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TPRINTS OF PIONEER DAYS

of St. Helens Schools is Told W. Blakesley—Old Church Courthouse Were Used as ols in 1875.

g the pretentious new school which is nearing completion nparing the school facilities of rs ago with those of today, Charles W. Blakesley to be ent and he gave the Mist interesting history of the of early days. Mr. Blakesley s parents, A. H. and Theresa ey, arrived in St. Helens in oming from Rainier, where ad resided for a year. The before moving to Rainier, Corvallis.

cher-Lawyer First Teacher

first school teacher who incul- the mind of young Charles ey the rudiments of an edu was Preacher-Lawyer F. D. He taught school in the old residence on Columbia street St. Helens and Willamette The schoolhouse-residence er purchased by A. H. and until a few years ago oc as a residence by him.

s in 1874 that Winton taught 875 the school children of St. attended school in two places. ourt was not in session, the tory of the old courthouse was a school room, but when as in session, the stern judges e days did not like the noise schoolchildren, so school was the old church "on the hill," by the way, was the third st church built in Oregon ourt was over, the courthouse in used as a school building chool didn't move unless the moved, and when the judge school out, the bell had to be up the hill, and when court r, down came the bell and it ved with the school children former place of teaching. scholars, books and the bell gether, according to Mr y.

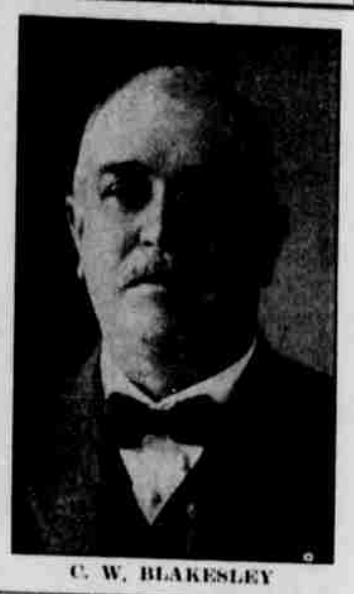
ing the need of permanent the Blakesleys, Miles Meekers, Muckles and others to build a new schoolhouse, ould be available at all times popular subscription a one ilding 30x60 was erected on of the present schoolhouse Moore, who was one of the ool teachers, was a leader in vement for a new schoo' uilding and he was ably sec- by Judge McBride, who also the St. Helens school. The at the courthouse show that ruary 23, 1881, Francis and a Lancaster deeded to School No. 2 a lot for school house. Work was not started un- ummer, but according to Mr y, the school house was r occupancy late in the fall. Quick, who then lived in ton county, was the first for the new school, and be- the term late in '81 he was or Quick" for 11 months. the students who attended ere Frank Miles, Eugene W. Blakesley, W. W. Blakes- Blakesley (now Mrs. Dem- A. Perry, Ed Potter, Eseke who now resides near Hoult- alter Emma and Jim Cox, s children, the Conyers chil- many others whose names ecalled. Only a few of these children" now live in St. The school house was used 04 when it was bought by Goode and moved to a loca- the Strand. The fire which d a considerable portion of s late in that year, claimed schoolhouse.

ter Schoolhouse Built

4 the John Gumm school- s built on the site of the old nd the present site of the ding. John Gumm, a bache- Kentuckian, although un- thought that every child ave educational advantages he willed his property to lelens and Columbia City stricts. The schoolhouse was 1894 and occupied that fall named after the pioneer who e funds to build it. The s large enough to take care Helens children until 1912 was remodeled and a large- built. This building was des- fire last September. E. E s one of the school direc- the John Gumm school and it was at his sugges- the school bore that name e are many who now think present magnificent build- ld be named after the man gave St. Helens a start in ildings.

are many of the old timers eing the new building, the m the gymnasium, play domestic science rooms k of the days of '75 to '94 room accommodated all of s and one teacher gave in- to all grades. But then ve changed and educational and notions likewise.

Tells of Pioneer Days



C. W. BLAKESLEY

C. W. BLAKESLEY OFFERS CORRECTIONS TO HISTORY

Number of Families Lived in St. Helens in 1874 Says Chas. Blakesley

More families lived in St. Helens in 1874 adn 1875 than were mentioned by Washington Muckle in his interview with the Mist last week, according to Charles W. Blakesley, who is known as the historian of the city on account of his knowledge of pioneer years and facts. Mr. Blakesley says the followign lived in St. Helens at the time mentioned: Joseph Platt in the Cole house; Mrs. Leith in the old mill mess house; H. McDonald lived in one of the mill shanties and T. C. Watts lived in what is now known as the Kaleva hotel. Two Austrians known as Joe and Mike were also residents of St. Helens. James Dart lived in the Perry house; John Eversaul, mother and sister in one of the mill houses; Tom Erlington, then deputy sheriff, in the old Tammany Hall and B. F. Giltner in a small building then on the site of the Morgus building. J. A. McElhaney had a store in the Taylor building and James Currico also stayed there. J. A. Carr conducted a saloon and lived in a house on Columbia street and James McBride lived in a small residence where is now Miss Amy George's residence. William Meeker, H. Conklin and John Smith were other residents of St. Helens and William Woodman and bride had just taken up their abode in the city. "Sugar Foot" Smith and his family lived in a residence next to where the bank is now located and Mrs. Rachael Rose and family lived in the McKie residence. James Ladd, Sr., James Ladd, Jr., and George Ladd lived in the house now occupied by Dr. Russell and E. T. May in the LaBare residence. Sam Miles lived in his big house on Columbia street and F. D. Winton, the lawyer-preacher lived in the old A. H. George residence. A noted character, Ah Sing (who Walter Blakesley voted for every city election) had a wash house in the Morgus block and Major E. G. Adams lived near Frogmore. Captain Lemont lived near here and T. H. Taylor owned a shipyard site.

Others Lived Near Here

Aaron Broyles lived at Houlton and John Gumm on his farm near Columbia City and Augustine Quirolo, a fisherman, claimed St. Helens as his home. John Ayeres lived in the Watkins home, and Joe W. Campbell, who had been released from the penetentiary for shooting Sam Miles, was also a resident of St. Helens A. H. Blakesley and family also lived here, so it can been seen that even in 1874 St. Helens had quite a population.

(Editor's Note—In publishing the "Footprints of Pioneer Days" it is expected that some discrepancies will creep in and the Mist will be glad to correct such discrepancies or any omission).

BIG LAND TRACT CHANGES HANDS

One of the largest close-to-town realty deals that has been consumated in several months has been recently negotiated and H. F. McCormick and Charles Wheeler are now the owners of the 127 acres of land which lies between the Houlton-Bachelor Flat road and the logging railroad and adjoins Houlton. The property was owned by the Catholic Sisters, and deeded to them years ago, so the Mist understands by Mr. Campbell, a former resident of St. Helens.

Just what use Messrs. McCormick and Wheeler will make of the property, the Mist is unable to learn, but it is hinted that it might be used in the terminal project which is now under way. The property was assessed at $7305, but it is understood that the purchase price was at a lesser figure.

HELP NEEDED AT CANNERY

Tons of Beans Coming in and Not Sufficient Help to Can Them—One Hundred Additional People Now Needed at Cannery.

The Columbia River Canning & Produce company is sending out the S. O. S. call. They need help, more help. In fact they can use 75 or 100 more people than are now employed. Tons of beans are coming in and there is not sufficient labor to prepare the beans for canning. Mr. Rosasco, manager of the concern, informs the Mist that during the coming week, he expects twice as much beans as have been delivered during this week, and the present force of 35 to 40 people will not be able to handle them. The cannery pays good wages, 1¼ cents per pound and a faithful worker makes from $3.50 to $4.25 per day stringing beans. The work is not hard, he says, and comfortable quarters and pleasant surroundings are provided.

A Chance for Extra Money

Mr. Rosasco states that now is the opportunity for the women and children to make a nice little amount of extra money, for he can use many more people in the cannery. The wages are paid promptly and in addition to earning this extra money, the workers will have the satisfaction of knowing that they aided in saving necessary food supplies. The cannery, in the event of an oversupply of beans, could ship them elsewhere to be canned, but Mr. Rosasco prefers to have them canned in St. Helens so that residents of the city and nearby districts might derive the benefit instead of sending the money away from home. He hopes that many will respond to his appeal which is published elsewhere in this paper and immediately come out to the cannery and help in the work.

The cannery is a very important commercial institution of St. Helens and disburses much money for labor and produce and it is hoped that ample labor will be available so that the cannery can use all of the produce offered, which it has done up to this time.

COUNTY COURT MET SATURDAY

The county court met in special session on Saturday, August 23rd. Judge Martin White and Commissioner A. E. Harvey were present. The matter which caused the special meeting was to consider bids for the hard surfacing of Nice Creek bridge in Rainier. No bids were submitted so the court does not, according to Judge Martin White, know what to do in the matter.

Another matter was brought to the attention of the court. Charles Wheeler and H. F. McCormick bought from the Sisters of Charity of Providence St. Vincents Hospital, a certain tract of land in the McNulty D. L. C., near St. Helens. The land had been carried on the assessor's book as 154 acres, valued at $7305.00. A survey by L. J. VanOrshoven showed an acreage of 127.44 acres. Where upon a claim was made for the excess acreage and the court remitted $59.83 in taxes.

It would appear from the court proceedings as published on page three in this issue of the Mist, that the rebate was made to the Sisters but such is not the case for they have paid, according to the assessor's office, the tax on the full acreage for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rutherford were among the St. Helens people visiting Portland Wednesday.

NO QUORUM NO MEETING

Informal Meeting is Held and Several Matters Discussed—City Hall Floor to be Repaired and Street Work Contract Modified.

There was no quorum at the council meeting Monday night, Councilman Dixon and White being slightly indisposed, therefore no regular meeting could be held. Mayor Saxon suggested, however, that inasmuch as several important matters were before the council, that an informal meeting be held and he brought up the matter of improvement of Tualatin street from its intersection with Cascnau street to Winter street. The mayor stated that the proposed improvement, if made, would necessitate the levying of an assessment greater than the assessed valuations of the lots affected by such improvement. According to the city charter, such proceedings would not be legal. He recommended that the section of street mentioned be omitted from the improvement plans and Messrs. Wheeler and O'Connor agreed with him. If the property owners on Tualatin street make a separate petition for the improvement and agree to pay the cost of such improvement, it can then be made and not before.

New Floor for City Hall

A petition signed by numerous taxpayers was presented, asking that the city hall floor be repaired. It seems that a Portland concern had offered to do the work for $425 and it was suggested that a contract be made with the contracting firm to do the work for the amount specified. The hall floor, on account of having been oiled while used for school purposes, is unfit for dancing and the city was losing revenue on account of not being able to rent the hall for such purpose.

The matter of laying a sewer across Columbia street from the building which E. G. Ditto will erect on the west side of the street, was taken up and discussed. It was decided to allow Mr. Ditto to make the connection and at his own expense, and when Councilman Wheeler suggested that the laying of the sewer and the tearing up of the street be superintended by some city official, the mayor designated the street committee to look after the matter. Mr. Wheeler is chairman of the street committee, so he will look after the work, that is, if the mayor's orders are carried out.

Repairs to Sewer Made

Marshal George Potter reported that the repairs to the sewer on Willamette street at the foot of the De Spain hill, had been completed and the sewer was in first class shape. He was compelled to pay, he said, $6 a day to those who dug the sewer ditch and laid the new sewer. Warrants covering the payroll were drawn and signed by the mayor. The mayor attempted to hold an adjourned meeting Wednesday night, but Councilman James O'Connor was the only councilman to show up, so there will be no further regular meeting of the council until Monday, September 8. September 1st is Labor Day and a legal holiday, so no meeting could be held on that day. The council, therefore, will have a two weeks vacation, unless the mayor calls them to attend a special meeting.

Norman Merrill, a pioneer resident of Columbia county, who now lives at Deer Island, was in St. Helens Wednesday transacting business. Mr. Merrill, before moving to Deer Island, lived at Clatskanie. He knows much interesting history of the early days and has consented to give the Mist a good story in the near future.

Belgian Rulers Soon Sail for U. S.

King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium feel that they and their country owe to the United States a debt of gratitude which only a personal visit to our shores can help repay. Therefore an early trip here has been planned their three children to accompany them. These are the latest pictures of the royal pair. Washington is planning a great social whirl during their visit.

Named for Latin Post

H. P. DODGE

Experienced diplomat who is U. S. representative to new Latin republics

CAPTAIN GEORGE GORE RETURNS FROM FRANCE

Served 20 Months in Foreign Service and in Many Battles

Captain George A. Gore, after an absence of two years, 20 months of which was in France, has returned to St. Helens and resumed his law practice, which he left to join the army.

Captain Gore, when he reached France, was Lieutenant Gore, Artillery Corps, and after several months in training in France, he was sent to the front. His first engagement was at Verdun. Then followed Chateau-Thierry, Soissons, Toul, St. Mihiel, Champagne and the Meuse-Argonne. At no time was his battery or division, the 15th Field Artillery, Second Division, absent from the actual fighting line for more than 10 days.

After a few months of hard service Lieutenant Gore was made Battery Commander and in February received his commission as captain. He has the Croix de Guerre from the French government and a citation from General Pershing for certain valiant service which he and his battery performed.

Captain Gore was attached to the regulars and arrived in New York August 6th. His command went to San Antonio, Texas, but he obtained permission to come to Camp Lewis and was mustered out of service there last Friday.

In the near future the Mist will publish a series of articles telling of the big fights in which the first and second divisions took part. Captain Gore will furnish the authentic information for the articles. How the Germans were stopped at Chateau-Thierry by the fighting marines, how the great offensive in the St. Mihiel was brought to a successful culmination will be told in the articles and based on actual facts as experienced by an officer who is in position to give the real facts.

Captain Gore, like all American soldiers, is reticent as to the part he played, and the articles which will appear in the Mist will not be of a personal nature, but relate to the work and accomplishments of the American army. We hope to have the first installment of the story in next week's issue of the Mist.

NEW DEPOT FOR ST. HELENS IS DEMANDED

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce, the secretary was instructed to prepare and institute proceedings against Walter Hines, director general of the U. S. Railroad administration, to show cause why a depot commensurate with the city's importance and one which would accommodate the public, should not be built in St. Helens.

Acting upon such instructions the secretary prepared the papers and filed them with the Oregon Public Service commission and it is expected that the commission will designate an early date when the matter will be heard.

The shack which is designated as a depot by the railroad officials would be a disgrace to a section house community on the desert of Arizona and the people of St. Helens have waited patiently and long for the railroad officials to take some action. Since there seems to be no inclination on their part to do the right thing, the Chamber of Commerce thought best to proceed legally and ascertain if the government was not willing to furnish the people of St. Helens the needed accommodation.

The result is eagerly awaited.

Harry Lyon received a telegram from Sacramento Tuesday, stating that his son had been killed in that city. Mr. Lyon and his daughter, Mrs. Morgan, left at once for Sacramento. No particulars were given as to how the young man met his death.

AID ASKED FOR WORTHY CAUSE

American Women's Hospital Work in France, Serbia and Near East Must Have Funds to Carry on the Work for Humanity.

The Mist has received the following appeal for a worthy cause and prints it so that Columbia county citizens may have an opportunity to contribute toward carrying on the work:

Portland, Ore., Aug. 23, 1919.
Mr. S. C. Morton,
Editor, St. Helens Mist,
St. Helens, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I need your help at once in a most worthy cause.

Please read the attached slip which gives you the details, and then do your best to help uphold the glory of Oregon.

Oregon's share is only $5,000, a pitifully small sum considering the magnitude and importance of the work to be done.

So I am asking you if you will not please sit down and write me a check for $50.00, just one percent of Oregon's share, as the quota for your county, and send it to me right away. As Oregon must make her final report to the National Committee by September 1st. Then you can ask ten or a dozen of your citizens to chip in and help you share the $50.00 quota. I leave it to you to arrange that in any way you like.

Please make the check payable to the American Women's Hospitals, and forward it in the enclosed envelope.

Thanking you for your early attention to this matter, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
JOHN L. ETHRIDGE,
State Director.

The slip enclosed is an appeal from W. P. Strandborg, state chairman, and is:

Shall Oregon Bow Her Head?

Oregon is the only state in the Union that has not raised its quota for the American Women's Hospitals work in Devastated France, Serbia and the Near East.

Oregon is asked to raise the pitifully small sum of $5,000 and it must be raised at once or the state must hang her head in shame.

Such a calamity after our wonderful record in all other achievements in War and Peace must not be thought of.

The work of the American Women's Hospitals consists in giving shelter and medical care to thousands of young dependent mothers, expectant mothers, helpless babies, war orphans and other women and children who are penniless, bereaved and ill in the war swept lands of Europe.

Through military necessity, hospitals were maintained for the care of sick and wounded men at the front, throughout the war, but practically no provision was made for the sick and helpless women and children behind the front until the American Women's Hospital service took up this urgently needed work. Conditions are improving but slowly and the work must be kept up until the heavily-burdened and improverished French and Serbian governments can take it over and that will not be for several years to come.

Hundreds of American women physicians and nurses are giving their service in these hospitals, including four from Oregon.

And, of the eighteen American women decorated by the French government for distinguished service in this field, two were Oregon women, Dr. Mary McLaughlin and Dr. Mary Evans, both of Portland. Dr. Esther Lovejoy, another Oregon woman who has spent two years in this service abroad, is now National Chairman for the work.

Please help us uphold the magnificent work our own Oregon women are doing in this great cause and DO IT NOW.

W. P. STRANBORG,
State Chairman, American Women's Hospitals.

The Mist would be glad to follow the instructions of Mr. Ethridge and pin a $50 check to a letter saying "here's Columbia county's quota." It would be easy for us to write the check, but cashing it is another matter. However, the Mist believes the cause a most worthy one and will head the list of subscribers with a $2.00 check. If any one in Columbia county wishes to contribute, make the check payable American Women's Hospital and send it to the Mist. It will be forwarded to the state chairman.

The Mist is glad to contribute this space and its little $2.00 to the hospital fund, and if you want to help raise the quota for the county, don't wait for a month or more, make out your check and send it in. Receipt will be acknowledged and the check or money sent to headquarters. If you are going to do it, DO IT NOW.

Colonel E. Hofer and family of Salem passed through St. Helens on Tuesday enroute home after having visited the seaside. Colonel Hofer publishes "The Manufacturer," a well known Oregon publication.