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PRIZES OFFERED FOR FAIR EXHIBITS MORE THAN LAST YEAR

Board Offers Attractive Prizes to Encourage Exhibits.

Prizes for Columbia county exhibits of agriculture, manufacture and stock raising have been decided by the fair board. The prizes for such number and amount as attract exhibitors, and the board expects this year's fair to be the best yet held. Dairying and stock raising is fast becoming one of the leading industries of the county. The fair board, with an idea of stimulating further interest in this industry has offered the following prizes:

- Division A—Cattle**
- Class 1—Short Horns.
 - Class 2—Aberdeen Angus.
 - Class 3—Jersey.
 - Class 4—Holstein.
 - Class 5—Guernsey.
 - Class 6—Ayrshire.
 - Class 7—Grade Dairy Cattle.
- Lot 1—Bull 3 years and over, first \$20; second \$10.
- Lot 2—Bull 2 years and under 3, first \$15; second \$8.
- Lot 3—Bull 1 year and under 2, first \$10; second \$5.
- Lot 4—Bull under 1 year, first \$5; second \$3.
- Lot 5—Cow 3 years and over, first \$15; second \$8.
- Lot 6—Cow 2 years and under 3, first \$10; second \$5.
- Lot 7—Heifer 1 year and under 2, first \$5; second \$3.
- Lot 8—Heifer under 1 year, first \$3; second \$2.
- Lot 9—Breeders' herd—Bull over 2 years, 1 cow over 2 years, 2 heifers under 2; females bred by exhibitors; first \$10; second \$5.
- Lot 10—Three animals, any age, one sex, bred of one sire; first \$6; second \$4.
- Champion bull, each class, any age, ribbon.
- Champion female, each class, any age, ribbon.
- Lots 9 and 10 are not included in class 7.
- Ray Tarbell, a well-known authority on cattle, is superintendent of this division.

Guy Tarbell is superintendent of Division B—horses. The prizes for the best exhibits in this division are:

- Registered Horses**
- Best draft stallion, 4 years or over, first prize \$5; second prize \$2.50.
 - Best draft mare, 4 years or over; first \$5; second \$2.50.
 - Best 3-year-old colt; first \$5; second \$2.50.
 - Best 2-year-old colt; first \$5; second \$2.50.
 - Best 1-year-old colt; first \$5; second \$2.50.
- Grade Draft Horses**
- Best draft mare, 4 years or over; first \$3.50; second \$2.50.
 - Best 3-year-old colt; first \$3.50; second \$2.50.
 - Best 2-year-old colt; first \$3.50; second \$2.50.
 - Best 1-year-old colt; first \$3.50; second \$2.50.
 - Best colt under 1 year; first \$3; second \$2; third \$1.50.
- Draft Horses**
- Best draft team in harness; first \$5; second \$3.50.
 - Best matched team in harness; first \$5; second \$3.50.
 - Best driving horse in harness; first \$5; second \$3.50.
 - Best pulling team; first \$5; second \$3.50.

The opening day of the fair is on September 19, and much work will have to be done by both the fair board and the exhibitors before this date. W. J. Fullerton, president of the association, plans on making a tour of the county in the endeavor to arouse enthusiasm and line up many exhibits. The officers of the association realize that the success of the fair rests with the enterprising citizens of the county and ask their aid in making it possible to have the biggest and best fair yet held.

Secretary Allen has on hand a supply of premium lists and will be glad to mail a copy to anyone upon request. If you have not received the premium list write to Mr. Allen for one. He will send it to you at once.

COUNCIL HAS IMPORTANT SESSION

L. R. Rutherford Elected to Succeed Washington Muckle, Resigned.

The city council met in regular session Monday night, all members being present except Councilman Muckle. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Councilman Ballagh reported that the work of cleaning up and installing amusement features in Godfrey park was progressing satisfactorily.

Councilman White reported that he had made arrangements for the construction of the fire tower.

The city attorney reported that he had made application to the state land board for the purchase of the tide land in front of certain property owned by the city of St. Helens.

A resolution rescinding the order to pave Columbia street south of Cowlitz street and repealing the ordinance relative to such improvement was read and adopted.

An ordinance regulating the speed of engines and trains at the crossing at the St. Helens depot was read the first and second time.

The petition of Frank Wilkins to keep in stock a certain amount of powder was laid on the table for further investigation.

Martin White appeared before the council and urged that some action be taken by the water board and the city council relative to the buying of the timber on the 160 acres of land which surrounds the city's water dam. He pointed out that if the timber was removed the water supply would be diminished and the people would suffer for an adequate water supply. It was decided to take the matter up with the water board, and if agreeable to them, then to call a mass meeting of the property owners of the city to take the necessary action in regard to the matter.

The resignation of Washington Muckle was read and accepted. L. R. Rutherford was nominated to succeed Mr. Muckle, and upon receiving a majority vote was declared elected.

Several building permits were granted and other routine business disposed of.

CANNERY COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

Capital Stock of Local Institution to Be Increased.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Cannery & Produce Company was held at the cannery June 25, 1917. It was decided to increase the capital stock of the company from \$10,000 to \$20,000, thereby doubling it.

The board of directors elected for the following year are G. L. Tarbell, Frank Brown, John Farr, David Pope, G. Lynch, L. Rosasco and Geo. Murphy.

The following officers were elected for the following year:

President—Frank Brown.
Vice President—L. Rosasco.
Secretary—David Pope.
Manager—L. Rosasco.

SHERMAN MILES IS BANK PRESIDENT

Assumes New Duties at Columbia County Bank

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Columbia County Bank Saturday, Edwin Ross tendered his resignation as director and president. Sherman Miles, who bought the interest of Dr. Ross, was elected director and also president. Mr. Miles is a St. Helens boy and is well known in this city and vicinity. He has had much banking experience, being with the Security Savings & Trust Company of Portland five years, and in the state banking department several years. For the past four years he occupied the position as chief clerk to Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue.

Mr. Miles states that he is glad of the opportunity of again associating himself with the people of Columbia county. The bank, under the new management, will be conducted on the same conservative policy as heretofore.

TENNIS MEET AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Laurelhurst Club of Portland Meets St. Helens.

Six auto loads of tennis players and fans arrived from Portland on the morning of the Fourth to represent the Laurelhurst Club in the match with St. Helens.

Although St. Helens is short of players and those left have had little practice this season they all showed up remarkably well against the crack Laurelhurst players. Phil Neer, champion under 16 years, and Paul Steffin, Jr., champion under 18, in the city of Portland, were invincible, beating both Davies and Southard and Rutherford and Turner in hard played matches. Steinmetz and Harrison also beat Rutherford and Turner, 11-9, 6-4. Addie Adams, the only woman player to represent St. Helens, won in every match she played, finally beating Miss Sinclair, the Laurelhurst representative, in city tournaments 6-2, 6-2.

The larger number of other matches, played by Reese Hall, New Bjorkman and Mr. Frohman and the above players, were won by St. Helens, so altogether the home club made a surprisingly good showing against one of Portland's best clubs.

The Laurelhurst people brought their lunches and had a picnic dinner at the grounds, where tables had been prepared for the purpose. They are a fine lot of good sports and they stated this was the most enjoyable meet of the season. They expect to come again later in the summer.

The visitors were loud in their praises of the playing of our high school players, Addie Adams, Lawrence Davies and John Southard, and have urged them to participate in the coming Portland city tournament.

WATER COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING

The St. Helens board of water commissioners met in regular session Thursday night. The most important matter coming before the board was the purchase of additional land for the purpose of preserving a permanent water shed and obtaining an adequate water supply. Martin White advised the board to investigate the supply on Milton creek and also look into the logging operations of the Milton Creek Logging Co., who own the timber adjacent to the reservoir, and see if some arrangements could not be made with the company for the purchase of a strip of timber on each side of the creek. Chas. Wheeler, representing the land department of the St. Helens Lumber Company, made a proposition to sell the city 1,000 acres of land, through which Cox creek flows, and the four million feet of standing timber along the creek for the sum of \$16,880. It was pointed out that with the city owning water sheds on both Cox and Milton creeks that an adequate water supply would be assured for many years to come. The commission decided to invite the city council and any interested citizen to accompany them on an inspection trip and will leave early in the morning of Sunday, July 15.

ARRESTED ON STATUTORY CHARGE

G. W. Payne, aged 56, who lives near Marshland, was arrested Monday by Deputy Sheriff Brown and is now an occupant of the county jail. Information was received by the sheriff's office that the step-daughter of Payne, a woman about 30 or 35 years old, had given birth to a child but the child had disappeared. Neither the birth or death of the baby was reported to the proper officials, hence the arrest. The details of the case are unprintable, but this much information can be given. The woman acknowledges that Payne is the father of her child and that the child was dead when born, and that it was buried by Payne. The officer forced Payne to state the infant had been buried in an outhouse, where it was dug up and sent to Dr. Roberg, state health officer in Portland, for examination. Pending further developments, the woman is held in the Portland jail and, as stated, Payne is in the jail here.

CELEBRATION OF FOURTH IS QUIET

Tennis Meet, Community Picnic and Family Excursions.

The celebration of Independence day was quietly observed in St. Helens. A majority of the business houses were closed for the entire day thus affording employer and employee a holiday. In the city park a community sing, picnic and patriotic exercises were held. Rev. Johnston, of the Scappoose Congregational church, made a patriotic address, and Rev. Hisey, of the local Methodist church, read the Declaration of Independence. Rev. Taylor, of the Congregational church, introduced the speakers and outlined the program. Patriotic songs by the audience and children were features of the program. After the exercises all repaired to the long tables, which were amply stored with things good to eat.

In the afternoon a Sunday school meet was held on the schoolhouse play grounds. Sack races, three-legged races, rock races and other sports were indulged in. For team work, Warren carried off the high honors, making a score of 31 points. The St. Helens Methodists came second, with 25½ points, and the score of Houlton and the Congregationalist was 12½ and 9 respectively.

The tennis meet between the Laurelhurst Club of Portland and the local players was an interesting exhibition of tennis playing and was heartily enjoyed.

While no special celebration was staged, the day was much enjoyed by the local folks and the weather man added much by giving us an unusually good day.

EXAMINATION FOR HOULTON POSTMASTER

Job Paid \$615 Last Year to the Incumbent.

The United States civil service commission has announced an examination to be held at Portland, Oregon, on July 28, 1917, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Houlton, Ore., and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$615 for the last fiscal year.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first birthday on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a state where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application blanks, Form 1753, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the United States civil service commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practicable date.

SECURES CONTRACT FOR 200,000 BLOCKS

John Philip informs us that he has just been awarded, through his Portland agent, a contract for 200,000 Belgian blocks, which will be used in street improvement in Oregon's college town. Mr. Philip is now figuring with a Portland contractor on the furnishing of several hundred thousand additional blocks. The contract has not been closed but there is a good chance of landing it.

The Phillip brothers have 80,000 of the blocks on hand, and Thursday began shipment, but with the additional number to be gotten out will employ the services of ten more blockmakers so that the street improvement in Corvallis will not be delayed.

HARD-SURFACED ROAD IS PROMISED

Columbia County Will Get Some Pavement This Year.

A citizen of St. Helens had an interview with a member of the state highway commission several days ago. In speaking of the work proposed to be done in the county, the commissioner stated that it had been decided to pave from the Multnomah county line to Scappoose, and it was probable that more hard-surfacing would be undertaken. He did not care to be quoted as to whether the highway would be on the east or west side of the railroad track, but stated that it would be the policy of the engineers and the commissioners to build a highway which would have as few grade crossings and dangerous curves as possible.

The logical route for the highway, if the elimination of grade crossings is to be an object, would be a straight line on the west side of the railroad track from Scappoose through Warren and West St. Helens, he said. This would do away with the dangerous curve at Honeyman's and the crossing at Warren.

It is probable that some of the commissioners will come to St. Helens in the near future to discuss the matter with the people.

LIST OF TRANSFERS

- June 27—Geo. W. Vogel et ux. to Louise Zimmermann; land in Sec. 6, T. 6 N., R. 2 W., \$10.
- June 27—Jake Zimmerman et ux. to F. H. Reynolds; land in Sec. 7, T. 6 N., R. 2 W., \$10.
- June 27—C. R. Miller et ux. to W. E. Stevens; tracts 11 and 12 Mountain View, \$10.
- June 27—Minnie Price et al. to Elizabeth M. Watts; land in Sec. 12, T. 3 N., R. 2 W., \$1.
- June 27—Hezekiah Caples to M. P. Sommarstrom; lot 6, blk. 51, Columbia City, \$10; also other property in Columbia City.
- June 30—Margaret S. Ainsworth to H. McArthur; land in Sec. 29, T. 5 N., R. 1 W., \$1.
- June 30—Wm. E. Campbell et ux. to Carl R. Hallberg et ux.; lot 3, blk. 18, Rainier, \$10.
- June 30—Joseph Hickenbottom et ux. to R. A. Cram; land in Sec. 4, T. 4 N., R. 4 W., \$1.
- June 30—E. A. Sherman et ux. to Ella A. Allen; lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, blk. 107, and lots 20, 21, 22, blk. 108, St. Helens, \$10.
- July 2—Louis Martin to Joseph Lefebvre et ux.; lot 69, Beaver Homes, \$1.
- July 2—Carl Lilienthal to Albert R. Giger et ux.; land in Sec. 9, T. 7 N., R. 3 W., \$1.
- July 3—Geo. W. Chambers et ux. to W. H. McTaggart et ux.; land in Sec. 4, T. 4 N., R. 1 W., \$200.

MONTHLY REPORT OF CITY WATER SYSTEM

Shows Profit of \$25.47 for the Past Month.

The report of the secretary of the St. Helens board of water commissioners shows that the system is still making money and piling up a neat surplus, the net earnings for the past month amounting to \$425.47. The income and expenses are segregated as follows:

Receipts.	
Water rentals	\$450.50
Delinquent rentals	98.70
Charges for irrigation	128.00
Rentals from steamers	10.50
Houlton rentals	97.00
Collected from taps	7.50
Collected from penalties	1.00
Total collections	\$794.70
Disbursements.	
Operating expenses	9.50
Supplies	236.74
Labor	10.50
Salaries	112.50
Total disbursements	\$369.24
Net receipts	\$425.47

In addition to the bonds and warrants which the commission has invested in, which amount to approximately \$10,000, the report of the secretary shows that there is a cash balance of \$2,950.37 on hand. In the amount paid out for supplies, viz., \$236.74 is a considerable amount of pipe used for a recent extension of the system.

LOCAL FIRM TO BUILD TWO SHIPS

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Two Wooden Vessels for the Government Will Be Built Here.

The best bit of news St. Helens people have had in some time and which means much to the city was conveyed in a telegram from the McCormick company to Manager H. F. McCormick of the lumber company, instructing him to immediately begin cutting on timbers to be used in the construction of two government steamers. Full details have not been received but the government lumber specifications have been in possession of the lumber company for some time, and the work of getting out the timbers necessary for the construction of the vessels which will carry food supplies to our allies and our boys "somewhere in France" will be rushed.

It is presumed that the two steamers to be built will be along the lines adopted by the government naval architects. The type of vessel decided upon is a double ender steamer, wooden construction, with a beam of 45 feet and 286 feet in length, and with a carrying capacity of 2500 tons dead weight, or a lumber carrying capacity of 2,500,000 feet.

The building of the government boats means that not less than 100 additional skilled laborers will be employed in the local yards, and that all that is possible will be done to rush the completion of the vessels.

The Grant-Smith-Porter Company of Portland has secured contracts for ten vessels of this same type. The contracts have been closed and the company instructed to go ahead with the construction of the vessels. The St. Helens Shipbuilding Company has two vessels on the ways at the present time and when those are launched in all probability other government contracts will be received for additional vessels to occupy the ways left vacant.

The building of the two boats already contracted for and the certainty of more contracts for Uncle Sam's commercial fleet will give an impetus to business in St. Helens and furnish employment for a large number of men.

FELBER ESCAPES FROM ASYLUM

Insane Man Again Makes Getaway From State's Hospital.

Sheriff Stanwood has been notified by the superintendent of the state insane asylum that R. C. Felber, who was committed to that institution from Columbia county in May, has escaped. Felber is the man who imagined that his old mother and father who live near Goble were parties to a conspiracy to rob him of his money, and proceeded to give them the necessary chastisement. He was examined by two of the local doctors and found to be insane. The sheriff, realizing that Felber is a dangerous man, has taken every precaution to protect the crazy man's parents and also to arrest him should he come to his former home. In 1897 Felber was sent to the asylum but escaped. He joined the army, so no effort was made to bring him back to the asylum, but in this instance the asylum officers and the county officers will keep a lookout for him and see that he is promptly returned to the asylum.

The Mist has made arrangements with M. J. Brown, editor of the Benton County Courier, for a series of letters descriptive of Alaska. Mr. Brown left yesterday for Seattle, and from the Sound city will go to Skagway, thence down the Yukon 2,000 miles. As Mr. Brown expresses himself: "There is nothing in the world that I like better than going and getting into places where few white men go; break into the society of the Indian villages; mix with the sour-dough boys in the mining camps, and do sign language wig-wags with the Eskimos." We are sure the readers of the Mist will be interested in the description of our far northern territory.