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AL ACCIDENT AT ISLAND MILL

Engineer W. R. Plumlee Struck
Carriage Cable and Fatally
Killed—Had Been Resident of
Helena for Five Years.

The cable on the steam feed
pulls the log carriage at the
Lumber company's mill ran
drum and left the sheave,
engineer W. R. Plumlee start-
ed. The head sawyer stopped
machinery and came down to
at Plumlee could do. Plumlee
in to go back and "put the
forward." The lever control-
cable on the steam feed or-
riage. It is supposed that
he endeavored to place the
in place on the drum as the
was put on, and as J. R.
who was close by but did
the accident, thinks Plumlee
ever bent over the cable when
he came on and possibly the
cable struck him on the stom-
ach, throwing him with great force
the timbers of the mill or
floor. Fellow workmen heard
as the body struck the floor
attended to the aid of the injured.
He was unconscious and re-
so until four o'clock Thurs-
day morning when he passed away
at hospital where he was
in the hopes that surgical at-
might save his life.

The accident occurred about 4:30
in the afternoon and the in-
man was given first aid and
shipped to a Portland hospital.
It was impossible to save his life
as he was fractured. He never
consciousness after the ac-

cident came to St. Helens about
three years ago and for three years
was pastor of the Free Methodist
church in West St. Helens. About
three years ago he gave up the past-
orship and had been employed at the
mill since it started operation
months ago. Peter Skie,
resident of the mill, said that
Plumlee was a capable engineer and
in whom he could place de-
pendence, and was a faithful worker.
Other officials of the com-
pany were grieved at the sad occur-

rence. He was about 38 years of
age, leaves a wife and three chil-
dren. His mother who resided
in the family. The funeral ser-
vice will be conducted from the Meth-
odist church Sunday afternoon at 2
and Rev. F. L. Burns, for-
mer pastor of the church when
he was pastor of the local
church. The interment will be in
O. O. F. cemetery near Warren.

FARM BUREAU MEET COMING TO RAINIER

By T. J. Flippin

The organization has come quiet-
ly and unobtrusively into Colum-
bia county to take its place with those al-
ready which have for their pur-
pose the upbuilding and develop-
ment of the county's resources. Every-
one familiar with the grange and the
chamber of commerce in each of
the three towns. To a lesser extent
other new Columbia County
unity federation is known to
people. This organization fills
the need for coordinating the efforts
of separate commercial bod-
ies and solving the problems of the
county. They are all
entirely different and very nec-
essary to the work that is being car-
ried out in the county, yet none of
them aim concretely and directly at
the upbuilding and development of our
production.

A Perfect Plan
Adopting the farm bureau the-
ory of Columbia county are
taking up to themselves the
perfect plan for agricultural or-
ganization that the United States, and
the world, has ever seen.
Accepting the farm bureau the-
ory are not taking a new and
untested organization to be experi-
mented with and possibly discarded.
True that in the point of years
the farm bureau is a new thing. The
county agent and the first farm
bureau started together on March 10.
In Broome county, New York,
it was a department of the cham-
ber of commerce and this small beginning it has
grown, with the spread of county
work, to first place among the
cultural organizations of the
United States in point of strength,
success, successful accomplishment,
potential abilities. The national
organization has given to American
culture and farming a voice in
national affairs that it never had be-
fore and always needed.

Based on Program of Work
The whole structure of this im-
portant organization is founded on de-
finitely and carefully laid out plans of
work in each of the little commu-
nities which it serves. These programs
determined by the farmers them-
selves, and their influence is felt in
the home of the community. Six
communities in Columbia county
have adopted their programs and
other has signified its intention
of doing so. They are Goble, War-
ren, Yankton, Rainier, Mayger, Clats-
op, Marshland, and Vernonia.

The plan of organization calls for
all work on a definite project
with a pre-determined goal for
project. Interested leaders head
community project. A number
of projects common to all the com-
munities of the county are the
education for the county organiza-
tion. The following have been select-
ed for the different districts of this

county: crop improvement, soil im-
provement, dairy and livestock, poi-
try, boys' and girls' clubs, and organ-
ization. The six lines of work enu-
merated, with the goals that have been
set, are to form the framework
around which the program for the
farmers' week to be held in Rainier
January 11-15, will be built. The
complete program, as near as it can
be made out, has been mailed from
the county agent's office to more
than twelve hundred people living
on Columbia county farms. Every
effort is being made to let each per-
son in the county know of the com-
ing farm bureau week.

Able Men Coming
The speakers who will take part
in this program are all able and well-
known men. Each one is the best
in his line in this state and a number
of them have reputations extending
over the entire nation. In speaking
along the line of work adopted by
the farm bureau they will automati-
cally follow the features of farm
production that the farmers of the
county think are the most worthy of
development, and at the same time
greatly assist in the successful com-
pletion of the farm bureau projects.

The farm bureau is a big thing,
believed by its sponsors to be the
most promising thing that has come
into the county. This article has
given only a glimpse of its methods,
and town people as well as farmers
are urged to attend its meetings until
the entire plan is unfolded. It is
not a farm class organization but
stands for the good of all society.
Saturday is the big day of the week
and all Columbia county is expected
to turn out.

Farmers' Week One of Many
This Farmers' Week is one of 14
that are being held in the state.
The sponsors of the new farm bureau
who are bringing it here hope to
make it the best of them all. No
chautauqua or similar meeting ever
resonant so much to the county, and the
turnout should be the largest in the
history of the district.

Points to Remember

Starts Tuesday morning, January

11th.

Speakers are the best to be had.

If you can't come all week the

program is arranged so you can come

on the days you are most interested.

By all means come Saturday.

Lectures each morning, afternoon

and evening.

Bring the wives and children.

Your attendance will profit you

and help make it a big week.

SATURDAY IS THE BIG DAY.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR

AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS

F. Lengacher, part owner of the

Lengacher garage at Deer Island and

also manager of the Auburn sales

agency at Salem, tells the Mist that

the indications for this year are that

many automobiles will be sold. He

bases his opinion on the fact that

the average families are becoming

the auto owners and that the farmers

have come to a realization that an

auto is necessary for the successful

distribution of the farm products.

"During the past year," Mr. Lengacher

said, "I have sold ten Auburn cars

in Columbia county and a number

of used cars. This year, in addition to

handling the Auburn, I will also

handle the Little Overland. Though

the year is not far advanced, I have

had many inquiries and some orders,

and I am going to do my best to sup-
ply the wants of my customers." Mr.

Lengacher states that his business in

Salem and Marion county is prom-
ising and during the past two months

he has sold four Auburn cars.

Prof. J. B. Wilkerson is in Salem

this week on business connected with
the schools.

NEW OFFICERS TAKE OVER CITY'S WORK

County and City Officials Begin Their
Work on January 3rd—Little
Formality and Few Changes in
Personnel of Offices.

The duly elected officers for county
and city positions began their work
on Monday morning, January 3rd.
Sheriff Wellington and his deputy,
B. P. Graves, were at the sheriff's
office early and retiring Sheriff La-
Bare turned over to them the office
and gave such information as was
necessary.

Clerk J. W. Hunt, who succeeds
himself, caught Glen R. Metaker in
the lobby of the courthouse and had
him administer the oath of office.
Commissioner W. J. Fullerton loung-
ed around the courthouse steps for
several hours and held an informal
reception before taking the oath. Dis-
trict Attorney John L. Foote began
the duties of his office about 9:30
o'clock. All of the other officers
were re-elected and took their own
time about subscribing to the oath of
office for there was nothing excit-
ing about it; they had been there be-
fore.

City Officers Go In

Magnus Saxon, retiring mayor,
called the council to order at 7:30
o'clock. Little was done except to
clean up the bills incurred by the
outgoing council. After this had been
disposed of, the mayor in a short
speech thanked the old council for
their courtesy to him and their co-
operation in city affairs. The mayor
and the old council gave up their
places and the new council and may-
or were lined up by Recorder Quick
and took the oath of office.

Mayor Ballagh said that the ap-
pointment of city recorder, city mar-
shal and city attorney would be tak-
en up at the next meeting. He made
the following committee appoint-
ments: Finance: Barnett, McDonald,
O'Connor. Streets: McDonald, O'-
Conner, Barnett and Brower. Fire
and Water: O'Connor, Brower and
Barnett. Health: Brower, O'Connor
and McDonald. Judiciary: Barnett,
Brower, McDonald. Police: O'Con-
ner, Barnett and Brower. Building:
Ballagh, McDonald and Brower.
Printing: McDonald, Barnett and O'-
Conner.

NEW MILL MAKES A GOOD RECORD

E. C. Stanwood, superintendent of
the St. Helens Tie and Timber com-
pany is proud of the record which
the little mill has made. For the
past several days the average cut has
been 34,500 feet per day and Mr.
Stanwood thinks that when the mill
is running smoothly and has work
off the newness, that the daily out-
put will be about 38,000 to 40,000
feet per day. The mill has been op-
erated for only a week but the daily
average cut has demonstrated that
it was properly constructed. Twen-
ty men are employed at the mill.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS LARGE DURING WEEK

The total lumber shipments from
St. Helens this week will aggregate
almost 5,000,000 feet. The McCorm-
ick steamers Celilo, Multnomah,
Willamette and Meyers take cargo to
California as does the freighter
steamer Putnam. The steamer
Fawcett arrived in late Thursday
night and is taking on 600,000 feet
for China.

ST. HELENS FLOUR IS GIVEN A BOOST

Chamber of Commerce Urges Its Use
and Local Merchants Promise to
Push Its Sales.—Flour is of Fine
Quality and Makes Many Friends.

It took St. Helens sometime to suc-
ceed in locating the St. Helens Flour
Mill at St. Helens. Unfortunately,
the first year's operation of the mill
was not a success and the mill was
closed for a period. Several months
ago J. M. Hodges who has spent the
better part of his life in operating
flour mills, bought the mill and it re-
sumed operation. The high grade
flour he has produced has made more
friends for "St. Helens Flour" and
Mr. Hodges is sure that when the
public realizes that just as good, if
not better flour, can be made and
sold in St. Helens by a St. Helens
institution, that no family in St. Hel-
ens will ask the merchant for any
other brand. The flour is made from
hard wheat grown in eastern Oregon
and Washington and by many is con-
sidered superior to other flour sold
here.

The capacity of the mill is twenty-
five barrels per day but for the past
two months has averaged only twelve
barrels per day, owing to the fact
that the demand was insufficient to
warrant running to capacity. The
Mist learns that the normal monthly
consumption of flour in St. Helens
is approximately 300 barrels, but the
flour mill has sold less than one-
fourth of this amount in St. Helens.
In other words, St. Helens people
have been buying flour of no better
grade or cheaper in price, which is
made elsewhere.

Mr. Hodges has installed a modern
feed making machine and is prepared
to take the oats, wheat and vetch
from the farmer and make feed, or
he will exchange flour for the grain
mentioned. The St. Helens flour mill
is a St. Helens and Columbia county
enterprise and entitled to the un-
divided support of the residents of this
locality and the Chamber of Com-
merce at their meeting Wednesday
night passed a resolution asking that
the mill have the support of the local
people.

OTHER DIRECTORS ON FAIR BOARD

The matter of selecting directors
for the Columbia county fair board
came before the county court Wed-
nesday. Several petitions were pre-
sented to the court asking for the
appointment. The court appointed
Mrs. I. R. Kelly of Clatskanie for
the three year term and P. H. Lund
of Warren to take the place of Bill
Fullerton who is now commissioner.
It is said that Fullerton, Weed and
White were unanimous in their vote
to appoint a woman as member of
the fair board, and the general senti-
ment is that they did the right thing,
although many cannot understand
the reason for their sudden change
of heart. The Mist does not know,
so will refer any enquiries to Martin
White, W. J. Fullerton or Judson
Weed. Ask them.

COLUMBIA COUNTY HAS SEVEN AT O. A. C.

Columbia county has seven agri-
cultural students in the college who
have completed their first term's
work of the school year. These stu-
dents are: William M. Perry, Houl-
ton, junior; Kenneth J. Ackley, of
Mapman, Kenneth A. Meserve, of
Yankton and Carl J. Muhr, fresh-

WHEELER AGAIN HEADS CHAMBER

In Recognition of Past Services
Members of Chamber of Commerce
Elect Wheeler President Despite
His Protests.

The annual meeting of the St.
Helens Chamber of Commerce was
held Wednesday evening. The an-
nual election of officers was the first
thing on the program. C. L. Wheel-
er, president for the past year, was
nominated to succeed himself. He
protested but the members would
take no refusal, and he was nomi-
nated and elected by acclamation and
without opposition. L. R. Ruther-
ford was elected vice president and
J. R. Gliby, Rev. S. Darlow Johnson,
Sherman M. Miles and T. J. Flippin,
Jr., were elected directors.

President Wheeler read a sum-
mary of the year's work (Executive
Secretary Storla being absent on ac-
count of sickness) and brought to
the attention of the members present
a few of the many matters of im-
portance which had been accom-
plished.

The road and street work has
been sponsored by the Chamber and
the president and directors worked
in conjunction with the county court
on needed improvements, which were
accomplished. The new depot was
another item on the work list of the
Chamber and President Wheeler has
worked unceasingly and successfully
to have the railroad company adopt
plans and increase their building ap-
propriation and they did it. The
annual clean-up campaign, Fourth of
July celebration, formation of coun-
ty federation, prospective work of
union high school, efforts to obtain
a Carnegie library, work being done
towards securing rural free delivery
are among some of the many things
which have been accomplished. The
community Christmas tree topped off
the year's program.

The forty or fifty members present
would not hear of Mr. Wheeler's
proposal that someone else be chosen
as president for the coming year,
and insisted that he continue the
good work that he has done, aided
by his board of directors, the coming
year.

The meeting was brimful of energy
and optimism and of appreciation of
what the officers of the chamber had
accomplished during 1919. The
members pledged their support for
the coming year and the slogan is
"A Greater Columbia County and a
Bigger City of St. Helens."

RECORDER QUICK TENDERS RESIGNATION

After eight years of faithful and
appreciated service as recorder and
water clerk, E. E. Quick has resigned
the office. He informed Mayor Bal-
lagh of his intention Thursday morn-
ing and gave as his reason for leaving
the employ of the city that the work
was too confining and that he
thought his health would be much
better if he could have employment
which will permit him to be outside
more of the time. With this in view,
Mr. Quick has made arrangements to
open an insurance office in his office
building just north of the Mist office
and after a few days rest, will be
hard at work again. Mr. Quick re-
presents several old line insurance and
bonding companies and has a large
number of friends who he is sure
will give him an opportunity to fig-
ure on their insurance needs. He
has decided to give up the city job
on Monday, January 10th, and Mayor
Ballagh, after a conference with the
members of the council, has tend-
ered the position to J. B. Godfrey, de-
puty county assessor, and it is under-
stood that he has accepted the position.

Mr. Quick, in his eight years of
service for the city has increased his
large number of friends by his cour-
tesy and ever-ready accommodating
manner and they regret to see him
leave the office, but know that the
change he has decided upon is for his
best interests and will be of advan-
tage to him.

HEAVY RAINFALL RAISES RIVER

The heavy and continuous down-
pour of rain for the first several days
of this week has caused a rapid rise
in the Columbia river. The weather
changed Thursday morning and a
cold wind took the place of the rain
and it is thought that the rise will
be checked. Those who had wood
and timbers stored along the beach
have been saving such. So far as the
Mist can ascertain, little damage has
resulted on the river front or else-
where in the county. On many of
Oregon's highways there were large
slides and traffic was interrupted and
some localities were cut off from the
outside world for several days.

AMERICAN LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of Colum-
bia post, the American Legion, Mon-
day night, officers for the ensuing
year were elected as follows:
J. H. Wellington, commander; Dr.
S. B. Hoskin, vice commander;
Archie Newbold, adjutant; Burrell
Graves, treasurer.
The local post has materially in-
creased in membership since its or-
ganization and it is the hope of the
new officials to further augment the
membership roll during the coming
year. All ex-service men are urged
to become members and are assured
of a cordial welcome to the ranks of
Columbia post No. 42.

PROMINENT FOOTSTEPS OF NATION LEAD TO HARDING FRONT PORCH



These days are almost as busy
for the photographers in Marion,
O., as those at Washington in the
matter of picturing the visits of
important personages. President-
elect Harding is keeping to his
campaign promise of inviting the
leading minds of the nation to ex-
press opinions on the dominant
questions and problems of the
day, regardless of party con-
nections.

Upper left picture shows Mrs.
Harding and Mrs. Coolidge, wife
of the vice president-elect, in the
most friendly of chats, while their
illustrious husbands confer. Upper
right shows the president-
elect and the Democratic leader,
W. J. Bryan. Lower, Herbert
Hoover, former food adminis-
trator, and Mr. Harding. Hoover,
himself a prominent candidate for
presidential nomination, has been
mentioned as a possible cabinet
member in the Harding adminis-
tration.

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