

COUNCIL HAS BUSY SESSION

Council Starts Passage of Ordinance Licensing Shepard Bus Line \$500 Per Year—Boat Line Takes Settlement for Dock.

The question of granting a franchise to the Shepard bus line was taken up by the council Monday night and an ordinance giving this corporation the privilege of using the streets of St. Helens was read first time and by title the second time. All members excepting William O'Connor were present. How much to tax the bus line for the year was the mooted question, following an informal discussion, the subject Councilman McDonald said that he would "start the ball to rolling" and made a motion that the amount of license be fixed at \$500 per year with no limitation on the number of buses the auto company might run. The motion carried and an amount was inserted in the ordinance and it came up for first reading. It will come up for final passage at the next meeting.

Two of Rainier's councilmen were present to get some line on what this intended doing along the line of the auto company. Rainier arrived at no conclusion in this matter, but will likely tax the company about the same as St. Helens. Miles said that the company's manager thought about \$200 per year would be about right, and he rather of the opinion that said manager would object to \$500.

The long delayed settlement by the Astoria boat company for the damage done the city dock last fall effected by the company remitting \$250 to the city in payment of the city's claim for the damages.

The ordinance granting the city attorney a raise in salary to \$480 per year was put on final passage and received the unanimous vote of the council.

Wm. Kettel registered a grievance of the odoriferous condition of a pool in his neighborhood, being or under the control of ex-slave Laramie. The city duds assigned Kettel that steps would be taken to remedy the trouble.

A petition from a number of property owners on Spring street asking that that street be graded was read. A petition was laid on the table for future action.

Another light was ordered installed at the corner of Winter and Cedar street.

A movement was again started on a proposed grading of West street. One long petition was presented to the council and another one is yet to come before that body. No action was taken, pending the presentation of more signatures.

Other matters of minor importance received the attention of the council and adjournment was taken.

MASTER CANTATA AT METHODIST CHURCH

Under the direction of choir instructor G. L. Hollingsworth, an Easter Cantata "The Redemption" will be rendered at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The choir will be assisted by Miss Davis, violinist. The personnel of the choir is: sopranos, Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. Garriott, Miss Lynch, and Mrs. Burkhead. Mezzo, Dr. L. G. Ross, Professor Blumstein and Mr. Rostad. Alto, Eugene Blakesley, Mrs. G. L. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth. Bass, Mr. Sam Ingham, Carl Hollingsworth and Mr. Herbert Long. Miss Beattie Hattan is the pianist. Director Hollingsworth has had the choir practice faithfully for the cantata and under capable instruction, it is certain that those who attend the cantata will have a musical treat.

HOME GROWN FLOWERS FOR EASTER TIME

It will not be necessary to order your Easter carnations from some far off florist, for Ed. Jones, manager of the Austin store has made arrangements with Mrs. Mary Turner of Scappoose to apply dozens of carnations and other flowers. He will have them in the show window of Austin's establishment Friday afternoon. Mrs. Turner has a greenhouse near Scappoose and thought that inasmuch as her industry was in Columbia county industry was to sell the flowers in St. Helens and surrounding territory instead of sending them to Portland. She spoke to Mr. Jones about the matter and he said "sure, send the flowers and I'll guarantee that all of them will be sold." "Growing flowers might be a small industry, but if it is a Columbia county industry I am willing to do my utmost to help it," Mr. Jones said. So if you want fresh Columbia county carnations call at Austin's Friday or Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

There might have been some and there were some, but inasmuch as the principal of the high school and his assistants take little interest in furnishing newsy school notes it is impossible for the Mist to give them. The Mist hopes that the high school teachers and the directors of the St. Helens school will, at some convenient time wake up.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL SCORES A SUCCESS

Hundreds Attend and Enjoy Performances and Side Shows.

By Carl Tucker.

The Carnival given by the school children Friday evening was a success from every standpoint. Hundreds of St. Helens people attended and enjoyed themselves. There were many features, for instance, the Chorus Girls, the Hula Hula Dancers, the Wild Man of Borneo and other very attractive attractions.

In the main show which was held in the auditorium, the "Broadway" Chorus Girls made a big hit. The six beauties were known as Delores Shutz (Pelbert Snyder), Carmen Carmelino (Kenneth Pratt), Charlotte Carmelino (Carl Tucker), Francis Qui Qui (Raymond Rutherford), Louisa Manchoff (Odell Bennett), Willie Dandurf (Harold Bishop) and Birdie Darling (Harold Morish).

The negro minstrels made a big hit with their singing and dancing and the gypsy chorus which was composed of a number of talented young ladies from the eighth grade, pleased the large audience and responded to an encore. Both the singing and dancing were excellent. In their singing the Chorus Girls were accompanied by Miss Teddy Tarbell, violinist.

John Laffery was a real wild man and a great curiosity. He was only 120 years old and had killed three elephants in two years. His hair in matted tangles, hung to his waist. He was confined in an iron cage which fairly shook when he raved. Many called to see the Wild Man. During the last few hours of the entertainment, he broke from his cage and it required the services of twenty strong men of St. Helens to subdue him.

The Hula Hula Dancers were among the main attractions: Corrinne Hill and Marjorie Specht were dressed in typical Hawaiian costumes and Marjorie Gilby and Thelma Specht rendered the island tunes. Clara March accompanied them on the guitar.

The Rogues Gallery attracted much attention and comment. A number of the prominent men of St. Helens were pictured as they should be and none of them protested.

The side shows were well patronized and took in many shakels. Rashley Peel handled the swimming concession. It was a rank fake but Ashley, aided by the curiosity of the public, got by smilingly. The show was a math in a bowl of water. Another concession which drew crowds, both men and women, had a sign out "For Men Only." Of course others wanted to see it and when they entered the tent saw a pair of men's suspenders.

There were other good side shows: the fortune tellers, the fishing pond, the Tea Garden, The Fat Woman, and others, but it would take eleven columns of newspaper space to tell about them, and since not less than 1000 people saw the attractions, it is not worth while for me to go into details and I am only writing this because the editor of the Mist said he wanted a good story. Anyhow, we had a good time and the proceeds of the carnival amounted to \$187 and after we finish paying for the stage curtain, we will turn the balance into the high school student fund. We thank you for helping us.

AUTOMOBILES COLLIDE; DRIVERS ARE INJURED

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In a head on collision two miles south of St. Helens and on the paved highway at 6:15 Sunday evening, a car driven by J. H. Klosterman of Portland and bound for Portland and the enclosed car driven by Mrs. Irene Wallace and bound for St. Helens, were badly wrecked. The car which Mrs. Wallace was driving, after meeting the Klosterman car, head on, turned turtle and Mrs. Wallace says she was thrown through the windshield or what was left of it. Mrs. Wallace was bruised and her head cut by broken glass. Klosterman was severely injured and when taken to Scappoose by Archie Duncan, driver of the Shepherd bus, engaged another car to take him to Portland.

Mrs. Wallace was picked up by Mrs. Phelps of 406 Falling street, Portland, and taken to Mrs. Wallace's home in West St. Helens where doctors L. G. and Edwin Ross gave her surgical attention.

Each driver blames the other for falling to keep to his side of the road. Mrs. Wallace said that the Klosterman car was coming at 20 to 25 miles per hour and she was driving her car at a rate of 20 to 25 miles per hour, but that the Klosterman car was swerving from side to side on the highway, and she tried her best to dodge the car.

A broken bottle of moonshine in the Klosterman car, together with several empty ginger ale bottles, were mute evidence of the cause of the accident. According to Portland newspapers, Klosterman denied that he had been drinking.

Mrs. Wallace, after receiving surgical treatment, is getting along very well. Both of the automobiles were wrecks and have been removed from the highway.

GREAT DAMAGE CAUSED BY HEAVY RAINS

Due to the heavy rains during the past month, a great part of the bank in the back of the Clatskanie fish hatchery slid into the dam of the hatchery causing about \$5,000 damage. Besides this approximately 100,000 fish were swept away by the force of the current. It will take a great deal of work in order to make up for this loss, but the men in charge of the hatchery are doing their best in order to make up for the deficiency. Those who undertook to stop the rush of water in the main intake, worked two nights and days clearing away the brushwood and other waste that had gathered.

In a report received here last night, Jim Peters, manager of the fish hatchery at the present time has four million Chinook salmon, and four million silversides hatched. This is one of the best years that the hatchery has ever had, and great credit must be given Chris Schmidt, the state fish commissioner, and Mr. Peters, who is in charge of the Clatskanie hatcheries.

REBEKAHS ENTERTAIN KALAMA LODGE

Thursday night a party of twenty eight Rebekahs came up from Kalama and were guests of Rebekah Lodge No. 217. Several candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the order, the degree team of St. Helens order, putting on the work. After lodge session and initiation, a delightful lunch was served and the members from both lodges joined in a most entertaining program.

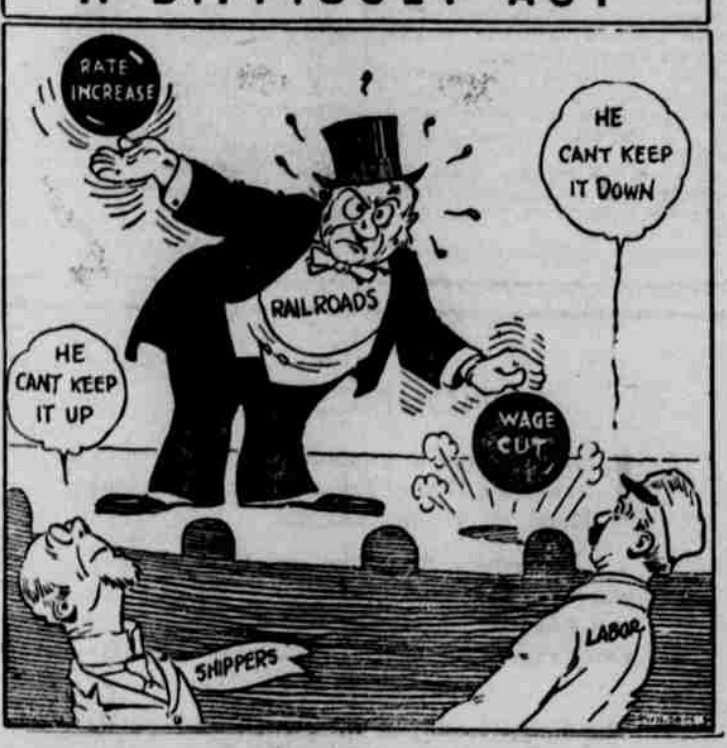
GOING STRONG

County Farm Bureau membership drives completed during the past few weeks indicate that the Farm Bureau movement in the State has received considerable impetus. Progress to date is as follows:

County	No. of Members
Linn	908
Benton	750
Jackson	1109
Columbia	487
Clackamas	1431
Washington	1215

The "cleanup" in these counties is not yet completed.

A DIFFICULT ACT



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M'NARY TO ASK HOPS BE ADDED TO TARIFF

WASHINGTON, Mar 23.—Senator McNary, who more than any other Western senator was responsible for the passage of the emergency tariff bill at the last session of congress, will attempt to have included in the new emergency tariff law hops, which are raised largely in Oregon, California and Washington, and which are in great need of protection.

Senator McNary has been closely in touch with the leaders in charge of tariff legislation and was in conference with Senator Penrose before the conference with Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee. When advised that President Harding would not use the war powers to invoke an embargo to protect agricultural staples, Senator McNary renewed his efforts to get an emergency tariff which would aid the farmers and livestock interests while by an emergency measure is in sight, and that the law will be effective shortly after the opening of the extra permanent tariff law was being enacted.

He is now confident that whatever benefit can be given these producers session of congress.

WILL ORGANIZE ST. HELENS BALL CLUB

Kit Conyers who is a dyed in the wool baseball fan wants to have a classy baseball team for St. Helens this year and he has the support of many local people who enjoy the great national game, in order to ascertain just what talent there is in St. Helens, Mr. Conyers wants all those who wish to join or play on the team, to turn out Sunday afternoon for practice at the fair grounds. There are a number of good players in St. Helens and some very good material and Conyers thinks that it will be little trouble to round out a fast aggregation to represent St. Helens.

WORK PROBLEM IS OUTLINED

St. Helens Chamber of Commerce Has a Definite Program.

That the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce expects to do much work during the coming several months is indicated in the following letter.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting that was scheduled for Friday of this week has been postponed to Thursday evening of next week at 7:30 p. m., at the Orca Hotel. We expect a big crowd and you should get your tickets early for the supper. Price fifty cents. Bring members of your family and friends as this meeting is for the general benefit of the community. Mr. J. W. Brewer of Portland, a very good speaker, will give the main address of the evening. Should we want a hot time, telephone rates will be discussed.

Petitions have been circulated for the establishment of a Union High School district, and if we are successful, St. Helens and the surrounding country will have a fine high school.

The coming of good weather makes it imperative that action be taken to provide for an auto tourist camp, the same as our live neighbor Rainier has done and they find it a paying proposition, too. Also, our St. Helens Beach (formerly called Columbia Beach) must be made more accessible, and our members should do some real pick and shovel work to help fix it up.

The annual Clean-up campaign will be undertaken next month.

We are making good headway with a booklet advertising Columbia County, and we trust to have it out quite soon. Many letters are coming in from outside states regarding our county.

The Farm Bureau was recently organized in Columbia county and five hundred farmers are now joined in an organization that will make any keep pace with it.

We are planning for one or two public meetings each month, and we want you to tell us what kind you want and what projects you think should be taken up. Each director of this Chamber is now in charge of one project and it is up to him to make good on the work, and your help is required.

The road on the DeSpain hill should be fixed up. Will you go with us to the County Court and help set the improvement?

Come and tell us what should be done.

JOHN Y. STORLA,
Executive Secretary.

ROAD CONTRACTS LET BY COUNTY

Miller Hill and Pettijohn Road Contracts are Awarded. Cost is \$14,333.00. Work to Start Soon. Other Road Work is Advertised.

At their special meeting Saturday afternoon the county court opened bids for road work which had been advertised. On the Miller Hill road which is a few miles west of Deer Island, there were four bids. William Burns bid \$18,000. W. C. Cooper thought he could do the work for less and his bid was \$15,319.68, but Mills and Mellinger were not so reasonable, they bid \$19,585.40. G. L. Tarbell was the low bidder and secured the contract, his bid being \$11,535.00.

On the Pettijohn road in district No. 9 only two bids were submitted and evidently each bidder had carefully gone over the specifications for their was little difference in the bids. G. B. Smith offered the work for \$2964 and W. Ross bid \$2798. The contract was awarded to them.

While court was in session, a number of other road projects were submitted and it was ordered that bids be advertised for. One of the roads is called the J. W. Foster road which is in district No. 8, another road is the Foster road which is in district No. 7. The plans and specifications for these roads are on file with the roadmaster and the county clerk. Bids will be received by the county court until 2 o'clock p. m. April 6th.

COURT CHANGES JUDGE'S DECREE

Salem, Ore.—Justice McBride of supreme court yesterday modified the decree issued by Circuit Judge Eakin of Astoria in the case of Clatsop county ex rel Ross, Higgins & Co., against the United States Fidelity & Guarantee company, appellants. Certain items approved under the Eakin decision were disallowed.

SHIPPING NOTES

The steamer Multnomah arrived Wednesday night and is taking a lumber cargo for California. She will probably sail Tuesday evening.

The steamer Willamette arrived early Thursday morning and went up to the shipyard for necessary repairs. The vessel will be in port about a month, or possibly a little longer.

The big freighter K. I. Luckenbach of New York is at the docks of the St. Helens Lumber Company taking on a consignment of 800,000 feet of lumber for delivery at Philadelphia and New York.

A. E. Sorum was in Portland Wednesday transacting business matters in connection with the Twentieth Century Grocery.

A. B. Swift of the Warren neighborhood was a caller at the Mist office Wednesday. He came down to St. Helens to surrender some of his surplus coin in exchange for a tax receipt. Mr. Swift has been a resident of the Warren neighborhood for the past thirty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler, after a visit of several weeks in California, are expected to return to St. Helens today. They went as far south as San Diego where Mr. Wheeler demonstrated the tie perforating machine of the St. Helens Dock & Terminal Company and during their stay in San Diego, took the time to run across the border into Mexico.

Miss Mildred Hogan who sings the offertory solo at the Catholic church Easter Sunday is house guest at the home of her uncle Joseph G. Nauman. Miss Hogan comes from the Washington university where she is taking special musical study course in oratoria and concert work. A rare musical treat is promised those fortunate enough to be present at this Easter service.

LOCAL SHIPYARD GETS CONTRACTS

Will Build Two Large Barges and Make Extensive Repairs on Steamer Willamette—More Work in Sight and Thirty Men Employed.

Like a ray of sunshine out of a cloudy sky comes the announcement that the St. Helens shipyard has secured several contracts and that work has been resumed at that big plant. Two barges for the government will be built by the yard. The barges are to be 34 feet in width, 138 feet in length and 8 feet in depth. The approximate cost of each barge is \$13,500 and Manager Carl Christiansen expects to have them ready for delivery within the coming ninety days. The order for the necessary lumber has been placed with the local mills and will soon be delivered and a force of experienced shipyard carpenters are being sought for.

Another contract which runs into the thousands of dollars is the repair work on the steamer Willamette which arrived from San Francisco Wednesday night. Extensive repairs will be done in the engine room and on the decks and the steamer given a thorough overhauling. The cost of the work will be about \$15,000 and will require the services of a number of skilled mechanics. Manager Christiansen estimates that it will take thirty days to complete the job.

The shipyard concern has a number of other contracts under consideration and it is probable that operations will be continued throughout the entire year. The work contracted for at the present time will keep a number of men busy until July 1st, or later and a considerable amount of money will be distributed to the workmen. The management of the company hope that with the revival of business, conditions will be such that operation of the yard will continue as one of the steady enterprises of St. Helens.

LAST MINUTE LOCAL PICKUPS

J. L. Chitem returned from Portland Monday. He had been at Portland for several weeks receiving medical treatment.

Neille Grant and E. W. Haldeman, both of Columbia county, were united in marriage Monday by county judge Martin White.

This week is Holy Week in the local churches commemorating the week. The services have been well attended.

Mrs. S. C. Morton, Miss Virginia Morton and S. C. Morton Jr., accompanied by Miss Olga Heilbron went to Portland today to visit with relatives.

Mrs. B. C. Quam and her sons Lewis and Lawrence had their tonsils removed at Portland hospital last week and their friends will be glad to learn that they are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sutherland and family plan to motor to Portland Saturday afternoon and spend the week end with Mr. Sutherland's father, whose birthday, this year, falls on Easter Day.

W. F. Rickert who lives in the Scappoose neighborhood was in St. Helens Tuesday to pay taxes and incidentally to renew his subscription to the Mist. Mr. Rickert has taken the Mist for the past sixteen years and has been a paid in advance subscriber all of the time.

Frank Hallihan who is well known to thousands who travel on the S. P. & S. railroad, is in St. Vincent's hospital suffering with an incurable disease and it appears that it is a matter of only a few days before death relieves him of his suffering. For a number of years Mr. Hallihan was the conductor on the Rainier local and was one of the most popular railroad men on this division, and numbered his friends by the hundreds. He gave up the run several months ago and went to the hospital for an operation and treatment.

On Sunday and Monday the Liberty Theatre will present Charles Ray in "Crooked Straight." It is a story intense in interest and Ray is seen at his best in this wonderful screen production. On Wednesday March 30th, Constance Talmadge who is one of the popular screen artists, will be seen in "In Search of a Sinner." Manager East has several other good plays booked which are told about in his theater ad. He is trying to give, he says, the theater going public of St. Helens and surrounding country, the best there is in screen productions.

The St. Helens Hardware Company will have a big sale of aluminum ware at their store on Wednesday, March 30th. The sale begins promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. It is a special factory advertising sale and one of the factory representatives will be in charge. The window display at the Hardware Company's store speaks for the excellence of the goods and the bargain prices to be obtained and it is probable that many thrifty housewives will be at the store and select the needed utensils. In many other places, some of them much smaller than St. Helens, thrifty housewives were at the appointed place at the appointed time and in a few minutes the stock was bought by the bargain seekers. Manager Howe thinks that in St. Helens it will be a repetition of what has been in other towns.

It was estimated in 1901 that 30,000,000 persons received paper with the sermons of Thomas DeWitt Talmadge every week.

ST. HELENS COUPLE MARRY IN VANCOUVER

On Thursday, March 17th., Hagbart Boral and Mrs. Mamie Nelson were united in marriage at Vancouver, Washington. The groom is a well known business man of St. Helens and has been in business here for the past two years. The bride is the widow of the late Captain Nelson who for a number of years was master of several of the McCormick line of steamers and was well known here. About a year ago, Mrs. Nelson was united in marriage to Clinton Mahlborn but she had the marriage annulled when she ascertained that Mahlborn had secured a divorce from his former wife only a short time previous to his marriage with her and that the marriage was illegal on account of the necessary period required by law, not having elapsed. The newly weds have purchased a home in Railroad Addition and will make their home in St. Helens.

BALLAGH ADVISES ON PHONE INCREASE

Mayor Ballagh thinks that the phone rate increase is not right. He says that in so far as he is personally concerned, he will refuse to pay the increase until there has been a rehearing. Both the mayor and the city attorney advise that users pay the "before the decision" rate. Mayor Ballagh states that the city will not pay an increased phone rental for the phone which is in the council chamber.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The first high school track and field meet staged in Columbia county will be held in St. Helens Saturday afternoon, April 30th. The St. Helens high school teams will endeavor to maintain the pace set by taking the county football and basketball championships, by showing the dust to the athletes from Rainier and other towns. Hill, Rutherford, Belleville, Madsen, and others have already commenced training though the inclement weather has made progress somewhat slow.

Hill won two points for St. Helens in the meet at Columbia University last Saturday by taking third place in the broad jump. Ralph Spearow who formerly lived in St. Helens but now is with the Oregon University, was one of the stars of the meet.

King Baseball with Columbia University offering the opposition to the locals will make his debut here April 9th. Games with Clatskanie and Rainier are being scheduled, though the season will be short, due to the early closing of the school. So far the boys have not been able to practice but better weather is hoped for and regular practice will be started.

Oratorical and declamatory contests in which all the high schools in the county will be represented are scheduled for the high school auditorium Saturday evening, following the track meet.