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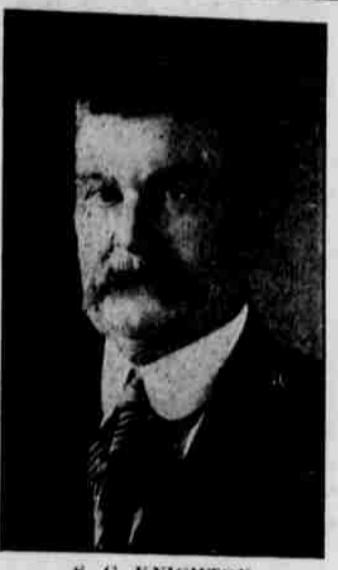
ST. HELENS, OREGON, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1919

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FOOTPRINTS OF PIONEER DAYS

Knighiton Tells of Times When Helens Was Head of Navigation...

City's First White Child



S. C. KNIGHTON

White Child Born Here

Mr. Knighton belongs to the distinction of being the first white child born in St. Helens...

FEW RESPONSES TO HOSPITAL APPEAL

Urgent Appeal Made for Worthy Cause—County's Quota \$50

In the last issue of the Mist an appeal was presented for aid for the American Women's Hospital...

SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER 15

Opening Date is Postponed One Week on Account of Incompleted Schoolhouse—Contractors Making Good Progress.

The public schools of St. Helens will open on Monday, September 15, according to the program arranged by the school directors...

Attendance Will be Large

Superintendent J. B. Wilkerson stated to the Mist that the prospects for a really good school and a large attendance were good...

VERDUN FRONT INITIATES YANKS

Raids, Trench Warfare, Gas Bombardment and Other German Tricks Greet American Troops When They First Arrived.

Editors Note—This is the first of a series of articles pertaining to the part the American troops played in turning the tide of war...

Captain Gore said: The formal organization of the Second Division was effected under a war department order dated December, 1917...

Germans On Alert

The Germans always knew when a new detachment took their place in the line and it was no exception when Captain Gore's battery took up a position after struggling through the blue mud...

Fierce Fight Ensues

Outnumbered and assailed from every side the American soldiers fought with incredible determination and ferocity...

Youngest Congressman



KING SWOPE

of Kentucky, is the youngest man ever elected to the U. S. Congress and is the first war hero to be awarded. He is 26 years old and is a Republican.

FRANCHISE GRANTED TERMINAL COMPANY

Rights Given to Build and Operate Railroad Over Certain Streets

At their meeting August 18th (which was the last meeting of the city council) an ordinance was passed granting the St. Helens Dock and Terminal company a perpetual franchise for the occupancy of certain streets...

The ordinance gives to the Terminal company the perpetual right to lay tracks and operate trains on certain streets in St. Helens which are designated in the ordinance...

The Boches could not stand up in such a fierce, bloody fighting and they fled in complete disorder...

Americans Make Raids

The Verdun sector, as previously stated, had been a comparatively quiet sector. Every night or so, either a German or French raiding party would go out and capture a few prisoners...

Germans Spot Batteries

Captain Gore said that in his battery there were only 15 big guns. The position they took up had been occupied previously by the French and there were gun emplacements...

In one instance, Captain Gore said, after removing their French '75's a dummy was rigged up and the German artillery sent over hundreds of shells before the dummy was destroyed...

TRAIN WRECKED NONE INJURED

Broken Axle on Tender Truck Cause of Derailment—Engineer Helgeson's Presence of Mind Probably Averted Serious Wreck.

The Seaside Limited, train 29, on the S. P. & S. R. R., bound from Portland to Seaside, was wrecked at Merrill's creek, one mile northwest of Deer Island Monday morning at 9:42 o'clock...

Cool Engineer Saves Lives

Presence of mind of "Bill" Helgeson is responsible for the fact that no lives were lost in the wreck. The train was running about 35 miles per hour, so Helgeson told the Mist...

No One Was Injured

Not one of the several hundred passengers on the train was injured, though some of them had a severe shaking up while the cars were traveling on the ties instead of following the rails...

Traffic Soon Resumed

News of the wreck was sent to the railroad officials in Portland and a wrecking train was soon on the job. The passengers on the up-train were transferred and reached Portland with only a few hours delay...

The wreck, while an expensive one from a financial standpoint, is a lucky one on account of no one being injured. Some who have investigated the matter say it is luck, but a majority of those who have visited the scene of the accident, give Helgeson the credit for averting a serious accident and using real cool headed judgment when the emergency occurred.

AMERICAN LEGION POST ORGANIZED

The St. Helens post of the American Legion was organized Wednesday night, when 35 ex-service men met at the city hall. Barge E. Leonard, state treasurer, spoke of the necessity of organizing a post here and stated the objects of the Legion...

Another meeting of the Legion will be held in the near future at which time the temporary organization will be made permanent. It is expected that the membership will be increased by not less than 100, as in St. Helens and surrounding community there are almost 200 ex-service men.

William Brown, the deputy game warden, was in St. Helens Thursday. Mr. Brown states that a number of people in the county have fawns in their possession, which makes them liable to arrest, unless they hold permits. No permit is issued for the possession of more than one fawn.

St. Helens Navigation Head

In the early 50's St. Helens was head of navigation on the Columbia river. Once a month and times oftener, the good ship Ambian, Captain Dall, berthed at dock and brought hundreds of tons of merchandise and many passengers for the Oregon country...

School Days Recalled

The first school in St. Helens, according to Mr. Knighton, was a little log building at the south end of Strand street, and Professor Wilson was teacher. In 1852 Mr. Knighton and eight other children, were the first to attend school...

Indian Was Playmate

The playmate of young Knighton in the 50's was an Indian youth. His mother and mother died, and the old man, gave the orphan to Captain Knighton. Until the Indian lad was years old, he lived with the Knightons and was a member of the family. The lad of 60 years ago is an old man and lives on his ancestral place near Woodland, Washington, and he goes by the name of Sam Knighton...

Creosoting Company Resumes Operations

After a long period of idleness the St. Helens Creosoting company has resumed operations. Recently the company secured large orders from the harbor commission at Los Angeles for creosoted timbers and piling and other orders are in sight...

Formerly the company received its creosoting oil from Germany and it was brought in large tank steamers, but they are now receiving the oil from Chicago and one car load is being used each day. The force of men employed numbers 18 but it is expected that with other retorts coming the force will soon be increased.

Water in St. Helens, is a son of the elder Knighton family moved to Vancouver in 1862, but the early history of St. Helens is still fresh in the mind of Mr. Knighton, who, as stated in the beginning of this article was the first white child born in St. Helens.



'MENDING IT!!'

YOU'D JUST AS WELL HUSH!!

SENATE