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UNCIL MEETING IS A HOT ONE

airs of Sewer, Sidewalks and reets Brings on Much Heated iscussion. Lease is Given to in for Machine Shop.

ere were quite a number of peo- present at the council meeting day night. Whether they thought meeting was going to be a real esting one and wished to at- or whether they felt like eu- g night's liberty after the ban was lifted, we are unable to but at any rate, the council ber was crowded when the r rapped for order.

erything moved along smoothly Councilman Wheeler reported e condition of the sewer which through the Morgus and Lope nd empties under the mill dock eler thought the sewer should be Henry Morgus claimed it was y sewer and should be fixed at expense. Walter Blakesley d to be the city's historian and dates and interesting informa- s to the construction and main- ce of the sewer away back in There was much argument e matter and finally it was de- to form a separate sewer dis- which will comprise about four e lots, and when the sewer is red or rebuilt, the charge will essed against those owning the rty through which it runs.

Report on Casenua Street

y engineer submitted an esti- of the cost of improvement of ua street from St. Helens street owlitz street. It would cost $14,000 or over $600 per lot e the proposed improvement. ayor promptly tabled the re-

gineer Collier of the State High- Commission remonstrated a- the placing of electric light on the Highway between Wil- store and Milton creek bridge plained that the highway was rrow as it was and said the of the poles would jeopardize raveling public. The mayor Councilman Larabee if the ould be placed elsewhere and e replied that they could be in the Nehalem valley." It nally decided to place the poles ate property.

Lease Given Akin.

ordinance was read leasing 50x et of city property at the foot Helens street to J. W. Akin. It decided to make the lease read years with an option of 10 if the council saw fit. Akin will n annual rental of $50 and if ity takes over the building at piration of the lease, ap- s will fix the damages to be him.

e meeting was enlivened by a rsation between Walter Blakes- nd Mayor Saxon as to sewer im- ments and sidewalk repairs er said he was financially able to for such improvement and stated he had a good record here in St. ns for paying his debts and also "both Dunn and Bradstreet him highly." Before the coun- djourned there was a heated ment between Councilman eler and Marshal Potter relative e care of the city hall. Honors even in the verbal duel.

e matter of taking out a light on latin street was brought up and mayor instructed Councilman eler to have it done. The coun- an refused to take such responsi- y for he claimed that the mayor ntermanded "every order he ." Another verbal duel ensued honors even at the end of the nd.

fter several other matters were ussed and action taken, the coun- seemingly tried of scrapping, ad- ned but it was a very interest- session while it lasted and those attended felt well repaid for the spent in the council chamber. al important matters will come ext Monday night and a large d of interested spectators are ex- ed to be in attendance.

KING COMMITTEE MET WEDNESDAY.

he committee appointed to draw petitions to be presented to the perty owners on Sauvies Island ing that the island be made a ing district, met at the Chamber Commerce rooms Wednesday af- noon. L. A. McNary of Portland J. D. Brown of Sauvies Island orted that the prospects were ex- mely favorable to obtain the re- red number of signatures, and in near future, they would be able present the petitions It is neces- y to secure at least 50 per cent the owners to sibn the petition, it appears that there will be more n this number sign it.

In speaking of the project, Mr. Nary said there were two propo- ions to be considered. First if engineering plans were feasible to keeping the water out of or off the island. He thought there was question as to this. The next position was the method of mak the assessment. That, he said, uld be straightened out to the isfaction of the property owners it was the plan to make the as- sment according to the benefits rived.

The committee will meet again in e near future and are optimistic to the outlook.

Mrs. N. O. Larabee and son, utenent-Colonel Earl Larabee, ent Sunday with relatives in The lles, Oregon.

COLUMBIA HAS 115 SCHOOL ROOMS

Fifty Schools and 117 Teachers. 4201 School Children in County.

In an interview County School Superintendent J. W. Allen gives some interesting statistics as to Columbia county schools.

"According to the latest school census," Superintendent Allen states, "Columbia county contains 4201 children between the ages of four and twenty years; the county is divided into 50 school districts; 115 schoolrooms in operation with 117 teachers." This includes St. Helens.

"There are five standard four year high schools; at St. Helens, Scappoose, Rainier, Clatskanie and Vernonia. Grades above the eighth are taught in the Quincy and Mist schools.

"In the elementary schools the State Course of Study is strictly followed, with special attention to language, spelling, handwriting, arithmetic and American citizenship. Pupils good in these subjects are well qualified to enter high school and not otherwise. Physical instruction, general health rules and cleanliness receive special attention.

"Due to a higher standard of certification of teachers fixed by the state board of education, better trained, better qualified, and more efficient teachers are now at work in Columbia county than at any time in the past. At the present time no certificate to teach in any elementary school may be issued to any person unless such person has completed the Elementary Teachers' Training Course as outlined in the Course of Study for High Schools or its equivalent. The equivalent of the Elementary Teachers' Training course shall be one year of normal school or college work. However, this rule does not apply to persons who have successfully taught for at least six months prior to September 1, 1918.

"The morale oft he schools," Mr. Allen said, "appears to be excellent; the average daily attendance, accoording to teachers' reports for the past four months, is 97.5 per cent in the entire county, while a few schools have reported an even higher percentage. The compulsory educational law is strictly enforced and there are comparatively few complaints of truancy.

"School directors and clerks are this year taking more than usual interest in school affairs which naturally tends to greater proveiency and better schools are the result.

"A new schoolhouse has just been completed in the Lovelace district (No. 16) and the new school at Birkenfeldt is being used for the first time this year.

"The county school superintendent has made a visit to nearly every school in the county and during the near future will visit each school and help the teachers in their work.

"The schools of the county are in excellent condition and good work is being accomplished."

LOGGER KILLED AT DEER ISLAND PLANT

Henry Sylvia, a logger aged about 30 years, was instantly killed at the Deer Island Logging Company's plant Thursday morning about 9 o'clock when a log which was being loaded on a logging truck struck him. Sylvia was shipped out of Portland on Monday Feb. 2, and little was known of him except that he claimed to be an experienced logger. He went to work just an hour before the fatal accident occurred.

Sylvia was second loader and was helping to load the logging truck. The second log placed on the truck hit the first log and caused it to roll off. When it was being again placed on the car, and being swung into place, Sylvia attempted to adjust something on or near the log and was struck by the swinging log just being loaded. His head was badly crushed and his death was instant.

Coroner T. S. White is endeavoring to locate members of the dead man's family. Several letters found in his possession indicate that he has a brother and sister, and a picture of him in army uniform shows that he served in the army.

A deposit slip on a Washington bank dated several months ago, is the best clue to his identity and Mr White has wired the bank for further particulars and will hold the body until he has secured more definite information.

Among the man's personal egects were good clothes, freshly laundered linen, a dictionery, and toilet articles which showed that he was a man accustomed to keeping himself clean and presenting a respectable appearance.

CITY CENSUS SHOWS ONLY 2200 PEOPLE

If the census sent in by the enumerator for St. Helens is correct, there are only 2200 people living within the incorporate limits of St. Helens This number is at least 500 less than the most conservative guesser had guessed. It is understood that the census enumerator has finished her work and sent the returns in, but it is not known whether the Chamber of Commerce officials co-operated with her, checked up the report or made an effort to ascertain if the final reports were correct. In many cities and towns in Oregon the Chamber of Commerce or Commercial Club did this work and in every instance, a number of names were added to the report of the census enumerator. St. Helens, however, seems to be an exception. Possibly no one cares whether the census is correct or not.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON SUNSET

The famous Lincoln Memorial at Washington, D. C., just being completed at a cost of three and one-half million dollars, will stand for all time as a tribute to the great American. This photo shows the great structure in silhouette of a Potomac sunset. Ceremonies will be held there Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12.

ROAD BUILDERS HOLD CONFERENCE

County Court, Road Supervisors and County Roadmaster Meet for Consultation as to County's Road Building Program.

The men who are charged with the responsibility of building good roads in their several districts met with roadmaster Thursday afternoon to discuss plans for road work throughout the county during the year 1920. Those present were F. Anliker, of Goble, F. D. Brown of Sauvies Island, J. L. Dearing of Clatskanie, John Kallberg of Warren, T. J. Flippin of Rainier, John Burns of Deer Island, U. W. Clark of St. Helens and George W. Grant of Scappoose.

Meeting Called to Order.

Judge Martin White called the meeting to order and stated its purpose. He said that upon the road foreman or supervisors rested a great part of the responsibility for the proper road building in the county. County Roadmaster Wilkes read his talk which abounded in helpful hints to the supervisors. His casual inspection of roads led him to believe, he said, that proper drainage had been overlooked. In many places, he said, the roads had been built above the water line without allowing any place for the water to run off "The unmistakable object lessons that nature has continually, persistently and repeatedly tried to impress upon our understanding was that a road cannot be built to stand if the subgrade is wet."

Mr. Wilkes gave other useful hints and information as to road building, and several of the supervisors present made interesting talks as to road building. The discussion was led by George Grant of Scappoose and T. J. Flippin of Rainier and Fritz Anliker of Goble. The program of roadbuilding work and the proper maintenance of roads was discussed at length and many ideas advanced as to the best manner of the proper expenditure of road funds so as to bring maximum results.

Supervisors present were: F. Anliker, District No. 5, J. D. Brown, Dist. No. 16, Sauvies Island, J. L. Dearing Dist. No 7; oJhn Kallberg, Dist. No. 2; T. J. Flippin, Dist. No 6; John Burns, Dist. No. 4; U. W. Clark, Dist. No. 3 and George Washington Grant, Dist. No. 1.

YOUNG WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Fay Neff, wife of R. D. Neff, died at her home in this city early Thursday morning after an illness of a week's duration. Pneumonia followed other complications and although every possible medical service was used, she succumbed.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lynch and had lived the greater portion of her life in St Helens. In 1916 she was united in marriage to R. D. Neff and a son three years old survives his mother. Mrs. Neff was a devoted member of the Methodist church and her funeral will be held from the church Sunday afternoon and the interment will be in the Warren cemetery.

Besides her husband and son, Mrs Neff is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lynch, three sisters, Ethel, Kate and Edna and one brother, William.

Deceased, who was only 23 years of age, had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in St. Helens and the Warren and Scappoose districts and the news of her sudden passing cast a gloom over these communities.

Judge Martin White was a business visitor in Portland Monday

TITLES ARE FIXED FOR MEASURES

Attorney-General Brown Disposes of Six of the Constitutional Amendments and Initiative Bills—Measures to be Submitted to Voters.

The ballot titles follow:

Proposed law—Submitted to the People by the Legislative Assembly. **Soldiers' Sailors' and Marines' Educational Aid Revenue Bill.**

Purpose: Providing for a two-tenths of one mill tax for educational financial aid to soldiers, sailors and marines in addition to that now provided by law, and submitting the question whether such taxes shall be levied each year in a sum in excess of taxes levied by the state for the preceding year plus 6 per centum thereof.

Proposed Law—Submitted to the People by the Legislative Assembly: **State Elementary School Fund Tay**

Purpose: To levy a two-mill tax upon all taxable property, commencing with the year 1920 and annually thereafter, for the support and maintenance of public elementary schools; to credit each county with such tax levied therein against the amount due from the county on state taxes and to distribute the amount so credited among the several school districts of such county in proportion to the number of teachers employed in the elementary grades in each district, and providing said tax is not to be deemed within the constitutional 6 per cent limitation of section 11 of Article XI of the constitution of Oregon..

Constitutional Amendment—Submitted to the People by the Legislative Assembly:

Restoring Capital Punishment

Purpose: To restore capital punishment by providing by constitutional amendment that the penalty for murder in the first degree shall be death except when the trial jury shall, by their verdict, recommend life imprisonment.

Constitutional Amendment—Submitted to the People by the Legislative Assembly:

Blind School Tax Measure.

Purpose: Providing for erecting and equipping in Portland an institution for teaching to the blind the arts and trades deemed advisable by the State Board of Control; providing a tax levy for 1921 of 1-6 of a mill for erection and equipment, and an annual tax levy commencing in 1921 of 1-25 of a mill for maintenance on assessable property in the state, and providing that proceeds from the sale of finished products be turned over to the general fund, and allowing a certain fixed sum as compensation for labor to such inmates to be paid out of the general fund.

Constitutional Amendment—Submitted to the People by the Legislative Assembly:

Limitation of Four Per Cent State Indebtedness for Permanent Roads.

Purpose: To amend Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to permit the creation of debts and liabilities, including previous debts and liabilities, for the purpose of building and maintaining permanent roads to the amount of four per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state of Oregon, instead of two per cent, as now provided by law.

Constitutional Amendment—Submitted to the People by the Legislative Assembly:

Fish and Game Amendment.

Purpose: To give each county exclusive power to regulate all fishing within its boundaries excepting in the Columbia river: restricting to the legislature power to make laws establishing license fees relating to commercial fishing and the enforcement of laws protecting commercial fish; to pay for the propagation of commercial ish exclusively from money derived from commercial fishing licenses and for propagation of game fish, birds and animals exclusively from money derived from local licenses issued by each county for hunting and fishing for such game; for appointing a fish culture and extra county law enforcing officers and their salaries.

mitted to the People by the Legislative Assembly:

Crook and Curry County Bonding Amendment.

Purpose: To amend section 10 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to permit Crook and Curry counties to issue warrants to evidence their involuntary debts and liabilities, and issue bonds to an amount not to exceed two per cent of assessed valuation of all property in the county to fund such warrants when such bonds shall be authorized by a majority of the legal voters of the county voting on the question at any general or special election, and the county court shall each year thereafter levy a special tax to pay the interest on said bonds and retire the principal thereof at maturity.

Constitutional Amendment—Submitted to the People by the Legislative Assembly:

Successor to Governor.

Purpose: To amend Section 8, Article V, Oregon Constitution providing for filling of vacancy in office of governor caused by removal, death resignation, absence from state or other liability to discharge gubernatorial duties, by making the president of the senate governor until such vacancy is filled for the unexpired term of outgoing governor at ensuing general election; or, if both governor and president of senate are unable to discharge gubernatorial duties the speaker of house of representatives shall in like manner become governor until disability removes, or until vacancy is filled at such election.

GILBERT COUSINS MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

Had Been Dead Some Hours When Body Was Discovered.

Gilbert Wiley Cousins, aged 34 and single, died sometime between Friday night and Saturday night in his room at the Oreadia Hotel, the result of a noverdose of chloroform.

Deceased was last seen Friday night and when he did not appear Saturday no alarm was felt for he was somewhat irregular in his habits. A chambermaid at the hotel claims to have seen him in his room about noon Saturday. She peeped through the key hole in the door and thought she saw the man standing by the window.

When Cousins did not show up Sunday morning and failed to answer when called, his brother in law, Tupper Phillips was notified and with Coroner White, entrance was effected to the room. Cousins was found dead on his bed and in a reclining position. An aluminum teakettle in which there had been chloroform was held in his hand, and a towel over his face, told the story of having taken too much of the sleep producing drug.

It is not thought that Cousins committed suicide, but that he got too much of the fumes, lost consciousness and his face remained close to the teapot until death ensued. It is reported that he was addicted to the use of chloroform.

Deceased had lived in St Helens for more than a year. He was an affable man quiet and unobtrusive and had many friends here. He worked as a painter at the shipyards. Relatives reside in Eureka and Tacoma and the body was shipped to the latter place for interment.

JURY ALLOWS J. T. ADAMS $570.

Nehalem Rancher Does Not Get as Much as He Claimed.

After occupying the time of the court from Tuesday until Friday afternoon, the case of the Portland, Astoria & Pacific R. R. Co. vs. J. T. Adams, was given to the pury and after several hours deliberation, they returned a verdict awarding $220 for the 1-1/6 acre of land the railroad company will take from Adams and $350 damages, or $570 all told. Adams was offered $250 by the railroad company at first and later the offer was increased to $400. He wanted $2000 damages and offered the railroad company $1000 if they would not go through his property which is on Beaver creek in the upper Nehalem.

Adams appeared as his own attorney and Thomas Tongue also appeared for him. When on the witness stand Mr. Adams concluded his testimony by making a speech to the jury and he also made the opening argument However his pleas did not have much weight with the jury as is evidenced by the amount of the verdict given him.

The case of the R. R. CCompany vs. Treharne and Parker was settled out of court. There are two other cases pending but it is probable these will also be settled without having to bring them before a jury.

Clarence Muller, an aged man who has been making his home with Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Tucker for the past two years, died at the Tucker residence Sunday and his funeral was held Tuesday, the interment being in the Catholic cemetery at Scappoose, Father Clancy officiating. Deceased was 79 years of age and prior to coming to St. Helens lived in the Nehalem where he owned a ranch.

CAMPBELL GUILTY SAYS THE JURY

Charge of Non Support of Family is Upheld by Jury. Sentence Will be Passed at a Later Date. Other Criminal Cases to be Tried Today.

Dana Campbell is guilty of the charge filed against him, non support of his wife and son, according to the verdict rendered by the jury who heard the case and who returned a verdict at 5 o'clock Thursday night after several hours deliberation. The jury in the case was secured Wednesday morning and evidence concluded Thursday afternoon. The defendant was indisposed Thursday morning and this delayed the trial several hours.

In June 1918 Campbell married Miss Florence McTaggert. The following November a son was born. At the time of the marriage, Campbell was in the U. S. army and stationed at Camp Lewis. Campbell on the witness stand, swore that he was not the father of the child. He hd not seen Miss McTaggart from May 1918 until August, 1919 when he was discharged from the army he said except at the time of the marriage. Witnesses swore that Campbell visited the McTaggart home in January, February and March of 1918.

Calls Child "His Baby"

In the letter which Campbell wrote and addressed to "the world" on January 9th, a few minutes before he attempted suicide, he added a postscript to the letter which said "Good luck to my baby, but I hope Mrs. Campbell dies the death of a rag doll." The letter was shown him as evidence, and while answering questions asked him by the district attorney, Campbell tore the incriminating letter in small pieces and stuffed them down his pants leg. The letter was missed and Campbell searched. He was forced to take off his pants and the bits of the letter were found and pasted together.

Campbell's testimony was contradictory in many instances and he endeavored to evade many questions. He claimed that after he came home in August 1919 he helped to support the family and oftentimes took home "coffee, sugar, etc." and that on several occasions, he had given his wife money. This was denied by Mrs. Campbell and her mother.

It was shown that while Campbell was "providing" for his family in St Helens, he was in correspondence with a girl in Seattle and it is said that he was engaged to marry her. He visited her in September, 1919, and later she came to St. Helens. The girl's name, which is withheld, is the girl who Campbell was with at the time of his arrest on January 5. He claimed that they were about to commit suicide when Sheriff LaBare arrtsted them on the railroad track between McNulty station and Warren. After he was separated from this girl Campbell tried to commit suicide by the poison route, as according to his supposed to be last letter, he could not live without the "only girl he ever loved."

The penalty of the crime of which Campbell is convicted is fronf one to three years in the penitentiary. Other penalties are provided; he might be put under bond and forced to support his family, or he may be hired out and his wages taken to support the family. Ten days was allowed the defendant in which to file a motion for a new trial or appeal the case.

Herman Gortler Sentenced

Herman Gortler who was charged with larceny from a dwelling, plead guilty and was sentenced to 7 years in the penitentiary and was taken to that institution Tuesday night by deputy sheriff Butler. According to well founded reports, Gortler had a mania for stealing and oftentimes appropriated articles which were of no use whatever to him. He had a little farm out near Yankton on which he, his wife and son lived. Both the wife and son were sick and county officials sent the boy to the hospital in Portland and the mother is being taken care of by the neighbors.

It is understood that Judge Kakin will adjourn court Saturday evening and any unfinished or untried cases will have to go over until the May term of court.

NAMES OF SOLDIER HEROES WANTED

The nearest relatives of men who died during the world's war are requested to send the full names of the soldiers, sailors or marines making the supreme sacrifice, to the American Legion post in their locality in order that the men may be remembered in the presentation of memorial certificates of the French government.

Presentation ceremonies will be held under the auspices of the local posts of the American Legion on February 22d. France selected the American Legion as the representative of this country's fighters and the agency through which the memorials should be made. The certificates are delivered to the war department and distributed to all parts of the country through the recruiting offices and by the American Legion.

George A. Gore, chairman of Columbia Post, American Legion, states he will be very glad to send in the names of the dead soldiers if such names be furnished him. He has already received several names and forwarded them and will soon receive the memorial certificates for presentation.