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COUNCIL HOLDS AN INTERESTING SESSION

PHONE RAISE DISCUSSED

Notwithstanding the dense fog which hung over the city, all the councilmen and the mayor found their way to the city hall and the session was held as usual.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, the mayor called for reports of officers. Neither Joe Day or Walter Blakesley had any report to make, that is, at that particular time.

Wait on Portland Decision. The mayor informed the council that in an interview with the local manager here, it had been suggested that St. Helens take no action until the Portland controversy was settled.

Mudholes Should be Filled. Walter Blakesley, who when first called on for a report, was afflicted with stage fright, now seemed to have regained his usual composure and reported on the many bad mud holes which can be found in most of the city streets.

Mayor Does Not Approve. Mayor Saxon did not approve of the suggestion of the marshal as to repairing the streets. He was perfectly willing, he said, that the cross walks and street crossings should be repaired, but was unwilling to expend the taxpayers money in fixing up streets which should be fixed by the adjoining property owners.

Catawampus Streets. Councilman Allen then joined the discussion and it was learned that St. Helens has such streets as "catawampus streets."

Phone Question Bobs Up Again. Councilman Chapman, who had not taken a part in the proceedings, evidently became a little "het up" by this time.

Dock Bids Called For. Councilman Chapman, after having been so successful with his former motion, decided to try again, and he moved that the council advertise for bids for the construction of a city dock.

SPECIAL ROAD TAX VOTED SATURDAY

Other Districts Will Have Meetings Tomorrow Afternoon

All road districts except St. Helena (District No. 12) which held their meeting Saturday last, voted special road taxes.

Road District No. 8, the Mist neighborhood, voted a 10 mill tax for special work. The valuation in the district is \$1,391,785, so approximately \$14,000 in addition to the regular county levy will be available for use in that district.

No special tax was voted in St. Helens. A few who were opposed to any special tax, met at the city hall, and made a motion that no tax be voted. There was a prompt second to the motion and it was unanimously carried.

FATHER ACCIDENTALLY SHOOT HIS SON

Ansen Lovell Dangerously Wounded by His Father

A distressing and serious accident occurred Wednesday afternoon when Ansen Lovell, the 12-year-old son of Charles Lovell was accidentally shot. Mr. Lovell and his son were on the way to the barn where they were to kill a pig.



J. W. HUNT Elected County Clerk

THANKSGIVING DAY QUIETLY OBSERVED

Thanksgiving Day was observed in St. Helens by a cessation of all business activities. A union Thanksgiving service was held in the Methodist church Wednesday night and was attended by many.

SCHOOLS ARE OPEN ATTENDANCE SMALL

The schools of St. Helens were opened Monday, but the attendance was not more than half of what it was when the "flu" ban was imposed. Some of the grades had only three to five pupils in attendance.

GOVERNMENT CANCELS CONTRACTS FOR SHIPS

HELD AS HASTY ACTION

Local Yards Affected, But Enough Work on Hand to Keep Going

The government has cancelled a portion of their contracts which called for the building of government vessels. The St. Helens Shipbuilding company loses contracts for two boats, but the other vessels, which are under way, will be completed and turned over to the government.

H. F. McCormick, manager of the St. Helens Shipbuilding company does not feel alarmed at the situation nor does his company expect to make a reduction in the working force.

With conditions as unsettled as they are, it is not probable that either yard will take on any new contracts for several months, but inasmuch as both yards have enough work to keep them going for almost a year, it is evident that there is no occasion for alarm at the shipbuilding situation, so far as St. Helens is concerned.

MEMORIAL ARCH IS SUGGESTED

To commemorate and honor the memory of sons of Columbia county who have given up their lives in the great war, it is suggested that a memorial arch be built in the courthouse square.

Mr. Balagh's idea is to have an arch about the middle of the square and over the fountain. The names of those soldiers from the county who have made the supreme sacrifice, would be on the arch.

CALL FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING

The directors of the St. Helens school district have called for a special meeting of the legal voters of the district to meet at the city hall Saturday, December 7th.

HOME GUARD TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Captain H. S. Mason of the St. Helens Home Guard has called a special meeting of the company and they are to meet Monday night at 8 o'clock in the basement of the courthouse.

Since the war is over, there has been some talk of disbanding, but there are some members of the guard who think the organization should be kept intact.

The steamer Wahkeena, carrying 1,000,000 feet of lumber for delivery at San Pedro and San Diego, sailed last Monday night. The Wahkeena recently completed a fast voyage to Honolulu. Nine days after leaving the Columbia river the vessel anchored in Pearl Harbor.

ST. HELENS GIVES MUCH IN WAR WORK DRIVE

\$4543.02 IS CONTRIBUTED

Splendid Work by Campaign Captains Bring Fine Results

The managers of the campaign in the war work drive, feel proud of the response by St. Helens people and are grateful to the campaign captains who did such good work in soliciting funds.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the war work drive, including Mr. John Sten (\$590.20), Mrs. T. Isbister (931.59), Mrs. H. Blakesley (311.20), etc.

PIONEER CITIZEN ANSWERS CALL

Hazekiah Caples, a pioneer resident of the Columbia City neighborhood, died at his home just across the river from that place, Wednesday.

WHISKEY MERCHANT ADMITTED TO BAIL

Tom Douras, who a few weeks ago, was tried in Judge Philip's court for violation of the prohibition law and fined \$750 and given 60 days in jail, is out on bail.

SOME OF THE THINGS THE U. S. HAS DONE

Here are some of the things the United States has contributed to the triumph of the allied armies: A war chest of \$57,000,000,000 for expenses up to the end of the current fiscal year.

An army of 5,000,000, authorized strength. More than 2,000,000 are on the battle ground after being transported 3,000 miles through submarine infested waters.

Countless articles of latest army equipment, including some of the mightiest engines of war yet developed, wrought by a peaceful nation suddenly becoming an arsenal.

Nearly 7,000,000 dead weight tons of merchant shipping and transports to help overcome destructions by U-boats.

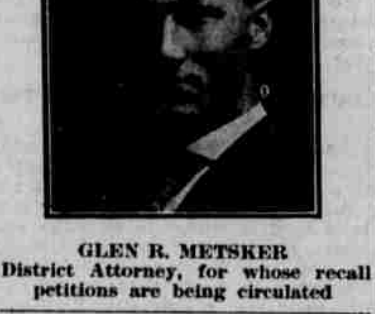
The Red Cross and countless other relief workers, giving food, medicine, clothing and comfort incalculable.

RECALL ELECTION SEEMS PROBABLE

Petitions are Now Being Circulated for Recall of District Attorney

That Columbia county is due for another recall election seems quite probable. Petitions have been prepared and are being circulated and in some instances, freely signed.

The petition, which is addressed to J. W. Hunt, county clerk, set forth many allegations, the principal ones, that he "beat up" S. E. Smith two years ago and that last July he "beat up" and assaulted Ham Kautzman.



GLEN R. METSKER District Attorney, for whose recall petitions are being circulated

by a Portland attorney, who has been employed to defend Kautzman, when his trial comes up in January.

The Mist learns from reliable authority that Attorney Fred Herman of Rainier, has consented to run against Metsker. Two years ago Herman ran against Metsker for the district attorneyship, but was defeated.

LOCAL STORE CHANGES OWNERS

Dewey Harrison has purchased the Central Grocery from H. Stokes and taken charge of the business. The new owner has already added much to the stock of goods and intends to further increase the variety of articles carried.

LOCAL INSTITUTE AT VERNONIA

County School Superintendent Allen has issued a neat program of the local institute which will be held in the high school building at Vernonia, Saturday, December 14th.

Morning Session, 10:30 o'clock: 1. Song. High School Girls. 2. Dramatization. Primary Pupils. 3. Piano Solo. Miss Louise Bruce. 4. Primary Language. Mrs. Ethel Ray.

Afternoon Session, 1:15 o'clock: 5. Vocal Solo. Mrs. Gladys G. Smith. 6. Vocal Solo. Miss Dorothy Deerwester. 7. Language (7th and 8th grades). C. W. Brown. 8. Selected Subject. Supt. J. W. Allen. 9. Song. High School Girls. 10. "What Should the Pupil's Report Cards Contain". Prof. J. B. Wilkerson. 11. Song. Audience.

It is expected that quite a number of teachers will be in attendance, as well as those interested in school work who live in Vernonia and other parts of the Nehalem valley.

VERNONIA SERVICE FLAG NOW HAS GOLD STAR

Edwin Smith Falls in Battle October Twelfth

Edwin Smith, age 30 years and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Vernonia, has made the great sacrifice for his country's sake. He was killed in battle in France, October 12.

Mrs. Smith was rejoicing that the war was over and that her son would soon return to her, but on November 20th, she received word from the war department that the young man had been killed in action.

The dead soldier was born August 15th, 1887, at Portland and came with his parents to the Nehalem valley when two years of age and had lived there until called into the army service.

Besides his father and mother, he leaves to mourn his untimely end, three sisters and four brothers: Mrs. C. J. Hunan of Portland, Mrs. E. D. Peterson of Mist and Mrs. V. L. Powell, who resides at Vernonia.

Barbering Under Difficulties. Ed Lynch recently received a letter from Louis Muhr, which gives a few details as to the difficulties a company barber encounters when the Germans turn loose their big guns on the Yank soldiers.

ST. HELENS BOYS IN BATTLE

"I saw several of the boys from St. Helens up there, before we went in, but have not been able to find out where they are located now. We all have to take our hats off to the American doughboys and in my judgment they have no equals."

SHELLS STOP BARBER WORK

"Well, I am still compacy barber, that is, when I have nothing else to do. I will tell you of a circumstance that happened when we were at the front. We had been up there for some time and one afternoon I tried to do a little tonsorial work. Fritz had been shooting some heavy ones over us all day, when all of a sudden a number of the shells fell short of their previous objectives and landed so close that—well, I closed shop for the day, and I closed up so hurriedly that I don't remember if the last man paid me or not."

Louis is in the ambulance corps and has been in France several months.

George Vanvolkenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vanvolkenburg, former residents of the Nehalem, at last reports was in the thick of the fighting. His parents have not heard from him for some weeks and they fear he has been wounded or killed.

A letter recently received from Corporal Clifford Stokes, states he was at Camp Mills, New York. His regiment expected to be on the way over before he wrote his letter, but the little matter of the kaiser saying he had enough, had changed their plans, for they were still held in New York. Cliff wanted to be remembered to his many St. Helens friends.

Charles F. Heacock is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Heacock, and his cousin, L. R. Rutherford. Mr. Heacock is chief electrician on the transport, Great Northern, and is here on a ten-day furlough, while the ship is being repaired. He has made eight trips to France. The Great Northern holds the record for the fastest round trip between New York and Brest, France.

Fred Morgus came down from Vancouver Wednesday night to eat Thanksgiving dinner at home. He has been assigned to the supply department at the army post.