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## PROGRAM IS COMPLETE FOR ANNUAL INSTITUTE

OCTOBER 17, 18 AND 19  
Large Attendance is Expected—Instructive Session Sure.

That the many teachers of Columbia county and the general public who attend the sessions of the Teachers' Institute which will be held here October 17, 18 and 19, will receive great benefit is the opinion of County School Superintendent Allen, who has completed the final arrangements for the three days session. At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning the institute will open with an invocation by Rev. D. J. Taylor. Music, general announcements, registration, etc., will occupy the time until 10 o'clock, when the teachers and visitors will be taken for an inspection trip to the various industrial plants of St. Helens. In the afternoon, E. T. Reed, college editor of the O. A. C., and Mrs. M. L. Fulkerson, institute instructor of Salem, will make instructive talks. H. D. Sheldon, dean of School of Education, and J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, will speak on selected subjects Thursday forenoon, and a very interesting program has been arranged for the afternoon.

Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, there will be a special program at the city hall, to which the general public is cordially invited. Hon. B. F. Mulkey, of Portland, is the speaker for the evening.

The program as arranged for Friday morning and afternoon covers many necessary subjects for the betterment of the school teaching systems and several prominent educators are expected to speak.

Superintendent Allen believes he has been very fortunate to secure the following instructors:

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

E. F. Carleton, assistant superintendent of public instruction.

Mrs. M. L. Fulkerson, institute instructor.

H. D. Sheldon, dean of School of Education.

Hon. B. F. Mulkey.

E. T. Reed, college editor O. A. C.

During the institute the school children will have a holiday. The reception committee, of which Mrs. L. R. Rutherford is chairman, has made plans for the entertainment of the visiting teachers, and in fact everything is ready for a successful session of the institute.

## DRAFTED MEN ARRIVE SAFELY

Good Work by Transportation Companies.

L. C. Gilman, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, a member of the committee on National Defense, Portland, in discussing the movement of drafted men, said:

"The last of the third draft contingent arrived safely at American Lake last night. The movement just completed represented 18,400 men, or 40 per cent of the 46,000 to be transported.

By train schedule adjustments all the troop specials arrived practically on time. Sleeping cars were provided for everyone for at least part of the trip, so there were no discomforts for lack of berths. The drafted boys were uniformly well behaved, and there was no damage to equipment.

There have been no train accidents on any of the movements. There was no interruption of regular passenger and freight service.

## YANKTON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LARGE

G. L. Tarbell, clerk of the Yankton school district, states that the attendance at the Yankton school is larger than last year. More than eighty pupils are now enrolled and more are expected. The school board thought it could get along with two teachers this year, but are now considering employing one more on account of the large number of scholars. The Yankton school has always been one of the county's best schools, and the patrons and directors take much pride in it.

## EYE WITNESSES TO TRIPLE TRAGEDY

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoskin and Dr. Hoskin and Miss Leona Perkins were eye witnesses to the accident at Reedville, near Hillsboro, Sunday evening which resulted in the loss of three lives. The automobile which was struck by a Southern Pacific train at a grade crossing, passed the St. Helens party a few minutes prior to the accident and was traveling at a great speed. Evidently the driver, Miss Schneider, had been racing with the train, and when coming to the crossing, seeing that she could not stop the automobile, tried to cross the track in front of the oncoming train. All occupants of the machine were injured. Dr. Hoskin assisted in giving first aid and helped in sending the injured persons to Portland.

## FOOD CONSERVATION FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

Organization Will Start to Help Win World's War.

Hoover's campaign for food conservation, so far as Columbia county is concerned, is started. Sherman Miles has been appointed as county chairman by W. B. Ayer, state chairman, and plans have been put into execution for the successful conduct of the work. Mr. Miles said that "every woman in Columbia county will be asked to sign a pledge card. They will be asked to conserve their forces by saving wheat, meat, milk, fats, sugar and perishable produce." It is believed this can better be accomplished by issuing and having signed pledge cards, which is a definite enlistment in this great army of savers.

School Superintendent Allen has entered heartily in the work, and will depend on the teachers and school children of the county to help in the execution of the plans. The week of October 21 to 28 has been designated as a county-wide "clean up week," in which 90 to 100 per cent of the nation's homes are pledged to this move. A more detailed account of what is expected and the program outlined will be furnished by Chairman Miles and the Mist will give its readers these details in our next issue.

## PATRIOTIC WEEK IS PROCLAIMED

Governor Withycombe Urges Oregon People to Buy Liberty Bonds.

Salem, Ore.—Urging every Oregonian to invest in the liberty loan, Governor Withycombe today proclaimed the week from October 14 to October 20 as patriotic week. His proclamation follows:

Whereas, the American people have set themselves the task of raising a second Liberty Loan of from three to five billion dollars. Twentieth century war requires vast sums of money. The requirements are far beyond what the wealthiest country can raise by taxation. The great nations of Europe have been at war for three years. They have floated loan after loan successfully. It is unthinkable that this country should fall with its second loan, six months after the declaration of war; and

Whereas, failure to provide the necessary money would mean failure properly to provide and equip our troops. An army insufficiently equipped and supplied is led to unavailing slaughter. We owe to those who are to do the fighting to stand behind them loyally, to give them everything which will add to their efficiency and bring nearer the day of victory. Let us not fight this war half-heartedly, with one hand behind our backs. Let us fight it manfully in a manner worthy the best traditions of the republic; and

Whereas, Oregon's share of the fund required is sixteen and a half to twenty-four million dollars. This is a sum too large to be raised without the co-operation of the whole people. Every Oregonian with an income should consider it a duty and a privilege to purchase one or more bonds, in proportion to his means. The government asks us not to contribute, but to invest. There is no safer investment in the world than a loan to the United States; Now, therefore, by virtue of the

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## A STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

Concerning the Shipbuilding Strike in the Northwest.

To the Public

The undersigned has been acting as a committee under appointment by the Employing Shipbuilders of the Columbia River District for the purpose of effecting a settlement of the strike which for the past two weeks has threatened to paralyze the shipbuilding industry.

We have met in repeated conferences with a committee representing the striking employees. The Employees' Committee comprises the following persons: Charles M. Bottomley, C. F. Palmer, C. E. Kidd, Wm. McKenzie and B. A. Melonis.

These conferences have been held in conjunction with Mr. G. Y. Harry, Federal Mediator appointed by the United States Secretary of Labor. Before the conferences commenced the City of Portland appointed Eugene Smith, formerly president of the Central Labor Council, as a mediator, but the committee representing the employees refused to meet the representative of the city and consequently Mr. Smith has been excluded from the conferences.

From the beginning we have assured the committee of the employees that the employing shipbuilders were ready to leave to the Federal Adjustment Board the determination of all questions at issue, and to abide by such determination whatever it might be. This Board is now en route to the Coast from Washington, D. C., and will hold hearings in this city immediately upon its arrival here. The suggestion was then made that all matters might not be determined by the Board, and we at once gave the assurance that if the men would return to work the employing shipbuilders would not only abide by any decision of the Board, but would immediately upon the announcement of the Board's decision resume the conferences with the Employees' Committee for the settlement of any matters not determined by the Board.

These offers were declined by the Employees' Committee. We thereupon requested a statement of the conditions on which the men would return to work and were informed that they would return if the employers "signed up" an agreement with the Metal Trades Council and affiliated union organizations, which was presented to us. This proposed agreement required all employees to become members of the union within thirty days. It also provided that the employers could not require their employees to work on any material coming from the establishment of any other employer who should be declared "unfair" by the Metal Trades Council, meaning, as we understand, an employer who insists upon the right to employ non-union as well as union men.

The employing shipbuilders represented by us declined to sign an agreement for a closed shop, and we thereupon urged upon the Employees' Committee to specify the conditions under which the men would return to work, hoping that they would state their grievances and afford us an opportunity of satisfying their demands if possible. This request has been entirely ignored, and the only answer at any time received has been: "Sign the Metal Trades Council agreement and the men will return to work." Indeed, the chairman of the Employees' Committee stated that the committee had no authority to make any agreement other than the one proposed, and although ample opportunity has been given to secure such authority, no other offer has at any time been made.

On Tuesday, October 2, after the strike had been in effect for over two weeks, the Employees' Committee requested us to state the conditions of employment which the employers were willing to offer. This request seemed to us most unusual and, in fact, extraordinary, for the reason that the employees and not the employers were the one who elected to cease work, and the natural course would be pursued with conditions to specify the conditions under which they would resume work. However, in the interest of the continuance of

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## STEAMER GEORGIANA HAS LITTLE MISHAP

Is Slightly Damaged in Collision—Repairs Now Made.

Passengers in the deck cabin of the steamer Georgiana had a narrow escape from serious injury Tuesday morning, when in a dense fog the vessel on which they were traveling struck the steamer Diamond O which was lying at the Linnton oil dock. The bow of the Georgiana struck the "fantail" of the Diamond O, and the result was that about fifty feet of the outside structure of the Georgiana on the port side was ripped off. Passengers heard the crash and hurriedly left their seats, and it was fortunate for them that they did so, as the seats were demolished. James Sheldon was aboard and stated that the officers and crew handled the situation in an admirable manner and there was little excitement among the many passengers aboard. The damage to the Georgiana has been repaired and she is again in regular service.

## COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

The county school superintendent has visited about one-third of the schools to date, and finds many improvements and many changes in the teaching forces. District 35, a new district two miles west of Yankton, has erected and equipped a new school building which is a credit to the new settlement. Much work has been done on the grounds and a good fence has been put around the premises. Marie Dixon is in charge of this school.

Lillian Cooper is entering on her third year's work at Shiloh Basin. Among the improvements there we notice a new play shed, and a pressure water system which does good service as a sanitary drinking fountain. We find about 40 per cent increase in attendance at this school. Will standardize soon.

Gertrude Uhlman is teaching her first school at District 34, with a considerable increase of attendance over last year.

The Neer City school is in charge of Mrs. Ruth Blakeslee, and has made many improvements since our last visit, including a new play apparatus, new steps, freshly painted within. Will standardize soon.

The Deer Island district school is progressing nicely with Kenneth Blakeslee as principal, and assisted by Miss Myrl Davis.

District 21, Chapman, has cleared and fenced its school grounds and is installing a water system. Mrs. Bird B. Clark is in charge for the second year.

Marie Walker is teaching her first school at District 28.

Clatskanie has erected a new rural school in the north part of the district, which makes the third school building in that district.

Maudie Smith, of Clatskanie, is teaching at Nevorstll.

Nell Geary has been substituting for Miss Mattie Case at 29.

The institute will be held at St. Helens October 17, 18 and 19, during which time all schools in the county will be closed for the purpose of giving the teachers an opportunity to attend this meeting.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The juniors are glad to welcome back their champion football player and enthusiast, Lester Lake.

A special meeting of the student body was held Wednesday morning for the purpose of electing members of the editorial staff. Mason Dillard was elected manager, with Marian Baker as editor in chief.

A lecture on the "Conservation of Food" was given in the school building Wednesday evening.

A football game has been scheduled with Rainier for October 18. We hope everyone will come out to the first game of the season, at least.

Several new students were enrolled this week, bringing the total number to about eighty.

The faculty of the O. A. C. found out they couldn't well get along without Dale Perry so offered him inducements to return to college. Dale left for Corvallis Wednesday morning. We will hear from him when the first big O. A. C. football game is played.

## CREAMERY OUTPUT FOR SEPTEMBER BIG

During the month of September the output of the St. Helens Co-operative Creamery Association was slightly in excess of 6,000 pounds of butter. With butter fat at 49 cents per pound, the dairymen in this vicinity received from the creamery the tidy sum of \$3,000. H. A. Colt, the buttermaker, has had ten years experience in the business and recently came here from Alma, Wash. He received his training in the dairy department of the University of Idaho, and the fact that in July he scored first in the state of Washington indicates that he knows his business. Although a considerable amount of the St. Helens butter is shipped to Portland and Seattle, a large percentage of the production is disposed of in St. Helens.

## GROWTH OF BANK IS GRATIFYING

Large Increase in Resources and Deposits.

The officials of the Columbia County Bank are sending out to their customers a neat statement showing the resources of that institution. A condensed comparative report for the past three years shows a remarkable growth in resources and deposits. September, 1915, the resources were \$274,140.20. In the same month in 1916 the resources had increased to \$308,187.49, while in September, 1917, the resources reached \$416,952.16, an increase of close to \$150,000 over 1915. The deposits have also increased. September, 1915, they were \$212,426.34; in 1916, \$247,888.70, and in September, 1917, \$355,556.15, an increase of \$143,000 over 1915, and \$108,000 over 1916. The statement indicates the continued growth of this sound institution, which is gratifying to its officials and patrons.

## COST OF SMOKING TO BE HIGHER

Tobacco Dealers Raise Prices on Account of War Tax.

On account of the high war tax they are required to pay, the tobacco dealers of St. Helens have raised prices from 25 to 50 per cent, and hereafter the man who puffs the little "pill" or enjoys the luxury of the fragrant Havana will have to pay more for the enjoyment. All cigarettes, formerly 5 cents are now 8 cents or two for 15 cents; 10-cent cigarettes are now 15 cents or two for 25 cents, and 15-cent packages are 20 cents or two for 35 cents. All smoking tobaccos have been advanced in the same proportion, but for a short while the cigar smoker may still buy a 5-cent cigar or the tobacco chewer may buy a plug of the weed without mortgaging his home in order to gratify his appetite. The war tax is quite heavy and the St. Helens dealers are following the example of tobacco dealers throughout the state.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ST. HELENS

Dear Readers of the Mist: Do you, each and all, citizens great and small, know that St. Helens has a public library? Aye! And do you know just where it is? Nay? Then let me tell you just where to find it. Pass along the gravel walk past the city hall toward the river any evening, between 7 and 9 o'clock. Just at the rear of the hall you will find a flight of stairs. Ascend them, open the door (it won't be locked), enter and meet the librarian. She will cheerfully show you the big book cases and shelves of books. You will be surprised to find many of the modern books of fiction and many more of the standard fiction there, besides books of reference. On a table near by you will find all the last numbers of the best magazines, and you may sit there and spend an interesting and profitable hour. Try it some evening. If you do you will go again. And how did the city of St. Helens come into possession of this library? Ask Mrs. Owen, the librarian. She will tell you, for she knows. You will come away saying to yourself: "Well! Well! Women's clubs are not all 'vanity and vexation of spirit' after all."

A CLUB MEMBER.

## LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE PLANNED FOR COUNTY

SPEAKERS ARE COMING

Plans to Wage Campaign—County Expected to Subscribe Largely.

The Oregon Liberty Loan campaign committee has called on Columbia county to furnish its quota on the Second Liberty Loan. The state's allotment is \$16,500,000. From present indications and the interest being taken it is probable that Columbia county will give a good account of itself. Milton A. Miller, chairman of the sub-committee on speakers, has appointed A. F. Flangel, of Portland, and S. M. Miles, of St. Helens, as two of the speakers, and S. C. Morton has been appointed by C. C. Chapman, in charge of the arrangements for the speaking tour in the county. Tonight the opening gun will be fired at the city hall, Messrs. Flangel and Miles being the principal speakers. It is probable that an English captain, just from the trenches, will be present and make an address. Tuesday night a rousing meeting will be held in Rainier. Fred Trow and Geo. W. Vogel are the committee appointed to handle the arrangements at that place. A meeting will be held in Clatskanie Wednesday, October 17. W. A. Hall and C. H. Stockwell will make the necessary arrangements for a big turnout.

It is expected that St. Helens will subscribe liberally to the bond issue. The Columbia County Bank has announced that it stands ready to assist anyone in the purchase of these bonds, accepting the bonds as collateral and charging only 6 per cent. H. F. McCormick has offered any employee of the St. Helens Lumber Co. or the shipbuilding company who wishes to take a bond or bonds, that the companies he represents will stand 1 per cent of the interest charge on any loan they obtain for the purchase of bonds, which leaves the purchaser to pay one per cent, the bonds drawing 4 per cent.

We are not able to give the complete program for tonight's meeting, but the committee in charge promises that it will be well worth the time of those who attend.

## RED CROSS NOTES

The St. Helens Red Cross met at its rooms in the Guild hall Saturday afternoon and did much work during the afternoon. A dozen nightgales were finished and some pillows made. In addition to this work, some hand knitted woolen socks were handed in by members. The following new members were taken in: Mrs. A. J. Peel, Mrs. J. S. Brown, Mrs. Minnie Dolohial, Mrs. A. V. Urie and Mrs. Annie Richardson.

On Saturday, the ladies of the Red Cross will sell goods and serve lunch at Taber's store and will be glad to meet all of their friends at that place. The following good "eats" will be served: Beans, brown bread, fish, potato salad, sandwiches, pie, cake, coffee and tea.

Mrs. W. H. Hoskin has been appointed by the Portland Red Cross chapter to visit Warren and organize an auxiliary at that place.

Warren already has started in the work and the 22 members under the leadership of Mrs. Hoyt and Mrs. Russell meet every Tuesday afternoon. It is hoped to secure new members and more thoroughly organize the work.

## LARGE REGISTRATION AT OREGON AGCY

The Oregon Agricultural College opened its doors for registration Monday, October 8. Classes began on Wednesday. The first day's registration was larger than any other in the history of the institution, the number of women and freshmen being exceptionally large. The registration of men in the upper classes was much heavier than expected because of the heavy enlistments in the military and civil service of the country.

New and effective fire protection for the dormitories and principal buildings of O. A. C. has just been installed. The Corvallis fire department co-operates with the college in preventing loss by fire.

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