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TELEPHONE COMPANY RAPPED BY COUNCIL

POOR SERVICE ALLEGED

The city council held an adjourned meeting Tuesday night and it was a hot session. And right here, it might be stated that if any one has any business with the council, for goodness sake, take it up at a regular meeting, for a day's delay, judging from Tuesday night's performance, means that the mayor, councilmen and city attorney take an other 24 hours to prepare themselves. At any rate this appeared to be the case in the telephone and fire alarm system, for each member of the body was thoroughly imbued with certain fixed ideas relative to the two systems and had prepared the pyro-electric to come off just at the right time.

The sky was clear and there was no sign of impending storm until under the call for "report of officers" City Attorney Joe Day answered "ready," and he was ready. He started out by saying he had received a letter from the phone company relative to their service (?) in St. Helens. When he spoke the word service, his brows knit, his fists clenched and his body became tense. Mr. Day could not understand why a service now necessary should be postponed for sixty days and was of the opinion that it was a subterfuge of the phone company. He intimated that the local management was partly responsible for the delay and that in view of the fact of the letting go of Mr. B. Admunsden, wire chief, on account of lack of work, it did not seem the phone company had any idea of making the changes and additions which were necessary for a good phone service. He thought the council should take some drastic action in the matter and have a positive expression from some one in authority whose responsibilities consisted of more than leading a dog around the streets of the city.

The council listened to Day's denunciation and evidently it struck a responsive chord in the breasts of the mayor and councilmen. The mayor could scarcely withhold his remarks until the city attorney could finish his speech and this speech only came to an end when the learned jurist had exhausted his supply of descriptive adjectives. It was the mayor's turn then and his Honor wasn't slow in taking advantage of the turn. Bringing his clenched fist down upon the table he said "I mean business—what we want is action and not so many promises. I will not pay for anything I don't get. I will not sign a city warrant for the phone company for their service for last month, because we had no service. I'll hold up the warrants until they give the city some service." All had expected the storm and when it subsided, McDonald told the mayor and council that many patrons of the company had told him they couldn't get service, and unless some relief was afforded, the phones would be ordered out. Some of the most "hot up" councilmen suggested that the franchise be cancelled, but on second thought, Joe Day was made a committee of one to call on the phone people and ascertain what they were going to do and how soon it would be done, the mayor explaining that "the big corporations hired smart lawyers and it was best to have a lawyer meet them so nothing could be slipped over." This ended, for the time being the phone business.

All the council and spectators were expectant and waited for further developments, for it was evident the mayor was not quite through. He controlled himself and addressing the council, quietly asked "what are we going to do with that \$3750 fire truck when it arrives and we have no fire alarm system? If the time is not up for cancelling the contract, I would like to do so. What good will it do to have a fire truck unless the driver of the truck knows where to go?" This aroused the ire of Councilman Allen, who said the fire truck would be all right if the fire alarm system was put in proper order. He told of how other cities were using

DRAFTED MEN GIVEN A HEARTY FAREWELL

CITY PLAYS THE HOST

Forty-one in Selective Draft Leave For Camp Lewis

Another contingent of Columbia county men left Tuesday morning for the training camp at American Lake, Camp Lewis, Washington. There were forty-one in the crowd. The boys, pursuant to orders, reported at the courthouse to the local board Monday afternoon. After registration and having their numbers assigned they were taken in charge by Mayor Saxon, who showed them the sights of the city. In the evening they were guests of the city at a chicken dinner given at the Guild hall. The members of the council were also present.

After supper the boys came to the city hall where they were greeted by a large number of citizens. A short musical program was given and Rev. A. A. Hisey made a very appropriate talk to the boys. He also read the following telegram from Governor Withycombe:

"M. Saxon, Mayor, St. Helens, Oregon, Kindly convey to the forty-one selected men about to leave St. Helens, my heartiest greetings and wish them Godspeed in the noble task before them. Oregon is proud of her sons and absolutely confident that they will acquit themselves manfully in hastening the complete victory which must be ours.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE, Governor.

After the program, the floor was cleared and a nice social dance given. LaBare's orchestra kindly furnished the music for which they have the thanks of the mayor and the committee in charge of arrangements.

A dozen automobiles were lined up in front of the courthouse at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning and took the boys and their friends to the depot where a large crowd gathered to bid them goodbye.

Those who entrained were, Frank Welter, Alexander Kukas, Angelo Medici, Spiros Caranosos, Gust Olson, Clinton G. Duxbury, Thomas C. Hileman, Joseph C. Henderson, Charles R. Anderson, Benjamin C. King, Henry G. McCallister, Ralph Peoples, Leonard Smith, C. Tyler Crumpley, Hilmer A. Jokela, Helmer Danielson, Wenclaw A. Fischer, Martin Christensen, George J. Ramberg, William L. James, Vlassos Maurikis, Herbert R. Fletcher, Clifford Stokes, John Jarvi, Ray E. Baker, Lelf Erickson, Frank Seraffin, John W. McCully, James B. Efort, Oliver Lonkey, Walter C. Wodensky, Oswald J. Deming, Charles E. Kahlin, Harley J. Currie, Arthur N. Larsen, Jack Del Brat, Albert Salmi, John M. Olausen, Giacomo Monti, Warren A. Hirtzel, Charles G. Myers. Transferred from other boards, Silvio Palandria, Felix, Geo. Ascher.

SALE OF THRIFT AND W. S. STAMPS

The sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps in the county for the past two weeks amount to \$13,536.47. This total does not include any sales or pledges made in the present W. S. S. campaign, but is cash sent to the St. Helens postoffice for stamps, and at this particular time, it is cash that talks the loudest. The sales by towns were:

Birkenfeld	\$ 208.50
Clatskanie	1702.34
Columbia City	91.91
Goble	289.90
Houlton	91.82
Ingalls	203.35
Kerry	129.01
Mayger	1286.40
Mist	834.00
Prescott	83.40
Quincy	153.80
Rainier	1239.84
Reuben	93.93
Scappoose	145.80
Trenholm	16.26
Vernonia	442.02
Warren	247.45
St. Helens	6476.74
Total	\$13,536.47

WAR SAVINGS DRIVE BRINGING RESULTS

MASS MEETING TONIGHT

Encouraging Reports Received from Many Sections of County

From all indications Columbia county will keep up its good record of going over the top and tonight, when the final pledges are counted, it is almost sure that the quota of \$274,000 will have been attained.

County Chairman Allen has received reports from several school districts and each one of them had secured in cash and pledges an amount more than the quota assigned. School district No. 32, the Delena section, is, so far, the banner district of the county. A quota of \$500 was assigned this district and Tuesday morning, Mrs. H. J. Anderson and Mrs. L. Riches reported they had secured \$6000 and were still at work in the hopes of bringing the sum up to \$10,000. Mayor was also a district which made an early return of being over the top. Their quota was \$2000 and \$2500 had been subscribed with more in sight.

It is understood that the larger districts, Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose and St. Helens, have all done very well, though the full quota had not been subscribed. In St. Helens about two-thirds of the \$50,000 quota had been subscribed and the full amount is expected to be signed up tonight when the big mass meeting will be held in the Plaza square.

If possible to secure such, a list of the subscribers will be published in the Mist in the next issue, or at least the totals of the districts given.

Chairman Allen has secured prominent men to speak at the various towns in the county tonight and he is confident that should there be any deficiency, it will be made up.

People of St. Helens and nearby points are requested to gather in the Plaza square tonight at 8 o'clock and assist in the big mass meeting which is to be held.

RUN OF FISH IS IMPROVING

E. I. Ballagh, local manager of the Columbia River Packers association states that the run of fish is improving. Comparatively few large Chinook salmon are being caught, but many blue backs are being hauled in by the fishermen, some boats running as high as 1000 pounds per night. Since the price paid for salmon is 11 1/2 cents and blue backs bring 9 1/4 cents, it can readily be seen that the fishermen are making good money.

Mr. Ballagh says the present run of blue backs is the largest for the past four years. Old fishermen on the river say that blue backs come into the river every four years and this is the fourth year.

Many of the fishermen have made good money fishing for shad in the slough. The price paid was 4 cents per pound and from 500 to 700 pounds was not considered a very large catch for one night's fishing. The government, early in the season, established a shad hatchery here, and even when the shad were not running well, the fishermen stayed on the job and turned the eggs into the hatchery with the result that about ten million young shad were turned back into the waters of the slough.

PERSHING INSISTS LETTERS BE WRITTEN

"Duty to one's country does not end on the parade ground, nor even on the battle field, but consists in doing everything in one's power to help win the war," says an order issued by Gen. Pershing, a copy of which has been received by the War Department.

"To write home frequently and regularly to keep in constant touch with family and friends is one of the soldier's most important duties. Mothers and fathers will suffer if they do not hear often from sons fighting in France. In the present large companies it is not possible for officers to write letters for their men and every man must do it for himself."

GRAND CIVIC PARADE FEATURE OF FOURTH

PLANS ARE COMPLETED

Home Organizations, Lodges and Other Organization to Take Part

VICTORY

Since first our sires stood beside the stream, And fired the shot that echoed round the world, Has come to pass the epoch of their dream When to the April breeze their flag unfurled.

Today, where floats the Stars and Stripes, we deem Each star defiance at the tyrant hurled; Each stripe a bar 'gainst despots, too, would seem To interpose for human rights imperiled.

Today, in foreign lands, the flag is flung Against a crimson sky across the sea, Where battle's bane from out the land has wrung Its dreadful toll. It promises to free Each nation, and to number each among All peoples in a worldwide liberty.

—HARLOWE R. HOYT.

A feature of the Fourth of July celebration will be the grand parade which will start from Columbia street promptly at 9:30 o'clock in the morning of the Fourth. The parade will go to West St. Helens and turning around, come to the city park, where the patriotic exercises will be held.

Rev. A. S. Hisey, chairman of the program committee has secured Milton E. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue, to be the orator of the day.

An interesting and entertaining patriotic program has been arranged and will be held at the park.

In the parade, many organizations will be represented. Rev. Hisey has received promises from several lodges that they will take part and is trying to get the Red Cross and the Honor Guard to have floats and members of their societies in the parade. The Home Guards and Boy Scouts will, of course, take a prominent part.

According to plans now made, government vessels will be launched at the yards of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company and the Sommerstrom yard. The launching at the Sommerstrom yard will take place about one o'clock and the one at the Shipbuilding company's yard later in the afternoon and after the ball game.

In the evening there will be a community sing at the Plaza square and a patriotic address by Hon. Tommy Ryan of Portland. Mr. Ryan spoke here during the Liberty Loan campaign and made a very favorable impression, and his speech will draw a number of hearers. He is a fine orator and forcible speaker. Bob Cole has strung hundreds of electric lights in the square and it will be brilliantly illuminated. After the evening program, a dance will be given at the city hall.

PITTSBURG ROAD OPEN TO AUTOS

H. E. Abry, county roadmaster made a trip from St. Helens to the Nehalem last week via auto. He got through all right but stated the going was quite rough in several places. Several men are now at work on the road doing necessary clearing and fixing up the rough spots and in a few days the trip can be made without discomfort except the pulling of the long and steep hills.

The contractors who are doing the work on the Wilverding hill at Trenholm are making good progress and about August 1st, one may travel by the new grade to the top of the hill.

At the Pittsburg end of the road, Contractor Gessel is working on the second mile of the road and doing much clearing. Up to date, he has done very little grading and it will probably be late in the fall before the stretch of road he is now working on will be opened to traffic.

HARSTAD PITCHES SHUTOUT GAME

G. S. P. IS DEFEATED

Team Who Tied with Foundation Loses to McCormicks 3 to 0

The Grant Smith-Porter team came down to St. Helens Sunday confident they would win an easy victory over the McCormick team. They knew better when the game was ended and they came out at the short end of a 3 to 0 score. Swarts did the twirling for the visitors and Oscar Harstad was on the mound for St. Helens. Except for the first inning Swarts pitched an excellent game. Mensor, the first man up, cracked out a single. He was advanced to second by Pike's sacrifice, Pike beating out the throw to first. Locker filed out but Feuerborn came through with a long single, Mensor scoring from second. Pike taking third and Feperborn going to second on the throw in. W. Cartwright's single scored Pike and Feuerborn and there the scoring ended, as Swarts allowed only two hits during the balance of the game.

Harstad had the G. S.-P. batters at his mercy and retired 16 of them by the strike-out route and incidentally hung up a league record.

Grant Smith-Porter—

	B	H	O	A	E
P'chard, 2	4	1	0	1	0
H'g'ves, 3	4	0	2	0	0
B'chard, 1	4	0	5	1	0
Clynes, 1f	3	0	2	0	0
Amb'ley, cf	3	0	1	0	0
Amb'ley, cf	3	0	1	0	0
Baird, s	3	0	1	3	0
Harmon, rf	2	1	3	0	0
De C'm'n, c	3	0	9	0	0
Schwartz, p	2	0	1	1	0
Yates	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	2	24	6	0

McCormick—

	B	H	O	A	E
Mensor, s	3	1	1	2	0
Pike, c	3	0	16	0	0
Locker, 1	4	1	8	0	0
Feurb'n, 3	4	1	0	1	0
W. C't'ht, 2	3	1	1	2	0
Reed, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Kamm, rf	3	0	0	0	0
S. C't'ht, 1f	3	0	0	0	0
Harstad, p	3	1	1	2	0
Totals	29	5	27	7	0

Score by innings—
G. S.-Porter 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
McCormick 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—3

Summary & Runs: Mensor, Pike, Feuerborn. Struck out: By Harstad, 16; by Schwartz, 9. Bases on balls: Off Harstad, 1; off Schwartz, 1. Sacrifice hit: Pike. Stolen base: Mensor. Passed ball: DeCumen. Time of game: 1:25. Umpires: Drennen and Russell.

The coming Sunday, McCormicks will tangle with the Standifer-Clarkson team and it is thought a real baseball battle will be staged. The visiting team will be accompanied by several hundred rooters and they will do all within their power to win the game for their team.

GIRLS TAKE MENS' PLACES IN STORE

Three young ladies of St. Helens, Misses Arline Paulsen, Ethel Lynch and Ethel Smith have accepted positions in the store of the St. Helens Mercantile Company and are doing the grocery work formerly done by men.

Under the government's recent ruling, all drafted men in the non-essential work were advised to hunt for some job that was essential and the Mercantile company found it necessary to employ the girls to fill the places left vacant. Messrs. Chapman and Beam say the girls are giving excellent service and are doing their work well.

All over the country women are taking the places vacated by men. Passing through Kalama Friday morning, H. S. Mason saw several girls on a hand car going to work on the railroad section. Only one man was on the car and he was foreman.

As the months pass on and more men are called for army service, it will be necessary for the girls and women to take up the work left by the men and in the near future St. Helens people will see girls working in the mills and shipyards and in other places where their services are required.

NO TEACHERS ELECTED IN ST. HELENS SCHOOL

MATTERS ARE TANGLED

Claim Is Made That New Board Must Elect All Teachers

The result, or what will be the result of the recent school election whereby J. W. Akin displaced C. C. Cassatt as school director, is still a question that has not been solved.

Although Cassatt and LaBare claim that all teachers, including Baker, were re-elected, there is no record of such on the minutes of the school clerk. Both Cassatt and LaBare say that at a special meeting held about three months ago in the county court room at which all directors were present, the question of hiring Baker and increasing his salary was brought up. Cassatt was in favor of both, Mellinger was opposed and LaBare asked that he be given time to think the matter over. Several days later, so Mr. LaBare states, he wrote a letter to Mr. Cassatt and sent a copy of the letter to Mellinger, saying that he had decided to vote in favor of Baker and it was his wish that he be re-employed. Cassatt and LaBare thought this settled the matter, but to be double sure the matter was brought up again at a regular meeting of the directors which was held a few weeks ago. At this time, the question of re-employing all the teachers except Mr. Brown was brought up and carried. It is understood that Mellinger thought the motion applied to all except Baker, though Cassatt and LaBare claim it included Baker, for he is certainly a teacher.

However, no record was made of the proceedings and the report is that Cassatt told Mrs. Allen to omit that portion of the proceedings which referred to the hiring of teachers, out of the minutes. Mr. Cassatt says he cannot recall having given any such instructions, but Mrs. Allen is positive that she received the instructions from Cassatt and thinking the matter was being brought up informally, did not enter the proceedings upon the minutes.

The interesting question which is now brought up is this. If Baker isn't hired, are any other of the teachers hired? There is nothing to show in the records that anybody is hired, so it appears that if the contention of the anti-Bakerites is correct, then the new board must meet and hire an entire faculty.

It is stated that Cassatt upon learning that Akin was going to be absent for a few days, told the newly elected director shortly after the meeting that the old board would meet and wind up the unfinished business. Akin did not acquiesce in the matter but instead hurried to the office of the county clerk Tuesday morning and wound up the business of the old board by taking the oath of office.

Mr. Akin is still absent from the city and many are anxious to get his ear when he returns for it is generally conceded that he has the deciding vote, LaBare being in favor of the action of the old board, and Mellinger opposed.

It is supposed that the new board will meet immediately upon the return of Mr. Akin and take action so all will know just how matters stand and if the present teachers are to be retained for the ensuing year.

NINE MORE MEN CALLED FOR SUNDAY

Under Special Call—Will Go to Vancouver, Washington

Under Special or Limited call No. 719, Clerk LaBare has notified nine more Columbia county men to be at the courthouse at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, June 30th. They will entrain at 11 o'clock for Vancouver, Washington. The men called are Victor B. Sundberg, Westport; Joseph D. McDonald, St. Helens; Peter Gughelminet, Rainier; Jim Bruzze, Portland; John Henry Wist, Tillamook; Otto L. Rusterweyer, Portland; Ricardo Nardi, Weed, California; Emil Koski, Quincy; Ed A. Hedstrom, St. Helens. One alternate, Oscar W. Johnson of Marshland, has been ordered to report in order to fill up the quota in the event one of the original nine does not show up.