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# OTPRINTS OF PIONEER DAYS

Helens Was Head of Naviga-San Francisco Bonts Came re to Discharge their Cargoes.

the days of 1850 to 1860, St. is was the head of navigation he Columbia river, so far as going boats were concerned. n going boats were concerned,
S. C. Knighton, when speaking
he ploneer days of St. Helens,
father, Captain H. M. Knighton
to St. Helens in 1846 and took claim which is now the town-of St. Helens. The captain had the seven seas and bringing go into the Columbia river, and ng here to discharge the freight, ad an opportunity to investigate possibilities of the county and so favorably impressed that he returned and took up a homeclaim Looking over the court-e records, the "H. M. Knighton tion Land Claim" is the place of ming of all of the deeds for the fer of all property in St. Hel-

st White Child Born Here Mr. Knighton belongs the dis on of being the first white on of being the first white born in St. Helens. That event rred in 1848 in a little log s built by his father and which pled the site where now stands folumbia County Bank, The log s residence was occupied by the thion family for several years then Captain Knighton built a ence on what is now Columbia t. The lumber used in the ing, which was the most protime, was brought eround the and cost \$165 per thousand ared in St. Helens. When the hion family moved from St as, the residence was sold to am Meeker and a few years ago a bought by Mr. Jacob George moved over to Casenau street, the residence was sold to it still stands.

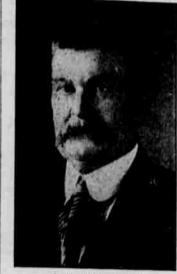
. Helens Navigation Head early 50's St. Helens was head of navigation on the Col-ariver. Once a month and times oftener, the good ship mblan, Captain Dall, berthed at brought handreds of of merchandise and many pasfor the Oregon country. about 10 days then to make the rom San Francisco and the boat, the late Whitcomb, which the passengers from St. Helens ortland and otwed the lighters of with merchandise, was almost making the trip from St. Hel-

nany of the pupils have "feel-ecollections" of how strict he Other pioneers who lived in seens at that time were Captain int, Captain Pope, who conda a small store, and Captain Sam Miles came a little later s first employment was drivbull team and hauling lumber a little mill on the George place, near Houlton, to St. as. He worked for Captain as. He worked for Captain and attended to the steamboat ess for the California-Portland lers. The Indiana lers. The Indians, many of lived on Lewis river and at n, where is now the Columbia ty Lumber company's mill, the principal traders and they the principal traders and they plentifully supplied with gold and gold nuggets, which they d for merchandise. From what he they obtained the gold, no was able to discover, but they just the same. St. Helens was be market and top prices were for all produce, lumber and ever else was brought to trade, in Knighton furnished the lers with provisions and meat hers with provisions and meat he had a big trade. The Indians ose times, were great fishermen the Columbia was alive with on. Oftentimes, Mr. Knighton he had seen hundreds of a loaded with salmon and on any to Astoria where the salmon disposed of to the canneries traders there.

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Indian Was Playmate playmate of young Knighton 6 50's was an Indian youth. H's r and mother died, and the old gave the orphan to Captain hton. Until the Indian lad was hton. Until the Indian lad was ears old, he lived with the htons and was a member of the ly. The lad of 60 years ago is an old man and lives on his alphace near Woodland, Washin, and he goes by the name of the mind of Mr. Knighton, who, as the mind of the was the first white child born in St. Helens.

## City's First White Child



S. C. KNIGHTON

#### 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, which doing magnificient work in France, Belgium and Serbia. The appeal, as published in the Mist, brought some responses, for in ad-dition to the \$2.00 contributed by the Mist, J. B. Godfrey sent a check for \$1.00; B. I. Plummer, a former resident of St. Helens, but who now celdes at Aumsville, Oregon, sent a beck for \$2.00, saying that "I have just noticed an article in the Mist concerning the American Women's Hospital work in France, Belgium and Serba. I pity these war stricken becopie and am anxious to do my lit-te bit, so I am enclosing my check for \$2.00. I hope it will be of some

benefit to those unfortunate people.

The Mist is not going to monkey tround any lower. If any of you The Mist is not going to monkey round any lower if any of you people who are living, so to sceam, in the "lap of luxury" want to help also states that the high school will have a larger attendance than in the "lap of luxury" want to help also states that the high school will have a larger attendance than in the country is want to help will be forwarded to state head or country is wasted to make any real Christians in the rountry? Foreign missions, and other cause any long the schools in the country? Foreign missions, and other cause and the very best effort is any real Christians in the least that the planed or asset of the school single the schools in the law of the school on Saptember 13, and outline of the schools in the civil the planed of the schools in the civil the school have plunged in country. Foreign missions, and other cause and the very best effort is any real Christians in the least that the planed of the school in the study and the very best effort is skept filtering through On the missions, and other cause and the very best effort is any real Christians in the least that the planed of the school in the study and the planed and the very best effort is any real Christians in the least that the planed and the very best effort is any real Christians in the least that the planed and the very best effort is a school and the very best effort is any real Christians in the country? Foreign missions, how the planed and the very best effort is any real Christians in the country? Foreign missions, how the planed and the very best effort is any real Christians in the least that the planed and the very best effort is a school and the very best ef Anighton said.

School Days Recalled

first school in St. Helens, achair sum of \$50 for this cause, ing at the south end of Strand L, and Professor Wilson was a little eacher. In 1852 Mr. Knighton eight other children, were the who attended school Prof. was a strict disciplinarian many of the pupils have "feel-recollegiciers."

help womanhood. This is all the Mist is going to say about the matter. If Covembla pounty can't raise the matter. If Covembla pounty can't raise the opening of school and the teacher of the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the opening of school and the teachers who, under contract, were to resolve the openin

Mr. S. C. Morton.

St. Helens, Oregon.

About ten days ago Mr. Etheridge wrote you regarding the American Women's Hospital campaign, but as we have not heard from you. I am

appealing to you again.

Of the \$5,000 asked from our state less than one-third has been pledged, and I earnestly hope you will do your utmost to secure your county quota of only \$50 and send it to me

by September 10th.
While your duty as county chairman ended with the war, I trust you will not refuse, especially as the sum asked for is so small.

Thanking you in advance, I am Very sincerly yours, W. P. STRONBORG, State Chairman

## CREOSOTING COMPANY RESUMES OPERATIONS

After a long period of idleness th-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 creesoting oil from Germany and it was brought in large tank steamers but they are but they are now receiving the o'l from Chicago and one car load is being used each day. The force of men employed numbers 18 but it is ex-pected that with other retorts going the force will soon be increased.

acter in St. Helens, is a son of the elder Knighton.

# SCHOOLS QPEN

Opening Date is Postponed One Raids, Trench Warfare, Gas Bom-Week on Account of Incompleted Schoolhouse-Contractors Making Good Progress.

The public schools of St. Helens will open on Monday, Feptember 15. according to the program arranged by the school directors. The openng date as first set was September 8, but Contractors Hoover & McNeil who are building the new school, have been unable to secure needed material, and although they have done their utmost to have the work completed on schedule time, September I, it has been impossible to to so. The school directors are familiar with the matter and attach no blame to the contractors, and in view of the labor conditions and the difficulty in seasons. from a planing mill there.

The contractors have assured the school board that they work and that the school building will be ready for occupancy on Sep-tember 15. There will be quite a bit of work to be done on the exter-or, but Mr McNeil, who has charge if the work, states that the interior will be ready for the scholars on the date mentioned. The incompleted work will be completed without inconvenience to teacher or scholar, secording to Mr. McNeil.

Attendance Will be Large

Superintendent J. B. Wilkerson-stated to the Mist that the prospects for a really good school and a large ttendance were good. Judging from the number of enquires received he thought the attendance would be around 700. Professor Wilkerson is

# VERDUN FRONT **INITIATES YANKS**

bardment and Other German Tricks Greet American Froops When They First Arrived.

Editors Note-This is the first of a series of articles per-taining to the part the Ameri-can troops played in turning the can troops played in turning the tide of war and the information upon which the articles are based are given the Mist by Captain George A. Gore, bat-tery commander of one of the batteries of the famous Second

Captain Gore said: The formal organization of the Second Division amiliar with the matter and attach no blame to the contractors, and in view of the labor conditions and the difficulty in securing material for muliding purposes, they think that Hoover & McNeil have done well to have the school building so near completion. Mr. Hoover was in conference with the school directors Tuesday night and left Wednesday morning for Salem to try to hurry morning for Salem to try to hurry morning for Salem to try to hurry material ing at a camp in the mountains of Rights Given to Build and Operate ing at a camp in the mountains of France. Early in March 1918, he and his command were ordered to join the Second Division in front of Ver-dun and along the Meuse river. A march of several days brought them to that territory and they arrived at

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
to a position after struggling
through the blue mud. for no sooner

The ordi and they taken position than the German batteries, located about 800 meters (900 yards) opened up on the new replacement battery and in less than one hour 100 shells dropped on or near the American battery which had just taken position. which had just taken position. This bantism of shells and fire, while disconcerting to the American sol-diers who had never been through

YOU'D

JUST AS WELL

HUSH!

MENDING IT!!

# Yonngest Congressman



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 city council) and Terminal company a perpetual franchise for the occupancy of certain streets. Mayor Saxon instructed the Mist to publish the ordinance in full and it will be found in column one of page five of this issue

The ordinance gives to the Ter-minal company the perpetual right to lay tracks and operate trains on certain streets in St. Helens which are designated in the ordinance. No objections or remonstrances have been filed against the ordinance and it will take effect on September 18, which is 30 days after the date which Mayor Saxon affixed his signature.

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—that is if the capturing was an easy matter. Often-times, however, the raiding parties, of they were French and German, would purposely avoid a meeting. Therefore there was little excitment along the front. This state of affairs did not suit the American doughboy and he was h——I bent for election on doing something, so he either captured or killed the German patrol with whom he came in contact during the darkness of the night and in "No Man's Land."

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 a certain area there were nine gun emplacements and he had five uns to occupy the positions. Germans knew the location and the range of each emplacement, and dropped many shells in the hopes of destroying the battery. However, after a battery had fired a cumber of rounds from a certain position. some other position, and the rain of German shells on the place from which they had just left did no harm except to tear up the concrete work.

In one instance. Captain Goresaid, 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. The real '75 had been moved 100 yards to the right and after ascentiants, the leastless and after ascertaining the location of the German battery. Captain Gore's men sent hundreds of pounds f shells into the German lines and in addition to exploding several ammunition dumps, they silenced two German batteries.

the next issue of the Mist.

# TRAIN WRECKED

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. The accident was caused by the breaking of the axle on the first truck under the tender. The tender left the track and took the baggage car with it, and other cars followed until 12 of the 14 cars in the train had left the rails.

Cool Engineer Saves Lives

Presence of mind of "Bill" Helge-son is responsible for the fact that no lives were lost in the wreck. The train was running about 35 miles train was running about 35 miles per hour, so Helgeson told the Mist man and the engine was just approaching the Merrill creek bridge when he noticed the heavy train was "dragging." Looking backward he noticed that the tender was off the track, To have jammed on the omergency brakes, so Helgeson thought, would pile up the cars, so he gradually applied the air and brought the train to a stop within seven car lengths of the trestle. seven car lengths of the trestle. When the engine stopped, 12 of the 14 cars were off the track and some 14 cars were off the track and some of them leaning against the deep cut on the west side of the track. Fireman Arthur Amundson also stuck to his nost and aided the engineer by shutting off the oil supply when it was seen that the tender was about to leave the engine.

No One Was Injured

Not one of the several hundred, though some of them had a severe shaking up while the cars shaking up while the cars were traveling on the ties instead of following the rails. That no one was injured is maraculous as the bridge over the creek and about 800 feet of the track was torn up and the cars had a heavy list to "port" when Helgeson brought the train to a stop.

go through without the transfer trouble. Thursday noon the wrecking crew were at work trying to raise the four cars, baggage, mail and smoker and one day coach from the ditch and it will probably be several days before they succeed for it is a difficult wrecking job. The tender, also, is in the ditch, but the temporary track provides enough clearance to allow trains to pass.

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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 ma-iority of those who have visited the scene of the accident, give Helgeson the credit for averting a serious ac-cident and using real cool headed indement when the emergency oc-

## AMERICAN LEGION POST ORGANIZED

The St. Helens post of the American Legion was organized Wednes-day 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. Temporary officers were elected as follows. George Gore, president: Louis Muhr, vice president: William Russell, secretary: Fred Morgus, treasurer. The executive committee chosen were C. C. Walker. Cari Aamand, Burrell Graves, William K Biorkman, Leland Austin and Os-wald Deming.

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 membershin will be increased by not less than 100, es 'n St Helens and surround'ne community there are almost 200 exservice men.

William Brown, the density gam, warden, was in St. Helens Thursday. Mr. Brown states that a number of meonle in the county have fawns in The fighting around Verdun.

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