

MIST MISTINGS

Rev. A. S. Hisey was a Portland visitor Monday.

H. Eschebeck, of Scappoose, visited friends in St. Helens Tuesday.

Harold P. Broughton was in Clatskanie Monday on a business mission.

The Honor Guard will meet next Monday night at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Rees Hall.

Drop in at Ramsey's bakery and try a cup of nice hot coffee. Served at any time.

A. Austin is down from Woodburn looking after his mercantile interests here.

Marshal Potter returned Tuesday night after a two day visit with old friends in Kelso.

Have you tried those nice chicken tamales which we serve or sell at retail? Mason's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Hall, of Chiloock, Wash., spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hall.

Mrs. M. Risen, of Rainier, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenthal, returning to her home Monday morning.

The ladies of the Catholic church will hold a card party and entertainment at the Guild hall tonight. The public is cordially invited. Admission 25 cents.

William J. Sheehy, district agent of the Oregon Life Insurance Company, was here this week in the interest of his company.

Mrs. Flora Owens has received word that her son Ray Owens, an officer in the U. S. engineering corps, had safely arrived in France.

Morning or afternoon, come to Ramsey's bakery and try a cup of delicious hot coffee. Cake, pie, doughnuts, etc., also served.

Miss Ketura Dixon has accepted a position in the office of the St. Helens Lumber Company, succeeding Miss Leona Perkins, resigned.

Get wise. Have your shoes repaired while you wait. Best half soles sewed on in 15 minutes. You're next. Get busy. The Modern Shoe Shop, St. Helens.

Miss Josephine Adams, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, has entered the Portland school of telegraphy, and in a few months hopes to be a finished operator.

We are here to serve, not to be served. Our aim is to do what you want done, and do it quick. Make us prove it. Modern Shoe Shop, St. Helens.

The auto owners as a general rule obtained their new license numbers promptly. A. S. Harrison has the lowest number in the town, viz., No. 80. Those numbers coming in now run well into the thousands.

Mrs. E. A. Rotger was a Portland visitor Thursday.

Mayor and Mrs. Ballagh and children motored to Portland Wednesday.

Roadmaster Abry returned Thursday noon from a surveying trip on the roads back of Rainier.

Responding to many requests, I have decided to serve light refreshments such as coffee, pie, cake, doughnuts, etc., at my bakery. J. E. Ramsey, St. Helens Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Johnson, parents of Mrs. J. T. Taber, left Thursday morning for Tacoma and will visit relatives in that city for several weeks.

Col. J. S. Parke, well known to many St. Helens people, is now located at Storrs, Conn., and is attached to the regular U. S. army. Colonel Parks was, some years ago, retired from active service.

L. O. Herrold, the contractor who has the contract on the highway between Delena and Inglis, was in St. Helens Wednesday. He reports the work progressing well and says that motorists should be able to use the road.

Rev. A. S. Hisey is much gratified with the growth of the Methodist church in West St. Helens. At last Sunday's meeting twelve new members were added to the membership list of the church and others have signified their intention of joining.

Fred W. Elder, of Portland, was in St. Helens Saturday for the purpose of getting up a music class. Mr. Elder is a teacher of piano and harmony and until recently was a teacher in the Denver, Colo., conservatory. He is a brother-in-law of Rev. F. J. Meyer.

Percy Harrison has received a letter from Charles Brown, former deputy sheriff, who is a member of the 20th Engineers and is stationed at Washington. Mr. Brown stated his company was daily expecting orders that would take them across the big pond and that all of the boys were anxious to be on the way.

County School Superintendent J. W. Allen returned last Friday from Salem, where he attended the meeting of school superintendents of Oregon. While in Salem Mr. Allen assisted in grading the examination papers of the hundreds of Oregon teachers who recently stood examinations for state and term certificates.

John Southard, who left last week for Seattle, to resume his studies at the University of Washington, writes that the train service from Portland to Seattle is not as frequent as some days ago. Only three trains are now operated between Portland and the Sound City and those are crowded. The train on which John went had seventeen passenger coaches, and they were all filled.

Rev. F. J. Meyer, formerly pastor of the Congregational church here, was in St. Helens Saturday greeting his many friends. Recently Mr. Meyer was appointed secretary of the service department of the Portland Y. M. C. A. and has entered upon his new duties. Mr. Meyer is in the hopes that he will be sent to France to work with the Y. M. C. A. among our soldier boys.

Miss Leona Perkins will leave today for her home in Draln, and after spending several days with her mother will go to San Francisco to accept a position in the main office of the McCormick company. Miss Perkins has been employed by the St. Helens Lumber Co. for a number of years, being in charge of the public service department, and her transfer to San Francisco comes as a deserved promotion.

Rev. A. S. Hisey will leave Monday for Silverton, where he will assist Rev. Ernest M. Smith, the pastor of the Methodist church there, in a two weeks' revival meeting. Mr. Hisey will, however, return to St. Helens to hold his regular Sunday services.

Captain Jamieson, formerly master of the steamer St. Helens and of the San Ramon of the Dodge line, has entered the employ of the McCormick company and is on the steamer Klamath, succeeding Captain Cullen.

A number of ship caulkers went to Portland Monday night to attend a meeting of their local. A number of speeches were made by members of the local but the principle address was made by Jack McManus of this city. An invitation was extended to the Portland members to attend the big dance here Saturday night, and many signified their intention of being in attendance.

The Gem theatre has made arrangements with the Mutual Film Corporation to show the "Mutual Weekly," and the service will begin today. The Weekly shows all current events and is educational and interesting. The film pictures are shown soon after the happenings, and the St. Helens people will have the privilege of seeing them soon after the events occur. See it tonight.

Mrs. J. G. Gillingham, field secretary of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross, will be in St. Helens Monday evening, January 14, and will address the people of St. Helens at the city hall at 8 o'clock, on Red Cross work. Special music is being arranged for that evening, and every person who is interested in our soldier and sailor boys at the front is earnestly requested to be present.

Mrs. Otto Lorentzen gave a surprise birthday party for her husband Tuesday night. Guests present were Mrs. A. W. Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Taber, Misses Marie Paulson, Arline Paulson and Helen Johnson, and Mr. Harry Peterson. Progressive five hundred was played and a beautiful lunch was served by the hostess. A general good time was had.

H. D. Scott has received a letter from his sister, Mrs. James Callahan, who lives in Halifax, N. S., telling some very interesting facts as to the great explosion and fire in that city. At the time of the explosion Mrs. Callahan was in the kitchen and her husband and boy in the bedroom. She heard a distant rumble and then a jar and knew nothing more until she was picked up in the street. Her home was partially demolished and Mr. Callahan suffered some injury, though the little boy was unharmed when dug from the debris of the ruined home. The scenes of suffering and death, she said, were beyond description.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia County Bank

was held in the offices of the bank Thursday afternoon. All of the present directors were reelected. The report submitted showed the bank to be in excellent condition and enjoying a larger business than at any other time since the bank was established. The directors will meet during the coming week and elect officers.

S. M. Miles returned Thursday from a business trip to Seattle.

An effort is being made to secure the three high Canadian officers who are now in Oregon, to visit St. Helens and relate their experience in the front line trenches, and other information concerning the great world's war. If an arrangement can be made for them to come to St. Helens, announcement will be made in the Mist next week.

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It's surely coming and you should have your house comfortable. We have a large line of Heaters ranging in price from

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All of them are fully guaranteed.

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Priced at 25, 30, 35 and 40c Per Pound

It is just as fine Coffee as you can find. You may find as good at a greater price but none better. Let us send you a trial order and you will be convinced.

Our Line of Groceries

is complete, and our Vegetables are received fresh every day. We want to be your grocers, and will serve you well.



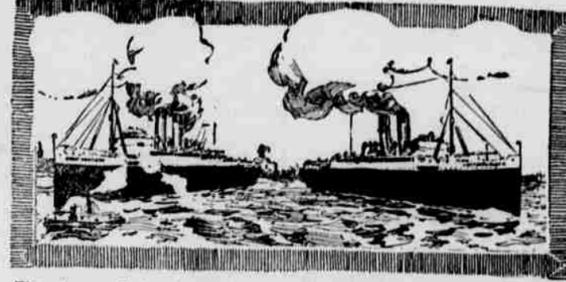
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If you don't trade with us we both lose money.



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Shipping and Waterfront News



The steamer Daisy is expected tonight or tomorrow and will take on a partial cargo of lumber for delivery at San Pedro. The balance of the cargo was taken on in Portland.

Laden with 1,000,000 feet of lumber and carrying a full passenger list, the steamer Wapama, Captain Foldat, sailed Saturday night. The destination of the vessel is San Pedro and Port San Luis, Cal.

The steamer Klamath arrived in Saturday morning, coming light from San Francisco. After taking on a cargo of 1,037,000 feet of lumber, the vessel sailed Wednesday night for San Pedro. A number of passengers were also carried.

The output of the Columbia County Lumber Company for the year 1917 was slightly over 25,000,000 feet, which is a slight increase over the previous year. The output was shipped by both rail and water, though the larger part of it was water borne.

The sailing schooner beng built for Balfour, Guthrie & Company by the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company will be launched the latter part of the month, river conditions permitting. The vessel is along the lines of the well known schooners Geo. E. Billings and Inca, and will carry 1,600,000 feet of lumber.

The cargo of lumber which the Allard was to take to Australia is still on the dock of the St. Helens Lumber Co., no vessel yet being available to take on the lumber.

According to information received from San Francisco, the motor vessels City of Portland and S. I. Allard have not yet entered the San Francisco-Honolulu run. A strike of the ship caulkers delayed work on the vessel, but the strike has been settled and the ships are expected to soon be ready for the government service.

The United States shipping board, through Director Henry Howard, has issued a circular letter to the public stating that no apprehension should be felt as to the measures the board is taking to provide crews for our merchant marine. The circular sets forth that in the various navigation schools on the Pacific coast and the various Atlantic ports 600 men are being trained. The engineering term is one month and the navigation term six weeks, after which the students are sent to sea for intensive drill and experience. None but citizens may enter these training schools, and it is expected that the plans of the United States shipping board will aid in building up the American merchant marine.

EXTRA SPECIAL

WE are overstocked on a few articles that are very useful in the everyday needs during the winter months and in spite of the fact that in most cases these prices are below the present wholesale quotations we are going to give special prices on them for one week.

Outing Flannel 14c

A New Stock of Ladies' Umbrellas. Reg. price \$1.35 **98c**

Overalls, Kahki Overalls with bib and a number of regular weight \$1 blue overalls in domestic dye **1**

Comforters---A new stock

Regular price \$2.85	2.45
Regular price \$2.50	2.15

AUSTIN'S

St. Helens Oregon

GEM THEATRE SUN. JAN. 13

Matinee 4:30. Evenings 6:30-8:15

William S. Hart



in 'The Cold Deck'

Mutual Weekly

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This will be a first run weekly shown here before being shown at Portland. Giving latest current events.