

Don't Fail To Set Your Clock Back One Hour on Sunday, March 30th, at 2 a. m.

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## ONY PREVAILS AT COUNCIL MEETING

### FATHERS UNITED

... Takes Precedence Over ... All Are Satisfied

Alphonse and Gaston had at the council meeting Monday they would have decided they ... numbers, for the mayor ... men were the personifi ... politeness, and, apparently, ... more of the other fel ... than he did of his own ... case of "Mr. Mayor, what ... do" and "well, boys, it is ... pu," and there wasn't a ... heard to mar the harmony ... meeting. Whether it was be ... of the councilmen would ... and the mayor wished to ... all courtesy possible dur ... meetings of the body, ... the council, tired of ... resolved to make the last ... things a pleasure for all con ... the Mist is unable to say, but ... late, Alphonse and Gaston ... backed off the boards.

## Warehouse for New Dock

William McDonald brought up ... of building a ware ... the city dock and also rush ... completion the approach to ... He explained that in the ... are the contractors who are ... the new school house would ... quantity of sand, gravel and ... they wished to have it ... in the city dock. He thought, ... at the old public landing ... be done away with, since it ... safe and he did not wish to ... city face a damage suit on ... of damages to life or pro ... Councilman Chapman was in ... such proceedings, but Coun ... Allen thought it unwise to ... to the old dock, but, upon ... City Attorney J. W. Day, ... link to fence off the city's ... on the Strand and post ... notices on the walkway ... to the old floating dock, ... or thought that inasmuch as ... away had stood up when ... of men were daily passing ... that it should now stand up ... travel was much lighter, ... first, was in favor of allow ... to go as they now are.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AT PYTHIAN MEETING

### Local Lodge Entertains Many Visitors and Good Time is Had

Tuesday night, Avon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was host to a number of visiting brothers. It was the occasion of the annual visit of the grand lodge officers. Nine automobiles brought some 45 good Pythians from Portland and there were more than 60 members of the local lodge to receive them. Visiting brothers from Rainier, Deer Island, Scappoose and Ridgefield were also there.

## ARMENIAN DRIVE REACHES GOAL

### Chairman Morgus Says Full Quota Will be Obtained

Reports which have reached Fred Morgus, county chairman of the Armenian Drive, lead him to believe that Columbia county will again go over the top. While final reports have not been received from Scappoose, Rainier and Clatskanie, the campaign managers at those places have informed Mr. Morgus that the results so far obtained have been most satisfactory. In St. Helens, the quota has been reached, but some of the willing workers who had not called on each of the residents of their respective districts, are still at work and it is more than likely that the quota of \$1000 allotted to St. Helens, will be over subscribed.

## New Fire Alarm Cards

McCauley of the fire department recommending other mat ... to the fire department, ... that a revised list of fire ... cards be made. There were ... new zones which should be ... to the present system, he said, ... also suggested other ideas ... for the betterment of the ... The council gave him au ... to go ahead with the work ...

## Surfer Stone Presented a Ten-Report

Surfer Stone presented a ten-report and said that at the meeting a complete report in detail the financial affairs of the city, would be presented. ... of \$170 from Matt O'Conor's extra work on the city dock proved and a warrant ordered ...

## Police Officers Appointed

Mayor announced the following ones he had selected to serve

## SUSPECT ARRESTED THEN RELEASED

### Sheriff Keeps Boat Which he Thinks is Stolen Property

Tuesday Sheriff Stanwood arrested a man by the name of Bert Frazer, and held him for awhile as a suspicious character. Several days ago, the sheriff was notified that a fishing boat, had been left near the Columbia Contract quarry. It had been there for several days and therefore the sheriff made an investigation. He found a sawed-off shotgun and quite a little ammunition. He kept a watch on the boat and when Frazer appeared to take charge of it, he was arrested. He claimed that he knew nothing about the gun and ammunition in the boat; that he had secured the boat from a man named Kennedy, who, he stated, had used his (Frazer's) automobile for several days and wrecked it and that to make matters square, Kennedy had sold him the boat and equipment for \$125. When asked as to when the transaction took place, he said about a week ago, but search of the grip which Frazer had in his possession, revealed a bill of sale for the boat and it was dated on March 25. In the grip, also, were numerous petitions asking for aid and in the petition Frazer stated he had been poisoned in a copper smelter and was asking aid so he could secure medical treatment. The sheriff tried to find out more about the man, but he was non-committal. He was held until Wednesday morning and then released, but the sheriff kept the boat and is trying to locate the owner and he believes it was stolen from some Columbia river fisherman.

The boat is a 26-foot, rebuilt fishing boat, double ended, painted green and equipped with a six horsepower, Meteor engine No. 832, and Mr. Stanwood would be glad to deliver it to its owner when proper proof of ownership is made.

## WARREN GRANGERS ARE HOSTS TO HUNDREDS OF THEIR FRIENDS

### GET-TOGETHER MEETING IS HUGE SUCCESS—A FINE PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT

It occurred almost a week ago. In fact, it was Saturday night, March 22nd. We are mentioning the date because of the fact that it was a red letter day in the history of Warren, St. Helens and all that country that lies within a radius of 10 miles of Warren. The big thing to which we refer was the open meeting of the Warren Grange. They had invited the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce and their friends and their neighboring grangers, and, we believe they all came, for the hall was crowded and those who waited just a little too late, were not able to gain admission to the large hall. There was more than 350 people in the hall, and easily 100 more who wished to get in, but could not. Long before the hour scheduled for the program, the hall was packed, and when A. L. Morris, master of the Warren Grange and chairman for the evening's entertainment, called the meeting to order, there was not a vacant seat in the hall.

Mr. Morris, in his welcome to the people present, said that Warren wanted to give the right kind of welcome to the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce and the crowd present showed that Warren had done what it wanted to do. He said that the good people of that neighborhood wanted to work with St. Helens in anything which was for the benefit of the community and that the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce could always rely upon the public spirited citizens of Warren for support in any measure which was for the good of Columbia county. He then introduced the Orpheus Club, which gave a selection, and so well did they please the large audience that they were forced to respond to an encore.

S. C. Morton was the first speaker of the evening. He gave a short talk on what the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce wanted to do and would do for the farmers. He urged co-operation on all work which would be of benefit to Columbia county. Miss Laura Farr favored the audience with a piano selection and responded to an encore and Dr. J. H. Flynn made a short and timely talk on the needs of the county and what the Chamber of Commerce was doing and what it would do in that regard. Mrs. G. R. Metsker favored the audience with a solo and responded to an encore. Mrs. Larue Gelvin was the accompanist.

## SEND ME THE BILL

Mr. Howard is arranging for other attractive features, a full program of which will be in the hands of the members of the chamber of commerce before the date of the meeting.

## A Farm Scene Near Warren



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### GET-TOGETHER MEETING IS HUGE SUCCESS—A FINE PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT

Representative Edison I. Ballagh gave an interesting talk on what had been accomplished at the legislature, which particularly affected the farmer. His talk was instructive and well received. He spoke in favor of the road building program as outlined by the legislature and felt sure that if the measure, which will be submitted to the people in the June election, should carry, that Columbia county would receive a great benefit.

At the conclusion of Mr. Ballagh's talk, Chairman Morris stated that he wished to thank the people of Scappoose, Yankton, St. Helens, Deer Island and Goble for attending the meeting and he hoped all had been benefitted, and he announced that refreshments were ready to be served. Under the direction of Mrs. C. M. Hyskell, who had charge of the preparing and serving of the refreshments, a bevy of young ladies administered to the wants of the hungry ones. They were ably aided by Mr. and Mrs. James Bacon.

The meeting was a great success and such success is largely due to A. L. Morris and his fellow grangers and to Mrs. Hyskell and the willing workers who assisted her in furnishing the eats for several hundred hungry persons.



## HIGHWAY WORK FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

### State Highway Commission Will do Much Work in This County

The state highway commission is in session. They began their session Wednesday morning. Among other important road projects, the grading, paving and completion of the Columbia highway through Columbia county, was taken up. The commission instructed the highway engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the paving of the highway from Clatskanie to Deer Island and also for the grading of the highway from Scappoose to Deer Island. It is understood that such estimates will soon be prepared and advertised and at their next meeting in April, contracts will be let for the work above mentioned. Several residents of St. Helens attended the meeting of the commission, and it is their opinion that the commission is in earnest as to the completion of the Columbia highway between Scappoose and Astoria and that, if possible, the work will be completed this summer. Of course, there are many of the "doubting Thomas" kind, but the Mist thinks that before the last of April these Thomas boys will be convinced that the state highway commission intends to give Columbia county a fair and square deal.

The road building program as outlined for the county means that several hundred thousands of dollars will be spent for labor and supplies, and that remunerative employment will be available to those who desire to work.

## THERE ARE RUMORS OF INDEPENDENT TICKET

### Nominations for City Officers do Not Seem to Suit Everyone

The city election will be held on Monday, April 7th, and as the time of said election approaches, there seems to be more interest taken. There are well founded rumors that independent candidates will be nominated by petition and their names will appear on the ballot. Who the candidates are, or who they will oppose, the Mist has not been able to learn, but the information as to an independent ticket came from a reliable source.

According to the charter a nomination petition must be filed with the city recorder at least five days before the election, so if there should be such nominating petitions, they must be filed on or before April 2nd. The recorder's registration books closed on yesterday and should any one desire to register between that date and election day, such registration will have to be made by affidavit.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL HAVE BIG MEETING

### D. C. Howard, Chairman of the Evening, Promises Fine Program

The next regular meeting of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday evening, April 2nd. D. C. Howard, county agricultural agent and a prominent member of the chamber is chairman of the evening. He informs the Mist that he is arranging a most interesting program. The chief and outstanding feature will be the address of Prof. E. T. Reed, college editor of the O. A. C. His subject will be "Leadership in Democracy." Prof. Reed is an educator and lecturer of ability and his lecture will be full of punch and good thought. The professor will meet the students at the high school in the afternoon and the O. A. C. alumni in the early part of the evening.

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## FILING ARGUMENTS ON MEASURES

Tuesday was the last day for filing with the secretary of state the arguments for and against the seven measures which will be voted upon by the electors of Oregon at the special election to be held next June. These arguments are to be published in the official voters' pamphlet. The measures that are to appear on the ballot are:

Act appropriating \$2,500,000 for the construction of the Roosevelt highway along the Oregon coast. Five million-bonding bill providing for the improvement of public buildings and the erection of new structures, and providing for the development of reclamation projects. One-mill market road tax bill. A measure providing financial aid for soldiers, sailors and marines desiring to secure an education. Lieutenant governor constitutional amendment. Bill providing for the construction of a hospital in Portland by the industrial accident commission. Bill increasing bonding limit by counties for roads to 6 per cent of their valuations.

## GEORGE CHRISTIE HOME TELLS OF BIG BATTLES

### WAS MACHINE GUNNER! St. Helens Boy in Many Battles Did His Part in Conquering Huns

George Christie has arrived home safe and sound after more than a year's service on the battle fields of France, and during this time, he has seen and participated in several of the big battles which resulted in defeat to the kaiser's army. Christie was one of the drafted men who left St. Helens on November 1, 1917. With the others, he went to Camp Lewis and was assigned to the depot brigade. He was there for only ten days before orders came for entraining and with several thousand other soldiers, was sent to Camp Mills, N. Y. There his company was merged with the 162nd Infantry (the old 3rd Oregon) and on December 11th, they sailed on the transport Tuscania (which vessel was torpedoed on her next trip and hundreds of Americans lost) and arrived in Liverpool on Christmas day. They were taken to a camp in Southampton, England, and a few days later were taken across the English Channel and landed at Harve, France.

## Channel Trip Rough

Christie said the trip across the English channel caused more discomfort to the soldiers than did the trip across the Atlantic. They were loaded in small boats, about the size of the ordinary Pacific Coast lumber schooner. The boats were very narrow and speedy and the channel was very rough, so the soldier boys did not appreciate the rolling of the boat nor did those not seafish relish the performances of the seasick boys. But it couldn't be helped and after about five hours of agony for both the sick and the well, they landed in France, and were sent to a training camp, Casne. They remained in that place until June when the regiment was broken up and sent to different places in France as replacements. While in camp, drilling, guard duty and general military training was the routine.

## Was Made Machine Gunner

In June, George was made a machine gunner and he stated that the training one receives in order to become a gunner, is most thorough. The gunner must know every part of the gun and how to fix it if anything goes wrong. Part of the practice is to blindfold the gunner and then assemble the parts of the gun and make it ready for action. This training was necessary, so Christie explained, so that if in the night time, the gun was put out of commission, that even in the darkness, the gunner would know each part and just where it belonged and be able to repair the gun. George must have learned all about the machine gun, for he was made a gunner and served as such until the armistice was declared.

## First Big Battle

Although he had been in raiding parties and minor trench fights, Christie says that the first real big battle that he was in was at Chateau-Thierry. His regiment marched practically all night so as to be on the scene of action in the morning. They reached the place about 4 o'clock in the morning and rested for an hour. The roads were jammed and there was an endless stream of guns, ammunition wagons, motor cars, etc., and the soldiers were compelled to march single file along the side of the road. Early in the morning, the signal was given and they went over the top. At first, the Germans put up a stiff resistance, but at the end of the third day, they were on the run with American soldiers in hot pursuit. George's division lost heavily in the battles. While he considers Chateau-Thierry as a hot fight it does not compare, he thinks, with Soissons. In this battle there were many hand to hand conflicts and the Germans were more stubborn in their defense. The American boys, however, proved their superiority over the German soldiers and even the noted Prussian Guard could not stand against the repeated assaults of Uncle Sam's soldiers.

## Was in St. Mihiel Drive

George was also in the St. Mihiel drive which was September 11th. Breaking camp at 8 o'clock in the evening they marched until 12:30 o'clock that night and they laid out in the woods. This drive was the first all-American offensive and every American soldier was keyed up to make it a grand success. Promptly at 1:00 o'clock in the morning, from the American artillery line several miles in the rear, the first gun boomed. It was followed by another and then another, and in a few minutes hundreds of guns were sending thousands of tons of steel into the German lines. It was a continual roar, Christie stated, and lying in his little "dug in" he could look back and see the heavens lit up by the intense fire from the artillery. The barrage continued until five o'clock in the morning and then the infantry went over the top. The barrage was stopped, but some of the

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