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CITY INVESTIGATED AS LOGGING R. R. SITE

Purchasers of Timber Make Inspection of Waterfront and Facilities.

With a view towards obtaining the most advantageous site for a terminus of their proposed logging railroad, representatives of the Eccles interest, which recently bought the 27,420-acre tract of timber from the DuBois company, were in St. Helens Friday.

While Mr. Eccles would give no definite information as to the proposed plans of the company, he intimated that St. Helens would be given favorable consideration. There are several feasible routes from the vast body of timber to the tide water and several concerns are making overtures to the company, but Mr. Eccles and Mr. Bates stated that no announcement as to their plans would be made until the cruisers have finished checking up the timber and the surveyors have made a final report.

The logging railroad of the St. Helens Lumber Company extends from the Willamette slough about eight miles in the direction of the Eccles timber, and according to opinions of those best posted a logging railroad could be built from the end of their line to tap the Eccles holdings without having to go to extremely heavy construction work.

COLUMBIA CO. BOY WINS NAVY HONORS

By hitting the bulls-eye with unerring skill from the standing, kneeling or sitting position, Franklin R. Woods, of Scappoose, this county, has qualified as a sharpshooter in the United States marine corps, winning the medal of a sharpshooter and an increase of pay, according to an official bulletin from Washington.

TO GET THE COIN BY GROWING POTATOES

Harley Turner, who for the past several years has been head salesman in the store of James Muckle & Son, has resigned his position, effective March 1.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE HERE FEBRUARY 24

Many Signify Intention of Attending - Interesting Program Outlined.

The local teachers' institute will be held tomorrow (Saturday) in the high school auditorium, and many teachers from Warren, Scappoose, Deer Island, Yankton and other near-by points will be in attendance.

Opening Program - St. Helens Schools, Supervisor J. H. McCoy - "The Ear Marks of a Good Teacher" - L. L. Baker

REP. A. W. MUELLER BACK FROM SALEM

Represents Columbia County Well at Session of Legislature.

Representative A. W. Mueller returned Wednesday to St. Helens to resume his law practice, after forty days of strenuous work at the Oregon legislature.

RUN OF SMELT IN COWLITZ RIVER

A good sized run of smelt arrived in the Cowlitz river Sunday night, and the fishermen in the vicinity of Kelso and the mouth of the river have been busy dipping the toothsome little fish.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY IS OBSERVED

Washington's birthday was fittingly observed in St. Helens. From the courthouse and several other public and private buildings flags flew in honor of the country's father.

INTERSTATE BRIDGE GOOD INVESTMENT

The sum of \$287.75 was received by the Oregon-Washington Interstate Bridge commission on the first day that tolls were taken.

PORTLAND LAWYERS ARE PATRIOTIC

Lawyers' Auxiliary to Oregon Naval Militia Offer Services.

It was the good fortune of a representative of the Mist to be present at a luncheon in Portland Tuesday given by the Lawyers' Auxiliary to the Oregon Naval Militia.

The following letter, drafted by a committee on resolutions, was adopted and forwarded to Senator Chamberlain, chairman of military affairs in the United States senate:

"Dear Sir: By unanimous vote of the members of the Lawyers' Auxiliary to the Oregon Naval Militia, we are directed to address the following communication to you, for such use as you may think best:

"Our nation has come to the parting of the ways, and a choice must be made between a policy of feebleness and a policy of strength. Moved by deep love of country, we demand the choice of the latter, and we urge you to give your energies and talents to secure from Congress the necessary legislation for immediate and adequate military and naval preparedness.

"Such preparedness, we believe, is attainable only by universal, compulsory military training. The people have awakened to a realization of the nation's peril in consequence of our present military weakness and are ready to support such a program.

"While the nation is in the shadow of a grave danger, neither the fears of the timid, the dreams of the idealist, nor the objections of the petty politician should have a place in the councils of our chosen leaders.

"Respectfully, "W. P. LA ROCHE, "GEO. N. WOODLEY, "E. B. SEABROOK, "Committee."

Other matters pertaining to the welfare of the nation in the crisis now imminent were discussed. The lawyers twice a week go to Commander Blair for military instruction, so that in case they are called on to defend the right of this country they will be efficient.

\$6,000,000 ROAD BOND ISSUE PASSES

Issue Will Go Before the People of State on June 4.

With only four dissenting votes the \$6,000,000 road bond measure, amended to provide for its submission to the people of the state at a special election June 4 next, passed the senate Monday afternoon.

The legislature adjourned sine die at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

President Moser of the senate suggested that the first million dollars be used to improve the roads between Portland and Astoria. The highway bill carries an emergency clause as far as the special election is concerned, to avoid having the bill referred and carried over to November, 1918, and provides that out of the \$6,000,000 bond issue \$600,000 worth of the bonds shall be issued in denominations of \$500 or less.

A favorable vote of the people on the bond issue would mean much to Columbia county, as the highway from the Multnomah line to the Clatsop county line would be hard surfaced by the state aid instead of a taxation of the people of Columbia county.

BUSINESS CHANGES IN ST. HELENS

Pioneer Firms of This City Sell Out to Newcomers.

Two deals were consummated this week whereby old established firms have sold their businesses. J. Leavitt of Portland has bought the entire stock of Morgus & Son, and A. E. Austin, of Woodburn, has bought the stock of James Muckle & Son.

The firms which have disposed of their business are among the pioneer mercantile firms of St. Helens. Muckle Brothers established a store in St. Helens about forty years ago, and in 1909 they were succeeded by Jas. Muckle & Son, who, since that time, have conducted the business.

Henry Morgus came to St. Helens in 1898 and purchased a small grocery store then conducted by W. A. Harris. From that small beginning he has, with the aid of his wife and son, built up the business to its present large proportions.

While regretting that these pioneer places of business will cease to be conducted under the names which are linked with the growth of St. Helens, the Mist extends the hand of welcome to the newcomers who have shown their faith in St. Helens by buying the stocks and trade of the retiring merchants.



MAJOR GENERAL FREDERICK FUNSTON

Major-General Frederick Funston, commander of the Southern Department of the United States army, who died suddenly in San Antonio, Tex., February 19, General Funston was recognized as one of the most able generals of the army and his death is a loss to the whole nation.

FOR BEST ESSAYS

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution have offered a series of prizes to the pupils of the public schools of Oregon for the best essays on topics connected with the war for American independence. Three prizes will be awarded: Twenty-five dollars for the first; fifteen dollars for the second, and ten dollars for the third best essay respectively, written by pupils of the grade or high schools of the state on the following topics:

- 1-The Siege of Yorktown. 2-The Influence of Benjamin Franklin Upon the American Revolution. 3-The Part Played by the Colony of Massachusetts in the American Revolution. Prizes will be awarded on the following points: Originality; accuracy of statement; manner of treatment; syntax and punctuation; neatness and legibility. The prizes are offered to encourage love of country and the study of its history. A list of books best adapted to the subjects mentioned or any other information needed will be given by addressing Winthrop Hammond, 127 Sixth St., Portland, Oregon.

TO BE FARMERS

Wilbur Muckle plans on leaving the first of the coming week for Dayville, in Grant county, where he and Lloyd Hattan have leased a 1400-acre stock ranch. Mrs. Muckle, after winding up the affairs of the firm of Jas. Muckle & Son, plans on joining her husband at his ranch home about April 1.

GOV. WITHYCOMBE EXPLAINS HIS VETO

Gives Reason for Vetoing House Bill No. 415.

In answer to a communication addressed to him as to his reasons for vetoing house bill No. 415, Governor Withycombe wires the Mist as follows:

"St. Helens Mist. "Gentlemen: Replying to your wire my veto message is as follows: The object of this bill was to transfer authority over county roads within the limits of the city of St. Helens from the county court to the city council.

"It is set forth by many representative petitioners resident of the city of St. Helens that such a course would very much interfere with the progress of work now started and under contemplation by the county court. I have attached my veto in view of the fact that the objections to the proposition seem to more than offset the probable advantages thereof.

"The petition seemed to be very extensive and I also found that Mr. Mueller, although believing in his bill, still felt that there were two sides to the case and that he did not object to a veto.

"JAMES WITHYCOMBE."

It will be noted that the governor states that the objections to the proposition seem to more than offset the probable advantages thereof. However, the same day, in conversation with the governor, he admitted he did not investigate the matter but acted solely upon the petition containing 26 names which asked him to veto the measure. Neither the governor nor many of those who signed the petition asking for a veto, really understood the bill. The city of St. Helens asked that all county roads within the city limits be declared streets and that the city council have jurisdiction over them. They also asked that 70 per cent of the money raised by taxation within the district for road purposes be expended in such proposed road district. The county court states they intend spending \$8,000 to \$10,000 on hard-surfacing the St. Helens-Houlton road, and this amount is in excess of the amount asked by the city council by \$5,000, so the residents of the district outside of the city limits would have been far better off if the measure had passed. The commercial club has gone on record, however, as favoring the expenditure of the money on the St. Helens-Pittsburg road instead of hard-surfacing the road within the city limits, and it will be interesting to see if the county court will abide by the wishes of the mass meeting which met with them recently and recommended the Nehalem road in preference to a 16-foot strip of hard-surfacing for a distance of a mile, and at a cost of from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

BUSY SESSION OF CITY FATHERS

The city council met in regular session Monday night, all members being present except Councilman J. W. Allen. Several building permits for the erection of small buildings and repairs to old ones were granted. Ordinance 200, which provides for the license on peddlers selling beef and meat was read the third time and passed.

A communication was received from the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company asking that better landing facilities be provided for the boats which daily carry more than 200 men to work. Councilman Ballagh suggested that a permanent dock be built at the foot of St. Helens street, and a committee was appointed to meet Wednesday morning and investigate the matter.

It was ordered that the city attorney take in hand the claim against Frank L. Smith for use and damage to the city's fire apparatus and if the claim was not settled promptly to institute suit against Smith. Bills of Mike Fresh, street superintendent, covering charges for the fill on Willamette street were read and after same were checked up the recorder was instructed to draw warrants in payment of the labor claims. Many other matters of minor importance were taken up and disposed of and the council adjourned to meet Monday, February 26.

LOAN CREDIT PLAN

The state land board directed Clerk E. G. Brown to immediately prepare rural credits loans application blanks and send them to the state land board attorneys in every county of the state. State Treasurer Kay estimated that a million and a half dollars' worth of rural credit bonds can be sold the first year by making that sum available for the state farmers. The state plans to purchase the first issue of \$50,000 five-year bonds, using the state industrial accident trust funds. Within ten days \$50,000 will be available for loaning to farmers at 5 per cent interest under the rural credits law provisions.

JOY RIDERS HAVE VERY CLOSE CALL

Driver Injured and Woman Companion Suffers Broken Arm.

Too much booze at the steering wheel was the cause of an automobile accident at Scappoose creek bridge Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, when the driver lost control of the machine and it plunged over the high fill. The car turned completely over, landing up side down and making prisoners of the occupants. Mr. Olds, the paving contractor, an another gentleman came by in their machine a few minutes after the accident occurred and with the help of farmers living nearby righted the machine and released the prisoners, bringing them to St. Helens for medical attention.

The man was considerably bruised and his hands cut by the broken windshield, and the woman's right arm was broken just below the elbow. After getting fixed up, a machine was hired and the couple again started for Portland.

Ben Copeland went up to the scene of the accident Wednesday afternoon, and with the aid of a big oil truck succeeded in getting the machine on the road. He brought it to St. Helens for repairs. The machine presents a dilapidated appearance, the windshield being broken, the headlights crushed, running boards and fenders smashed and twisted and the top badly broken and crushed. The machine was a five-passenger Chandler which bore license number 23287. The occupants of the wrecked car came to St. Helens about 6 o'clock in the morning and left for Portland at 9 o'clock. It was noticeable that both driver and companion were intoxicated.

NEW BOOKS IN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Club Expends Funds for Purchase of Additional Reading Matter.

The committee authorized to select and purchase new books for the public library has purchased the following books and they are now in the library. While the list contains some old books, an effort was made to get mostly new books and most of the latter will be placed on the rent list:

- Pastor's Wife, Heroes of Modern Europe, Mary Cary, Range Dwellers, Her Prairie Knight, Phantom Herd, Flying U's Last Stand, Master of Strong Hearts, Secret Garden, T. Tembarom, Right Princess, Crisis, Coniston, Dog of Flanders, Iron Woman, Awakenings of Helena Richie, Personality Plus, Roast Beef Medium, Petey Simmons at Siwash, Old Lady Number 31, Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come, Captain Gid, Wildfire, Aunt Jane of Kentucky, On the Trail of Grant and Lee, Prudence Says So, Georgina of the Rainbows, Captain Courageous, Mary Gusta, Kent Knowles, Martha of the Day, Valley of the Moon, Martin Hyde, Hugh Wynne, King of the Kyber Rifles, Saturday's Child, Mother, Story of Marco, George Washington, K. Tish, Boy With the U. S. Explorers, Boys With Indians, Two Little Savages, Arm Chair at the Inn, Kennedy Square, Moni the Goat Boy, Penrod, Penrod and Sam, Cry in the Wilderness, When Patty Went to College, Abraham Lincoln, New Chronicles of Rebecca, Lightning Conductor, Shepherd of the Hills, Winning of Barbara Worth, This Year's Book for Children, Thistle Down, Adventures in the Great Desert, Airship Dragon Fly, Great Locomotive Chase, Electricity and Magnetism.

"SNOW QUEEN" OPERETTA SCORES BIG HIT

The operetta "Snow Queen," staged at the Watts & Price hall in Scappoose Saturday night, scored a big hit and all in attendance pronounced it a success. The play is based on the fairy tale by Andersen, and was written three years ago by Miss Hazel M. Watts, a resident of Scappoose, who was then attending Wellesley college, in the east. Miss Watts wrote the music while crossing the continent on a train, and after reaching the east produced it with a cast of 50 children. The play received much appreciation and credit at its initial performance and was later produced most successfully at Wilmington, Del. Miss Watts has had the play copyrighted and it will soon be published.

The presentation of the play at Scappoose drew an unusually large and attentive audience. Sixty children participated and carried off their parts especially well considering the limited number of rehearsals. The cunning Snowflakes, with their stately Snow Queen, the rollicking street boys and the fierce robbers delighted the entire audience. The flower soloists and witch are deserving of especial mention. In all, the entire program was well received and heartily enjoyed by the large audience present and the funds raised were sufficient to liquidate the debt of the piano fund.