

THE ST. HELENS MIST

ST. HELENS TAX TOTALS 77.7 MILLS

Total of County Tax Is 84.1; City Tax Goes to 16.6 Mills and School Tax Is 27 Mills. Substantial Increase Over Last Year.

The tax levy for Columbia county for the year 1921 is 21.10 mills, according to County Assessor Blakesley. Last year's levy was 15.50, the increase for this year being attributed to the higher levy for the state tax.

The levy, as segregated by the county court, will be in part as follows: For state purposes, .087 of a mill; for library tax, 3.220 mills; for school tax, 10.187 mills; for state patrol, .026 of a mill; for county fair, .182 of a mill. The balance of the levy covers highway bonds, the various county offices and incidentals.

In addition to the 21.1 mills levy there is a 7 mills general road district tax, a 3 mills general road district tax and a 3 mills market tax, all of which brings the total up to 34.1 mills that all taxpayers will have to meet. Special school district levies have been in nearly all school districts of from 2 mills to 48, the latter figure applying to district No. 35. Special levies are also made in eleven road districts.

Municipal tax levies in the counties reported by the assessor are as follows: St. Helens, 16.6 mills; Astoria, 13.4; Clatskanie, 15.5; Seaside, 10 mills; Vernonia, 8 mills. The total amount to be raised by special levies is \$25,912.59, of which amount \$14,039.95 is to be distributed by St. Helens taxpay.

The taxpayers of Scappoose are to be touched for \$1,039.75, Rainier, \$7,619.44; Clatskanie, \$2,898.73; Vernonia, \$259.72. According to the tax levy order signed and placed on file in the clerk's office the total assessed value as shown is \$13,733,445. The 21.1 mills levy will raise \$93,137.26, and the 3 mills tax for general county road and the same for market road will each produce \$41,197.69. The special school district levies will bring in a total of \$159,290.29.

The county court estimates that a general fund of \$209,070.14 will be required to meet the expenses of the county for the year and pay the taxes and other taxes due from the county.

St. Helens' school tax is 27 mills, city tax 16.6 mills and the county tax 34.1 mills, making a total for St. Helens property owners of 77.7 mills or a fraction more than on each \$1000 of assessed value, the highest the city has ever

CLERK'S OFFICE SHOWS A PROFIT

A report made out by J. W. Adams, county clerk, shows that the business in his office increased in 1921, in comparison with 1919 and also that after deducting the expense of the office, a balance was left for county expenditure. The receipts totaled \$6,306.07 and were from the following sources:

Recording, etc.	\$5,643.45
Dog licenses	560.00
Dance Hall Licenses	60.00
Came Fees	42.62
Total	\$6,306.07
Expenditures:	
Salaries, clerk hire, etc.	\$5,450.57
Dog license supplies	219.33
Total	\$5,669.90
Balance profit	\$636.17

During the year there were 2924 instruments filed which is an increase of 451 over the previous year.

ROLL OF HONOR OF GOBLE SCHOOL

The roll of honor for Goble school District No. 29, is as follows: Primary, John Thompson, Anne Thompson, Mary Thompson, Alice Thompson, Willard Ennis, Bertrata Cantwell, Homer Gwin, Viola King, Freddie Brawand, Tomoko Nishimura, Yone Nishimura. Advanced, Anna Rambolski, Iris Link, Harold Pearl, Evelyn Rambolski, Glenn Pearl, Florence Liebe, Alta Thompson, Jules Osborne, Walter Fowler, Floyd Lengacher, Marie Cantwell, Maybelle Thompson.

PUBLIC SALE OF BERKSHIRES

C. M. Hyskell announces that Monday morning, January 24th, at 10 o'clock at his place at Warren he will hold a public sale of his registered Berkshire boars, sows and pigs and also dispose of a lot of farming implements. The great sire Winona Lee Champion 5th and Silver Glen Champion will go in this sale. The Oregon Berkshire company has a fine herd of registered stock and the sale offers an excellent opportunity for parties to buy some young pure breeds and start a herd. It is probable that a large crowd will attend the sale.

RECORD SIZED CRAFT LOADS AT ST. HELENS

Japanese Vessel Anyo Maru Largest Ever in Columbia River—Two Other Large Steamers Also Take on Cargo.

The Japanese freight and passenger steamer Anyo Maru, the largest merchant vessel ever to come into the Columbia river, arrived at St. Helens Friday and after taking on 800,000 feet of lumber left Monday for Portland to complete the cargo. The vessel came from Valparaiso, Chile, via west coast ports and San Francisco and St. Helens was the first stop after entering the river. In addition to her crew of 110 the Anyo Maru had as passengers three hundred Japanese and Mexicans who were bound for the coast. While in port many St. Helens people inspected the vessel.

The Anyo Maru is one of several palatial steamers operated by the Toyo-Kaisen Kaisha company. She is 470 feet long and has a beam of 60 feet. Her deadweight tonnage is 15,500 and her net weight registered tonnage 15,739. Though drawing 26 feet of water, the steamer had no difficulty in entering or leaving this port and the rapid loading of the cargo was a cause of favorable comment among the ship's officers and the officials of the operating company.

At the same time that the Anyo Maru was here, the U. S. Shipping Board steamer Wheatland Montana, was taking on 500,000 feet of big timbers for delivery at Hong Kong. This steamer, which has a tonnage of 10,000 tons, was built in Seattle in 1919 and is one of the latest type of cargo boats. Her cargo consisted of lumber, flour, machinery and miscellaneous cargo and is consigned to parties at Hong Kong, Shanghai, Kobe, Manila and Singapore. After taking on the last of her cargo the vessel drew 28 feet. She left our early Tuesday morning and proceeded to sea.

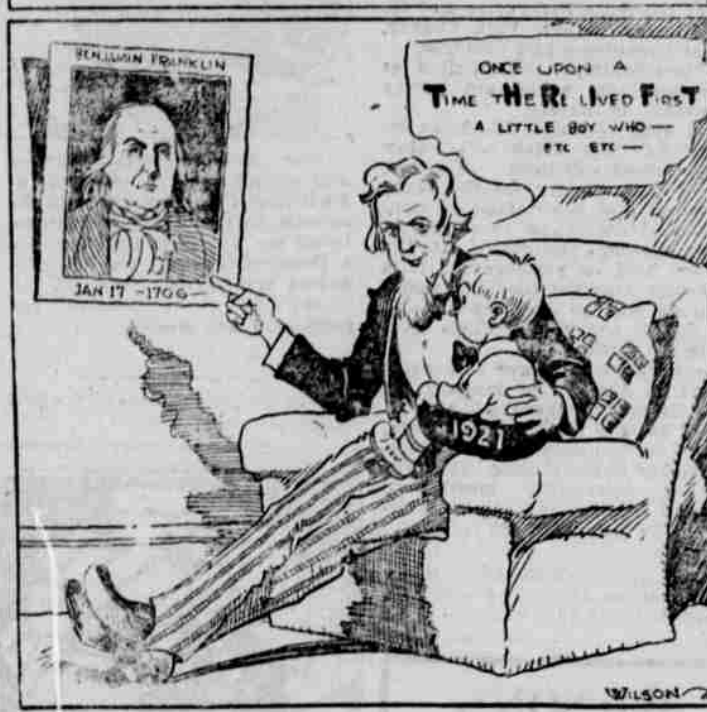
The steamer Mexican was another of the big type of boats which took on a partial cargo. She left down river Friday with a full cargo of lumber for delivery at Philadelphia.

COUNTY FAIR BOARD ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

A meeting of the new county fair board was held Monday and organization effected by the election of officers. R. N. Lovelace was chosen president, R. H. Lund was elected first vice-president, and Mrs. L. R. Kelly second vice president. Supt. Wilkerson was unanimously elected secretary and treasurer.

The board made tentative plans for the 1921 county fair and settled upon a meeting to be held in St. Helens on the 19th of this month, at which time the public generally, and especially prospective exhibitors, will be invited to be present and discuss fair matters with the board. By starting an early campaign the board hopes to lay the foundation for an extra farm produce exhibit this fall.

THE LESSON TO BE LEARNED



Local and Personal Mention of St. Helens

Roy Gill was a business visitor in Portland Saturday.

George Shinn was in Portland Monday on legal business.

Mayor E. L. Ballagh made a business trip to Astoria Wednesday.

F. B. Holbrook was up from Goble Wednesday on a business mission. Mrs. James Ellison of this city was a visitor in Portland the first of the week.

Manager Jones of Austin's store, was among business visitors from St. Helens in Portland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Clark of the Goble section were doing business with the St. Helens merchants Wednesday.

Earl Goodwin of Los Angeles, Cal., was a guest in this city this week of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fairley.

T. C. Watts came up from Reuben Monday to assume his duties as bailiff for Judge Eakin of the circuit court.

Columbia county's agricultural agent, T. J. Filippin Jr., journeyed to Portland Tuesday on business connected with the agricultural interests of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mundhenk of Iowa, who were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Muhr left on Monday for California where they will remain for several months. The Mist has been requested to announce that there will be no meeting of the Women's Club on the 25th of this month, the meeting having been postponed until the next regular session.

James Lyons of Salem spent Sunday in St. Helens visiting with his brother, Harry and old time friends of this city. He is a former resident of St. Helens but is now located in the capital city.

Parties were in the city Tuesday looking over the business situation with a view of opening up an army goods store. They expressed themselves as being satisfied with the outlook and if they can get a store room will put in a stock of army goods.

The cantata "Holy Night" was rendered last Sunday night at the Methodist Episcopal church under the direction of G. L. Hollingsworth and by the same choir that appeared in the cantata Christmas eve. The church was crowded and the rendition was highly creditable.

W. J. Sheehy, special agent of the Oregon Life Insurance, was in St. Helens several days this week calling on his many customers and looking up new ones. He reports that the past year was the most successful one his company has had and that a great volume of life insurance was written.

J. W. Akin and a force of men started work Tuesday morning on making some necessary repairs to the building of St. Helens Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F. Concrete foundations will be laid and the timbers and floor of the first story will be renewed. The repairs will cost in the neighborhood of \$1000.

St. Helens will be in darkness next Sunday—so far as Bob Cole's electric juice is concerned. The light company will begin Sunday transferring wires to the new poles and for that reason there will be no current Sunday. Sometime the latter part of next week the juice stunt will be repeated by Robert and after another day's close down he hopes to have the juice going over the wires on schedule time.

The ladies of the Congregational church met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Muehle Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. J. W. Allen; vice president, Mrs. Harry Southard; secretary, Mrs. Louis; treasurer, Mrs. K. K. Clark; chairman of the various committees, Mesdames Coats, Childs, Robinson, Adams and Scott. The ladies will meet the third Wednesday of every month at 2 P. M. in the church parlors.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams of Deer Island were St. Helens visitors Thursday.

J. W. Allen and wife and Miss Katherine Goodwin were Portland visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Spencer, of Menomine, Wisconsin, are here on a visit to their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Wheeler.

R. B. Magruder who is head of the diking and reclamation project at Clatskanie, was a business visitor in St. Helens Wednesday.

A fire caused by combustion of creosoting oil, occurred at the plant of the St. Helens Creosoting Company Monday afternoon. The damage was nominal.

The steamer Coaxet arrived in Thursday and is taking on a consignment of lumber and piling for delivery in Japan. The vessel will load approximately 1,000,000 feet of lumber and get away Sunday night.

R. S. Belcher, chief treating engineer of the Sante Fe Ry. system spent several days here this week. His company has a large order placed with the St. Helens Creosoting company and he was here to see how the work was progressing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Broughton had as their guests at a birthday party Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. George Broughton, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pierce and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham and family and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hopkins, all of Portland.

R. S. Hutchinson, brother of the Columbia County Bank cashier, arrived in St. Helens this week from Michigan. Mr. Hutchinson was at one time a resident of this county, but has been absent several years. He may conclude to locate in our midst again.

Morton & Wilson are making improvements in their Strand street market by installing a refrigerating system and a big sanitary meat room. The firm has been in business in St. Helens for a number of years and appreciating the business given them by the public are trying to prepare their markets for better service.

Mrs. B. M. East and C. Chapel, surprised their friends by quietly slipping over to Vancouver, Wash., and getting married. The happy event took place on Monday, January 10th. The happy couple spent their honeymoon at Newport, Oregon. The bride is well known in St. Helens and the groom is a Portland business man. They will make their home in St. Helens.

Representative Sherman Miles took advantage of the week end adjournment of the legislature to spend the intervening time at home. Aside from the fact that he feels a little lonesome, politically, our banker feels that he is going to like the job. Mr. Miles and a colleague are the sole representatives of the Democratic party in the lower house, hence they have no difficulty in calling a caucus.

D. W. Edwards of Washington, D. C., paid St. Helens a visit this week and remained over to meet the members of the inspection party who arrived this morning. Mr. Edwards designed the tie perforating machine which the St. Helens Dock and Terminal company uses and has also designed many other wood working machines for his company, Greenlee Brothers of Rockford, Illinois, who are among the nation's largest manufacturers of wood working machinery.

The basket ball teams of the St. Helens school scored a double victory Friday night, when the girls' team defeated the girls' team of the Clatskanie team. The St. Helens players put up a fine game and showed remarkable team work. The club goes to Ridgefield tonight and tomorrow night plays a fast Portland team. The club made such an excellent showing that no doubt a large crowd will turn out to witness the game which will be in the school auditorium.

LUMBERMEN HERE TO INSPECT PLANTS

Enroute to their convention which will take place in San Francisco next week, seventy members of the American Wood Preservers' association and the national association of Tie Producers will visit St. Helens today and inspect the lumber mills and especially the tie perforating machine which is operated by the St. Helens Dock and Terminal company. The party came west in a special train and stopped in Seattle yesterday to inspect the lumber mills and creosoting plants. The only side trip they will make is to St. Helens and the Portland chamber of commerce has placed at their disposal a number of automobiles which will bring the party to St. Helens. They are expected to arrive here at 10 o'clock this morning and after inspecting the mill and the tie perforating machine, will be taken to the St. Helens creosoting plant. Lunch will be served at the Columbia County Lumber company's boarding house and the party will return to St. Helens at about 3 o'clock. Charles L. Wheeler, manager of the St. Helens Dock & Terminal company has charge of the entertainment of the visitors while they are in St. Helens and E. H. Myers, manager of the Portland office of the C. R. McCormick company will accompany the visitors to St. Helens. In the party are many noted engineers of railroads and industrial enterprises throughout the county and their coming to St. Helens is an acknowledgement of the importance of the town as a lumber manufacturing center.

BUSINESS MEN INSPECT THE CITY SCHOOLS

In order to bring to their attention the necessity for additional quarters, the school directors invited a number of business men and officials of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce to visit the school-house Monday afternoon. Every room was visited and the crowded conditions noted and it is stated that the visiting committee went away thoroughly impressed with the necessity of furnishing additional quarters or sponsoring the movement for a union high school.

I. W. DAY APPOINTED CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Re-Appoints Attorney Who Has Served City for Several Years. Street Improvement Discussed. Recorder's Salary Raised to \$125.

There was a full attendance at the council meeting Monday night when Mayor Ballagh called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The mayor stated that a meeting of the business men of the city had been held in reference to employing a night watchman and that a majority of them had been in favor of the idea which, as the mayor explained, is to have a man as night watchman and deputized as a marshal and whose salary will be paid by the business men of the town. It is not expected the mayor stated, that the night watchman would be called on to do police duty outside of the town limits and if it was necessary to have police protection in other parts of the city, the day marshal could be called on. H. A. Childs reported that a canvass of other business houses indicated that at least \$90 per month could be raised by subscription to pay the night watchman. Another meeting will be held in the near future and it will be ascertained just how much the business men will pay for the night watchman. Councilman Barnett thought that inasmuch as the matter had not come before the council in an official way, it was not proper procedure but the mayor overruled his objection.

Edward Veazie asked that the delayed improvement of Wyeth street be taken up and he was ably seconded by E. A. Ross. It was decided that the former resolution be republished and the city engineer make another estimate of the cost of the improvement. J. W. Day was re-appointed city attorney and the salary of Recorder Godfrey fixed at \$125 per month, the city to pay half and the water board one half of the amount. Heretofore the salary of the recorder and water clerk has been \$90 per month. A. F. Barnett, chairman of the finance committee was instructed to secure and open up a new set of books for the recorder. Many matters of minor importance were acted upon before the council adjourned.

FEATURE PICTURES AT LIBERTY NEXT WEEK

Manager East of the Liberty Theater is congratulating himself on having secured some famous screen productions for the coming week. On Tuesday and Wednesday he will show Wallace Reid in "Hawthorne, the U. S. A." This is one of the excellent Lasky productions and has made a big hit with the movie patrons. On Sunday and Monday the Liberty will show Jack London's "The Star Rover." It is a powerful photodrama adapted from London's celebrated novel and enacted by a noteworthy cast.

DAMAGE CASE BEFORE COURT

Louis Miller Sues for \$5000 Damages and Case Now Being Tried. Several Other Cases to Be Heard When Present Case Is Disposed of.

The circuit court is in session and the most important case thus far is the case of Louis Miller vs. Ernest and Marie Wassar. The plaintiff and defendants live in the Goble neighborhood. From what the Mist can learn it appears that the plaintiff, upon complaint of the defendants or one of them, was brought before the county judge on December 1920 and his sanity was questioned. After the court and the doctors had made a thorough investigation, Miller was declared to be sane and released from the custody of the officers. On account of the occurrence and the fact that one of the defendants swore to the complaint against him, the plaintiff alleges that he was damaged to the extent of \$5000 and asks this amount from the defendants. It took only several hours to secure the jury but examination of the dozen or more witnesses had taken up about two days of the court's time. A considerable part of the population of the Beaver Homes district is here as witnesses for the plaintiff and the defendant. Attorney H. Arnold appears for the plaintiff and Glen R. Mettaker represents the defendants. It is not probable that the case will get to the jury late this evening or possibly Saturday.

Other cases on the trial docket are F. B. Harding vs. Elias Graham; A. E. Saul vs. Shastan; B. Shaffer; L. Bell vs. Clatsop County; David Hardy vs. California Trojan Powder Company and Edward C. Brough, et al vs. State Bank of Rainier. All of these cases are equity cases and will probably be heard during the coming week.

The session of the court has drawn a number of interested persons from various sections of the county as well as a number of attorneys from Portland. The last case is set for Thursday, January 27, and if some of the cases are not quickly disposed of, it is possible that court will last until the first week in February.

THREE LINKS ORDER JOINTLY INTSALL

Joint installation of officers of St. Helens lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodge No. 117, was held in Odd Fellows hall Saturday night. The installing officers were: R. L. Price and Mrs. Ora Bennett. The following officers were installed: Odd Fellows: W. A. Brown, N. G.; B. E. Cooper, V. G.; C. W. Blakesley, secretary; G. C. Robey, treasurer. Rebekahs: Nellie Keith, N. G.; Gerona Ingham, V. G.; Ora Bennett, secretary, Edna Mellinger, treasurer.

Luncheon was served following the ceremonies. Judge Fullerton acted as chef which was within itself a guarantee that this feature of the evening was all that could be desired. The hall was crowded to capacity, the attendance being the largest perhaps at any installation ever held by the two orders.

NATIONAL WORKERS SPEAK IN ST. HELENS

A fairly good turnout of citizens was present at the city hall on Monday night to listen to addresses by C. O. Young and Ray Canterbury. Mr. Young is a general organizer of the American Federation of Labor and Mr. Canterbury is vice president of the International Union of Timberworkers.

Both gentlemen are very good speakers and their talks were listened to with a great deal of interest by the audience. Not being of the bolshevik type, their remarks were naturally along lines of common sense and intelligence. Their work is in the interest of the laboring man and their advocacy of sane methods of bringing about better conditions for labor met with the hearty approval of all right-thinking people.

GRANGE TO MEET AT WARREN

A. H. Tarbell, Master of Pomona Grange, has sent out notices stating that Pomona Grange will meet at the Warren Warehouse hall at Warren Saturday morning, February 5th, at 10:30 o'clock. The ladies are requested to bring basket dinners. A fine program has been arranged and without doubt the meeting will be an interesting one.

Manager East of the Liberty Theater was in Portland Thursday arranging for more motion pictures of A. I. quality for his popular show house.

There is a big run of smelt in the Cowllits river and the markets here are receiving all of the fish they can handle. Friday the ruling price was six pounds for 25 cents.

Dr. Edwin Ross, who has been living in Tennessee for the past two years is expected to return to St. Helens about February 1st and will establish offices in the Muehle block.

NEW ROCK QUARRY TO BE OPENED

Edgar Martin White returned on Monday night from the lower Neum, where he went to see about opening of a quarry on the Fish Creek. He reports that there has been a heavy snow fall in the hills of Kerry, and that all the logging camps were closed. At one place the snow was from ten to twelve inches deep. The judge's arrangements with the Kerry road officials to haul approximately 1000 yards of rock from the quarry which is close to the road. The rock will be hauled to a crusher, which is about midway between Girkenfeld and Mist, when crushed will be used to improve the roads in that section. Jack Cole and Victor Carlson have been awarded a contract for a coyote hole the quarry and they left Judge Cole says the rock is of excellent quality and there is lots of it. The Kerry near Mist was worked out and as necessary to find another supply of rock.

NEW MARKET OPENS SATURDAY

After several weeks of hard work installing fixtures and a complete operating system, the Columbia Market Company will open their new Saturday morning in the new room formerly occupied by the Stevens Clothing store. R. H. Thiberg, who has markets at Clatskanie and Rainier, is the proprietor. John E. Waller, who has been with Mr. Hallberg for a number of years, will have charge of the meat department. Ed Beeler, who has a manager of the St. Helens cooperative store, will have charge of the grocery department. Mr. Hallberg having bought the stock and iron of that concern. The market store has been overhauled, painted and present a very attractive appearance.

COLUMBIA CO. BANK ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia County Bank was held Friday night. The shareholders elected the following officers: J. W. Day, Charles Graham, S. M. Miles, L. G. Ross and John White. The directors elected the following officers: Sherman Miles, president, Martin White, vice president, J. E. Hutchinson, cashier, Madge Deaver, assistant cashier. The report of the officers showed that the bank has enjoyed a business during the past year that the business was steadily increasing.