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DAMAGE CASE IS BEFORE COURT

FOR PERSONAL INJURY

\$75,000 is Asked of S. P. & S. by Fred Geyer.

The case now occupying the time of the circuit court is that of Fred Geyer vs. the S. P. & S. R. Co. The plaintiff, who was seriously injured at the John Day tunnel September 3, 1917, asks that the railroad company pay him \$75,000 on account of such injuries. The young man, while engaged as brakeman on a work train, was knocked from the top of the train by being struck by an overhead chute in the tunnel. He fell under the train and his right arm was cut off and his left arm and hand permanently maimed. He also suffered other injuries which he claims unfit him for any and all kinds of work.

The railroad company is trying to establish the fact that Geyer was not in their employ, but was working for Porter Brothers, the contractors. Only one witness was examined Thursday, I. C. Royce, a fellow brakeman who was working on the train at the time of Geyer's accident. His testimony was mainly as to the name of the company, with a view to ascertaining whether or no Geyer was an employe of the railroad company.

ROAD CONTRACTS LET BY COUNTY COURT

Bridge to Be Built Over Nehalem in Lower End of County.

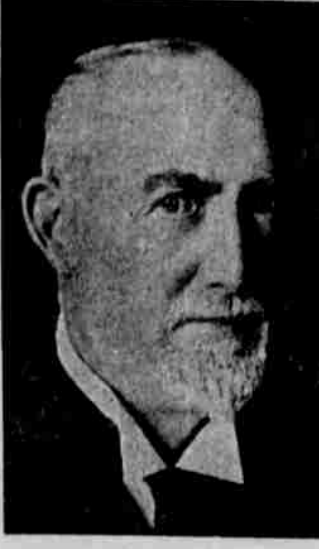
The county court had a special session Saturday, May 18, to consider bids on several road projects which had been duly advertised. Two bids were received for the work on the Erickson road. Jess Gravens bid \$2,477.45 and J. D. Handley \$4,918.50. Both of the bids were in excess of the roadmaster's estimate and were rejected.

WINS RED CROSS JERSEY COW

Oscar M. Johnson, who lives near Warren, was the fortunate holder of the winning number which won the Jersey cow given to the Columbia Auxiliary of Deer Island by Albert Adams of Deer Island. The winning number was 31.

YOUNG MEN MUST REGISTER JUNE 5

All men who have attained their 21st birthday since the last draft registration must register on June 5 for service with the United States army. This is the order sent out by President Wilson. Secretary LaBare has received instructions for the carrying out of the registration, and he is making arrangements accordingly. In Columbia county there are two places at which the young men may register—in St. Helens, at the court house; and in Clatskanie, at the office of E. D. Tichenor.



GOVERNOR JAS. WITHYCOMBE

MAIL FOR PRISONERS IN GERMAN CAMPS

Goes Free from Postal Duties to Their Destination.

American prisoners of war in Germany are entitled to receive and send letters, money orders, and valuables, and parcel post packages weighing not more than 11 pounds, when intended for international mail, free from all postal duties.

Mail should be addressed to the prisoner of war, giving his rank, the name of the prison camp where he is held, if it is known, followed by "Prisoner of War Mail, via New York." All such mail should also bear the name and address of the sender.

Parcel post packages for prisoners of war in enemy countries may not be sent by organizations or societies and only one package a month may be sent. If more are received the one apparently from the prisoner's next of kin will be forwarded and the others held in New York pending communication with the senders, with whose consent such excess packages may be sent to other prisoners of war who had received no packages during that month. Lacking this consent, the packages will be returned to the senders.

Only the following articles may be included in the packages: Belts not made of leather; hair, hand, tooth, shaving and shoe brushes; buttons; hard candy; cigars and cigarettes; combs; crackers and biscuits; gloves not made of leather; handkerchiefs; pocket knives; needles and thread; pens and pencils; penholders; pins; pipes; safety razors and blades; shaving soap, powder, or cream; shirts and scarfs; shoe laces; smoking or chewing tobacco; toilet soap; socks; sweaters; tooth powder; paste or liquid mouth wash; towels; underwear; personal photographs; periodicals published prior to the beginning of the war.

Letters and packages will be subject to careful censorship.

BUYS AN INTEREST IN MERCANTILE CO.

D. A. Beam Takes Over Interest of O. P. Jamieson in Local Store.

O. P. Jamieson, majority stockholder and president of the St. Helens Mercantile Company, has disposed of his interest to D. A. Beam, who for the past eight months has been head salesman in the store. Mr. Beam has been elected president and Mrs. Beam vice president of the concern. Elmer Chapman retains his position as secretary. Mr. Beam is an experienced groceryman and since coming to the Mercantile Company has been a large factor in the building up of the company's business. Under the new management, the business of the concern should show the same steady increase that it has shown during the past several months.

BASEBALL DANCE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A. B. Lake is arranging for a big baseball benefit dance Wednesday night. It will be at the city hall, and music will be furnished by the well known Planjo orchestra. Doubtless there will be a large crowd in attendance to have a good time and at the same time help out in supporting the home baseball team.

MANY DWELLINGS ARE BEING BUILT

OTHERS ARE PLANNED

Great Activity in Home Building Experienced by St. Helens.

At the present time more residences are being built in St. Helens than at any time since the boom days of 1910 and 1911. At least twenty residences are now in course of construction and others are planned. The large number of men coming here to accept employment in the mills or shipyards is responsible for the activity in the building line, and until recently many who preferred to work in some of the St. Helens industrial plants did not accept employment here on account of not being able to secure housing facilities.

The St. Helens Lumber Company is erecting six neat cottages on lots they recently purchased in Railroad addition. The investment in the houses and lots will aggregate \$7500. The St. Helens Shipbuilding Company is having four modern bungalows built in the flat near the school play ground. The residences will be modern in every respect and will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,800, lot included.

Several of the workers are also building homes. Joe Kelly is erecting a two-story frame building on the Black property near the D'Spain hill. The cost of the residence will be about \$2,500. Elmer B. Chapman is having built a modern seven-room one and one-half story residence and the five-room bungalow of James O'Connor is nearly complete. A. S. Harrison has built two nice cottages in Railroad addition, and several other parties whose names were not ascertained are also building houses in this addition.

In other portions of the city many cottages are going up and if the good work continues it will be a matter of only a few months until the many people coming here seeking employment will be able to find houses in which to live.

It is estimated that the houses now under construction represent an outlay of at least \$25,000, and with the prospect of more residences being erected it is probable that \$50,000 will be invested in St. Helens homes before the summer is over.

POSTMASTER FOR RAINIER OFFICE

Successor to J. W. Stacy to Be Chosen in Competitive Examination.

At the request of the Postmaster General, the Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Astoria and Rainier on June 12, for the position of postmaster at Rainier. The compensation of the office is \$1,700 per year. Applicants must actually reside in the district within the delivery of the office, must be a citizen of the United States and have reached their twenty-first birthday, but not their sixty-fifth birthday.

Postmaster Stacy has served for a number of years and resigns the position to accept a more lucrative one in Seattle in the automobile business.

BOXING SMOKER ON FOR TONIGHT

Clever Boxers Will Give Exhibitions at Liberty Theater.

Secretary Fred McCarthy has perfected all arrangements for the second boxing smoker to be held under the auspices of the St. Helens Athletic Club and it will be staged at the Liberty Theater tonight. The first bout will begin at 8:15 o'clock sharp. The headliner is the six-round exhibition between Joe Gorman, champion featherweight of the Pacific Coast, and Clare Bronco, the San Francisco speed marvel. Another contest, which is exciting much interest, is that between Carl Gabrielson and Smoky Baum, both of St. Helens. At the last match these boys fought to a draw. There will be four other good bouts, so lovers of the manly art are assured of receiving their money's worth.

WITHYCOMBE-M'NARY WIN IN PRIMARIES

BOTH CARRY COLUMBIA

White, Hunt and Ballagh Successful in Contests—Small Vote Cast.

The primary election in Columbia County excited little interest and less than 40 per cent of the registered vote was cast.

For state offices the voters decided to leave well enough alone and gave McNary and Withycombe a large majority.

The main contests in the County were between Morton and White for judge; Ross, Hunt and Bennett for clerk; and Ballagh and Freeman for representative. White won out over Morton by 175 votes, and Hunt, with a vote of 805, easily out-distanced his opponents.

The contest for state representative between Ballagh and Freeman was quite close—Ballagh winning out by 68 votes.

The vote for County officials was: White 681, Morton, 506 for judge. For Commissioner, Weed 886. For County clerk, Bennett 198, Hunt 805, Ross 178. For sheriff, Stanwood 1021. Surveyor, Van Orshoven 902. Coroner, White 994.

It is apparent that little interest was manifest on the part of the Democrats as Bunting, candidate for sheriff, polled only 143. W. J. Fullerton was nominated on the Democratic ticket as County judge—57 Democrats having written his name on the ballot. James McKay is the Democratic nominee for County commissioner and Ham Kautzman received 37 votes which gave him the Democratic nomination for representative.

Governor Withycombe carried every precinct in the County with the exception of St. Helens No. 1, and won out by a majority of 250 over his next opponent, who was Okott.

In the selection of supreme judge the voters of the County favored Coke, as he had a majority of 167 over his nearest opponent, Johns.

The voters of the County must not have been satisfied with the services of Harmon Lewis, present senator, for they gave his opponent, W. W. Banks, a majority of 63 votes.

King, Democratic candidate for senator, was out-distanced by Oswald West, the vote being King 52 and West 137. For governor the Democrats favored Starkweather against Pierce, as the former received 117 votes to the latter's 48.

The election passed off quietly and with the exception of some strenuous electioneering in St. Helens, little interest was manifest.

CAPTAIN CAPLES PASSES AWAY

Captain Ralph E. Caples, one of the well known steamboat men of the lower Columbia river, passed away unexpectedly in a Portland hospital last Tuesday, stricken by Bright's disease.

Ralph Emerson Caples, son of Hezekiah and Minerva Caples, was born June 5, 1875, at the Caples home in Columbia City. He was one of a family of four brothers. His three brothers, F. H. Caples, of Columbia City; A. B. Caples and H. H. Caples, of Caples, Wash., and his aged father are still living.

The funeral, conducted from the Methodist church of St. Helens, was largely attended by the many relatives and friends of the family.

Interment was at the old cemetery on Germany hill.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY MAKES A BIG HIT

"The Country Doctor" was presented to an appreciative audience at the Liberty theatre Friday night last week by students of the St. Helens High School. The play was well put on, and each actor carried out the assigned parts in an excellent manner. The entertainment was a pronounced success from every standpoint, and the large audience present was amused and entertained. A nice little sum was realized which goes into the student body fund.



SENATOR CHAS. L. McNARY

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE IS BEFORE COUNCIL

Many Other Matters Are Acted Upon at Busy Session.

The City Council met in regular session Monday night and turned out quite a grist of business.

In the matter of charging a license fee for vaudeville shows held in picture shows, the council was not ready to make any ruling and took the matter under advisement.

Deputy Marshal Blakeley reported on the matter of collecting revenue tax on tickets for dances and shows in the city hall and he was instructed to closely look after this matter.

A letter was received from a Portland attorney relative to a claim W. S. McDonald has against the city account of personal injuries received at the time of the Strand fire. The letter was laid on the table.

In the matter of the lease of the fair grounds, a lease was signed and the fair board given exclusive rights for all concessions on the grounds.

An ordinance regulating traffic was read for the first and second times.

The recorder was instructed to notify a number of property owners to rebuild or repair certain sidewalks and he was instructed further to notify certain parties to have their premises connected with the sewer.

Other routine matters were taken up and disposed of before the Council adjourned.

AMERICAN DESTROYERS IN SUBMARINE ZONE

Some indication of the ceaseless watch kept on the high seas, in the path of American troopships, by the United States naval forces operating in European waters, may be gained from statistics just compiled at the naval headquarters in London. These statistics show that a single force of American destroyers operating from one base had steamed almost 1,500,000 miles up to April 1. The maximum distance covered by a single destroyer was more than 580,000 miles from May 1, 1917, to April 1, 1918. This destroyer was one of the first to arrive abroad after war was declared.

It has been announced that Vice Admiral William S. Sims, commanding United States naval forces abroad, offered to send an auxiliary force composed of naval units to the French front at the beginning of the German offensive. The chief of staff of the French navy and General Foch did not consider that the circumstances demanded the presence of such a force at the front.

The French have had a naval division operating in the forces of the Lorraine sector for some time, and the naval units have made their part of the line as shipshape as possible, with everything from big naval guns down to sleeping hammocks and ship's cats.

The American soldiers billeted in England for temporary training or en route for France are more and more compelling the admiration and co-operation of the English people. The National Sporting Club of London has started a series of weekly entertainments for enlisted men of the United States army and navy.

COUNTY OVER TOP FOR RED CROSS

MONEY FAIRLY POURS IN

Subscriptions of \$7,547.40 Reported and Work Continues.

In just three days, Columbia county went over the top in the Second Red Cross drive. The amount apportioned the county was \$6,500, and Thursday night subscriptions totaling \$7,547.40 had been turned into headquarters and the work was still going on.

H. P. Ross, chairman of the county, perfected a well working organization and Monday the workers were out bright and early working for the Greatest Mother on Earth.

Team captains were appointed to look after the work in St. Helens, and each captain had his or her assistants, so very few people were not approached.

The subscriptions turned in to Mr. Ross Thursday night are as follows: St. Helens \$2,000.00 Columbia City 2,000.00 Scappoose 500.00 Warren 250.00 Deer Island 150.00 Milton Creek Logging Co. 150.00 Clatskanie 800.00 Rainier 1,200.00 Vernonia 22.40 Mayer 150.00 Quincy 175.00 Marshland 150.00

Mr. Ross reports the cash as having been turned in to him by St. Helens, Columbia City and Warren to amount to \$3,173.31, and the workers will probably make their reports today or tomorrow. He is confident that the total subscriptions in the county will reach at least \$10,000, which will give 150 per cent.

The work in Clatskanie was under the direction of Mrs. R. W. Magruder, and in Ranier Mrs. Fred Trow was in charge. Mrs. Bailey looked after the cheerful givers in Columbia City and L. R. Rutherford was executive manager for St. Helens and had a large force of patriotic women as team captains and solicitors. Warren was in charge of Mrs. Garriott, and Miss Maud Watts looked out for the contributions in Scappoose district. Mrs. Elmer Connell saw to it that Deer Island did its "bit," and H. W. Brown was an active worker in the Quincy district.

The work was well handled throughout the county, and the results obtained are most gratifying.

WEEKLY THRIFT AND WAR STAMP SALES

Houlton School.	
Miss Matthews' room.....Total	\$ 61.25
Gain for the week.....	1.25
Miss Taylor's room.....Total	299.50
Gain for the week.....	10.00
Miss Armstrong's room.....Total	287.50
Gain for the week.....	3.25
Mrs. Andrew's room.....Total	96.00
Gain for the week.....	1.25
Mr. Lake's room.....Total	176.50

John Gumm School.	
Miss Perry's room.....Total	\$112.25
Gain for the week.....	4.75
Mrs. Barnett's room.....Total	115.00
Gain for the week.....	16.00
Miss Hall's room.....Total	98.75
Gain for the week.....	2.50
Mrs. Lake's room.....Total	208.25
Gain for the week.....	14.00
Miss LaBare's room.....Total	238.50
Gain for the week.....	3.25
Miss Hickethier's room.....Total	584.50
Gain for the week.....	30.50
Miss Stennick's room.....Total	343.00
Gain for the week.....	3.00
Mrs. Wilson's room.....Total	312.25
Gain for the week.....	4.00
Mr. Brown's room.....Total	228.75
Gain for the week.....	25.00

High School.	
Senior Class.....Total..	\$ 66.50
No gain.....	
Junior Class.....Total	113.50
Gain for the week.....	4.75
Sophomore Class.....Total	83.50
Gain for the week.....	5.50
Freshman Class.....Total	151.75
Gain for the week.....	23.50
New Members of the Rainbow Regiment:	
GWALDA SEBREAN.	
MARION BAKER.	
JANE DAY.	

BALL CLUB GOES TO PORTLAND SUNDAY

The McCormick club of the Shipbuilders' league will play a double-header on the Vaughn Street grounds in Portland Sunday. First game will be called at 1:30. A number of fans plan to accompany the team.