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ARMISTICE DAY OBSERVED HERE

Post American Legion Has a Fine Program at City

Armistice Day was quietly observed here. The bands and buses closed for the day at public offices. Columbia American Legion, gave a banquet for the members and families at the Orcaida hotel. Commander William Russell presided and several short talks were given by local people. Adjutant White made a short business address.

The banquet, the members of the legion and many of our townsfolk gathered at the city hall where the program was rendered: Orchestra, Carl J. Tuckman; Introductory Remarks, Mayor Saxon; Remarks, Commander; "Battle Cry of Freedom," Solo and Chorus; Ad. Judge McBride; America, Solo and Chorus; There is no Peace, Mrs. P. Wiggins; Ad. J. General White; Battle of the Republic, Chorus; Ac. Solo A. C. Potter; There's No More War, Mrs. Ingham; Address, Red Cross; Tenting Toppers and Solo; Presentation of Medals, Chaplain J. P. Star Spangled Banner, Benediction, Chaplain J. P.

McBride's address was a most interesting and was frequently interrupted by applause. The judge

on Earth, Good Will to all men, the song by which the

announced to the shepherds of the advent of the Prince of Peace, the savior of the world.

before in the first notes of the song as when in 1918 on the

hour of the eleventh day of the month the order 'cease

fire' silenced the thunder of the war which for four

years had desolated the globe. This nation is primarily a

country, reluctant to enter a war except upon the greatest

of our absolute demand our nation; so from August, 1914,

1917, we remained shocked and grief-stricken at the great

that was being enacted in Europe into a flame.

We realized that Germany had

corrupted a great majority of the people with the virus of militarism that awaited with eager

to apply the torch that had

witnessed the attack upon the

horrible brutalities in Belgium, outrages which

savages would have blushed at, and still we hesitated

We tolerated with nothing more than a mere protest the

destruction of our ships and our citizens upon the

that the Kaiser of Germany at nothing less than the

of the entire earth, whose keeping we had placed

in the hands of our government, yielding to the irresistible

of patriotic public opinion, we entered the struggle. And

we were not one moment too soon had betrayed and abandoned

the cause; Roumania had been

England and France were at the end of their greatest

men to fill their constantly empty ranks. We had not only

and equip an army but in our own of unpreparedness we had

the employment of modern methods of warfare had

practicable and a needless loss of human life. We had not

MAKE SHINGLES FROM FIR TIMBER

Joe Vincent, who operates a small shingle mill at his place six miles west of Rainier was in St. Helens Monday. For years he has been sawing cedar shingles and, cedar timber becoming scarce, he decided to experiment with fir. Shingles which he cut several years ago out of the fir timber have stood up just as well as cedar and Mr. Vincent is satisfied that much small fir timber that is now used only for cordwood, can be made into good merchantable shingles. The mill which he operates turns out about 25,000 shingles daily and he employs five men.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CITY LIBRARY

A concert for the benefit of the library will be given under the auspices of the Women's club on Wednesday, November 17th, at 8 p. m., in the auditorium of the school house. The Schubert club of Portland will sing several songs and there will be solos by Prof. J. William Belcher, Mrs. F. G. Pritchard, and Arthur Harbough. Admission 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Admission for St. Helens school pupils, 25 cents.

on the high seas, mistaking patience for cowardice, or lack of preparedness for incompetence, and never again will we be found in the same condition of unpreparedness, which so nearly gave autocracy and wicked ambition the mastery of the world in the last war.

"I believe in preparedness as a preventive of war and in a well drilled citizen militia as a basis for defense of our country and its institutions. The authority and usefulness of all civil government depends upon its power to enforce its decrees. What would the decision of a court amount to if it had not behind it somewhere the power to enforce its decree. Behind the court stands the sheriff; behind the sheriff stands the civil posse and behind them all out of sight for the most part in times of peace stands the soldier ready in times of emergency to protect the law abiding citizen and aid in the enforcement of civil law. Take away entirely this reserve force and law has only the authority of a mere moral precept which the lawless may disregard at pleasure.

"But this is neither time nor place for discussion. We have done our part in the war; not only our brave boys who rallied to the defense of liberty and by their heroism covered themselves with glory and won for their country imperishable renown but those not able to rally at the sound of the bugle who, by their sacrifices and labors at home rendered the task of winning the war less arduous.

"While our boys were shedding their blood upon the battle field or fighting disease and death in the hospitals, the magnificent Red Cross—the Y. M. C. A.—the Knights of Columbus, and the Salvation Army were with them or near them to staunch their bleeding wounds; to aid the sick, to give comfort to the distressed; to carry the last message of the dying soldier to his distant mother or relatives. While we are proud of our soldiers we must pay a tribute to the unselfish patriotism of those thousands of parents, wives, and relatives at home, whose sacrifices were little short of those endured by the men who donned the uniform. Thank God that the victory was so great as to leave glory enough for all.

"But now that the victory has perched upon our banner we are practically if not technically at peace with all the world, we should not forget the debt we owe our soldier boys who made that peace possible. They left their various vocations and their means of livelihood and endured the hard grueling training of the camps, the discomforts of hastily thrown together barracks and hospitals, risked their lives and shed their blood for their country, for us; and received only the pittance of thirty dollars per month, while many of us who remained in comfort at home received from four to six dollars a day; and even the many of these were threatening to strike unless they were granted Saturday afternoon off and eight hours as a day's work.

There should be some equalization, some remedy for this disparity; and it will be found. It was with shame that I read in the dispatches the other day that six disabled soldiers were found in the poorhouse in Chicago. Of course in a city the size of Chicago this was not a great number but that one of millions who fought to preserve our liberties should be compelled to eke out existence in a poorhouse is a reproach upon our government. Nothing is too good for these brave boys; no gratitude too great; no honor too high. In rewarding their services and honoring their achievements we but honor ourselves and take away the sting of that sarcasm that "Republicans are always ungrateful."

"And now that peace is here at actual fact let us make the most of it. Let us devoutly thank God that the clouds of war no longer darken our skies; that the tears the partings, the bereavements and the heartaches of war no longer cast their shadows across our thresholds and, rebaptized in the blood of these brave men who laid down their lives that the liberties of the world might not perish before the assaults of autocracy—let us consecrate ourselves to the protection of that liberty which our soldiers in every age from Lexington to the Marne have so grandly achieved and up held."

MEMORIES!!



PIONEER OF EARLY 60s CROSSES GREAT DIVIDE

Mrs. Lucy Masten Passes Away at Her Home in This City—Deceased Crossed Plains With Her Husband in Year 1863.

Following an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Lucy L. Masten, wife of John S. Masten died at her home in West St. Helens Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted from the residence Tuesday at 10 o'clock a. m., Dr. Thompson, pastor of Westminster, officiating, and concluded at the Portland crematorium.

Deceased was born in Ohio April 6, 1847, being 73 years of age at the time of her death. In 1862 she was married to John S. Masten, at that time a resident of Platte City, Mo. In 1863 the young couple crossed the plains in the primitive conveyances of that period. They came to Oregon and first established a home near Portland. In 1874 they moved to the Skamokawa section in Washington, where they lived until about fifteen years ago when they sold their Skamokawa property and moved to this city.

Deceased is survived by a husband, four sons and one daughter. The sons are John N. of LaPine, Ore., Roland L., Clarence and Delmar C., all of St. Helens and the daughter is Mrs. B. W. Perkins of this city.

Mrs. Masten belonged to that long list of hardy and noble women who, in the pioneer days of the west, left eastern homes of refinement and comfort to seek fortunes in the Golden West. With undaunted courage, sturdy patriotism and a deep responsibility to the coming generation they faced the dangers and privations of the long journey across bleak plains, through mountain passes and the ever present hostile savage to subdue the wilderness of the west. To these pioneer women a great measure of credit must be given for the establishment of homes of culture and comfort in this land but yesterday a wilderness. To them we owe in a large degree the inspiration that has brought to every hamlet the church spire, the ennobling influences of good schools and our stable government.

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AUTO ACCIDENT FATAL TO BOY

Eight-Year-Old Son of J. E. Hillier of Warren Run Down by Portland Machine on Highway—Driver Exonerated From Blame.

Clifford Hillier, aged eight years, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hillier of Warren, was struck by an automobile, driven by Mrs. LeForest McCroskey of Portland Sunday afternoon and so badly injured that he died just before reaching a Portland hospital where he was rushed in the hope of saving his life.

The lad with several others was walking along the highway near the Farr place at Warren. He started to cross the highway and had gotten about half way across when his attention was attracted by his playmates. The auto struck him and crushed his leg at the thigh and he suffered internal injuries.

The auto was traveling at a speed of twelve to fifteen miles per hour and Mrs. McCroskey, the driver, was exonerated from any blame. The accident, it appears, was unavoidable.

Dr. L. G. Ross was called and administered first aid, but the youth was so badly injured that it was impossible to save his life. The accident cast a gloom over the Warren neighborhood and Mrs. McCroskey was prostrated on account of the occurrence. The funeral was held Wednesday and the interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery near Warren.

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G. A. R. VETERAN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

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RED CROSS BRANCH TO BE FORMED

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COUPLE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Irish Honored By Friends

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Irish passed the fiftieth milestone of their married life and in the evening a wedding supper was given at the Orcaida hotel by Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Ingham in honor of the event. Mrs. Ingham is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irish.

The table scheme was carried out in pink and white with a large wedding cake as the center piece. Pink and white carnations adorned the table. The evening was spent in music and social intercourse. The couple received many beautiful gifts, among them being six \$5 gold pieces, making them \$50 in gold received during the day, a dollar for each year of their married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Irish have made their home in Spokane since 1888 and were among the pioneers of that city. They have resided in St. Helens for the past year and will return to Spokane in the spring. They are grateful for the very kind treatment they have received since living in St. Helens and will always remember, they say, the many friends they have made here.

OFFICERS CHOSEN POMONA GRANGE

The Columbia county Pomona Grange met with Beaver Valley Grange No. 306 on Saturday, November 6th. Officers elected for the ensuing term are: master, A. H. Tarnell, Warren; overseer, Warren Young, of Cedar Grove Grange; lecturer, Orris Kellar, of Fern Hill Grange; steward, J. W. Hale, of Fern Hill Grange; assistant steward, T. A. Patcher, of Beaver Valley; chaplain, Jennie Lovelace, of Beaver Valley; secretary, T. J. Flippin, Jr., of Beaver Homes Grange; gate keeper, Morris Young, of Cedar Grove Grange; Ceres, Irene Heman, of Cedar Grove Grange; Pomona, Clara Hale, of Fern Hill Grange; Flora, Minnie Peterson, of Yankton Grange.

The next Pomona meeting will be with the Warren Grange in February. Several resolutions were discussed. The one to combine the offices of the county agricultural agent and the fruit inspector carried, as was the resolution to make the annual appropriation to the county fair \$3,000 instead of \$2,000.

Much other business of interest to grange members and the public at large was transacted.

AMERICAN LEGION DANCE TOMORROW

Columbia Post American Legion will stage a big dance at the city hall tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 17th. It is the first dance of a series which the legion will give. J. H. Wellington, who is in charge of the affair, says it will be an enjoyable affair. Arrangements have been made to secure one of the best orchestras in Portland and the members of the legion hope that the dance will be well patronized.

FLIPPIN WILL PUSH CAMPAIGN

County Agent Flippin is in Grants Pass this week, having been sent there by O. A. C. to study the Josephine County Farm Bureau organization preparatory to launching a farm bureau campaign in this county. The Josephine county bureau is one of the best organized and strongest bureaus in the state. They are conducting their annual membership campaign there now. Also the plans for the organization of the State Federation of farm bureaus are being perfected at this time. So Mr. Flippin feels highly privileged to be able to study the organization methods. Upon his return November 13th, he will spend the following week in Portland, attending the livestock exposition, where he has been appointed one of the clerks of the show. Immediately after the exposition is over, Mr. Flippin plans to begin a vigorous campaign for a farm bureau in Columbia county.

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OFFICIAL RETURNS GIVE STANFIELD 498

The Official Count of Columbia County Votes Makes But Slight Change in Result as Published Last Week in the Mist.

The unofficial tabulated returns of Columbia county vote as published in the Mist last week were in the main correct, the official count changing the result but little.

The official count gives Stanfield two votes less, increases Foote's majority 36, gave Miss Hattan one vote less, increased VanOrshoven three and reduced White 100. Miss Hattan enjoys the distinction of polling the largest vote of any candidate on either ticket, from president down to constable. Her total vote was 2706. Jimmy Hunt took honors as the next most popular candidate with 2636. Tom White took third prize with 2604 votes. VanOrshoven was fourth with 2493 and Prof. Wilkerson was well up in the running with his colleagues with 2484.

These candidates were all unopposed for the offices for which they sought. Where opposition was in evidence Wellington polled the highest vote with 2209, with Blakesley a close second with 2182. Wellington's majority over Bunting was 1397 while Blakesley scored a majority over Girt of 1369. In the district attorney contest Foote won out over Storla with a majority of 385, the former polling 1666 votes and the latter 1281.

In the three cornered scrap for county commissioner Fullerton knocked the persimmon with a plurality of 94, his vote being 1498 Flippin being second with a vote of 1404 and Larabee, the independent candidate, polling a vote of 274. For representative to the legislature, Miles, democrat, goes from this county to keep one other democrat in the lower house from becoming too lonesome. His vote was 1537 against Metsker's 1466, giving him a majority of 71. Stanfield was given a majority of 489 with a vote of 1709, against 1220 for Chamberlain.

The prohibition candidate for president received an average of 57 votes, the socialist candidate 173 and the industrial labor candidate polled 66. All of the constitutional amendments lost by majorities ranging from 154 to 1610. The amendment fixing the term of county officers at four years lost by the least majority, that of 154, and the four per cent legal rate of interest amendment fell by the wayside by the largest majority. The Port of Columbia proposition hit the toboggan slide and was defeated by a majority of 1107.

The official count for republican and democratic electors, United States senator and county officers follows:

- Republican—George, 2007. Hotchkiss, 2031. Hume, 1993. Richardson, 2014. Robb, 1981.
- Democratic—Hayter, 929. Hedlund 937. Miller, 970. Reames, 971. Watkins, 955.
- U. S. Senator—Stanfield, 1709. Chamberlain, 1220.
- Representative—Metsker, 1466. Miles, 1537.
- Commissioner—Flippin, 1404. Fullerton, 1498. Larabee, 274.
- Dist. Attorney—Foote, 1666. Storla, 1281.
- Sheriff—Wellington, 2209. Bunting, 812.
- County Clerk—Hunt, 2636.
- Assessor—Blakesley, 2182. Girt, 813.
- Treasurer—