believe if the high school had a gymnasium we could turn out a good team of besketball players and get of the students interested in

student body there has been no pian-

BUSY SESSION

Ordinance Passed Regulating Pool Vessel Goes Thousands of Miles With-Rooms-Sidewalks Ordered Built

The session of the city council Monday night was a busy one: members were present, and after roll call and reading of minutes of the

the city surveyor to establish such sidewalk grade and also to estab-lish a grade from the southeast corner of lot 1, block 25, to the south-east corner of lot 22, block 34, for sidewalks and street improvements. The street committee was instructed to act in conjunction with the city surveyor on this work.

A communication was received from the library committee asking that the \$75 heretofore allowed them by the council be made available. The council voted to give the money in three installments, \$25 at the present time, \$25 May 1, and the remainder September 1, 1917.

communication was received from Attorney Bagley, of Hillsboro, in behalf of the holders of sewer warrants, asking that the council take some action as to the payment of these warrants as his clients did not wish to sue the city if it could be avoided. The matter was dis-cussed at some length and laid over until next meeting.

The ordinance requiring public card rooms, billiard and pool rooms and soft drink places to close at 1 a. m. was put on its final passage, passed and approved by the mayor. An ordinance relating to the sale of fresh meat by peddlers was read the first and second times.

The question of demanding from the county court the road funds raised by taxation in the city of St. Helens was again discussed and the council was instructed to confer with the county court in relation thereto.

Many other matters of minor importance were taken up and disposed of, and the council adjourned.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

Visitors' day was quite generally observed throughout the county, several hundred people being enrolled as visitors. Among the highest were St. Helens, 104; Goble, 30; Neer City, 18; Deer Island, 15; Columbia Heights, 12; Chapman, 9; Woodson, The reports are not nearly all 7. The reports are not nearly all in yet. Many schools made Visitors' day a special occasion, giving pro- Germany's Reply to Wilson's Peace grams, serving refreshments and making a general display of work being done.

District No. 35, the newest school ment about two miles west of Yank-

The roll of honor of the Chapman Wilson Ackley, Grace Haggarty, Jennie Jepson, Lyle Atchinson, Kenneth Parks, Maarion Fry, John Jepson, Dean King, Genevieve Donovan, Irene Krugger, Lillian Avery, Kath-erine Rudloff, Clair Fry, George Jepson, Eldon Parks, Ruth Gagnon, Margaret Jepson, Dominick Rossa, Llewellyn Van Hulla.

The governor has just signed a new law relative to the distribution of school moneys. Under this law one-half of the county school fund will be distributed on a teacher basis and one-half on an attendance basis, which means that \$16,000 will he divided on a teacher basis. trict employing one teacher will get about \$150; two teachers, \$300; sixeen teachers, \$2,400, etc., from this fund. There will be \$16,000 divided upon the attendance basis, at so much per day for each day a pupil attending school; and every day a pupil is absent the district suffers a direct loss; hence it is up to parents and teachers to see that the children are in school every day.

CCLUMBIA RIVER LOGGING MARKET

The supply of logs in the Columbia river district at the present time is ample to take care of the business. Mills are generally well supplied. Yellow fir is bringing on grade \$6, \$9 and \$12; red fir \$8.50 to \$9; hemlock \$7.50 to \$8; spruce is quoted at \$13 to \$14 for ordinary camp run and prices ranging up to \$18 and \$20 for extra clear logs logs suitable for aeroplane sock have been offered. No sales at present are being made.

TRIP OF MOTOR SHIP JUNE IS SUCCESSFUL

out Slightest Mishap.

Capt. W. L. Alley, who took the motor vessel June from St. Helens to Gulfport, Miss., was an interested spectator at the launching of the S. call and reading of minutes of the previous meeting immediately got down to work. U. W. Clark, as trustee for the I. O. O. F. lodge, was granted a permit to repair the lodge hall.

A petition was received from a majority of the property owners in block 34 asking that a sidewalk six feet wide be constructed along the east side of said block and a grade be established for such sidewalk. The recorder was notified to instruct the city surveyor to establish such she went through the Panama canal. She entered the locks on the Pacific side at 1 o'clock, and at 9 o'clock that night was anchored off Cristobal, on the Atlantic end of the canal, the actual time consumed in the canal being eight hours. From Cristobal to Gulfrort, an approximate distance of 1,700 miles, the trip was made in eight days, as they left the canal November 7 and were at anchor in Gulf-port, Miss., November 15. Very little sail was used in the gulf passage, as contrary winds were encountered. The vessel is now engaged in the gulf

trade and at this date is at Porto Rica discharging a cargo. Captain Alley is having another vessel built at the Linnton shipyards which he intends taking over the same route to enter the gulf and is-

MUELLER INTRODUCES SEVERAL HOUSE BILLS

Matters of Importance to Columbia County Citizens.

In the state legislature yesterday Representative Mueller introduced two bills. One of the bills is for the two bits. One of the bills is for the increase of the salary of the county treasurer from \$600 per year to \$1,000 per year. Several hundred citizens signed a petition asking that the Columbia county representative introduce this bill, for all realize that the salary of the treasurer is not commensurate with the work and the salary of the commensurate with the work and the salary of the commensurate with the work and the salary of the salary of the treasurer is not commensurate with the work and the salary of the salary of the salary of the treasurer is not commensurate with the work and the salary of the salary commensurate with the work and responsibility which he has.

Another bill introduced by Mr. Mueller was H. B. No. 415, which, if passed, will make the city of St. Helens a separate road district and all funds levied and collected for road purposes will be expended with-in the city limits. The bill also pro-vides that all county roads within the city limits shall be taken over by the city and designated as streets. Mr. Mueller introduced this bill at the request of the city council.

Note Startles Nation.

The German government has sent to the United States government a district No. 35, the newest school to the United States government a district in the county, has recently been organized by the district boundary board, and a schoolhouse is soon to be erected and equipped for operation. It is located in a new settlement shout two miles west of Yank, ware that warfare releasibles to the United States government a district of the United States government and the entire states government and the united States government and the wage that warfare relentlessly. starvation blockade of England the program, and in polite terms it school for the month ending January sets forth that in the zones around 26: Garold, Avery, Clarence Parks, Great Britain, France and Italy "all sea traffic will be opposed." tral shipping in the Mediterranean is also closed. The German note states that its government is now compelled to continue the fight for its existence with the full employ of all weapons at its disposal, and asks the American government to warn American ships against entering the barred zones and also its citizens against taking passage on or sending goods by such vessels entering the forbidden zones. In short, the note contends that England, with her great navy, is relying on a policy of starving the Germans, and in turn the imperial government will reciprocate by sending to the bottom any vessel which is bringing food to the English

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are carefully studying the note and both refuse to make any comment. Meanwhile the nation is anxiously awaiting the result which it is apparent Germany's avowed policies will result in.

Sceretary A. L. Morris and Directors Wellborn, Chillberg, Benson and Bosel, of the Southern Columbia County National Farm Loan Association, were in St. Helens Thursday on business for the association. Mr. Morris stated that already the association had application for loans to the amount of \$80,000 and that he anticipated that during this year not less than \$150,000 would be avail-able from the federal government to loan to Columbia county farmers residing in the territory north of the Multnomah county line as far as Goble. If the plans of the association, as formulated, are carried out the development of this section will be more rapid than it is at present.