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### CITY INVESTIGATED AS LOGGING R. R. SITE

urchasers of Timber Make Inspec-tion of Waterfront and Facilities.

With a view towards obtaining the most advantageous site for a termin-is of their proposed logging railroad, us 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. in the party were David Eccles, head of the concern; Charles T. Early and Raymond Early, who are connected with the Oregon Lumber Company, and Paul C. Bates, of Portland, who negotiated and put through the big deal. Chas. R. McCormick, presi-dent of the St. Helens Lumber Com-pany; R. C. Merryman, vice presi-dent, and H. F. McCormick, the local nanager, met the party of timbermen and after a thorough inspection of the waterfront and the facilities for the program: dumping logs and boomage grounds, Opening Prothe party went by special train over the logging railroad of the lumber company. Most of the day was spent in looking over the ground, recent surveys, probable grades, etc., and Discussion the visitors returned to Portland late Causes of Retardation.

definite information as to the pro-posed plans of the company, he inti-mated that St. Helens would be Subject given favorable consideration. There are several feasible routes from the ast 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 finished checking up the timber and the surveyors have made a final From good authority it is learned that several routes would be surveyed and then the best route chosen for the logging railroad. Mr. Eccles stated that at the least estimate they had two years' work ahead of them before they could begin on the construction of a sawmill, as the logging railroad was the first conlogging railroad was the first consideration. He stated that the log-sing railroad would cost from \$1,-909,000 to \$2,000,000, and that they wanted a road with a maximum grade of 1½ per cent. With the scarcity of labor and railroad steel, Mr. Eccles would not prophesy how soon the road would be completed. One definite statement Mr. Eccles made, however, was that the timber made, however, was that the timber was not bought for speculation, which means that railroad building and logging operations are to be

pushed as fast as possible.

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 opin-ions of those best posted a logging railroad could be built from the end of their line to tap the Eccles holdngs without having to go to extreme-

and market their timber.

As stated, nothing definite has been decided upon, but with its fine curing favorable action from the

#### COLUMBIA CO. BOY WINS NAVY HONORS

By hitting the bulls-eye with un-erring skill from the standing, kneeling or sitting position, Franklin R. Woods, of Scappoose, this county, 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 offi-cial bulletin from Washington.

This keen-eyed young man regunnery at the Marines, Port Royal training station, and when but little more than a novice he made a splen-did score at "slow and rapid" fire. He was transferred recently aboard the big dreadnaught South Carolina, now somewhere on the Atlantic, aler: and watchful to answer a call in the defense of the United States. Franklin, who formerly resided with his uncle, Matt Englert, of Scappoose, enlisted in the United States marine corps at its Memphis, Tenn., recruiting station, on October 6, 1916.

### 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. He will be a real farmer from that time on. He has leased 12 acres from U. S. DeSpain on his Bachelor Flat farm and 12 acres from Chas Festival. Chas English, near Deer Island, and will plant the 24 acres in potatoes. Harley says he likes to measure calico, but he thinks growing potatoes will bring him more actual coin and satisfaction.

### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE HERE FEBRUARY 24

Many Signify Intention of Attending nteresting Program Outlined.

The local teachers' institute will be held tomorrow (Saturday) in the high school auditorium, and many at a luncheon in Portland Tuesday teachers from Warren, Sccppoose, given by the Lawyers' Auxiliary to Deer Island, Yankton and other nearby points will be in attendance. Superintendent Allen has arraged a Blair, commander of the Oregon Namost iteresting program and the pubval Milita, was the principal speaker. Ite is cordially invited to attend the institute. Dr. B. W. DePusk, of the University of Oregon, will be the manders of the naval militia which perincipal appears. University of Oregon, will be the principal speaker of the day. He will give a lecture at 10 o'clock in the morning and another one at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Allen o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Alien wishes that the patrons of the school will manifest their interest in school affairs and attend both morning and afternoon sessions. The following is

Opening Program . . . . St. Helens Schools, Supervisor J. H. McCoy "The Ear Marks of a Good Teach-Primary Reading . . . . Miss Barnett

Friday evening. Dr. D. W. DeBusk
While Mr. Eccles would give no
definite information as to the pro-

Subject Selected .....

Discussion Critical Periods in the Develop-

Civil Government. . . . . G. W. Brown Discussion Exercises Second Grade Pupils

# Miss Mathews H. S. 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 Ore-gon legislature. Mr. Mueller states he is glad to again take up the duties of a private citizen and prefers it to being a member of the Oregon law-making body. Mr. Mueller has ably represented Columbia county, and for that matter the entire state, in the lower house. He introduced some fifteen bills, many of them by request, and eight of the bills be came laws. Although it was his first term as a legislator, Mr. Mueller had the esteem and confidence of his colleagues and accomplished much by hard and faithful work in the house of representatives.

# RUN OF SMELT IN

A good sized run of smelt arrived construction work. It is in the Cowlitz river Sunday night, also pointed out that between the and the fishermen in the vicinity of large timber tract and the end of Kelso and the mouth of the river the present line lay large and desirable bodies of timber, the owners of which would probably take advantage of the logging railroad to cut the first of last week, and the pre-sumption is that they came straight for the Cowlitz instead of loitering about in the Columbia, as has been waterfront, rollway and boomage fa-cilities, St. Helens stands an equal chance with other sites towards se-more dippers than usual are operating on the Cowlitz, and the catches hae been very good, though nothing exceptional because the fish are not bunched. So far as can be learned. the fish have not reached the vicinity of St. Helens or the Lewis river, where a few years ago there was a

#### WASHINGTON'S BIRTH-DAY IS OBSERVED

very large run.

Washington's birthday was fit-tingly observed in St. Helens. From the courthouse and several other pub-lic and private buildings flags flew in honor of the country's father. The postoffice observed the usual holiday hours and the bank was closed for the entire day. At the public schools each grade had exercises, though the main exercises were held in the high school auditorium. Principal Lake of the McBride school in West St. Helens also arranged a very interesting program. Taking it all in all, the city as a whole paid homage to the founder and father of the country.

# 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. Tolls for streetcars amounted to \$38; passtreetcars amounted to \$38; passengers on streetcars, \$93.10; persons on vehicles other than streetcars, \$71.25; self propelled vehicles, \$70.35, and animal drawn vehicles, \$14.30. There was no congestion at any time. During the summer months, when the weather is much better, the traffic tolls should amount receipts for a year would reach more than \$105,000.

### PORTLAND LAWYERS ARE PATRIOTIC

It was the good fortune of a reprecentative of the Mist to be present at a luncheon in Portland Tuesday manders of the naval militia which was held in Washington and attended by representatives of every state where a naval militia is maintained. The captain stated that the United States was better prepared for war than the public at large considered. Many of the plans of Germany are well known and steps have been taken to meet emergencies that might arise. Every vessel of the navy, either in active service or on the reserve list, has been apportioned a full crew, and should hostilities occur, in twenty-four hours the officers in the several states and the naval militia under them would have their orders as to where to report and

The following letter, drafted by a committee on resolutions, was adopted and forwarded to Senator Cham-berlain, chairman of military affairs

in the United States senate:
"Portland, Ore., Feb. 20, 1917.
"Senator George E. Chamberlain,
United States Senate, Washington,

Dear Sir: By unanimous vote of the members of the Lawyers' Auxili-ary 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 part-

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 prepared-

Such preparedness, we believe, is attainable only by universal, compul-sory 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.

"The development of a wide na-tional consciousness, of a more wholesome democracy and the healthy, continuous growth of our people are the rich rewards certain to flow from such a system.

"While the nation is in the shadow of a grave danger, neither the fears of the timid, the dreams of the ideal-COWLITZ RIVER ist, 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. lawyers twice a week go to Commander Blair for military instruc tion, so that in case they are called on to defend the right of this country they will be efficient. The next meeting of the club will be held the coming Tuesday, and an invitation has been extended to the lawyers of St. Helens to participate in the meeting. St. Helens will also be asked to furnish members for the naval militia, and if a sufficient number can be enlisted it is probable that a training ship would be ordered here and a separate branch of the naval militia maintained.

#### \$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 submis-sion to the people of the state at a special election June 4 next, passe the senate Monday afternoon. 12:30 o'clock Tuesday morning the joint conference committee from the house and senate agreed on all dis-puted points in the bill. The house passed the bill Monday night.

The legislature adjourned sine die 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 re-ferred 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 sur-faced by the state aid instead of a taxation of the people of Columbia

#### **BUSINESS CHANGES** IN ST. HELENS

Two deals were consummated this stock of James Muckle & Son. It is understood that Mr. Leavitt will immediately place on the market the goods bought of Morgus & Son, and goods bought of Morgus & Son, and after looking over the town and its advantages he might decide to remain in business. Mr. Austin, who has bought the stock of Muckle & Son and leased the building, intends to permanently remain in business in St. Helens. Mr. Austin has been in business in Woodburn, Oregon, for the past fifteen years and has the largest clothing and gents' furnish-ing store in that live town. After he

mercantile firms of St. Helens. Muck-le 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 pres-

ent 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 ing of the ways, and a choice must be 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 of-fered 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 indepen-dence. 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:

The Siege of Yorktown. 2—The Influence of Benjamin Franklin Upon the American Revolu-

-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 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

the first of the coming week for Day-ville, in Grant county, where he and

### GOV. WITHYCOMBE EXPLAINS HIS VETO

Lawyers' Auxiliary to Oregon Naval Pioneer Firms of This City Sell Out Gives Reason for Vetoing House Driver Injured and Woman Companion Suffers Broken Arm.

In answer to a communication ad-

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

"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 The firms which have disposed of their business are among the pioneer mercantile firms of St. Helens.

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 fenders smashed and twisted and the states that the objections to the pro-position seem to more than offset the top bodly broken and cruched. The machine was a five-passenger Chand-machine was a five-passenger Chandprobable advantages thereof. How-ever, the same day, in conversation with the governor, he admitted he did not investigate the matter but acted solely upon the petition con-taining 26 names which asked him to veto the measure. Neither the gov-ernor nor many of those who signed toxicated. 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 hardsurfacing the St. Helens-Houlton road, and this amount is in excess surfacing the St. Helens-Houlton lowing books and they are now in 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 of the latter will be placed on the would have been far better off if the rent list: measure had passed. The commer-cial club has gone on record, how-

# 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.

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 sug-gested that a permanent dock be built at the foot of St. Helens street. Councilman Ballagh sugand a committee was appointed to meet Wednesday morning and investigate the matter

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 super-

intendent, 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

# LOAN CREDIT PLAN

Monday, February 26.

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

Wilbur Muckle plans on leaving first year by making that sum avail-e first of the coming week for Day-able for the state farmers. The state the first of the coming week for Dayville, in Grant county, where he and
Lloyd Hattan have leased a 1400acre 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 credits law provisions.

### JOY RIDERS HAVE VERY CLOSE CALL

Too much booze at the steering week whereby old established firms dressed to him as to his reasons for have sold their businesses. J. Leavitt vetoing house bill No. 415, Governor of Portland has bought the entire stock of Morgus & Son, and A. E. Austin, of Woodburn, has bought the with the control of the machine and it plunged over the high machine and it plunged over the high The car turned completely over, landing up side down and making prisoners of the occupants. Mr. Olds, prisoners of the occupants. Mr. Olds, the paving contractor, an another gentleman came by in their machine a few minutes after the accident oc-curred and with the help of farmers living nearby righted the machine and released the prisoners, bringing them to St. Helens for medical atten-

> 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 ma-chine was hired and the couple again

started for Portland. Ben Copeland went up to the scene of the accident Wednesday afternoon. 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, "unning boards and fenders smashed and twisted and the too heads before the same transport of the same transport o ler 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 in-

#### NEW BOOKS IN PUBLIC LIBRARY

lect and purchase new books for the public library has purchased the fol-

Pastor's Wife, Heroes of Modern 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. of Grant and Lec, 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 Sayages, With Indians, Two Little Savages, Arm Chair at the Inn, Kennedy Square, Moni the Goat Boy, Penrod, Penrod and Sam, Cry in the Wil-derness, When Patty Went to College, Abraham Lincoln, New Chroni-cles of Rebecca, Lightning Conduct-or. Shepherd of the Hills, Winning of Barbara Worth, This Year's Book for Children, Thiatle Down, Adven-tures in the Great Desert, Airship Dragon Fly, Great Locomotive Chase, Electricity and Magnetism.

## "SNOW QUEEN" OPER-ETTA 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 Wil-mington, 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 chil-dren participated and carried off their parts especially well considering the limited number of rehears-als. The cunning Snowflakes, with their stately Snow Queen, the rollicking street boys and the fierce rob-bers delighted the entire audience. debt of the piano fund.