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DESPAIN WINS CASE AGAINST ZIPPERER

Jury Awards Him Damages in the Sum of \$450.00.

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.

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.

ENTHUSIASTIC COMMERCIAL CLUB MEET

Committees Appointed and Routine Business Dispatched.

The commercial club held a very enthusiastic meeting in the library rooms Thursday night of last week.

The matter of street paving 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.

The "freak laws" being introduced in the legislature which are calculated to hamper industrial enterprises and retard the development of the state, came in for a strong denunciation, and the club went on record as opposed to any such legislation.

The membership committee was urged to get busy, and they did, for since last meeting 32 new members have been added to the club's roster.

A their meeting last night, the matter of street paving and what the county intended doing on the public roads within the city limits of St. Helens was taken up and a plan 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 doubt some action will be taken in the near future. The club has started 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 afternoon but a chilly wind from the north froze the ground and the snow still remains, much to the delight of the youngsters who have sleds.

Montana and eastern Washington the temperature was below zero; in Nebraska, Wyoming and Idaho, blizzards were raging and all rail traffic 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 house.

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 friends attended the obsequies.

YOUTH IS CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME

Clatskanie Boy Now in Jail Here Admits Guilt.

Raymond Lewis, a 17 year old boy of Clatskanie, was arrested in Vernonia Sunday charged with assault on Margaret Hill, a 9 year old girl, who lives near Clatskanie. The assault occurred about 5 o'clock on the afternoon of January 23, when the child was on her way from the Clatskanie school, which she attends, to her home, about two miles distant from Clatskanie.

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.

WATERFRONT NEWS

The steamer Klamath, Captain Cullen, left out Wednesday night with 1,011,000 feet of lumber which will be delivered at San Pedro.

The steamer Daisy Matthews, after taking on 325,000 feet of lumber, sailed Sunday morning for southern California ports. The balance of her cargo, amounting to 1,125,000 feet, was taken on at up river mills.

The steamer Northland sailed for San Pedro Saturday night. Her cargo was 850,000 feet of lumber, a portion of which was loaded here.

The Northland struck the Northwestern and smashed several plates of the passenger boat. The Northland herself sustained injuries which necessitated the vessel going on dry dock, as her stem was smashed in and other damages done.

The steamer Cello arrived in Tuesday morning and went direct to the boom for a consignment of 600,000 feet of ties, which she will deliver at San Pedro.

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WEDDING OF COLUMBIA COUNTY COUPLE

Miss Myrtle Bennett and Mr. Stephen Nagle were united in marriage Wednesday, January 24, at noon, at the home of the bride's parents.

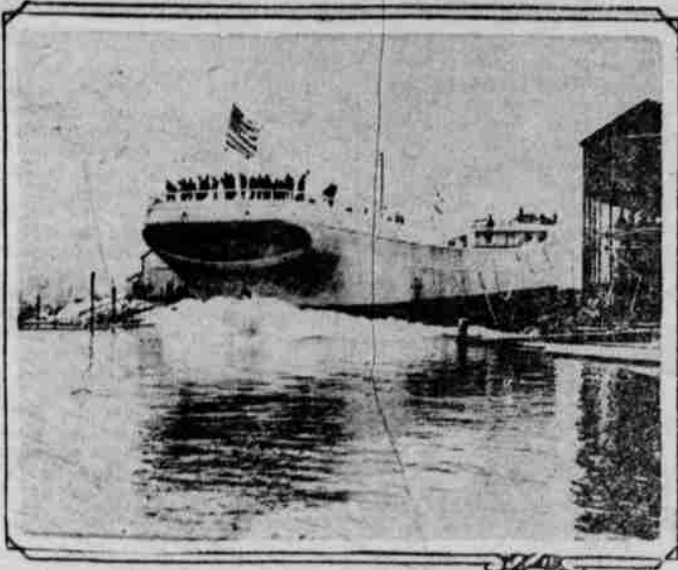
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LAUNCHING OF MOTOR VESSEL S. I. ALLARD

She nestled on her ways as a water fowl at rest, So large, so grand, so beautiful, with fittings of the best.

At last she was freed of her bonds, and, filled with joy and pride, She started on her life's career into the rippling tide.

But when tiring of this sport, she came to peaceful rest, Feeling sure that of her joys in life her launching was the best.

MOTOR SHIP ALLARD LAUNCHING A SUCCESS

Without a Hitch Biggest of Lumber Carriers Slides Off Ways.

Notwithstanding the snow and cold weather, several hundred people gathered at the shipyard to witness the launching of the motor vessel S. I. Allard. As the last keel block was knocked from under the vessel, she began to move, and as she gained momentum, Miss Jessie Allard swung a gaily decorated bottle of real champagne against the bow 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.

The launching was without a hitch or a single mishap, and Superintendent Christensen was congratulated on the launching, which is declared to have been one of the prettiest yet witnessed at the yards.

The S. I. Allard is the largest motor vessel yet built on the Pacific coast. She is 285 feet in length, 43 foot beam and 21 feet depth of hold, and her carrying capacity is estimated 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.

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 assembly room, with the result that one of them broke a window pane with his foot.

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COUNTY COURT IS FOR HARD-SURFACING

Decides to Lay One Mile of Sixteen Foot Road.

The county court has definitely decided on laying some hard-surfaced road. The character of such as yet has not been designated, although several propositions are under consideration. The pavement which seems to meet with the general approval of the court, however, is a cement foundation with an asphalt top. The road will begin at the courthouse, and both sides of the Plaza will be paved, and the pavement will then continue to the depot in West St. Helens, or further, if the funds will permit.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FARM CHANGES HANDS

Former Resident of Minnesota Purchases Farm Near Warren.

A deal was closed Saturday whereby Ole Mickelson, of Karlstad, 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. and Mrs. Guy Perry, of Alberta, Canada, arrived in St. Helens Wednesday and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Barnett.

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CITY COUNCIL IN BUSY SESSION

Ordinance Passed Regulating Pool Rooms—Sidewalks Ordered Built

The session of the city council Monday night was a busy one. All members were present, and after roll call and reading of minutes of the previous meeting immediately got down to work.

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.

A communication was received from the library committee asking that the \$75 heretofore allowed them by the council be made available.

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.

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; Near City, 18; Deer Island, 15; Columbia Heights, 12; Chapman, 9; Woodson, 7.

District No. 35, the newest school 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.

The roll of honor of the Chapman school for the month ending January 26: Garold, Avery, Clarence Parks, Wilson Ackley, Grace Haggarty, Jennie Jepson, Lyle Atchinson, Kenneth Parks, Marion Fry, John Jepson, Dean King, Genevieve Donovan, Irene Kruger, Lillian Avery, Katharine 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 be divided on a teacher basis.

COLUMBIA 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.

TRIP OF MOTOR SHIP JUNE IS SUCCESSFUL

Vessel Goes Thousands of Miles Without 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. I. Allard. The captain is a strong advocate of the internal combustion engine and auxiliary type of vessel, basing his opinion on the performance of the motorship June, which he took to the ports of the Gulf of Mexico. Captain Alley stated that notwithstanding two stops, one off of San Francisco and the other near Port San Luis Obispo, Cal., that the vessel made the trip to Balboa in 27 days.

Captain Alley is having another vessel built at the Linnott shipyards which he intends taking over the same route to enter the gulf and island trade.

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 increase of the salary of the county treasurer from \$600 per year to \$1,000 per year.

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 within the city limits.

UNCLE SAM FACES GRAVE WAR CRISIS

Germany's Reply to Wilson's Peace Note Startles Nation.

The German government has sent to the United States government a reply to Wilson's peace note, the tenor of which startles the government and the entire nation.

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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.

Secretary A. L. Morris and Directors Wellborn, Chiliberg, Benson and Bosel, of the Southern Columbia County National Farm Loan Association, were in St. Helens Thursday on business for the association.

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