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BRIDE OF FEW DAYS STOLEN FROM HUSBAND IS NOT YET LOCATED

Wife of Robert F. Cole Spirited Away
Husband Looking for Her.

Under circumstances savoring of abduction, Mrs. Robert F. Cole, formerly Miss Lou Elsie Williamson, of Portland, was taken from St. Helens Tuesday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock and her whereabouts are still unknown to her anxious husband, who is superintendent of the St. Helens Light & Power Company.

Cole and Miss Williamson were married in Portland Thursday, the 14th inst., and after a short wedding trip to Salem and Oregon City came to St. Helens Monday. Mrs. Cole was engaged to be married to a Portland painter by the name of M. A. Johnson, and he had secured a house and furnished it in expectation of the approaching wedding. The bride-to-be, however, who visited St. Helens several months ago and while here met Cole, changed her mind as to marrying Johnson and phoned to Cole to come up to see her. He went up to Portland and they were married. It appears that the marriage did not meet with the approval of Johnson, the bride's brother and her aunt. Mrs. Alice Blackwell, and they made plans to kidnap the bride. Coming to St. Helens Tuesday afternoon, they learned Mrs. Cole was stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McCormick. The machine and driver and Mrs. Blackwell were left on Columbia street and two men went up to see Mrs. Cole. In answer to a knock at the door, Mrs. Cole appeared on the porch and was immediately taken in charge and hustled over the hill by the Rutherford and Peel residences and to the school-house, and as the auto drove up she was bundled in it and taken away. Cole came home about 6 o'clock and missed his bride, and was told that she had left. An investigation of the matter brought the facts to light, and the aid of Sheriff Stanwood was secured and he and Cole went to Portland in search for the missing bride and her abductors. Cole returned Thursday afternoon without having located his wife, but in the meantime a Portland attorney had come to St. Helens and filed a divorce suit for Mrs. Cole. The plaintiff alleges that she was forced to marry Cole and did so for the purpose of saving her life and the life of Johnson, and that the defendant, her husband, had threatened her bodily harm if she left him; that she was in great fear of him and asked for a restraining order from the court which would prevent Cole from interfering with her pending the divorce proceedings.

Mr. Cole claims it is a frame up on the part of Johnson and Mrs. Blackwell to get his bride from him and that she signed the complaint and instituted divorce proceedings because they compelled her to do so. It is quite evident that the complaint is a trumped up one, and the friends of both parties will watch the outcome with much interest. In the meantime Cole is still looking for his wife, but thus far her captors have been very successful in keeping her out of sight.

RECEIVES PROMOTION IN NAVY SERVICE

Harry Wilson is Advanced to Position of Yeoman.

The Mist has received the following letter from Harry Wilson which contains the news of his promotion. His many friends here will be glad to know that he is making himself known in the service of his country. The letter follows:

"St. Helens Mist, St. Helens, Oregon. "Dear Editor: My address has been slightly changed, so I am dropping you a line to inform you of it. I wish my copies of the Mist sent to Harry A. Wilson, U. S. Naval Training Station, Executive Office, San Francisco.

"I was transferred from the Yeoman school on March 1, and have been detailed to duty at this office. I was also rated yeoman, third class, on that date, so I expect to be sent to sea at any time in the near future. "I am now working in the insurance department of this office help-

THRIFT AND WAR STAMP SALES

Largest Sale is Recorded of Any Week Thus Far.

Following are the sales of Thrift and War Savings Stamps for the week ending Wednesday, March 13. The sales show an increase of \$800 over the previous week and brings the total sales up to \$11,365.77. Clatskanie continues to lead all other Columbia county towns, with Rainier running a close second. St. Helens trails along in third place, when, according to population and wealth, it should be in first place. Looks as though it was time someone in St. Helens was waking up and taking a little interest in the Thrift campaign.

| Weekly Sales | |
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| Clatskanie | \$ 513.59 |
| Deer Island | 25.00 |
| Goble | 253.49 |
| Houlton | 146.09 |
| Ingalls | 25.03 |
| Mayger | 95.80 |
| Prescott | 93.33 |
| Rainier | 374.36 |
| Vernonia | 25.00 |
| St. Helens | 295.84 |

Total \$ 1,847.35
Previously reported 9,518.42

Grand total \$11,365.77

RED CROSS NOTES

The St. Helens auxiliary has another lot of supplies ready for shipment. This will make the second shipment during the past month, which is a very good showing.

The ladies of the Red Cross wish it known that there is plenty of work on hand and there will be enough to keep all busy for some time to come. The sewing rooms are open every afternoon during the week with the exception of Tuesday.

Mrs. George Wilson, secretary of the local Red Cross, has received a letter from headquarters praising the work sent by the St. Helens branch. The letter stated the work was exceptionally well done and it was a pleasure to handle supplies from the St. Helens branch.

Since the last drive, 51 new members have been added to the Red Cross roll.

The Red Cross wishes to thank J. H. Thattler for another donation of useful supplies. The ladies feel very grateful for the interest he has shown in the organization.

The Red Cross has been asked by Herbert Hoover to lend the machinery of its organization to collect for the Belgian commission from the people of the United States a certain amount of selected used and surplus clothing for the relief work in Belgium. In order to do this it will be necessary for every worker in the auxiliary to give up next week from the regular Red Cross work and put in all the time possible on the special work.

HOME GUARD TO MEET TONIGHT

The St. Helens Home Guard will hold its first regular meeting tonight in the city hall. Captain Mason will announce his appointments as sergeants and corporals, and regular drill work will begin. An application has been made for equipment and the officers of the company hope to receive a favorable response from the state officers.

ing to prepare insurance papers for all the recruits that are sent to this station. There are seven yeomen, including one chief, who do nothing but make out insurance papers. We prepared twenty-three applications yesterday, and nineteen out of that number applied for \$10,000 insurance. None of them were less than \$5,000, which I think is a pretty good record. It has been the same with every company that is sent here. Nearly all the men take out \$10,000 policies.

"I would be pleased very much to receive letters from any of the St. Helens people, as we always appreciate any word from those we left behind. I will promise a prompt reply to any letters received.

"HARRY A. WILSON."

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Howe and daughter visited friends in Portland Thursday.

FRENCH SPAD IS THE SWIFTEST WAR PLANE



The spad is the swiftest of the air craft used by the armies in Europe. This one has been officially named Ma Jeanne by its pilot.

COUNTY FAIR BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

Fair Will Be Held September 18 to 20 This Year.

The Columbia county fair board met in the office of the county school superintendent on the afternoon of March 9 and took up matters pertaining to the coming county fair. W. J. Fullerton was reelected president of the Columbia County Fair Association, and J. W. Alles was reelected secretary. The county fair will be held September 18, 19 and 20.

The task of revising the premium list was taken up and discussed at some length and considerable headway was made in its revision. A number of interested farmers were present to confer with the board on matters pertaining to the fair.

The fair board will most likely erect a new building for the accommodation of the juvenile poultry, rabbit, pig, etc., show. Arrangements will most likely be made also for a dancing pavilion and many other minor improvements. The fair board is planning on not only a good fair but more and better attractive features than ever before along the line of up-to-date amusements, etc., with the idea of giving those who patronize the fair more than value received for their money.

The management has greatly appreciated the patronage it has received in the past and is determined to convince the people of this appreciation by giving them still a better fair than ever.

The school fair promises to be much better than ever. More industrial work is being done in the schools of Columbia county than ever before. Clubs are being organized quite generally to take up gardening, pig raising, sheep raising and other activities to reduce the food shortage and to be of real service to mankind.

SCHOOL THRIFT SALES

McBride School
Miss Matthew's room: Total \$23; gain for the week, \$2.
Miss Taylor's room: Total \$52; gain for the week, \$1.25.
Miss Armstrong's room: Total \$127.25; gain of week, \$12.25.
Mrs. Andrew's room: Total \$51; gain for the week \$8.
Mr. Lake's room: Total \$114.75.

High School
Senior class: Total \$42.25; gain for the week \$3.50.
Junior class: Total \$56.75; gain for the week, \$12.75.
Sophomore class: Total, \$28; no gain reported.
Freshman class: Total, \$36.25; no gain reported.

John Gunn School
Miss Perry's room: Total, \$30.50; gain for the week, \$3.
Miss Hall's room: Total, \$48.25; gain for the week, \$7.75.
Mrs. Lake's room: Total, \$107.75; gain for the week, \$6.25.
Miss LaBare's room: Total, \$110; no gain reported.
Miss Kickethler's room: Total, \$98.75; gain for the week, \$9.50.
Miss Stennick's room: Total, \$86.25; gain for the week, \$16.
Mrs. Wilson's room: Total \$86.60; gain for the week, \$10.25.
Mr. Brown's room: Total, \$108.75.

PORTLAND ELKS INVADE ST. HELENS

Bring Band and Give Fine Concert to Large Audience.

B. P. O. E. 142, the Portland lodge of Elks, entertained the citizens of St. Helens and many from points outside of the city Wednesday night with a band concert and a patriotic address by K. K. Kubili, past exalted ruler of the lodge. At the conclusion of the address Judge Frank D. Hegness entertained the audience with a song entitled "Then I'll Come Back to You."

The address of Mr. Kubili was a patriotic one and was well received by the large audience. Time and time again he was interrupted by the applause of the listeners, which showed they approved of his sentiments and were heartily in accord with his patriotic utterances.

The band concert was much enjoyed by the large assemblage and they appreciated the kindness of the Portland lodge in bringing the band down to St. Helens and furnishing the musical treat which was given. After the conclusion of the program, the visitors were escorted to Guild hall and served with sandwiches and hot coffee. Wives of some of the local Elks arranged the lunch and acted as hostesses.

Before the final number was rendered W. B. Dillard proposed a rising vote of thanks to the Portland lodge for their kindness in giving our citizens such an enjoyable evening.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The students and faculty of the high school wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Taylor on the arrival of a daughter.

Wednesday morning the students were aroused from a period of mental concentration to respond to the fire alarm. Without much effort on the part of the students it took us 60 seconds to vacate the building.

Mr. Taylor, one of the high school teachers, received a telegram from the Y. M. C. A. that he is to leave Portland the 28th inst., en route for duty in France. We are sorry to lose one like Mr. Taylor, and he will be much missed both in and out of school.

Mr. Baker does not seem to be entirely satisfied over the sale of Thrift Stamps in the high school. In a letter received recently from State Superintendent Churchill we are urged to buy Thrift Stamps. He says that in order to meet the demand of the requirement for the schools of Oregon an average of \$20 is needed from each pupil.

We wish the public to bear in mind that the Willamette University Glee Club will be here Mar. 22. College songs, readings, impersonations, solos and stunts—two hours of high class entertainment March 22. Mr. Lawrence Davies '17 graduate of St. Helens high school, will be one of the members of the glee club, and if for no other reason than to relieve your curiosity come and see Lawrence, one of our home boys, perform. This is not the only reason that you must come, for the Willamette Glee Club has gained a good reputation wherever it has been, and we assure you that you will get your money's worth. March 22.

CITY BUYS \$3,750 FIRE TRUCK

Measure is Passed Under Emergency Ordinance.

At its regular meeting Monday night, the city council purchased from the A. G. Long Company, of Portland, a Brockway fire truck, fully equipped, for the sum of \$3,750. After a vote was taken favoring this special truck, an ordinance carrying an emergency clause was passed by the council ratifying the purchase. The Republic truck representative endeavored to sell a Republic truck, and when the matter was put to a vote McDonald voted no, Allen yes, White yes, and Kelly no. There being a tie vote, Mayor Ballagh cast the deciding vote in the negative. The council then, by unanimous vote, purchased the Brockway truck.

The following judges and clerks of election were appointed: Ward No. 1—Judges, M. F. Hazen and C. H. Thompson; clerks, H. P. Ross, Mrs. Annie Richardson and Mrs. John Reuben. Ward No. 2—Judges, Chas. Graham and C. W. Emerson; clerks, Mrs. N. O. Larabee, Ham Kautzman and Mrs. Sarah Crouse.

Much routine business was brought before the council and disposed of and several building permits were granted.

NEWS FROM OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Mrs. H. F. McCormick has received a letter from her brother, George Perkins, who was a survivor of the Tuscania murder. George did not give any details except to say that he with many others had been safely landed in England. The one request that he made of his sister was to write and at the same time forward a supply of Bull Durham tobacco, for he "would certainly appreciate it after smoking the English tobacco."

George Gore, the St. Helens attorney who practiced law with W. A. Harris, and who, after attending the officers' training camp in San Francisco, was appointed lieutenant in the artillery, is now in Paris, France, and soon expects to be on the firing line.

Miss Effie Perkins, sister of Mrs. H. F. McCormick and Miss Leona Perkins and a member of the Red Cross Unit No. 2 of trained nurses, has safely arrived in France, according to a letter received by Mrs. McCormick recently. Miss Perkins, together with a number of other graduate nurses, joined the Red Cross unit in San Francisco. They were sent to New York and later embarked for France to give aid to our wounded and disabled soldiers.

Chas. Brough, a Rainier boy who enlisted in the Oregon guard, is now in France and a member of an infantry company which will soon be sent to the front line trenches. Ed. C. Brough, a brother of Charles, is in training at Kelly Field, Texas, in the aero squadron and expects to report for active duty across the seas within a few months.

Mrs. Fannie P. Ross has received a cablegram from her son Cecil, announcing his safe arrival in England. Cecil is in the aviation corps and will soon go to France for further training. Mr. Ross was the second man to enlist from St. Helens.

Harry Wilson, a St. Helens boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson, has received an appointment as yeoman and won the appointment through competitive examination.

Mrs. J. H. Wellington has received word from her son Lester, who is in France in the aviation corps, that he has been promoted and is now a full fledged corporal. Lester said that a few weeks ago the Y. M. C. A. received a large shipment of oranges and distributed them among the soldiers—a treat they much enjoyed.

J. H. Wellington, chief boatswain U. S. N. and stationed at Bremerton, Wash., is in St. Helens for a few days. It is probable that Mr. Wellington will be in active sea duty in the near future. For the past year he has been at the training camp teaching the recruits their first lessons in seamanship.

PITTSBURG-ST. HELENS ROAD CONTRACT LET

CONTRACT PRICE \$15,290

E. R. Trehaner and Elvin Mills Secure Contract for Two Miles.

Friday the county court opened bids on the several road projects which had been advertised. On the Pittsburg-St. Helens road three bids were received. John Keating's bid was \$24,277, and H. F. Kilby bid \$16,996.45, while Trehaner and Mills, who were the low bidders, offered to do the work for \$15,290.90. Their bid was slightly under the engineer's estimate, and the court at a later session accepted the bid. It is understood that the successful bidders will immediately begin preparations for the work and will establish a camp at Trenholm. The building of these two miles of road will eliminate the well known and much dreaded Wilmerding hill, which is almost a mile long and in some places has a grade of 15 to 20 per cent. The new road calls for a maximum grade of 5 per cent.

No bids were received on the St. Helens-Columbia City road and if any work is done on this it will be done under the direction of the road supervisor or on force account. The court still has this matter under consideration.

Bids for the improvement of the road in the lower Nehalem known as the Lon Van road were all rejected on account of being excessive. Two bids were received, one from Thos. Johnson for \$2,574.48 and one from McMillan and Henderson for \$3,179.92. The engineer's estimate on this job was \$1,631.40, so the court ordered the work to be done by the road supervisor of District No. 8. The supervisor in that district is James Hill, an experienced road builder, and the court thinks the work can be done by him for the amount estimated by the roadmaster.

H. F. Kilby was the only bidder on the Marti road. His bid was \$5,068.60, and the engineer's estimate of the cost was \$4,609.55. The contract on this piece of work has not been let, and it is probable that only a portion of the work will be done this year, and the balance of the funds applied on the McAdams road which joins the Marti road. The court will consider this matter at a later date.

On the Beaver Slough crossing there were two bids. John Keating bid \$5,800 and J. B. Handley \$5,485. The latter bid was close to the engineer's estimate and the court awarded the contract to Mr. Handley.

All of the roads to be built are most necessary, and no time will be lost in getting the work started. On the Pittsburg-St. Helens road a mile of new road is to be built from the west end of the road and this mile together with the mile already built will eliminate the Pittsburg hill. The contract let for the two miles on this end of the road, or beginning at Trenholm, will do away with the Wilmerding hill and this will leave the steep hill at the Clatskanie river yet to be fixed. It is the intention of the court to spend a few hundred dollars of the district funds in making temporary repairs to the road and they hope that the road will be passable during the coming summer.

The Beaver Slough crossing will do away with the long and dangerous trestle and bridge at Ingalls and will much improve the road between Mayger and Clatskanie, which will be of great convenience to the people living in that vicinity.

A NEW CAPTAIN IN M'CORMICK SERVICE

Years of Faithful Service Brings Promotion to Oscar Orland.

After eight years of faithful service as winchman, second and first mate, Oscar Orland has received a merited promotion and is now captain of the McCormick steamer Willamette. Captain Orland has served on each of the McCormick boats and is well known here. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having served on Admiral Miller's flagship, the Albatross. The captain has many friends here and at other places on the river who will congratulate him on his promotion.