

THE ST. HELENS MIST

SCAPOOPE VOTES ON INCORPORATION

Meeting Being Held Today to Decide if Town be Incorporated. Prospects Seem Good for Affirmative Vote.

The lively little town of Scappoose an election is being held today to decide whether or not the town be incorporated and given a mayor to further develop or whether all continue to be an unincorporated village with no immediate prospect of securing needed improvements which can come only through incorporation. The supporters of the measure are optimistic as to the result and while realizing that there is strong opposition, believe there is sufficient number of progressive citizens who have at heart the best of the community and will give their sentiment at the polls favoring the further progress of town.

Advantages Set Forth. One of the advantages of incorporation as set forth by those in favor of the measure are: First, to Scappoose a more pleasant, desirable place to live in. In doing this they point out that incorporation, a city government established to regulate matters which at the present time are under local control. Secondly, to secure a water and lighting system that ample fire protection can be secured and that the convenience of electric lights might be within reach of rich and poor alike. So it can be ascertained, it is not to bond the town to secure no necessities mentioned, but pointed out that after the town incorporated, public utility companies will be glad to establish such.

The third reason, and an important one set forth in favor of incorporation is that when the town is incorporated, the streets and sidewalks can be improved and maintained. It is further claimed that the capital is more apt to be secured to an incorporated town than one which has no city government, and that the coming of outside capital to the community will be every one in the community.

Opposition Has Reasons. Opponents of incorporation give their reasons for opposing the measure. One heard of at an early date is one of the main objections. They claim that with the incorporation of a city government, taxes will be necessary and that it will be where the shoe pinches the argument is met, however, by favoring the proposition, with the argument that the advantages of incorporation and the increased busyness that is sure to come and development of the community are more than offset the small additional tax, should such small tax be levied. They say if one large tax should be established by incorporation, that the benefit derived from this alone would more than offset the small increase.

People of Scappoose have had a month to figure out the situation for and against, and to the day they express their sentiment, as one Scappoose party said it, for further growth and development or for remaining in its present place.

SCAPOOPE RECEIVE LICENSE TAGS NOW

Stamping of the license number on the dog collars was unsatisfactory to every one concerned, unless the dog, so County Clerk has had made a lot of metal tags which will be attached to the collar, and hereafter the dog collars which will be issued will have these pretty little tags instead of having the numbers stamped on the collar.

HUNT DECIDED ON THE CHANGE

George Grant of Scappoose reports that his dog was shy the number. Grant's dog and Scappoose dog had a mix up when the fight was over, the number on the collar of the dog had been chewed off. This coming on top of complaints the license number being incorrect, is responsible for the change that said.

T RATE FIGHT SEEMS LIKELY

Her boat will be on the Astoria run Monday. A Portland man in which Frank Shepherd is interested, has bought one of the steamers which plied on the Astoria run, renamed her the Astoria and has placed her in proper position for the run. For the port Heleus, but later the schedule is arranged so that St. Helena can be accommodated. Fred went up to Portland on the last Sunday and is confident she will have her heels to the Georgians.

It was stated that Captain Horsford, of the Georgians, has stated that necessary he will cut the fare cents, so it is probable that before the summer is over, there will be a war between the boats, such old timers remembering in days by when steambusting on this coast was about the only means of transportation.

Several weeks spent in a hospital where she underwent an operation, Mrs. J. E. Ramsey is expected to St. Helena Sunday and is improved in health.

LARGE CREW WORK AT LOWER SHIPYARD

Converting Emergency Fleet Steamer Into 5-Masted Barkentine.

Mr. M. Morton, Jr., who is in Columbia City looking after the work of converting the Emergency steamer hull into a five-masted barkentine for delivery to the Bristol Bay Packing Company of San Francisco, a concern he is connected with, informs the Mist that he has 85 men on the pay-roll and it takes about \$3000 per week to pay off.

The work is progressing nicely, he says, the slow part having been when tearing out some of the housing and beams which were put in when it was thought the vessel was to be a steamer. Mr. Morton thinks that the work will be completed about June 1st and the vessel will be towed to San Francisco to have the rigging installed.

Will Go on Alaska Route. It is planned to put the barkentine on the Alaska route as the company owning the vessel have large salmon canneries in the far north. After the salmon season, Mr. Morton thought the barkentine would load lumber or general cargo for Australia and bring back a return cargo of copra or possibly go to the West Coast for a load of nitrate. It was possible he thought, that a lumber cargo would be loaded at some of the mills along the river when the vessel was completed and ready for tow to San Francisco.

A. S. HARRISON LEAVES ST. HELENS

A. S. Harrison left Tuesday for South Bend, Washington to make preliminary arrangements for the opening of the First Guaranty Bank. The bank was organized last week and a charter has been granted. The capital stock on the start will be \$25,000 with a 10 per cent surplus, or \$2,500. The financial institution will be a member of the Washington Guaranty Association.

Mr. Harrison has been a resident of St. Helena since 1887 and prior to entering business here, but interested in lumbering. For 10 years he conducted a large mercantile establishment and made a success of it, selling to Larsen & Company a little over a year ago. He was one of the promoters of the First National Bank of this city and was its cashier until the present stockholders bought it.

By reason of his long residence here and his prominent part in the business life of the city, Mr. Harrison made many friends and acquaintances who regret to see him leave the city and wish him the best of luck in his new home.

Mrs. Harrison, for the present will remain in St. Helena until suitable arrangements are made in South Bend.

RAISING PIGS IS PROFITABLE

Raising pigs can be made a profitable work, J. E. Wilkerson who lives on the Sherman Saxon place on the Yankton road. Two years ago he bought a boar and a sow, the O. I. C. stock. He paid \$35 for the pair. Later he sold the boar for \$35 and sold four of the litter of pigs for \$50. The other four were sold as fat porkers and brought \$175. Recently he sold the sow for \$50. He estimates that it cost him about \$100 to feed the pigs and received a total of \$375 and estimates that he cleared at least \$175.

Starting with a single cow about two years ago, he now has 18 head of fine dairy cows, mostly Jerseys. He bought young heifers and raised them "mostly from one cow's milk" he said.

Mr. Wilkerson gives a great part of the credit for the success to his wife who has worked just as hard as he has, he said.

The Mist mentions this little story just to show what can be done in swine and stock raising and the sure profit to be made if conscientious work is done.

RAILROAD WORK IN THE NEHALEM

C. D. White was over in the Nehalem country last week. He went over the St. Helena-Pittsburg road and it was passable, he said, but added that he walked. The road would be impassable for any kind of conveyance, he thought. Returning to St. Helena he came by way of Clatskanie and didn't make as good time as when he walked, for between Mist and Clatskanie the auto got stuck and had to be dug out of the mud. It took four hours of hard work to accomplish this.

Vernonia is quite lively at present on account of the building of the Portland, Astoria and Pacific Ry. which runs through Vernonia. Mr. Lee the superintendent in charge of the work, stated he would have at least 150 men at work by March 1st, preparing the railroad grade.

VERNONIA WINS IN CLATSKANIE DEBATE

In the debate held at Clatskanie last Friday night between the Vernonia and Clatskanie High school teams, the former took the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That labor immigration to the United States be restricted for a period of five years." was given the decision by a 3 to 1 vote. Clatskanie was defended by Henry Orwig and Anna Ellerton while the negative was upheld by Misses Lolla and Hannah Brown of Vernonia. The winners will meet the winners of the St. Helena-Rainier debate for the championship of the county.

ASSESSMENT ROLL TOTAL 13 MILLION

Total Tax on Roll is \$498,223.54, an Increase of 43 Per Cent Over Last Year—Special Road Tax of \$100,000 is Big Item of Increase.

The total of the assessment rolls as turned over to Sheriff LaBare by Assessor Blakesley shows the taxable valuation in the county to be \$13,459,670 and the total tax to be collected is \$498,223.54 as compared with \$459,987.09 on the 1918 assessment roll, an increase of 43 per cent. The special road tax which amounts to \$100,647.46 is a much larger item than last year, but inasmuch as the taxpayers in the several road districts voted the special taxes for road building in their communities, there can be no kick at any of the county officials.

General Tax is Higher The general tax also shows a large increase. A considerable portion of the increase is due to the fact that the state tax is almost double that of last year.

In the matter of city taxes St. Helena leads the list with \$19,426.37, while Rainier is second with \$5,725.03 and Clatskanie comes third with \$3,184.29. Residents of Goble will not be called on to pay a city tax and Vernonia asks only \$229.32. The difference in the tax between St. Helena and Rainier is very noticeable, almost \$7,000 difference.

The general road fund is \$39,901.10 and the two mills for market roads will bring in \$26,600.73.

Valuation Statistics: There are 14,000 acres of cultivated land in the county with a valuation of \$828,475. Of non-tillable land there are 241,617 acres on which a valuation of \$2,935,915 is placed. The timber lands amount to 140,759 acres with a valuation of \$4,613,213. There are 131 miles of railroad line in the county valued at \$1,858,140 and 61 miles of logging railroad valued at \$328,915. The electric light systems are valued at \$20,235. There must not be a heavy stock of merchandise in the county for the assessment roll shows only \$135,345 while the automobiles, farm implements, etc., have a valuation of \$146,850.

Horses and mules are valued at \$68,480 and they number 1897, while there are 7,742 head of cattle with a valuation of \$163,365. This shows that the county is rapidly forging ahead in raising cattle. There are 1,438 swine and they are valued at \$11,860 and the dogs are valued at half as much, viz 595 of them are carried on the roll as worth \$5,955. Of course after Deputy Sheriff Butler begins the slaughter of unlicensed dogs the number of dogs and likewise the valuation will likely show a great decrease.

Money, notes and accounts are very scarce, only \$2,880 being reported. As a total, the assessment roll for 1919 as compared with 1918 is practically the same.

The Oregon State Editorial association will hold its annual meeting in Astoria in August and several hundred Oregon newspaper men are expected to attend and partake of the hospitality of the people of the city by the sea. Both Astoria and Tillamook extended invitations to the scribes but the salmon city was chosen in preference to the cheese city, which will probably be the meeting place in 1921.

Captain Balleisen has succeeded Captain Foldat as master of the steamer Wapama. The latter will come to St. Helena to superintend the finishing touches on the steamer Everett which he will command when the vessel goes into commission.

PROGRAM OUTLINED FOR YEAR'S WORK

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Wednesday Night is Enthusiastic and Program for Year's Work is Outlined. Prospects Bright.

The St. Helens Chamber of Commerce held their first real big meeting of the year at the City Hall Wednesday night and much important business was brought before the representative body of business men assembled.

Each member of the Executive Committee made a report on some subject that had been assigned to him. The matter of the Union High school came up and the committee reported that it had been hard at work on the proposed arrangements and were hopeful that their efforts would be successful.

Prospect for New Depot. It was stated that A. J. Davidson who will be general manager of the S. P. & S. R. R. when the lines go back to private ownership, was in St. Helena this week on an inspection trip, and while not making any definite promises as to a new depot, admitted that plans for such structure were being considered.

An important action of the Chamber of Commerce was to go on record as favoring an interlocking directorate of the three commercial bodies in Columbia county. Such directorate would take an active interest in all matters pertaining to the development of the county and endeavor to solve county problems. It is understood that the Rainier Chamber of Commerce has taken a similar action.

Want Paving Rushed. It was voted to do all possible to rush the work of the completion of the paving of the highway before the time of the Shriner's convention which is to be held in Portland. Thousands of prominent business men from all over the United States will be in Portland to attend this convention, and it is desired to make the lower Columbia River highway passable so that the gentlemen of the royal "fez" may come down river as well as see the sights of the upper highway.

T. J. Flippin, Jr. County Agent, made a report on the progress of the Sauvie Island diking project and Secretary Storka gave an interesting resume of the work recently done and what was expected.

Business Man Talks. Anthony Neppach, a prominent business man of Portland gave an interesting talk on the future development of the great northwest. "The timber will be removed as the years go by," he said, "but nothing can ever take us out our wonderful water supply and power." Industries would use this power which at the present time has scarcely been touched. He spoke of business conditions generally and in an optimistic vein. He predicted a great future for St. Helena on account of the wonderful resources of the city and paid a compliment to the wide-awake Chamber of Commerce. His talk was strictly a business one and was highly appreciated.

President Wheeler presided and introduced the speaker of the evening.

The State Taxpayers League will meet at the Imperial Hotel Saturday morning, February 28th at 10 o'clock. The meeting has been called by President Pierce and matters pertaining to tax matters will be discussed. Delegates from every county in Oregon will be in attendance. S. C. Morton is one of the delegates from Columbia county.

PRESIDENT CAMPBELL PLEADS FOR U. OF O.

Tells Oregon Editors that State Colleges Face Serious Conditions.

At the Oregon Newspaper Conference last week at Eugene, President Campbell of the University of Oregon told the newspaper men why it was necessary for the University and O. A. C. and the State Normal to have more funds. In the first place, he said, these institutions were receiving the same appropriations as six years ago and that in attendance, they had to take care of 142 per cent more students. The increase in attendance in 1920 compared with 1919 is 60 per cent at the University and about the same at the O. A. C.

With no more accommodations than in previous years, it was impossible to properly provide for the students and they could not have the efficient instruction necessary. Every dormitory and every class room was crowded and no more students could be taken care of. If the people did not vote in favor of the millage tax, which increases the appropriations of the state educational institutions, it would be necessary next year, he said, to limit the attendance. This would mean that hundreds of young men and women who desired higher education, would be turned away from the colleges and denied the advantages of such education. He did not believe the voters of Oregon would turn a deaf ear to the appeal, as it was apparent that the amount asked for 1.16 mills on the dollar was absolutely necessary.

Compared with other states, President Campbell stated that the value of the university buildings per student was \$322 as against \$954 in some other states. This shows the overcrowded conditions that exist.

The half hundred editors from different parts of Oregon pledged President Campbell their aid in bringing the matter to the attention of their readers. The scribes visited the buildings on the campus and saw for themselves the necessity of the millage tax asked. The editor of the Mist was among the number and it was apparent to him that the people of Oregon must give their colleges an increased appropriation or else the institutions will lose their present high standard.

While in Eugene, we met several of the young men and women from St. Helena who are attending the university. They were all well and happy and seemed to be getting the most out of their opportunity. The newspaper conference was well attended, considering the prevalence of the flu and the visiting editors were treated royally by the hospitable people of Eugene and the University faculty and students.

COUNTY FAIR BOARD FAVORS CLEAN SHOWS

By T. J. Flippin, Jr., County Agent.

The morning session of the County Fair Board, last Saturday, was thrown open to the public for the consideration of suggestions relative to improving or changing the Board's policies in handling the annual county fair. Quite a number of people took advantage of the opportunity to express their disapproval of the side shows and concessions that were supposed to furnish amusement at last year's fair.

At times the debate became rather lively, but most of the criticism was of a constructive nature. While deploring the conditions at the fair last year, the meeting attempted to offer definite plans for the Board to follow in getting around the objectionable side shows that overran the last fair. A great deal of unjust criticism has been heaped on the heads of the Fair Board for things that were beyond their control. Undesirable concessions are a problem for all County Fair Boards, and it is not to the discredit of our local board that they were unable to solve it last year, when even the State Fair Board was unable to do so. The trouble comes from the fact that while merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels, and strength and ability testing devices are all a part of a good fair, these concessions are controlled by the owners of the less desirable kind who will not release one without the other.

The Fair Board expressed themselves in favor of clean shows as strongly as anyone present, providing the necessary appurtenances to a good fair could be secured, and a plan offered whereby the side shows might be eliminated. Rev. Ralph Spearow, County Agent Flippin, and A. H. Tarbell, representing the livestock interests of the county, urged the Board to make the Fair a strictly Columbia county institution this year, depending on the talent of the county for the entertainment and amusement as well as the exhibits.

The exhibits are intended to promote a friendly rivalry among the agricultural districts of the county and there is good reason why a little competition among the towns in providing entertainment should make the best of feeling and help to bring our communities together. Athletic contests, stunt shows, stock parades, musical entertainments, judging contests, baseball games, ferris wheels, and children's day, should make the finest kind of a three days fair, with something doing every minute, and no questionable sideshows.

If present plans are carried out it means a fair composed of local talent exclusively (as it should be), and deserving of the support of every citizen of the county to make it a success. Schools, granges, lodges, civic organizations, commercial clubs, and individuals will all be given opportunity to share in the entertainment and help to make the Fair pleasant as well as educational.

MANY MENTIONED FOR COMMISSIONER

Race for Nomination for this Job Will Probably be a Hot One. Bumgardner Announces Candidacy. Other Political Notes.

Judging by all reports, there seem to be a number of available men to fill the job of county commissioner, and it appears that this county job is more popular than any other. It also appears certain there will be a hot race for the nomination as politics seem to be warming up.

A. L. Clark of Rainier was in St. Helena Monday looking over the political ground. It is understood that Judge Clark is in a receptive mood for the nomination for county commissioner to succeed A. E. Harvey, though he hasn't made a formal announcement to this effect.

I. S. Bumgardner of Clatskanie visited St. Helena Saturday. He will be a candidate on the republican ticket for the office of county commissioner. Mr. Bumgardner thinks the lower end of the county is entitled to representation in the county court, but if elected, he would treat all parts of the county fair he stated.

Friends of James Gaittens of Deer Island mention him as a possible candidate for county commissioner. They point out that he has always been a loyal republican and has done much service in the party ranks. Mr. Gaittens has a strong following and if he concludes to enter the race, it is predicted that he will make some of the other candidates for commissioner step out some.

Democratic friends of George Grant of Scappoose think he would make a good commissioner. George is holding down the job of road supervisor at the present time and it is known if he cares to relinquish this job, giving of orders might, however, appeal to him instead of being on the receiving end.

The name of James D. McKay of Scappoose is also mentioned by local democrats quite often. Mr. McKay ran on the democratic ticket opposing Judson Weed and while he lost out, he polled enough votes to show a considerable strength in the county.

R. N. Lovelace, former master of Pomona Grange, is a good democrat and his friends point out that if he received the democratic nomination for commissioner, that he would poll a large vote at the general election. There are many who think that the commissioner should come from the Rainier territory this time, and that being the case, would favor Mr. Lovelace.

It might be there will be a three-cornered race for representative. E. I. Ballagh and A. H. Tarbell have announced themselves and friends of F. B. Holbrook of the Goble neighborhood, is often spoken of as the logical man to represent the county. Should he decide to enter the race, undoubtedly he would draw a good support from the farmers and strangers throughout the county as well as from voters engaged in other occupations.

A. H. Tarbell has filed his candidacy announcement with the secretary of state. He seeks to represent Columbia county in the legislature. Mr. Tarbell was in St. Helena Monday getting signatures to his nominating petition.

Y. M. C. A. TO AID DEMOBILIZED MEN

George A. Gore, chairman of Columbia Post, American Legion has received a communication from W. M. Huntington, Secretary of the Educational Service Committee, Y. M. C. A. in Portland outlining a plan by which ex-service men can receive free training along useful lines. Shorthand, typewriting, electric wiring, radio telegraphy, arithmetic, algebra, book-keeping, farm motors, vulcanizing and many other courses are obtainable. Scholarships including expense money up to \$25 per month in colleges or Y. M. C. A. in Oregon are given according to the information received by Mr. Gore.

Mr. Huntington states that a small amount of money is placed aside for the men from Columbia county, and the scholarships should be distributed as quickly as possible.

Mr. Gore will be pleased to give any further information on the subject to any who are interested. He thinks that the Y. M. C. A. is making a splendid offer to the ex-service men and one that should be accepted.

CAMPBELL BEGINS TO SERVE SENTENCE

Sheriff LaBare took Dana Campbell to the state penitentiary Saturday and Campbell began to serve his sentence of one year. He stated to Sheriff LaBare that he intended to be a model prisoner and it was his intention to be a man, and start life anew. Campbell was convicted of the charge of non-support of his family.

The steamer Wahkeena, laden with 1,000 000 feet of lumber left out Saturday night bound for San Pedro. Charles Larsen who has been first officer of the steamer Klamath is now captain of the Wahkeena, having succeeded Captain Balleisen who was transferred to the Wapama.

Thomas A. Edison at 30—and 73



Thomas A. Edison, the inventive genius of the world, has just passed another milestone—and one that will not soon be forgotten—his 73rd birthday. The affair was made a municipal party—the people of Orange, N. J., paying tribute to the man who has given their town such distinction. Here are pictures of Edison at 30 and 73. The big picture is from an old print in 1877—Edison and the first photograph—which he invented. The insert is the wizard today. He was born at Milan, O., Feb. 11, 1847.