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Portland will Send Their Down to Deepen Channel ove Nigger Creek Bar. be Borne by Subscription.

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Much to St. Helens.

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YACHT SITS ST. HELENS

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dom was bought from San Francisco man, later eattle party and it was at Mr. Vogler purchased ght it around from the yacht is a fine sea boat many thousands of miles g on the Pacific Ocean, ad a mishap.

KNIGHTS GO TO RAINIER

odge K. of P. had its an- ll last night. An invi- xtended to the members dge and accepted. Last utomobiles laden with 25 rted for Rainier and St. well represented at the

famous Big Lake quar ken down to the thriving ier to show the Rainier real good singers Avon

H. E. LaBARE

Who announces that he will seek the nomination for the office of sheriff. Mr. LaBare is filling the unexpired term of former sheriff E. C. Stanwood.

MRS SADIE CRONKITE PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Well Known Young Matron Succumbs after Brave Fight.

Mrs. Sadie Cronkite, wife of J. H. Cronkite and daughter of Mrs. C. W. Blakesley died at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon after an illness of more than a week. For two days before her death, attending physicians despaired of her life, but she bravely battled with the inevitable and slight hopes were held out for her recovery. Friday her heart action began to fail and just as the sun was sinking, she answered the invisible and passed on.

Deceased was born in Portland July 18, 1890. With her mother she came to St. Helens in 1894 and her girlhood and young womanhood was spent here. On June 25, 1911 she was united in marriage to J. H Cronkite, the couple making their home in St. Helens.

Mrs. Cronkite was a member of the Honor Guard and of the Pythian Sisters and at the time of her death was Mistress of Finance in the latter order. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church and took much interest in church work.

Decersed is survived by her husband and two children, James Hartley, aged 7 and Aileen, aged 5 and her mother, Mrs. C. W. Blakesley. The infant son born the day before his mother succumbed and who lived for a few hours, was buried with his mother.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Hisey officiating, and a large concourse of friends and acquaintances accompanied the remains to the I. O. O. F. cemetery where the burial service was conducted by the Pythian Sisters. Many beautiful floral offerings attested the esteem in which deceased was held and her untimely end cast a gloom over the city and there were many expressions of sorrow and sympathy.

SCAPPOOSE BANKER BUYS FINE PIG

E. E. Wist, of the First National Bank of Scappoos, recently purchased a young gilt from the Leonard Estates Co., of Grant's Pass, that promises, from the standpoint of good breeding, to be one of the best brood sows ever brought into this county. This gilt, on its dams' side, represents the Laurel Champion and Roguelands Champion lines of breeding. Old Laurel Champion and his progeny have won more prizes in the show ring than any other Berkshire boar in the state.

On the sire's side the gilt is only two generations removed from Epochal, a son of Epochal, and full brother to Epochal Springflower 3rd, first prize junior sow pig at the 1919 Illinois and Wisconsin State Fairs, and Interstate Livestock Fair and third at the 1919 National Swine Show. He is a half brother also to Epochal's Emancipator, the first boar of any breed to sell for $10,000

The Leonard Estates Co. under the leadership and management of Clyde E. Niles has for several years been building up a herd of Berkshires second to none in the West. They realize that under the present cost in labor and feed it pays best to raise pigs that represent only the best in type and breeding. Then experience and success makes a lesson for every hog breeder to consider and profit by. Mr. Wist has made a fine contribution to the Berkshire blood in buying this pig.

FAIR BOARD MEETS SATURDAY

The Columbia County Fair Board will meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning at the office of Secretary J. W. Allen at the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting according to President Fullerton is to arrange the premium list. He states that he would be glad to have those exhibitors who are interested in the premium list present at the meeting. It is the intention of the Fair Board to make the premiums more attractive than in the past as they realize the success of the fair depends largely upon the exhibits and good premiums usually bring forth attractive exhibits.

Misses Edna and Neva Gartman were Portland shoppers Saturday.

MANY CANDIDATES ARE READY TO FILE

Crop of Aspirants for Office Increases. LaBare to Run for Sheriff. Other Officers to Seek Re-nomination. Contest for Some Offices.

It is assured that there will be a full crop of candidates for the various county offices, as during the past week, several have announced their intention of seeking the favors of the voters. Practically all of the present officers will again seek to succeed themselves and some who have not held office appear to be anxious to experience the sensation of being an office holder.

LaBare Out for Sheriff.

Sheriff H. E. LaBare has announced that he will seek the nomination for sheriff. He was deputy under former sheriff E. C. Stanwood and when Stanwood resigned, received the appointment. LaBare is well known throughout the county and always polls a large vote.

It was rumored that deputy sheriff S. L. Butler looked with longing eyes on the sheriff's job, but he informs the Mist that inasmuch as Mr. LaBare has thrown his hat in the ring, he will not be a contender for the office. A. B. Lake and J. H. Wellington are mentioned as aspirants for the office. Mr. Lake refused to affirm or deny the report and Wellington stated that he had not fully made up his mind as to whether he would try for the office. The fact that neither of the gentlemen will deny the rumor is evidence that they are giving the matter consideration.

Contest for Assessor's Job.

A. L. Morris announces that he will be a candidate for the office of assessor, and will oppose at the primaries C. W. Blakesley, present encumbent who has announced that he will seek to succeed himself. It is probable that another party will also seek the position, though the Mist has not been informed by the party himself.

County Clerk J. W. Hunt will ask that he be re-nominated and there is little likelihood of his having any opposition. Treasurer Bessie Hattan, Surveyor L. J. VanOrshoven and Coroner T. S. White will be candidates to succeed themselves, it is learned.

The office of district attorney might appeal to several lawyers of the county. Fred Herman of Rainier and George Gore of St. Helens are mentioned as probable candidates. G. Metsker, present district attorney, says that he is not yet ready to make a statement and it is not known whether or not he will enter the race.

At the present time, it seems that the nomination on the republican ticket for representative will be sought for by E. I. Ballagh and A. H. Tarbell as no other names have been mentioned for this position. Who the democratic candidate will be is guess work. W. J. Fullerton states that he will not accept the nomination for this job, though some of his friends are favoring him for commissioner.

The primaries do not come off until May, so there is plenty of time for further announcements, and every indication points to there being a large number of candidates.

The Serbian Orchestra entertainment will be the next number given under the auspices of the Lyceum Bureau. This orchestra comes most highly recommended and has met with phenomenal success wherever it has appeared.

COUNCIL SANCTIONS NEW HARBOR WORK

Appropriation of $1000 Made to Aid in Removing Nigger Creek Bar. West Street Improvement Held up. Other Business Transacted.

The most important matter brought to the attention of the council Monday night was the necessity of aiding in raising funds for the removal of the Nigger Creek bar. There was considerable discussion of the matter and the mayor called on every one present for an opinion. S. C Morton, Charles Wheeler and H. F. McCormick spoke of the necessity of the city aiding in the work and Harold Broughton told of the commerce which would come to St. Helens if boats of deep draft could reach the docks. E. I. Ballagh also spoke in favor of the council making an appropriation to aid in the work inasmuch as the McCormick and other interests had pledged $3000 of the $5000 or $5500 required. It was suggested that the council appropriate $500 and if the balance of the fund was not raised, that the city make a further appropriation.

$500 Not Sufficient.

Councilman O'Connor thought $500 insufficient and made a motion that the city appropriate $1000. Larabee who was in favor of extending assistance in the project, seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed and the mayor instructed the city attorney to prepare an ordinance which would carry out the wishes of the council and of the many taxpayers who had spoken in favor of the appropriation. It was the sense of all who made suggestions to the council that the improvement outlined would be of great benefit to the entire city and the loading of the big ships here would give further prestige to the port. It was pointed out that if the large vessels could not come here for ties, lumber and creosoted piling, they would go elsewhere and this would be a great loss to the city.

Street Improvement Held up.

An ordinance was presented to the improvement of West street. The city attorney stated he had drawn the ordinance under instructions but would not advise its passage on account of not being able to find anything in the charter which gave the council the right to make a street improvement district or assess property not abutting the proposed improvement.

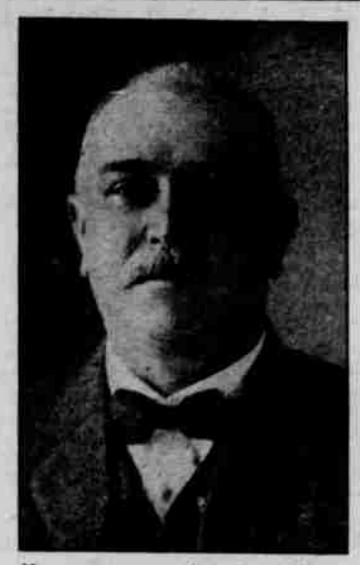
E. I. Ballagh then stated that it was his intention and the intention of others living in his locality to petition for the improvement of West street from Winter street to Columbia street, about three or four blocks. Probably the petition will be presented at the next meeting of the council. Inasmuch as a remonstrance has been filed against the improvement of West street as set forth in former petitions, that portion of the street from Winter street west, will not be improved at the present time. The charter provides that another petition for improvement cannot be filed for six months after the remonstrance has been filed.

There were several matters of minor importance acted upon and the council adjourned about 9 o'clock, much earlier than usual.

Colonel Earl Larabee, U. S. A., who has been here for the past month on a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Larabee, left Wednesday for Washington, D. C., his furlough having expired.

FAMOUS CHERRY TREES---1920 SPECIES

C. W. BLAKESLEY



He announces that he will seek re-nomination as county assessor.

ANNUAL ROLL CALL AVON LODE K. OF P.

The 26th annual roll call of Avon Lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias, was held at the hall of the lodge Tuesday night and more than half a hundred members were present to answer to their names. Members from Scappoose, Warren, Deer Island and Goble and from Woodland, Ridgefield and Kalama were present. Two old stand bys, H. R. Cliff and N. A. Perry were absent. Both are members of 25 years standing and seldom miss a roll-call, but in this instance, their absence was unavoidable which was fully explained by letter. Other letters were received from absent brothers expressing their regret at not being able to be present.

Three Receive Veteran Jewels

A pleasing part of the evening's program was the presentation of Veteran Jewels to Frank Bishop, W. B. Dillard and Fred Henderson. Each of these parties have been members in good standing of Avon Lodge for 25 years. Chancellor Commander E. A. Ross designated Past Chancellor W. A. Harris to present the jewels and after a few appropriate remarks, the veterans received the coveted medals.

After the lodge closed, they repaired to the New Liberty cafe where a banquet was served. The "Big Lake" quartette, which is composed of A. B. Lake, C. E. Lake, J. T. Scott and Eddie Benson with Tupper Phillips as accompanist, gave several musical selections. In fact they made so much noise that Marshal George Potter came down to see what was the trouble, and seeing that everythinb was o. k., accepted an invitation of the Knights to join their midnight party.

Avon Lodge has enjoyed a remarkable growth during the past several months and the membership of the lodge is now 121 with several candidates on the waiting list.

COUNTY COURT HAS SPECIAL SESSION

The county court held a special session Wednesday for the purpose of re-arranging the voting precincts. After much figuring, Judge White and Commissioner Harvey figured that they would make no changes and will allow the precincts to remain as they are.

The city and county elections will be held at the same time and inasmuch as many people living outside the incorporate limits of the towns in the county, St. Helens, Rainier, Goble, Clatskanie, and Vernonia, will vote in those towns the court decided to have a stub attached to the ballots of such precincts and the stub would contain the city ticket. Those who are entitled to vote in the city elections would be given the ticket which has on it the stub, and those living outside of the incorporate limits of the towns would be given the regular ticket with the stub torn off. In this way, none could vote in the city election unless living in the city. The court thought this was the best way out of the predicament.

CRAZY MAN ASSAULTS JUDGE WHITE

William E. Maharney who was being examined as to his sanity by doctors Wade and Ross in the office of the county judge, lost his patience at being interrogated so closely and evidently thought Judge White was the cause of his embarrassment, for when the Judge wasn't looking, he shot a right hander to the Judge's jaw.

Maharney brought in a lot of disconnected discourses on thrift and government ownership to the treasurer's office and asked Miss Hattan to copy it. She showed it to sheriff LaBare and when the man returned for the copy, Judge White and Mr LaBare were there to meet him. It was evident that he was "batty" and he was locked up for the night. When brought up for examination, he would answer no questions as to himself. The doctors adjudged him mentally unsound and he was sent to the state hospital at Salem.

The big run of smelt in the Cowlitz river has been responsible, to some extent in lowering the h. c. of l. Tom Roy has been and is the smelt king of St. Helens. On a single day he received and disposed of 150 fifty pound boxes of the fish. The prices ranged from 4c per pound to 8 pounds for 25c.

CUPID LOSES OUT IN 1919 CONTEST

Records Show 121 Divorce Suits Filed as Against 75 Marriage Licenses Issued. Friends of Cupid Look for "Come-back" in 1920.

If the number of divorce suits filed compared with the number of marriage licenses issued can be taken as an indication, Cupid received a solar plexis blow and took the count in the year 1919 in Columbia county, for during the year there were 121 divorce suits filed as compared to the 75 "joy tickets" issued by the county clerk.

The seasons of the year evidently have a whole lot to do with the state of mind of those who prefer donble blessedness to single blissfulness. This is evidenced by a check of the marriage licenses issued in each month of the year. In January five couples started the new year right, for five licenses were issued and in each February and March five licenses were issued. Apparently the month which has an All Fools' Day, did not appeal to those who prefer connubial bliss, for only four couples applied for the necessary tickets, but in May and June it was different; possibly the budding of the trees, the fragrance of the flowers, the sweet notes of the birds and the fragrance that comes with early spring reminded the love smitten hearts that it would be a good idea to forget the old and together with nature start on the new, for in each of these glorious months seven licenses were issued.

July Breaks all Records.

July, the Independence Day month, broke all records for eleven couples asserted their independence by securing licenses to marry, just whom they pleased. The rush of July had its effect on August, for only six licenses were issued. An then came September and October, the months of falling leaves, of overcast skies and remembrances of the happy summer days which live only in memory. These thoughts must have appeared to the lovesick or else Cupid was on a vacation for his work in September was a low obb and he produced only two couples and ni October his work was little better for only five couples appeared to promise and vow eternal faithfulness.

In November there was a change. The clear frosty mornings may have quickened the efforts of Cupid, or the season of Thankfulness prevailed, but at any rate, the county clerk made 9 couples temporarily happy by issuing the "joy tickets" requested and paid for.

Until December 21st, it didn't seem as though it would be a Merry Christmas in the marriage line, but on the date mentioned, business began to pick up and before the 25th, came, seven couples had been made happy.

No Seasons for Divorces.

There seemed to be no favorite season for divorces as business in this line was steady throughout the entire year and there was little variance from month to month. In justice to the people of Columbia county it should be stated that fully 85 per cent of the divorces granted or applied for were for people not residents of this county. Evidently the couples who wish to again enjoy single bliss have heard through or by the "grape vine telephone" that little publicity is given divorce suits down this way and when not convenient to go to Oregon City, they come to St. Helens.

But opponents of the "divorce evil" and admirers of Cupid have reason to be optimistic. They should remember that 1920 is Leap Year and it is possible that Cupid might make a better record. County Clerk Hunt is hopeful that such will be the case. At any rate, Cupid has a chance to overcome the record of 1919 for he starts out with less of a handicap.

PETITION CIRCULATED ON SAUVIES ISLAND

At the first meeting of the farmers of Sauvies Island relative to the diking the Island, a committee of resident farmers and land owners was chosen to circulate the petition for the formation of the district.

This committee worked all of last week among the property owners living on the Island and the large non-resident land owners living in Portland. J. D. Brown, T. E. Garrow, and the County Agent covered the Island, while attorney L. A. McNary circulated another petition in Portland.

There are many large farms of a thousand acres or more in the district, and a number of these are held as estate, the heirs of which are widely scattered. Until all of these people can be reached the final returns on the petition will not be in. The present status of the work is encouraging and there is good reason to believe that the district will be successfully formed. Most of the residents of the Island were well pleased with the project when convinced of its feasibility.

It is intended to reclaim 22,000 acres of land from the annual overflow, and this will form the largest and most fertile reclamation project of its kind in the state when completed. Immense crops are raised under present conditions on those parts of the district not subject to overflow.

Mrs. A. F. Barnett after a few days siege of the grippe is able to resume her work at the St. Helens school.