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TIDELAND PURCHASE ORDINANCE PASSED

Council Acts Favorably on Proposition to Buy Tidelands in Front of City—Public Market Discussed and Committee Appointed.

At its meeting Monday night, the council passed the ordinance which authorizes the city to buy from the Miles estate the tide lands lying east of and in front of Blocks 1, 2 and 3 and Lots 12 to 21 inclusive. The price is \$300 and it is understood that the council will cancel all back taxes, penalty and interest on the property. The ordinance will not become effective for thirty days after its passage. The council has also agreed to buy from Eugene Miles the tideland and property on which the old building is located on Strand street and opposite the I. O. O. F. building. They will pay \$300 for this property and the Columbia River Stevedoring company has offered \$300 for a five-year lease on the property. It is the intention of the company to erect an office building and they ask, in the lease presented, an option of an additional five years at a rental not to exceed 10 per cent increase over the first five years. Mayor Ballagh has not as yet given his sanction to this part of the lease.

Officers Make Reports.
City Attorney Day reported that he had attended a hearing of the Public Service commission in Portland relative to the increase in telephone rates and "would make a report at a star chamber session of the council." The marshal reported that some of the buildings in St. Helens did not have sufficient and proper fire escapes. The mayor requested the city attorney to prepare an ordinance relative to proper fire escapes.

Ex-Mayor Saxton pleaded with the mayor and council to furnish some adequate fire protection on Nob hill. He asked that some of the fire hose and equipment which is stored in Willamette street and never used, be taken to his district. The matter was referred to a committee.

E. C. Stanwood asked permission to dump logs from the bluff north of the courthouse provided no damage was done to the city dock. Permission was granted.

A. L. Morris told the council that numerous Warren farmers were sending their produce to Portland and it was then shipped to St. Helens. He advocated the establishment of a public market. Councilman Flynn stated that he understood Mrs. Nellie McCormick would allow the city to use her lot on Columbia street, opposite the Rutherford block, for the purpose of a market. The mayor appointed Councilmen Flynn, McDonald and O'Connor and S. C. Morton, Magnus Saxton and A. L. Morris as a committee to interview Mrs. McCormick and arrange necessary details.

The quarterly reports of the recorder and treasurer were read and referred to the finance committee. The council adjourned to meet Wednesday evening.

No special work was done Wednesday evening. The regular monthly bills were passed and the matter of the lease to the Columbia River Stevedoring Co. was again discussed. The mayor stated he would not sign the lease in its present shape.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TO INSTALL TUESDAY

Due to the absence of some of the officers-elect the local Knights of Pythias lodge did not install officers at their meeting Tuesday night. Installation is planned for the meeting next Tuesday night.

Officers have been elected as follows: J. T. Scott, C. C.; J. W. Van Natta, V. C.; Chas. E. Wikstrom, Prelate; P. T. Phillips, M. of W.; E. I. Ballagh, K. of R. and S.; J. R. Godfrey, M. of E.; T. S. White, M. at A.; C. C. Walker, I. G.; M. L. Wilson, O. G. Grand lodge representatives are Frank George, E. I. Ballagh, Fred Watkins and Orin Shepard.

In the past term of six months the lodge has conferred ranks on thirty-nine new members. With the close of the fiscal year of June 30, 1921, the lodge made a record gain in membership and stands among the foremost of the lodges in the state in point of added members. Tuesday night the second rank was conferred on two new members.

SHERIFF FILES SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Sheriff Wellington has filed with the county court his semi-annual report showing the amount of taxes and fees collected, and the showing is a very substantial one for the first six months of the year. The report shows a total of \$394,097.16 of taxes collected. Of this amount \$381,983.67 is from 1920 taxes and the balance covers various amounts for the years from 1906 to and including 1919.

Added to this is \$6,588.28 which the assessor collected on unsecured personal property, which makes a grand total of \$400,681.44 of taxes collected and turned in to the county treasurer since the first of the year. In his semi-annual report the sheriff also shows fees collected to the amount of \$321.75.

R. H. Fairley is the proud possessor of a new Monroe automobile.

AROUND THE COURTHOUSE

Jake Large has a force of paint slingers at work this week touching up the faded spots around the court house. Among other works of art he is performing is a new covering of paint on the roof.

With the working over of many of our good foreign-born people into good American citizens, the corridors of the court house was a scene of busy activity a couple of days the first of the week. The court passed favorably on twenty-one applicants for citizenship papers.

Janitor Harrison has his lawns around the court house and the plaza nicely sheared and the rose bushes trimmed and profusely blooming, which gives to that corner of our city a very attractive appearance.

The ever-smiling countenance and cheery words of greeting of Col. Holbrook are noticeably missing in the county agricultural agent's office. The colonel is temporarily, his friends hope, confined at home recuperating from the strenuous campaign he has been waging in behalf of the farm bureau movement.

Sheriff Wellington utilized some of the prisoners a day this week in cleaning up the rifles recently received from the war department by the American Legion post.

Judge Hazen has had his usual busy week—mixing in a criminal case now and then with his usual line of speeder cases. Perkins' the Oregonian's staff correspondent, in Thursday's paper takes a rap at the judge wherein he claims that the judge has the habit of saying "Fifteen Dollars" to the speeders so strong that if he were to die and go to heaven—as we all hope the judge will—that he would hand out the same line of talk to applicants at the golden gate if by any chance he was made under-study to St. Peter.

Miss Hattan, who very gracefully presides over the treasury department of Columbia county, has been just as busy taking in cash funds for the county as the sheriff has in collecting them. Since the county court has recently been in session she has been busy for the past week paying out some of the funds collected in the way of county warrants.

PHONE COMPANY IMPROVES SERVICE

That the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is making a consistent and conscientious effort to provide St. Helens with satisfactory telephone service in keeping with the growth and development of our city, is apparent from work that company has just completed. Two additional copper circuits for long distance service have been built between here and Portland at a cost approximately \$10,600, according to E. H. Scott, manager. These circuits, with those already in operation, provide a sufficient means for handling the long distance business of St. Helens in a satisfactory manner for some time to come. Mr. Scott states this business is now of a volume that indicates St. Helens to be on an sound a business basis as any city of a similar size in the state, even though the lumber depression has temporarily checked the prosperous outlook of a year or two ago.

These long distance service improvements, together with the improved common battery switchboard which was installed last year at the time the Pacific company moved to their present office quarters, places St. Helens among the few cities of the state where new or additional facilities have been installed since the war.

During that period and since labor conditions, manufacturing problems and delays, railroad congestion and financial conditions interfered with and prevented furnishing telephone and prevented furnishing telephone of our country demanded, and it has only been of recent date that the Telephone company has been in a position to proceed with their plans to undertake the development, growth and increased demand for telephone service that had taken place during the period of enforced curtailing of its own development. That St. Helens has been favored with additional toll line facilities, a new switchboard (all line facilities, a new switchboard which required a change from magnetics to common battery, and a new office, under these circumstances would indicate that the Pacific Telephone and Telephone Co., as just stated, is making an earnest endeavor to furnish St. Helens with a satisfactory telephone service in keeping with the progressive spirit of her business interests.

FIRE MARSHAL HERE FOR CITY SURVEY

Georgs W. Stokes, deputy state fire marshal, accompanied by a representative of the fire insurance underwriters, is here to make a survey of the city and will go throughout into the matter of fire protection as the city and make recommendations as to installing such improvements as will give the city better fire protection and thus reduce the insurance rates. He appeared before the council at their special meeting Wednesday evening and explained the purpose of his visit. The council assured him of their hearty cooperation in the work.

SAUVIES ISLAND WILL BE DIKED

Meeting of Property Owners Saturday—Vote is in Favor of Dike.—Work on Reclaim 4000 Acres.—Work on Project May Start this Fall.

A majority of the property owners of that portion of Sauvie's island which is within the bounds of Columbia county met at the Chamber of Commerce room Saturday last. Their purpose was to decide whether or not a dike would be built to reclaim the 4000 acres. At the time of the meeting, the attitude of some of the property owners was not favorable toward the project, but after the engineer's specifications and plans had been submitted and W. L. Powell, chief in soils at the Oregon Agricultural college, submitted reports, those who wavered on the opposition joined with those who were in favor of it and as a consequence, more than 99 per cent of the property affected voted for the dike.

The board of supervisors composed of Charles L. Wheeler, president, E. A. Caton and G. A. Johnson, visited practically every district on both sides of the Columbia river during the high water stage, and their report, together with that of T. A. Garrow, engineer of the project, convinced the holdouts as to the feasibility of the project and the benefits which would result.

The engineer's specifications provide for a dike twenty-one miles in length and 26 feet above the low water mark. The work will cost approximately \$290,000 or about \$55 to \$70 per acre.

It is planned to have the county highway on the dike along the Columbia river side and it is probable that a bridge or ferry will connect at St. Helens.

The building of the dike means further development of the island and reclamation of what is now useless land.

LODGE MEMBERS GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., has a custom in vogue of giving a birthday party every two months, those members whose birthday occur within the two months preceding the party subsequently given being the hosts and hostesses of the occasion.

The Odd Fellows hall Friday night last was the scene of another of these enjoyable affairs. Those who entertained were: Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Jenner, Mrs. Lila Crouse, Miss Opal Smith and James Grant, all of whom owned to having passed another milestone on life's highway within the past two months.

The evening was passed with games, charades, pantomimes, recitations and music. The guests were also provided with a grand spread of good things to eat, all of which was greatly enjoyed by a large attendance of members of the two lodges.

FATTY ARBUCKLE AT THE LIBERTY

Fatty Arbuckle, former ace of slapstick comedy, is now firmly established as Roscoe Arbuckle, straight comedian, and in his most recent production, "The Traveling Salesman," he has scored a remarkable success. The play offers the genial Arbuckle in one of the most sympathetic roles of his career in legitimate screen vehicles. He is seen as Bob Blake, a commercial traveler, who boasts that the only skirts that interest him are those in his sample trunks. His pals on the road predict that when he does fall in love he will jar the earth. They are right and Betsy Ross is the heroine of the story who makes the prediction come true with extra trimmings.

The plot gets under way rapidly when Blake's friends play a practical joke on him. While doing a speeding train they cry out the name of his station and he hurriedly leaves the train to find himself at a flag station in a rain storm miles from his real destination. Fatty gets some information out of the adventure which comes in handy later in the story when he saves the valuable property of his sweetheart from the hands of two small town plotters.

"The Traveling Salesman," after finishing a week's successful run at the Rivoli in Portland, will be seen at the Liberty Sunday and Monday and in addition to this picture, the second series of the wonderful African jungle pictures will be shown.

COLUMBIA POST RECEIVES RIFLES

Columbia Post, the American Legion, of St. Helens this week received from the government arsenal at Benicia, California, ten practically new Springfield rifles which the post will have for use as occasions may arise.

Commander Wellington plans on harking the boys back to the days of intensive training in the army camps by putting the guns to use in drill work. They will also be brought into use when the post joins in parades on Decoration Day exercises and will give to funerals more of a military aspect. While the commander hopes that such will never come to pass, yet if need be the guns will be a handy equipment to the legionnaires if called upon to assist in the maintenance of law and order.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered By Mist Reporters for Busy Readers—News Notes and Personal About People of St. Helens and Vicinity.

M. Rice departed Tuesday morning for Seaside for a brief vacation. Deputy Sheriff Graves was a visitor in Portland Wednesday on official business for the sheriff's office. Herman Robinson and A. E. Wickert spent several days in Salem last week as the guests of Mr. Wickert's uncle.

Mrs. Clara Miller returned the latter part of last week from a visit of several days with friends in eastern Oregon.

Attorney John L. Storia has moved his office to suite 17, bank building where he will be glad to see his friends and clients.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baynard and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Max Klein and daughter Maxine of Portland were week end visitors at Seaside.

Manager Jones of Austin's store was in Portland Wednesday in connection with matters pertaining to the big ten days' summer sale he has inaugurated.

Mrs. Harold Beaver, accompanied by her sons, Masten and Jack, went to Seaside Friday where she will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Molly Masten, for six weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Ross and son, John, Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Johnson and Rev. and Mrs. Harry Grimes spent Wednesday and Thursday on a motor trip on the upper Columbia highway.

Misses Phyllis and Jessamine Brown will leave Saturday for their home in Berkeley, California. They have been the guests of friends in St. Helens and Seattle for the past six weeks.

Fred Jensen, who sometime ago bought the Miles property on Columbia street has improved the appearance of the house by having it painted. The interior of the big residence has been remodeled and improved.

P. A. Dixon, who is located in the Nehalem valley during the summer on fire patrol service, was in the city the first of the week greeting old acquaintances. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hawkins left for Seaside Wednesday and will spend some time at that popular beach resort. They were accompanied by W. B. Dillard who said he might stay for a day or so or remain for a week.

William Ross Stone, son of Mrs. Amy Stone, was christened Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Fannie Ross, Dr. Harry Grimes, of Boston, a cousin of Mrs. Stone, was assisted by Rev. S. Darlow Johnson in the christening ceremony.

Mrs. Albert Burcham, Mrs. A. J. Deming, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. E. E. Quick, and Mrs. L. G. Ross will be hostesses on Thursday, July 21, at a social ice cream, cake and coffee will be served for twenty-five cents. Everyone is cordially invited.

Dr. Arthur Ruhndorf, an eye-sight specialist of Portland, will be in St. Helens on Tuesday of each week and will have offices with Dr. Charles Rigdon in the building opposite the Plaza pharmacy. Dr. Ruhndorf has been in the optical business for the past twelve years and is a graduate of DeKeyser Optical College.

Mrs. J. E. Ramsey, Mrs. Hattie E. Veazie, Miss Opal Smith, W. A. Brown, H. A. Colt, Percy Veazie, Grant Robey and Roy Veazie were among those from St. Helens who attended the flag raising and picnic at the I. O. O. F. home in Sellwood Sunday. After the flag raising there was a band concert and a picnic. Several hundred Oddfellows and Rebekahs from nearby towns to Portland attended the exercises.

Mrs. Gladys Milne, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Hobbs, entertained at a dinner party Saturday evening in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. J. L. Hobbs and L. A. Milne and the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Milne. The evening was spent with cards. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Pritchard of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Johnson of Knappa, Wash., Mrs. J. R. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Milnes, Master Richard Hobbs and the hostess.

A. Wager and family were in St. Helens Thursday. They recently came from Spokane and bought a ten-acre tract near Yankton. Mr. Wager is now building a comfortable bungalow on the place. He has been in the railroad work for the S. P. & S. in Spokane and hopes to get transferred to the Portland division of the system so that he can put in more time on his recently acquired place. Mrs. Wager and children will remain on the farm until Mr. Wager can make the transfer. He is enthusiastic as to the prospects in Columbia county and says the climate cannot be excelled.

Rev. Harry Grimes, for nine years pastor of First Congregational church of Braintree, Mass., will preach in the Congregational church of this city on Sunday, July 17. Miss Helen Watts, a student of Oberlin, will be soloist. The congregation and choir of the Methodist church have been invited to unite with the Congregationalists in the Congregational church for the evening service. Mr. Grimes is a nephew of Dr. Edwin Ross and a cousin of Dr. L. G. Ross, and is their guest; being on his return trip from the national council of Congregational churches, which was recently held at Los Angeles.

RAILROAD REDUCES PASSENGER RATES

Effective immediately, the S. P. & S. has made a reduction in passenger fares between certain points on this branch of the system. The round-trip rate between St. Helens and Portland is \$1.71 on tickets on sale daily. This is quite a reduction over the previous rate. In order to encourage the week end business the company has made a rate of \$1.45 for the round trip between St. Helens and Portland and tickets are on sale Saturday and Sunday with a return limit of Monday. To these fares the war tax will be added.

J. R. Gilby, local agent of the company has long advocated a special rate for the week end as many of the people of the community visit Portland on Saturday and he is gratified that the company has made the reduction and confidently expects that the people will show their appreciation by giving the rail line their patronage.

ACCEPTS PASTORATE OF DAYTON CHURCH

Rev. K. K. Clark, who has been for seven months pastor of Plymouth church, has been appointed by Bishop Shepard to the pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal church at Dayton, Oregon. A fine community house has just been completed in connection with the church and as a part of the new social service program of the Methodist church. As Rev. Clark gave two years to social work with the Red Cross this should be to his liking. The appointment was made possible by the death of one of the ministers of the conference and includes this conference year. Mr. Clark was recommended to Bishop Shepard by Lieut. Rev. J. E. Wilson, a leading man in the Kansas conference and who was a fellow pastor with him for six years. Mr. Clark came to St. Helens last December after a six-year pastorate of a federated church at Russell, Kansas, and was highly recommended by the Congregational denomination as a successful preacher and pastor.

FAST TEAM COMING FOR SUNDAY GAME

Manager Conyers of the St. Helens baseball club has "made arrangements with the Nicolai-Neppach aggregation of Portland to play a game on the local lot Sunday afternoon. The visitors are considered as among the best of the semipro's of Portland and without a doubt will give the locals a battle worth while.

On Sunday the locals took the game from Rainier. The score was 24 to 5. Rube Maxmeyer was on the mound for the home team and after the first two frames settled down to business. He allowed only five hits. Rainier used three pitchers in the endeavor to stop the batting slugfest which was indulged in by the local boys, but the last pitcher fared worse than did the first one.

St. Helens played good ball and knocked the ball to all corners of the lot and outclassed their opponents. It was their second victory over Rainier this season.

SHIPYARD SECURES PONTOON CONTRACT

The St. Helens Shipbuilding company recently secured another contract. It is for the building of sixty pontoons for the U. S. Engineer department. The contract price is around \$27,000 and the pontoons must be delivered before October 1. Twelve of the pontoons have been finished and work is being rushed on the balance of the order.

Thirty men are now employed at the shipyard and there is sufficient work to keep them busy for the next ninety days. One barge for the Port of Portland is almost complete and work will then begin on another barge. The officials of the company have several other contracts under consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hudson and daughters, Nancy and Zoe, and Mrs. Levey returned Monday from a short vacation at Pigeon Springs, Washington.

Game Warden Brown asks the Mist to impress the fact upon all who wander about in the woods that it is unlawful to take fawns, except under undoubted conditions showing that the little animal is starving or is crippled. The warden wants a indelibly impressed upon the minds of all persons that under no pretense can fawns be removed from the spot where found. If the youngster is crippled or shows evidence of being in a starving condition, take it home, but otherwise the warden sounds a warning that the strong arm of the law will grapple with you if you take said kid deer home while he is in a sound, healthy condition.

Miss Harriet Ross and Miss Annabelle Isbister were hostesses Friday evening at a dancing party in honor of the Misses Phyllis and Jessamine Brown. Among those who enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Ross and Miss Isbister were the Misses Phyllis and Jessamine Brown, Nellie and Ruth Burcham, Lois and Annette Payne, Marie and Keturah Dixon, Dorothy Akin, Edrie LaBare, Eugenia Deming, and Marion Dillon, Wessers, Waldon and Mason Dillard, Wade and Raymond Rutherford, John Southard, Lester Wellington, James Adams, John Deming, William Phillips, Norman DeLaittre, Kenneth Pratt, Alvin Hill, Bob Dixon, Carl Tucker, Louis LaBare and Ed Veazie.

TWENTY-ONE NEW CITIZENS

Circuit Court Creates Twenty-One New Citizens of the United States—Ten Other Applications Being Continued Over to Later Dates.

Last Monday was naturalization day in the circuit court and some thirty-one applicants to become citizens of the United States were scheduled to appear before Judge Aiken for final examination.

Attorney Baumgartner of Portland, representing the federal naturalization bureau, was present as the official inspectorial agent for the government. Of the number of applicants on file in the clerk's office for final papers, twenty-one passed the ordeal and were made full-fledged citizens of the greatest nation on earth.

Of the applicants on file for citizenship the subjects of Finland predominated, with Sweden a close second, followed by Russia. Eight applicants were on file from Finland, five from Russia, six from Sweden, Italy had four, Norway three, with Denmark and Scotland two each and Switzerland one.

Those who passed the test, renouncing allegiance to their former sovereigns and countries, thereby assuming all the rights and privileges due American citizens were: Peter C. Hanson of Scappoose, Denmark; Nestor Lehto of Mayer, Finland; Tobias Seppala of Mayger, Finland; Gustaf Heim of Scappoose, Russia; John Kela of Quincy, Finland; Giovanni Romiti of Yankton, Italy; Axel Pellman of Kerry, Finland; Ernest Anderson of Kerry, Sweden; Andrus W. Kruka of Clatskanie, Sweden; Justin K. Bangaud of Deer Island, Norway; John O. Bittie of Rainier, Russia; Carl J. Lindgren of Yankton, Sweden; Olof M. Danielson of Clatskanie, Norway; Soren C. Nielson of St. Helens, Denmark; Giacomo Arsanoto of Marshland, Italy; Nels Nelson of Clatskanie, Sweden; Conrad T. Flakars of Warren, Finland; Albert Lauri of Quincy, Sweden; Matt Tuon of Kerry, Finland; James R. Kemp of St. Helens, Scotland; John McKinley of St. Helens, Scotland.

Of the other ten applicants continuation to later dates was made by the court for various reasons. Matt Happala, a subject of Russia, failed to appear and his case was continued to Oct. 10. Walter Hahn of Scappoose, also a subject of the land where Trotsky and Lenine have superseded the one time reign of the czar, also failed to put in an appearance and his case was continued to Oct. 10. The cases of Emil Koski of Quincy who hails from Finland, and Angelo Pasero of Houlton, whose original home was sunny Italy, were likewise continued to Oct. 10.

Oscar W. Johnson of Marshland was halted in his application for citizenship papers until the court had further information touching on his draft record into the army during our late unpleasantness with Germany. Mr. Johnson lives in the Marshland section. He is a native of Norway. Christian Peterson of Rainier was in the same status, the court desiring further information on Mr. Peterson's draft record. He is from Sweden.

Domenico Crosti, of Yankton, who emigrated to this country from Italy, was passed on by the court to a later date on account of the lack of qualifications shown by his wife to become a citizen.

The case of Carl Trachsel of Scappoose was continued to a later date. Mr. Trachsel is a subject of Switzerland. Edward Okas of Clatskanie, who previously made application to become a citizen and forever renounce his allegiance to Finland, failed to appear and is reported to be out of the state. The case of Wincenty Scibor, one time subject of the czar of Russia, was also continued to a later date.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of St. Helens lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F., Saturday night, July 9th, newly elected officers for the ensuing term were installed.

The installation ceremonies were conducted by Raymond L. Price, district deputy grand master, assisted by Past Grand Chas. Spinner, W. J. Fullerton, W. A. Levi, Uther W. Clark, Carl H. Aamand, George W. Mills, and Dr. S. H. Russell.

Those installed were: Buford E. Cooper, noble grand; Percy H. Veazie, vice grand; Chas. W. Blakesley, secretary; Grant C. Robey, treasurer; Sam A. Brown, acting past grand; Wm. J. Keith, conductor; Herman A. Colt, warder; Norman A. McCallum, chaplain; Jas. W. McDonald, R. S. N. G.; Arthur F. Miller, L. S. N. G.; James A. Akin, R. S. V. G.; Frank A. Bacon, L. S. V. G.; W. A. Mason, R. S. S.; Just K. Bangaud, L. S. S.; R. L. Price, O. G.; Bert Sage, I. G.

Thursday night of this week officers for the ensuing term of Rebekah lodge were installed. The elective officers installed were as follows: Genevieve Ingham, N. G.; Grace Roundtree, V. G.; Ora Bennett, secretary; Iva Russell, treasurer.

Miss Agnes Ferris of Seattle is the house guest of Mrs. L. J. Van Orshoven this week.