MIST MISTINGS

Mrs. Mary Meyers has been spending the week with friends in Portland.

Let us remodel your dresses and hats. Old hats made new. Milady's Shop, Muckle building.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Nutbrown motored to Portland Tuesday to purchase additional stock for the Elite store.

Professor E. R. Welch of Oil City, Penn., is here on a short visit and the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

Clara Gilbert and John Wilburn of Rainier were united in marriage here Saturday, Judge Martin White officiating.

Mrs. J. C. Gore of Nelson, B. C., arrived in St. Helens Thursday for a brief visit with her son, Attorney George Gore.

Wanted: The people of St. Helens and Columbia county to save money by trading at the Elite Variety Store, St. Helens, Ore.

Come in and see our new line of ladies' and misses' blouses, dresses, suits and coats. Milady's Shop, Muckle building.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tandy of Marshland were in St. Helens for a few hours Friday enroute home after a visit in Portland.

D. J. Donaca has bought the A. J Kelly place in West St. Helens and will take possession of the premises about December 1st.

It's the "know how" that makes your glasses fit. Dr. Thompson, Thursday, Nov. 11, Orcadia hotel all day.

Mrs. Roy Stewart and daughter returned Monday from Chehalis where they have been spending some days on a visit to friends.

J. J. Stevens and family who have been residing at Yamhill, Oregon, for some time have returned to St. Helens and will make their home here.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid society will hold their regular monthly silver tea in the church parlors, Thursday afternoon, November 4th. Everybody cordially invited.

Mrs. Francis L. Davis of the Yankton district was a Portland visitor Wednesday. Mrs. Davis is a booster for J. J. Johnson, candidate for attorney general and asks that her friends write in the name of Mr. Johnson. The candidate is a Portland lawyer and has lived in Oregon for a number of years and is a lawyer of ability.

Andrew Gibson, chief treating engineer of the Northern Pacific rail road and H. Mattos, who occupies a similar position with the Southern Pacific railway company, were in St. Helens Monday. They looked over the creosoting plant and the method of treating ties with the view of placing additional orders for railroad use.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. William Davies and Mrs. W. C. Morley returned Sunday night from a trip to the Willamette valley. The Wilsons went to Corvallis to see Max Wilson who is taking a course in mechanical engineering and Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Morley stopped in Salem, joining the Wilsons when they came back.

An open meeting to discuss the eleven state measures coming up for decision at the November election will be held at the city hall, this (Friday) evening, at eight o'clock. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Woman's Club. There will be speakers on both sides of each measure, and the state health board will send a speaker to briefly discuss the anti-compulsory vaccination amendment. This meeting will furnish an opportunity for all to express themselves on these measures.

Mrs. Thomas H. Roy, son Thomas and daughter Patricia and Miss Addie Adams left last week for Vallejo, California where they will visit Mrs. Roy's mother, Mrs. J. S. McManus.

Dr. Chas. W. Lowe, the well known Eyesight Specialist, wishes to announce to his many friends and patrons that he is now associated with Dr. E. B. Wheat, Suite 207 Morgan Bldg., Portland Ore., where you will be welcomed for adjusting repairing or new glasses. 44&46

BUSINESS LOCATION for Rent—One of the most desirable business quarters in St. Helens. Recently remodeled. Store room 22 feet by 80. Suitable for general merchandise store. Fixtures, including bins, shelving and counters go with building. Rent reasonable. See or write to J. H. Wellington, St. Helens, Ore.44tf

Paul C. Morton, Pacific coast representative of the Alligator Oil Clothing company, was in St. Helens Tuesday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Morton. He was enroute to Astoria and recently returned from a trip to Northern California and Southern Oregon. Business conditions in those sections are very satisfactory, Mr. Morton said.

The St. Helens Lumber company has had installed in their office a private telephone exchange. It will serve the St. Helens Lumber company, the St. Helens Dock and Terminal company and the Columbia County Lumber company. The number is 200 and Mrs. Hilda Kavanagh is the operator in charge of the board.

Stanley Large is starting out to put one over on dad as a chicken raiser. Stanley has started business with a small flock of fine White Wyandottes of the famous Regal strain from Port Dover, Canada. Dad Large raises blue ribbon Rhode Island Reds and owns the champion hen of the fair—layer of two eggs in one day.

"Red" Hattan has accepted a position with A. E. Harvey in Clatskanie and will be associated with Mr. Harvey in the farm machinery and tractor business. Mr. Harvey was in St. Helens Wednesday evening and stated that business in his line was very good. There was much interest manifest in the coming election, he said, and more than usual interest was manifest in the county ticket.

The big loading crane of the St. Helens Dock & Terminal company, while doing switching work Tuesday night, fouled the lines of the St. Helens Light & Power company. The lines were torn down and service to the city was put "on the bum." General Superintendent Cole in a short time had a force of experienced electricians working to make the necessary repairs and Wednesday noon the service was restored. It was the first time in several years that there had been any interruption in the electric service, a record which the operating officials of the company feel justly proud of.

Announcement has been received of the marriage on Wednesday, Oct. 20, in Toronto, Canada, of Clinton E. Ostrander, formerly of this place, and Miss Florence Stillwaugh daughter of Mrs. James Philip Stillwaugh of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander, after a trip to the cities of interest in eastern Canada and the United States, will reside in Akron, Ohio, where Mr. Ostrander is educational director of West Congregational church.

Officials of the St. Helens Dock & Terminal company have been notified by the S., P. & S. R. R. Co. that President Gilman had approved plans for the building of the south end of the "Y" at Cormick. This will greatly facilitate the switching of cars which are loaded in St. Helens and all the empties can be taken in over the north end of the "Y" and the loaded cars placed on the south end, making it much more convenient for train service on both lines.

COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

"Better Speech Week," November 1-8, will be observed by the schools throughout the county. Indeed, there will be a drive throughout the United States during the week to promote better speech among the pupils in our schools.

The governor of Oregon having by proclamation declared November 11, "Armistice Day," a legal holiday, it will be a school holiday according to Section 275 of the school laws.

The Teachers' Institute held in St. Helens last week was a very successful one. The instructors were among the best in the state. There were about 125 teachers in attendance and a considerable number of visitors.

Union High School No. 1, Vernonia, has the largest attendance since its organization. The school board of the district will call a meeting of the voters very soon and ask authority to purchase a site and erect a modern building.

The Deer Island district is just completing a large play shed. The use of it will not be confined to the school children, but the young people of the community will be permitted to use it for basket-ball and other indoor games.

The Downing school near Mayger deserves special mention because of the care that has been given the desks and other furniture in the room. It would be difficult for a visitor to find a mark or scratch on one of the desks. Misses Maud Smith and Ethel Notter are the teachers in charge of the school.

The school principals of the county now have an organization. W. C. Gauntt of Rainier is the president. The organization promises to be very active in promoting certain features of school work not usually found on the daily program. A county track meet, a debating league, and oratorical contests are among the number.

The teachers went on record at the county institute as favoring a measure that would make "Armistice Day" and "Labor Day" legal school holidays. While Labor Day is observed in some of our schools, there is no uniformity in its observance.

Local institutes will be held during the winter at Scappoose, Rainier, Clatskanie, Mist, and Vernonia. The teachers in the respective schools will have charge of the programs. Community meetings will be held at Chapman, Warren Yankton, Deer Island, Goble, Fern Hill, Mayger, Quincy and Marshland.

SEVERAL CASES SMALLPOX HERE

Several mild cases of small pox have appeared in St. Helens during the past ten days. The patients have been quarantined and isolated and Dr. Ross hopes there will be no further spread of the disease. He asks that the citizens of St. Helens co-operate with him in stamping out the loathsome disease. It can be done by promptly reporting any suspicious cases and if one has a suspicious case it would be well to have a physician diagnose the case. Many people have been vaccinated and the heads of families have taken their children to the doctors to be vaccinated so that it is not expected that the disease will gain much headway.

An early morning blaze Wednesday destroyed the residence of Chris Besotis. The family retired at about nine o'clock and when Mrs. Besotis awoke to attend the baby, she discovered the house to be on fire. So rapidly did the flames spread that nothing was saved and the family had a narrow escape. The loss is placed at $3500 with about $2,000 insurance. The fire, which lit up the whole town, drew a large number of spectators. Neal East and Marshal Potter brought the fire truck up in double quick time after the alarm was sounded. Nothing could be done to save the Besotis house, but adjacent buildings were saved.

EVENSON REPLIES TO WHEELER

Clatskanie, Oregon, Oct. 27, 1920.
To the Editor, St. Helens Mist:

At your suggestion I am making this reply to the letter written by Mr. Chas. L. Wheeler, of St. Helens, in regard to the "Port of Columbia County" proposition.

Mr. Wheeler mis-quoted me in reference to the "Referendum and Recall," he evidently misunderstood my statement "a port once organized or incorporated could not be disincorporated." This point was brought out by State Senator Jones from Lincoln county, when he referred in his talk to the efforts to disincorporate one of the two small ports to make one big one and stated that this could not be done, so each of these ports took in one half of the county and agreed to work together, etc.

My understanding of the law is, and this seems to be the opinion of others who have taken the pains to look the law up on the subject, that in voting for a "Port of Columbia County" we authorize the commission to levy up to ten mills and also to bond the county up to 10 per cent of the assessed valuation by that same vote. If such authority when voted can be "recalled," or the act of bonding halted by "referendum" then it would seem to me that by such action we would be repudiating debts, and the credit of the port would be worthless.

As to laws rules and regulations that may be profulgated by the port commission, these of course may be attacked by "referendum", and the commission itself can be "recalled" by the electors after they have served six months, however if the commission is appointed by the governor, or the house of representatives, as for instance in the case of the Port of Portland, I am not so sure about this "recall by the people, however perhaps Mr. Wheeler can likely give us more light on the subject. The "referendum" and "recall" are like "emetic" and "cathartic" they relieve the system of a bad condition for the time being, but it is not a cure therefor it is a good plan to have all the facts before we go into anything that will increase our already large tax levy. The levy of last year is still fresh in the memory of the taxpayers and the next levy will likely be from 25 to 30 per cent higher. Mr. Wheeler should make a frank statement showing the necessity for this port proposition.

The reference I made in my remarks to the Port of Astoria was for the purpose of illustration and not in criticism and further I have no reason to doubt Mr. Wheeler's statement that Astoria got what she wanted.

As to the cheap argument that motive in opposing Mr. Wheeler his port proposition would be in selfishness and that non-resident tax payer stuff—this is not in point. My residence in the county of ten years with interests in several enterprises, besides timber and logging, has given me a wide acquaintanceship with the good people of Columbia county, and when the fog is lifted on the mystery of this proposition these people will see who is the selfish party on the question.

I trust that you will give this letter the same prominence in next week's issue of the Mist as you gave Mr. Wheeler's letter in last week's issue.

Yours truly,
O. J. EVENSON

The Mist published Mr. Wheeler's letter because it was of public interest and affected a public question. For the same reason we are publishing Mr. Evenson's. In reading the last paragraph of his letter Mr. Evenson attempts to be witty. Intire and Heath have left Portland but Kolb and Dill are on the job. There might be an opening for one end man.

Mr. Evenson's letter is printed in full. Our readers can judge its worth.

LOWER PRICES

We have received wholesale quotations on numerous articles of our stock which are much lower than they have been in the past and although these prices have no effect on the goods now on hand we are marking our goods to conform with the new prices and take pleasure in announcing the following reductions:

	Old Price	New Price
Headlight Overalls	$3.00	$2.75
Percale—heavy grade—36 in.	.45	.30
Cotton Challie—for quilts	.50	.35
Gingham—best grade, 27 in.	.50	.40
Heavy eight, 32 in.	.60	.45
Outing flannel—best grade	.60	.40
Outing flannel, dark colors		.45
Fleisher's Germantown yarn	.60	.50
Black Cat lisle hose—ladies'	1.00	.75
Black Cat lisle hose—children's		reduction of 10c and up

Peters "Diamond Brand"

NEW SHOES AT NEW PRICES

Just received, a lot of new shoes for men and children at prices which are the lowest quoted for several years—look these over:

Men's black blucher	$6.50
Little folks' dress shoe	3.25
Fine grade infant's shoe	2.15
Cloth top shoe, infant's sizes	2.00

WEEK END SPECIAL

For the remaining days of this week you will be able to make a great saving on cotton blankets. We are offering a good, heavy weight, grey cotton blanket of regular $5.00 value at 2 pair for.....$7.55

AUSTIN'S

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
"THE Dynamite Doom"
SEVENTH EPISODE
—of the—
"SILENT AVENGER"
HOOT GIBSON COMEDY
"SHOOTIN' KID"
2-Reeler, "THE TAIL OF A DOG"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
TOM MIX
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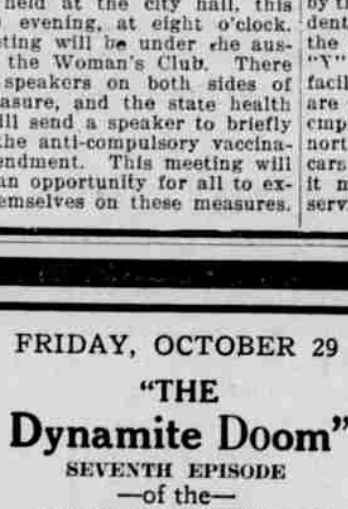

"THE CYCLONE"
PATHE REVIEW
MUTT & JEFF COMEDY

After the first show of "Desert Gold", a 10-Episode serial, "Bound and Gagged", of twenty reels will be run. This picture has recently had a big run at the Pantages in Portland. Between episodes election returns will be thrown on the screen. This makes it possible to see a good show, read the election returns and thereby spend a pleasant evening instead of the usual tiresome one on election night.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
"THE WOMAN THOU GAVEST ME"

She Knew He Was False!

She knew that to him the marriage vow meant nothing. Yet she was his wife, bound to him by law.

She knew that she had been sold to him to gratify her father's lust for power. Yet convention said she was his until death should set her free.

His, though her heart went out to another man who was good and brave and clean.

What did she do? Come and find out.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2 AND 3
Desert Gold!

A Thrilling Story of the Romantic Days of the Early West---Full of Action, Pathos, Wit and Love

Prices 20c and 35c

Billy West Comedy, "The Masquerade."

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1
CHAS. RAY IN The Busher

He had everything that Christy Mathewson had in his palmiest days—except Christy's speed, curves and brains. But he had nerve

Snub Pollard Comedy
"REGULAR PAL"

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

"The Marriage Pit"

At high noon, two marriages. One in a solemn edifice before a robed priest—the other, a hurried routine before a justice of the peace after a night of revelry. How do these two marriages end?

LIBERTY THEATRE