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## SCAPPOOSE NEWS IN PITHY ITEMS

of interest that have Trans- in Neighboring Municipality and Personal News of the Folks.

Holder in our new assistant rapher at the bank.

Shoemaker entertained at a tea Friday afternoon.

Charles Wixstrom motored to Monday and visited her mo-

Ash spent Tuesday in Port- he Islands on Wednesday. It en several years since he has here.

Newton cottage is nearing tion and is very nice. Mrs. a plans to occupy it in a week days.

C. C. elected all new officers evening. Pres. Burl Smith, Pres. Martha Hiemuller, Miss Sec.-Treas.

and Mrs. Price and Lloyd who some over Sunday motored to River for the day. Mr. and Mrs. ricie accompanied them.

Christian Endeavor met at one of M. Grewell Wednesday g for song practice. Re- nents and a social time were ed before adjournment.

the council Monday night. Mr. rt resigned as recorder on ac- of ill health. Our present cop, H. W. Weigle was retained other month.

rd Price has received his cita- senger from the French Govern- for the part the 6th regiment in the battle of Champagne in he was wounded Oct. 3rd.

to Ash, Nina Roscoe, Laura Uhl- Elsie Large, Esther Newton, McKay, Mr. Coffyn, Orven Hatt- urey Bennett, Joseph Koutek, ay Allen, Irving Erickson, Bert aller.

ighbors and friends of Mr. and Bennett gave a surprise party at home Saturday evening. Mr. r. Bennett were both guilty ing birthday anniversaries the week, hence the celebration.

school play Friday and Satur- evnings was well patronized. 25 was realized, over \$90 of this.

The success is due to the of Mr. Coffyn and Miss Strain which were very good, in character, they represented, fol- are those who took part.

port of our sick and convalesc- Grandpa Lyon is on the sick Mrs. Roscoe who sprained her and has been walking on crut- is now able to be about. Lenore if Duncan is recovering from pedictia. Mrs. Watts was con- to her room for several days severe bronchial cold but is now to be out.

Lady Maccabeas on Thursday initiated a class of eight new bers. The ritualistic work was iddily and effectively put on. A lunch was served, some members a distance were in attendance all together a delightful after- was spent. An other class will be initiated in a week or two. This is doing fine, local work parti- ly among the sick.

ong out of town friends who in our city the past week were rt Crouse, visiting friends here.

Anderson spent the week end, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. hart came in on a business trip. Stoltenberg who was visiting and Anna. Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. Mrs. Wellburn of Warren Sun with Flokd Grewell and fam- D. J. Mervin and family of Port- were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. in Sunday.

DISABLED SOLDIERS CAN GET AID

Columbia Post of The American on is in receipt of a letter from Representatives, Bureau of War Insurance, asking their aid in the disabled soldiers, and also to them in the making out of the The letter which Command- station, in part, "Every ex-service or woman who was in the mili- or naval service of the United during the late war and who count of such service is not phy- ically fit to engage in a gainful oc- tion, should make application for pension or medical treatment. is done by executing Bureau of Risks forms F526, 539 and 545. se forms can be obtained by writ- or applying to any chapter of the ican Red Cross or American Le- Post, who will be glad to assist the execution of the forms." Co- lumbia Post holds a special meeting Tuesday night at which time claims are taken up and Com- mander Wellington states that either Adjutant Russell will cheer- render any assistance within r power.

## TELEPHONE SERVICE COST MORE NOW

When you received your telephone bill this week, probably you noticed that the rental charges were higher. The reason for such increase is that the Oregon Public Service Commission granted the phone company's request for an increase. While the company didn't get all they asked for, they received authority to make an increase of approximately 30 per cent. The rates went into effect March 1st and for St. Helens and nearby territory are:

	Former Rate	New Rate
Individual line	\$2.75	\$3.75
Two-party line	2.25	3.25
Suburban line	2.75	3.50
Residence		
Individual line	2.00	3.00
Two-party line	1.75	2.50
Four-party line	1.50	2.25
Suburban line	1.50	2.50

In addition to these rates, if you have a desk phone, it will cost 25c per month additional.

## ST. HELENS HI SCORES DOUBLE VICTORY

Both the girls' and boys' team even up score with Seaside Friday night in basketball contests. The girls' club didn't have much to even for they won their game at Seaside but by a close score and on their home floor, they did better. The game was interesting from start to finish. At the end of the first half the score was St. Helens 8, Seaside 2. When the play was called in the last half, it was evident that Seaside didn't like the score, or the proportion, so they started to work and then St. Helens girls were equally as anxious to make a good showing. Both teams played fast and well and when the timekeeper blew the whistle, the score was St. Helens 22, Seaside 9.

And then came the game between the boys. Seaside defeated them when they journeyed to the city of beaches, rocks and waves, and they wanted to even up. They did it, but came very near being a repeat for Seaside, for in the second half they played rings around the home team and almost tied the score. When the first half ended, St. Helens had a safe lead; the score was St. Helens 11, Seaside 3. It looked like a walk-away, but it wasn't, for in the second half Seaside outplayed, outgeneraled and outshot the local team and when the half was ended the score was St. Helens 15, Seaside 13 and the pointers for St. Helens breathed a sigh of relief when the whistle sounded. There was a little rough work, but no one was hurt.

After the game the teams and their invited friends went to the city hall and had a good time dancing. Refreshments were served and the winners and losers in the games were forgotten while the players, then the best of friends, enjoyed themselves.

## IRALDA TO LEAVE RAINIER-PORTLAND RUN

Lawrence Holman, manager of the steamers Iralda and America was in St. Helens Wednesday and made the statement that in the near future the steamer Iralda will be taken off the Rainier-St. Helens Portland run. A lack of patronage and the high cost of operating are the causes for the withdrawal of the boat which has been on the run for the past twenty years. Fuel oil is one big item of expense, Mr. Holman said, as he now pays \$2.55 per barrel while in former years \$1 per barrel was considered a stiff price. The Iralda has been a familiar figure on the water-front and will be missed by many who have been in the habit of patronizing the popular craft.

The America's route on the Willamette Slough will be given up and beginning in the near future, the steamer will leave St. Helens at 7 a. m. for Portland taking the Columbia river route in place of the Iralda. The boat will leave Portland at 2:30 p. m. as at present except on Sundays when it will leave at 11:30 a. m. This will furnish St. Helens people and those who live along the river with freight and passenger service and Mr. Holman hopes that the patronage will be such that it can keep the boat on the run.

## SPEED COP IS APPOINTED

J. L. Abbott has been appointed as county speed cop succeeding H. W. Weigle. Mr. Abbott until a short time ago, was in the employ of the City of Portland and helped other officers to enforce the traffic rules. He states that he is not here to harass the autoist, but to enforce the laws relative to speed and safety on the highways. He asks the co-operation of all citizens who favor safe and sane highway travel.

T. S. Morrell who lives back on a fine farm several miles west of Deer Island was a St. Helens visitor Tuesday.

## GUN SHELL FOUND IN GARDEN PATCH

While digging in his garden patch at his residence in Scappoose last Saturday, P. L. Schultz dug up a loaded shell. The shell measures six and one-half inches in length and four inches in circumference, was made by the U.M.C. company and from all appearances it has been in the ground for sometime. It was shown to Jack Waller of the Columbia River Meat company and he stated it was an anti-air craft gun shell of the one pound variety. Mr. Waller served for eighteen months on the front in France and saw many such shells. He thinks that it was brought back or sent back from overseas as a souvenir and whoever owned it was afraid to keep it around the house so buried it or threw it away, and that is how it came to be in the Schultz garden patch.

The Water Board met in a regular session last night. It was decided to put in a four inch main in West St. Helens near the new Kelly building so as to afford better fire protection. The regular routine of bills and measures was brought before the board and acted upon.

After a month stay in California, Mr and Mrs. H. F. McCormick returned to St. Helens Wed. night.

## THE NEW ENGINEER



## SPEEDERS PAY FINES FOR BURNING HIGHWAY

Speed Cop Abbott Brings in Several Who Prefer Speed to Safety and Judge Hazen Imposes Fine. Paved Highway Tempts Motorist to Speed

It seems that some motorists cannot resist the temptation to "step on her" when the going is good and it also seems that Speed Cop Abbott is keeping his weather eye open for those who are not satisfied to go just thirty miles per hour, for though on the job only a few days, he has brought several of the speedsters before Judge Hazen. On Tues. Thor Gronier was leisurely motoring along the highway near Columbia City and he was going 35 miles per hour. Judge Hazen said \$20 and it was paid forthwith. The same day J. E. Withrow who was driving a car which bore a Washington license, came along the highway. The car, evidently wanted to get back to Washington for it was traveling at a speed of 42 miles per hour. Abbott spoke to the driver and he came back to see Judge Hazen. He left \$20 but took the car on to Washington. E. B. Minville, not knowing what had happened to Mr. Withrow, was travelling along at the comfortable gait of 40 miles. He made a nice speech to the judge and threw in \$20 for good measure. Dr. Edgar Waffle of Astoria has a speedy car and he was letting her go the limit. Mr. Abbott spoke to him and he reported to Judge Hazen. The doctor explained that he was answering an emergency call. The judge let him go but advised him to start earlier next time so he would not have to rush. Late Thursday afternoon two other speeders faced the judge but at the time of going to press, it was not possible to learn of their fate. Judge Hazen and Speed Cop Abbott will tell of the occurrence later.

## A BUSY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

Ordinances Passed Increasing Salaries of Attorney and Treasurer. Permits Granted. Street Resolution Gets Favorable Action.

The council at their meeting Monday night, transacted much business. One of the matters which came up was in regard to the licensing of auto busses. A letter was read from A. J. Joffe, manager of the Shepherd Bus Lines saying that his company was willing to pay any reasonable license for the privilege of running the autos in and out of St. Helens. His letter, which was quite lengthy, stated the reasons why he thought busses were necessary and also gave an explanation as to their superior service, according to his way of thinking, over the service given by the railroads. The council did nothing in the matter except to listen to the reading of the letter.

Clark Kendall & Company, the firm who bought the improvement bonds on Columbia street wanted their money, so an emergency ordinance was passed allowing them \$639.53 as commission and expenses on the bond issue of \$7,994.11. It was explained to the council that the bonding firm was ready to turn over the amount of money as covered by the bonds and since the debt on this improvement was drawing six per cent interest, it would be best to dispose of the matter immediately; therefore an emergency ordinance was passed so that the contractors could receive their money.

## Salaries Are Raised

An ordinance making the salary of the city treasurer \$200 per year instead of \$100 as it has been for a number of years, was passed and likewise was an ordinance fixing the salary of the city attorney at \$40 per month passed through. Another ordinance was read and passed so that the annual contribution to the city library fund would be \$750 and payable in monthly installments.

A resolution for the improvement of Church street was read and unanimously adopted. There was some question as to this improvement inasmuch as the assessed valuation did not equal the estimated cost of the improvement. Councilman McDonald after figuring out what the city would have to pay for street intersections, arrived at the conclusion that the matter was O. K., and his recommendation was followed by the council.

Several building permits were granted and the council transacted the usual grist of monthly business before they adjourned.

## CENTER OF U. S. POPULATION ON INDIANA FARM



Bloomington, Ind., lost its national honor which it held for 10 years to John Herrin, farmer, eight miles west of its city limits. For on that spot is the "center" of the nation's population—as figured out by the U. S. government in its 1920 census. The photo of the Herrin home shows the owner and his wife sharing the new honor. The 1910 census placed the center on a factory site in Bloomington. The establishing of the point shows that the majority of the more than one hundred million people of this country still live in the east and north-eastern states.

## A. J. KELLY ERECTS LARGE BUILDING

In course of construction in West St. Helens on the corner lot opposite the depot site, is a large two-story frame building which is being put up by A. J. Kelly. The cost of the structure will be between \$5,000 and \$6,000, and when completed will add much to the appearance of the business section of the town.

The structure has a frontage of 60 feet on the highway, 40 feet on main street and it is 80 feet long in the rear. The upper story will be used for housekeeping quarters for Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and several rooms provided for transients. The first floor will be used for business purposes. Mr. Kelly will have the south end of the building, a space 22x48 for his confectionery and pool rooms. A barber shop will also be located in the building and on the north end. S. Heuman will establish a bakery store. Rapid progress is being made on the building and Mr. Kelly hopes to have it completed in thirty days.

## SCAPPOOSE HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The high school play, "Valley Farm," which was given last Friday and Saturday nights is generally conceded to be one of the most successful productions ever put on by the High School. Most of the cast made their debut into the dramatic world Friday evening, it being their first appearance on the stage.

While the scenes were being shifted a chorus of coal black "culled" people entertained the audience. In private life they are known as Goldie Grewell, Beth McKay, Ruth Bullock, James Watts, Leslie Sith and Bert Helmuller. Cora Ash also played a number of violin solos. Composing the cast were: Joseph Koutek, Irving Erickson, Aura Bennett, Bert Heimuller, Kingsley Allen, Owen Hartley, Inez McKay, Elsie Lange, Laura Uhlman, Olive Ash, Nina Roscoe and Esther Newton. Mr. Coffyn directed the play.

The High School netted about \$100 which will be used for the electric light fund.

The Botany class made its first trip Thursday and collected a number of interesting buds. The class plans to make more such trips later on.

We have missed Bertha Soder, who has been absent from school on account of illness.

Dean Straub of the University of Oregon spoke at Assembly, Monday morning, March 7. His subject was "What I Consider the Most Important Thing in the World, A College Education." Dean Straub pointed out how the trained mind is the only one that is able to meet the competition of our age. He showed how easy it is to obtain a college education although one possesses little or no money. We hope Dean Straub will be able to speak to us again at some future time.

## FINE PICTURES BOOKED FOR LIBERTY

The wonderful comedy "The Kid" has been booked by manager East of the Liberty and will be shown at the playhouse Sunday and Monday March 13th and 14th. This play has just closed a successful run of two weeks at the Liberty Theatre in Portland and Mr. East believes that the patrons of the Liberty will appreciate the opportunity to see this wonderful play and at a price less than was charged by the Portland showhouse. In Portland thousands of persons eager to see "The Kid" stood in line for hours waiting to get a ticket. Many of them were disappointed in not being able to gain admittance to the theatre. On Saturday the Liberty will present "A Western Knight." William Desmond takes the leading part in the play and has pleased thousands by his wonderful presentation of the character he takes. The patrons of the Liberty will again have the opportunity to see little Dinty for he will be here (on the screen) Tuesday and Wednesday in "Don't Ever Marry." Dinty is a favorite in St. Helens, and for that matter, everywhere he has played, and the Liberty is certain to be crowded when Dinty comes on. On Thursday Dorothy Gish will appear as Nellie in a western play. Dorothy is at her best in this spectacular performance. The bill at the Liberty for the entire week is excellent.

## MEAT PACKERS REDUCE WAGES OF 100,000 MEN

CHICAGO, March 9. The meat packers here announced a 12 1/2 per cent wage reduction in all parts of the country, effective March 14. The cut affects 100,000 employes.

Ogden Armour said today that the packers are not intending to abandon the eight-hour day.

The whistle will blow at the end of eight hours, the same as usual. The revision of working time will effect chiefly the killing gangs which will work when necessary 10 hours at the regular rate, and if over 10 hours they will receive time and a half.

Wednesday afternoon John Daterman was acting as city marshal, in the place of George Potter, who was in Portland. Mrs. Potter hasn't been real well recently and Mr. Potter accompanied her to Portland to consult with their family physician.

C. C. Casatt who has been connected with the St. Helens Lumber Company for the past ten years has resigned and will enter business for himself. He might move to Portland and engage in the lumber broker business.

## CURRENCY AS GOOD AS GOLD MONEY

Charles Graham Tells How Secretary of the Treasury Pacified Holders of Currency when they Clamored for Gold.

Monday morning, the writer of this article went to the First National Bank at St. Helens and while transacting some business with Cashier Childs heard a customer ask President Graham "what has become of all the gold money" and Mr. Graham said that the Federal Reserve Bank had called in the gold to make the currency good, or words to that effect, and that he considered currency just as good as gold as long as the currency was issued by the U. S. government. And thereupon he told a story of early days. Mr. Graham told his customer that back in 1874 he lived in Quincy, Mass., and at that time he had about \$1,000 in currency, which was worth 75c on the dollar, or that a discount of 25 per cent was made on currency. When he started west in 1875, he left the currency at home because he felt that it was worth all that the government said it was worth, and that was dollar for dollar. About that time a clamor arose to resume specie payment and the Secretary of the Treasury, looking into the big vaults of the treasury department, said it was time to resume such payment and, in Graham's language said "boys if you want gold for your greenbacks, you can get it," and strange to relate, "the boys" held on to the greenbacks.

Follows Greely's Advice. In the early part of 1875 Graham following the advice of Greely, came west. It took just fourteen days to come from Quincy, Mass., to Napa, California, Mr. Graham said. The train was held up for a day at Laramie because there had been an Indian outbreak and the railroad officials would not allow the train to



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go further until they had the assurance that all danger was passed.

In the Blackhills, the train stopped for a short time and at least half of the male population left, Mr. Graham said, for it was the time that the hills had gold galore for the miners and prospectors. But Graham stayed on the train and arrived at Napa, California and went to work in a brickyard, for he was an expert brickmaker. So good a mechanic was he that he was paid \$150 per month and "found," which in days gone by meant, board and lodging. Somewhere in that locality the state of California was building an asylum for the insane and many thousand of brick were needed, so young Graham stayed with the job. When the asylum was completed he jumped the job and went to San Raphael. It was about this time that Sherman said that there was plenty of gold to take up the currency and without drawing on the amount he had left at home, Graham had some \$585 in gold in his pocket and then it was that he wished for currency.

The boss of the brickyard at San Raphael didn't want to give him a job for he said "you easterners will stay here only a few days and then get the gold fever and leave me," but Graham said he would stay with the job and he stayed for two years, though the force consisted of 112 Chinamen and eight white men, the other white men having succumbed to the gold fever. The bricks made at the San Raphael plant were used for the building of the old Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

In 1880 Graham came to Columbia county. Dart & Muckle were operating the sawmill, but Graham didn't want a sawmill job, so he started to work getting out paving blocks. He did that job as well as he had done the brickmaking job and before many years he was a partner in the general merchandise store of Perry and Graham. The firm sold that business a few years ago and now Graham is president of the First National Bank, a rapidly growing institution, but he hasn't forgotten the pioneer days nor has he forgotten the time when Uncle Sam said bring in your currency for gold and he didn't do it.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9. Secretary of War Weeks, at the request of a number of western senators, including Stanfield of Oregon, suspended the war department orders for the sale of 6,000,000 pounds of army surplus wool at Boston next Thursday.

The senators said that a sale now would be disastrous, as a new clip is being made.