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NY MATTERS BEFORE COUNCIL

Street Remonstrance is Denied Street will be Improved. Mar- Wanted for West St. Helens. Proposition Tabled.

Wanted

strong, able-bodied man, afraid of anything or any-, who will enforce the law, t as deputy marshal on the St. Helens beat. Present y $10 per month but sar- will be increased to $20 if cant comes up to require- s. Apply to any city of- .

arshal is wanted in the West lens district. This was made at the meeting of the council night. The mayor and each r of the council are in favor ing a marshal in West St. Hel- d if a man filling the require- as set forth above can be se- the council will raise the ly salary from $10 per month per month. Previous exper- in police work is unnecessary, e man who applies for the job be ready and willing to keep a ul eye open and not be afraid rce the city ordinances so that order may prevail.

esent System a Farce.

mayor and each member of ncil agree that the present of police protection for West ens is a farce, more, it is han a farce. The several re- ts of lawlessness have con- he officials that the time has take some sensible action. ember of the city's law mak- is in favor of a marshal for Helens, but the matter of holding the matter in abey- F. Robertson is acting as arshal and drawing down ely monthly stipend of $10. council meeting, it was best to dispose of the ser- Mr. Robertson and employ marshal, and if a capable d be secured, $20 per month paid. The council realizes Robertson cannot be con- n the job for $10 per month do not blame him for the ffairs said to exist in West . However, they do wish ordinances be better ob- d that better police pro- afforded the [illegible] in Helens, hence their offer of month. Marshal Potter was d to find some one to take after Walter Blakesley, Fred ill Ketel and several others lined to serve at either $10 th or the increased rate of month. The Mist cannot ether or not Mr. Potter has cessful in locating a strong the law who is willing to ex- trength for $20 per month.

izens Demand a Change

al of the law abiding citizens St. Helens have expressed to the opinion that they are much entitled to police pro- as any other part of the city. int out that the depot being in their part of town, the omes and goes and many ass through West St. Helens he day.

also point out the fact that . Helens is practically with- ce protection while in St. there is a marshal, several , constables and sheriff and sheriff. They think that a iation should be made to pay sufficient salary to stay on the t of the day and also a part night. The safe cracking at ot, several street fights and cidents which have happened goes to show that the lack e protection is known and vantage of such fact has been

of the "down town" St. Hel- ople are of the same opinion lieve it to be the duty of the to take necessary action and ssary to increase the monthly from $10 or $20 to even twice uch and if a man cannot be for $30 or $40, pay him what is worth and break up the ness which has prevailed. matter will come up Monday t the council meeting and the who have spoken to the Mist the matter hope they will be relief.

ock Proposition Shelved.

matter of erecting a building, , on the north side of the y leading to the dock, was up and discussed. Mr. Wheeler ted a plan of the building and t it would be good business for the city to erect and lease uilding. Councilman Dixon was pposed to the plan and voiced timents in no uncertain terms members of the council did not e of the idea and the mayor e matter on the table indefini- here seemed to be no objection arging the dock if an income sured for the expenditure, but an submitted did not suit the lmen, nor did it suit Sherman who after learning the result, to the mayor that he "could me and rest easy," feeling sure o city money would be wasted ting a building "alongside the play ground, commonly known ock."

West Street Improvement.

petition was received from ous property owners who had the remonstrance against the vement of West street, asking heir names be stricken from the strance and stating that they

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COUNTY CLERK DOES BIG BUSINESS IN 1919

Shows Big Increase Over Previous Year and Makes a Profit.

Receipts of the office of the county clerk during the year 1919 were $900 more than in 1918, according to a report compiled by County Clerk J. W. Hunt. The fees taken in at the office during 1919 amounted to $4,670.75 as compared with $3,756.35 during 1918. June was the lightest month in point of receipts, only $232.65 having been taken in. Business was better during December and Mr. Hunt and his assistants worked long hours in order to reach the $500 mark, which as Jimmy said, he had set as a goal. He reached it alright and had $2 over for December fees totalled $502.

The office of the clerk showed a profit, and it must be a source of satisfaction to the taxpayers to know that instead of being called on to pay for the maintenance of the office, there was a profit. The receipts were $316.78 more than expenses and no one feels more happy over this fact than does Mr. Hunt.

The fees for 1919 by months were: January, $356.30; February, $340.60; March, $407.35; April, $369, May, $415.85; June, $332.65; July, $390.85; August, $351.55; September, $371.65; October, $484.85; November, $348.10; December, $502

Notwithstanding the increase in business, almost 33 per cent, the clerk has been able to run his office without additional clerical help, a fact which speaks well for the entire force of the office.

ROSASCO APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT

Circuit Court is in session and what is now occupying the attention of the Court is the condemnation proceedings brought by the Portland, Astoria, and Pacific R. R. Co. against several residents of the Nehalem valley. The case of the company vs. Otto Malsten was the first to be submitted to the jury and it has already occupied two days time of the Court with the prospect of continuing through the day. Several other similar cases follow.

Omar Spencer who appears for several of the defendants informs the Mist that a settlement outside the court has been reached in the Purney and Keasy cases.

Beginning Monday several other condemnation cases will be heard in which Thomas Tongue of Hillsboro appeared for the defendant and it is probable that court will continue throughout the week unless some of the cases are settled by compromise.

In the case of the State of Oregon vs. Louis Rosasco, who was found guilty of unlawfully possessing intoxicating liquors, the court assessed a fine of $500. Attorneys for Rosasco appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

DEER HUNTERS PAY FINE OF $25.

At least three game wardens were not in Salem lobbying for the passage of the new law recently passed by the legislature. They were Ed. Clark, William Brown and Charles Dill who spent several days out in the Nehalem on the track of Victor Bergeson, William Braun and Fritz Braun. Their efforts were successful and deer meat and the deer hide was found in possession of the men. These were confiscated as were the guns.

Before Judge Hazen Saturday afternoon, the men plead guilty and were each fined $25 and cost and in addition to that amount, paid $5 for the guns taken away from them.

STREET WORK STOPPED BY STRIKE

The men engaged in drilling and the engine and blacksmith force working for contractor L. O. Herron on the Cascnau street improvement job, went on a strike Monday morning and the work was halted for several days. The cause of the strike, it is reported, was dissatisfaction of some of the men at the new superintendent of the job. There was no disorder of any kind; the men put their working tools away, gathered up their dinner pails and left the job.

Mr. Herrold came down the next day and Wednesday work was resumed with a small crew which Herrold states he will increase as the work progresses. The weather has been ideal for work and the residents in the district of the improvement do not like to see the work delayed.

SEVERAL RESIDENCES CHANGE HANDS

L. R. Rutherford reports the following sales of inside property, the deals having been closed by his company during this week. J. W. Bush of Deer Island bought the Carnahan place near Houlton, the consideration being $975. J. C. Allen bought the J. E. Chambers place in West St. Helens paying $900 for it. J. C. Frears bought the residence and two lots owned by Mr. and Mrs. David Wicklund, the consideration being $1900. The Wicklunds who have lived here for several years will move to Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Dora Pritchard of Kelso, Washington has bought the Perry place which is on Columbia street opposite the mill office and paid -1900 for it. Other deals are under way and the trading of city property has been brisk.

Commissioner Judson Weed of Vernonia was in St. Helens Thursday, being here as a witness in the case of the Portland, Astoria and Pacific Ry. vs. Otto Malsten.

SAUVIES ISLAND MAY BE DIKED

Meeting Held Saturday at Chamber of Commerce Rooms to Discuss Proposition. Committee Appointed to Interview Property Owners.

Plans are being formulated for the diking and draining of Sauvies island, which extends from a short distance below Linnton to a point opposite St. Helens.

A meeting of interested property owners was held at the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce rooms Saturday afternoon to discuss plans and make preliminary arrangements.

A number of property owners from Columbia and Multnomah counties were present and a committee was appointed to interview the property owners not present.

Many Acres of Land.

There are about 25,000 acres of land on Sauvies island. Of this, 14,965 acres are in Multnomah county. About 5,000 acres are classed as dry land and 18,300 as wet land.

The latter includes the numerous lakes and that portion of the island which is covered with water a considerable portion of the year.

The dry land represents land which is dry most of the year, and which is used as pasture.

Network of Diking.

The dike proposed is to be thirteen feet high and thirty-one miles long. It will be on both the Columbia river side and the Williamette slough side of the island, and it is further proposed to have several crosswise dikes.

Roads will be built on top of the dikes, if the plans in process of formation are carried to a successful culmination. The soil on Sauvies island is very fertile, and when reclaimed so that it can be cultivated, the island will be a great truck producing territory.

Committee is Appointed.

A committee of seven, with T. J. Flippin, Jr., and F. A. Garrow as ex-officio members, were appointed by Mr. Flippin who acted as chairman of the meeting, to interview the property owners not represented at the meeting and bring the matter to their attention, if possible securing their signatures to a petition favoring the project. Property owners present at the meeting were O. Richards, J. D. Brown, J. L. Hunt, J. McIntyre, Jacob Horst, George A. Johnson and L. A. McNary. Frank A. Freeman representing the Freeman, Smith bonding company and F. A. Garrow, a consulting engineer were also present. H. T. Scott acted as secretary of the meeting and there were several present from St. Helens.

INCOME TAX MEN COMING TO ST. HELENS

For the purpose of assisting the taxpayers of Columbia county in making up their Income Tax return for the year 1919, Deputy Collectors Harper and Deegan from the Internal Revenue office will be in St. Helens February 2nd to 4th, inclusive, and at Rainier from February 5th to 7th, inclusive.

The time has again arrived for making out Income Tax returns and the law provides that all returns must be in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue at Portland on or before March 15th, 1920. Those failing to comply with the law are subject to heavy penalties. All taxpayers are urged to make out their returns at once, thereby avoiding the rush at the last hour. Those who do not fully understand the making out of the report, will undoubtedly find it to their interest to get aid from the deputy collectors who will be here on the dates above mentioned.

After discharging 1,000,000 gallons of creosoted oil into the tanks of the St. Helens Creosoting Company, the big tanker Imlay left down river Thursday morning.

J. W. Allen has received a letter from his wife stating that she expects to return to St. Helens about Feb. 15th. At the time she wrote, she was visiting friends in Buffalo, New York. The weather in Buffalo was very cold she stated.

GUN PLAY STOPS A FISTIC BATTLE

Sunday Night Mix-up at Houlton Results in Arrest of Two. Fists, Guns, Knives, and Rocks are Used Promiscously.

As a result of a free-for-all fist fight, punctuated with some rocks and shooting which slightly wounded two men, Alex DeStefano and Mike Russi are in the Columbia county jail facing a charge, a logger by the name of Henderson had a bullet fired from a .22 rifle lodge in his leg and George Chambers was either shot in the head or struck on the head with a rock.

The altercation is reported to have started in Kelly's pool hall when the Italians made some remarks which were not relished by some of the men there. Stefano and Russi were the two men in the place and they were put out on the street where a fist fight ensued, and the Italians worsted.

Re-Inforcements Arrive

It is reported that the Italians left but returned reinforced by another party and the battle was resumed, one of the Italians using a .22 caliber rifle. One of the Chambers boys tells the Mist that when the bullets began to fly, that many of the crowd took refuge under the sidewalk or around the building. It is said that George Chambers, hearing the noise, came from the pool hall and the Italians thinking he was one of the attacking party, opened up on him. The others came to his rescue, and one of the Italians, Russi, was badly beaten, his head being ripped open in several places, probably by a rock in the hands of some one. His coat was cut in several places, but the knife blade did not reach his anatomy.

The sheriff was notified and arrested the two Italians mentioned, and also caused the arrest of a man named Frankiin who was thought to be the third man, but upon being brought to St. Helens he proved he was not implicated in the row and was released.

Bad Blood Reported.

It is said that bad blood has existed between the men engaged in the fight and the Italians and on a previous occasion there came near being an altercation. There are many rumors as to the cause of the bitter feeling, but the Mist cannot substantiate them, therefore does not print them. The Italians were employed as laborers on the highway and have lived in the Houlton vicinity for some months past.

DEAD (?) MAN REFUSES CORONER'S SERVICE

How would you like for a city marshal accompanied by a coroner come to your house, wake you up from your peaceful slumbers by trying to force the door of your cabin open and insist that you are dead? Wouldn't you proceed forthwith and immediately to show them you were a live one? This is about what happened in Rainier several days ago, and the story is vouched for by a prominent citizen of Rainier, though Coroner T. S. White refuses to confirm it.

An elderly man by the name of Howard lives in the "Kentucky Flat" part of Rainier. He hadn't been seen for several days and Marshal James Jesse made an investigation. The old man was lying on the bed and Jesse couldn't arouse him and pronounced him dead. Coroner White was summoned and together they visited the cabin. Looking through the window, the inanimate (?) form of Howard was seen. The door was locked, so it was necessary to force it open. The noise awakened the dead (?) man who asked "what in thunder was the matter." Marshal Jesse was so taken back, it is said, that he could only enquire of the man's health. Mr. Howard said that he had been quite sick for a few days and hadn't been out of the house. It was evident there was no immediate need for the services of the coroner nor for the casket which Mr. Howard's father-in-law, who lives in Portland and who was apprised of the sudden demise (?) of Mr. Howard, had ordered.

LYCEUM ATTRACTION TUESDAY NIGHT

The Artists' Trio to Appear in Third Number of Lyceum Course.

St. Helens folks and those residing in the surrounding country will have an opportunity to see one of the best attractions of the Lyceum course Tuesday night, January 27th at the school auditorium. The Artists' Trio which will appear in a program which has met with the approval and appreciation of thousands, in fact, the Trio is considered as one of the leading attraction offered by the lyceum bureau.

Three young ladies are the artists, each skilled in her particular role. They are artists on the piano, cornet, and mandolin and the program is made further entertaining by good singing and cartooning.

The two attractions of the Lyceum Course presented here were immensely enjoyed by the large crowds who saw them and it is reasonably certain that another large audience will greet the Artists' Trio.

Tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce rooms and reservations may be made there without extra charge. Season tickets, or for the three remaining numbers may be obtained for $1.50 and single admission for the next performance is only 75c for adults and 40c for children.

The Chamber of Commerce Committee who have charge of the Lyceum Course program, wish the public to know that every one is invited to attend these attractions. If one does not desire a season ticket, they will be glad to sell them a single admission ticket. The Lyceum Course is not for St. Helens people alone and the Committee will be glad to have those from surrounding communities attend. Tuesday night, Jan. 27, is the date.

LOCAL INSTITUTE HERE TOMORROW

A Local Teachers' Institute will be held in the High School Auditorium tomorrow beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. The afternoon session begins at 1 p. m. In addition to the St. Helens teachers, Mr. Allen expects a number from nearby points. The program arranged is:

Morning—10 A. M.

1. Invocation, Rev. A. R. Spearow.
2. Music, Rev. A. R. Spearow, Director.
3. W. C. Gauntt, Subject Selected.
4. Pinkerton [illegible]
5. J. A. Churchill, Supt. of Public Instruction. Subject Selected
6. Judge Martin White, Selected Subject.

Afternoon—1 P. M.

7. Minuet.
8. S. C. Morton, Subject Selected.
9. J. A. Churchill, Selected Subject.
10. Geisha Girls.
11. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
12. H. S. Consolidation, L. R Rutherford, followed by discussion
13. Round Table. Co-operation of School and Community Functions, discussion led by Charles Wheeler J. B. Wilkerson, A. D. Hulburd, C. F. Grover.
14. Selected Songs, William Linn.

J. W. ALLEN.
County School Supt.

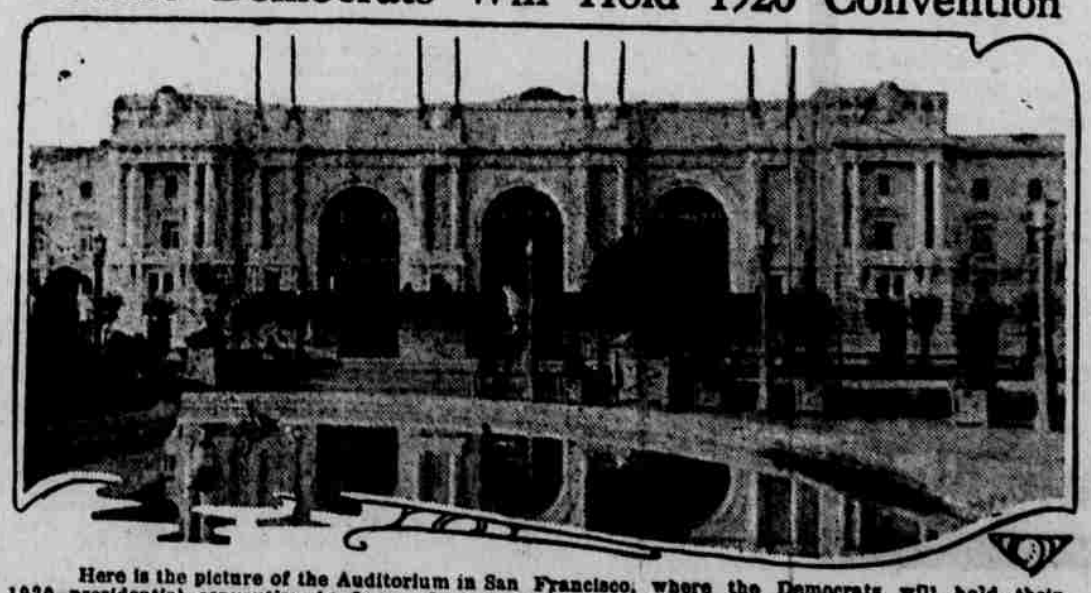
WOMANS CLUB TO HELP TEACHERS

The Womans Club met Tuesday evening, Jan. 12th, at the home of Mrs. John Sten. Two new members were added to the membership roll. It was voted to contribute $10 to the Scholarship Loan fund, the money to be raised by each member giving a silver tea at her home and inviting a number of her acquaintances on Thursday, Jan. 22d. The fund is under the direction of the State Federation of Womens Clubs of Oregon. It enables young women to fit themselves for teaching either in public school work, art, music or domestic science, or whatever course she chooses. The money is to be loaned without interest and will be returned when the recipient finds it possible.

The study of Oregon history was continued with Mrs. Frank George as leader. Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting of the club will be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 27th at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Where Democrats Will Hold 1920 Convention



Here is the picture of the Auditorium in San Francisco, where the Democrats will hold their 1920 presidential convention in June. It is the first time a national political party has ever gone to the western coast for convention, Denver being the former most western point. The Democrats met there in 1908.

BALLAGH TELLS OF LEGISLATION

Much Work Done in Short Time. Does not approve of Wholesale Vetoes by Olcott. St. Helens-Pittsburg Road Bill Vetoed.

Representative Edison I. Ballagh after a strenuous week's work at the legislature in Salem, returned to St. Helens Monday. Notwithstanding the fact that Governor Olcott has vetoed many of the bills passed, Mr. Ballagh thinks that the legislative body accomplished much work and put through needed legislation.

Speaking of some of the important bills passed and which escaped the veto ax, Mr. Ballagh stated that he considered H. B. No. 34 which provided for a 2 mill tax for elementary schools as one of the important bills passed. It is a constitutional amendment and will be voted upon by the people at the coming election.

Another important bill which has received the governor's o. k. is H. B. No. 37, by Mrs. Thompson, giving county courts jurisdiction of dance halls not within the corporate limits of a city. H. B. No. 77 which provides 1-6 of a mill levy for the purpose of erecting and equipping an institute to teach the blind trades, and also providing for 1-25 of a mill levy for the maintenance of the institution, is also considered as a bill of merit and Mr. Ballagh hopes it will receive the favorable endorsement of the people.

The bill creating the Game and Fish Commission was not exactly what he wished, but inasmuch as Governor Olcott had gotten things in such a mess, it was the best that could be done under the circumstances and in his opinion is far better than the plan proposed by the governor. Mr. Ballagh said that Governor Olcott changed his mind so often in regard to the tange which he himself had brought about, that it was a difficult matter to ascertain just what were the wishes of the governor.

Pittsburg Road Bill Vetoed.

Senate Bill No. 61, introduced by Senator Banks at the request of Representative Ballagh, designated the road from St. Helens through Yankton, Trenholm and Pittsburg to Vernonia as a post road. The bill was o. k'd by the committee in the senate and passed. The house also passed it without a dissenting vote, but the governor vetoed it along with several other similar bills.

Naturally Mr. Ballagh was much disappointed that the governor saw fit to use his executive prerogative on this measure which would have been of so much benefit to St. Helens and the Nehalem valley, and thinks that had the governor taken the time to investigate the matter, that he would have acted differently. He is of the opinion that the state road building program will suffer on account of the governor's action as to the road bills.

Enemies' Bills Suffer Most.

In looking over the list of bills vetoed by Governor Olcott, Mr. Ballagh stated that he could not help but notice that those who were outside of the governor's camp suffered the most. Very few bills introduced by those not friendly to the governor, received the official approval, and it was Mr. Ballagh's opinion that the governor used the veto as much to even up the score as anything else and that he promiscuously applied the veto without going into the merits of the bills vetoed. He cites as one example the vetoing of Senator Norblad's bill which would empower Astoria to issue bonds for harbor improvement. The object of the bill was to make it lawful for Astoria to issue bonds so as to purchase a site for a naval base and present it to the government. Olcott and Norblad were on different sides of the fence in the Game and Fish Commission matter, and as a matter of fact, 23 of the committee of 24 which composes the legislative committee on Fisheries and Game were opposed to Olcott's program.

Mr. Ballagh recalled that former Governor West applied the veto right and left and at the next session of the legislature, the bills vetoed were passed over his head. He predicts that the same thing, to a certain extent, will happen to Olcott when the legislature convenes next January.

One bill, H. B. No. 63, introduced by Representatives Ballagh and Hare, passed both houses and was approved by the governor and that bill provided for an appropriation not exceeding $600 for an oil portrait of the late Governor Withycombe which will adorn the senate halls.

In speaking of the decision of the Supreme Court which fixed the tenure of office of Olcott, Mr. Ballagh said he was glad the matter was settled, and that he hoped Olcott would display some firmness and decision and not bring about any more unfortunate and uncalled for squabbles.

Changes are being made in the courthouse, that is, so far as some of the rooms are concerned. In order to provide quarters for the district attorney, part of the treasurer's office is being used and the room being built connects with the office of the agricultural agent. These rooms will be used by the district attorney and the agricultural agent will be provided with quarters in the justice of the peace room. A drafting room for the roadmaster is also being built in the basement of the courthouse.