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CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION

Several Cases Disposed of and Others on Docket Will be Heard This Week—Nehalem Row Will be Aired in Court.

Circuit court is in session and the jury are hearing the evidence and deciding upon the merits of the cases brought before the court.

The case of the State vs. Oliver, who was charged with a violation of the traffic laws, was appealed.

Floyd Burnham, who is accused of and who was indicted for burning property with intent to injure the insurer, will, through his attorney, plead his case on Monday.

The real big case and one which is attracting the attention of many is that of the State vs. J. Kumi-baugh. C. W. Louden is the prosecuting witness. He claims that "he defendants, in some way obtained his photograph. The photo was taken when he was in the penitentiary, so it is alleged. The defendants, are accused of a violation of a law which says that "circulating reports as to an ex-convict with the intent to deprive him of employment" is against the law. Louden, so the evidence produced, served three years in the pen for rape. He was pardoned by Governor Olcott. He has a wife and family and was in the U. S. army for fourteen years. He received an honorable discharge from the army. A number of people from Nehalem are here to testify as to the case. It is probable it will not be finished and in the hands of the jury before tonight.

MUSIC PUPILS

GIVE RECITAL.

On Saturday evening, October 15, at the Methodist Episcopal church, Mrs. Bertha Woods presented eight of her pupils in recital. The music rendered by the pupils was decidedly good and showed careful training on part of the teacher and application by the pupils and was very much appreciated by the audience. The program was well arranged, vocal numbers giving a pleasing variety and the sweet, clear voices of the children were much enjoyed. Mrs. Woods plans to give recitals at intervals during the winter and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The following program was rendered:

1. In Lilac Time.
2. Miss Mary McKie and Mrs. Woods.
3. (a) The Firefly; (b) Birthday Waltz. Frances Bertha Day.
4. Con amore. James Baker.
5. My Heart is Thine. Miss Serena Malm.
6. On Venice Waters.
7. Miss Mary McKie.
8. Till We Meet Again.
9. Master Richard Hobbs.
10. Intermezzo. Russ.
11. Miss Serena Malm.
12. Song—Blowing Bubbles.
13. Jimmie and David Williams.
14. At the Lute.
15. Miss Larell Wodage.
16. Garden of Roses.
17. Miss Mary McKie and Mrs. Woods.
18. (a) Waves of the Danube; (b) Down the Stream.
19. Master Lewis Quam.

BUDGET COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING

The budget committee appointed by the mayor and council held its first meeting Monday night with the council. T. S. White was elected chairman and A. F. Barnett, secretary. The recorder was instructed to furnish a tabulated report of the expenses of the city government for the past three years, and the head of each department of the city was requested to prepare an estimate of the probable expense of his department.

Councilman Flynn requested that the recorder write to the Library Board and ask for a report of the library circulation among the school children and what books they took of and which was supplementary to their courses of study in school.

The meeting adjourned until Friday night when it is expected that necessary data will be in hand so that the committee may begin the preparation of the budget.

REALTY BUSINESS QUITE ACTIVE

The Rutherford Realty Company report numerous deals in both city and farming property and judging from the inquiries made, they look forward to a continuance of the present brisk demand. "Home buying and home building is in evidence both in the city and country, more so than during the past six years," a member of the firm stated. Among their recent sales are: A farm near Yankton to W. H. Cummings, the Caroline Cetta farm to Richard Lewis, Von A. Gray acquired the ten-acre tract of Mrs. Elta Cole near West St. Helens, exchanging city property for it. H. B. Coleman bought some acreage on the highway as did Grant Robey. George Poirer bought the 160-acre farm of James Kennedy which is near Goble. Peter Serafin of Trenchholm, and Lou Puzer of St. Helens, each acquired ten-acre tracts.

Albert Burcham and family were called to Kelso Sunday on account of the death of Mr. Burcham's niece, Marjorie, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Byrnes.

NEARBY TOWNS

DEER ISLAND

Miss Alva Hudapeth was a week end visitor in Rainier.

E. Mercer and C. Mercer of Hillsboro and Mercer, Oregon, were guests at the Homer Stewart home during the week.

Corwin Shank of Seattle was a Sunday visitor at the home of his son, Phillip Shank.

C. E. Clapperton and N. V. Murphy were in Portland Monday.

H. C. Johnston and T. W. Nordby motored to V. Ronka Wednesday.

John A. Daly of Ridgefield, Wn., who was formerly a resident of Deer Island was a week end visitor at the home of his brother, Frank.

Miss Carol Predin came down from Portland Sunday for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Predin.

Mrs. Shannan Shafer was a Portland visitor Friday.

R. E. McLennan returned Monday from Rickell near Dallas where he has been working for the Warren Construction Co.

Harold Bishop still lives in Deer Island, not having gone to Hillsboro as previously reported.

The Deer Island slough is being dredged from its mouth to the boom of the Deer Island Logging Co., a distance of approximately one-half mile. Deepening the channel will allow the river steamers to enter to pick up the rafts.

On account of teachers' institute being held at Rainier on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday there was no school on those days.

Rev. Everett of Portland held church services in the school house Sunday. He is desirous of having more of the parents attend Sunday school which cannot be a success without the co-operation of parents. A New Testament will be presented to each child having perfect attendance until Christmas.

Mrs. Albert Adams entertained with a card party Saturday evening in honor of the birthday of Mr. Adams and her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Casey of St. Helens. Forty guests enjoyed the hospitality of host and hostess.

Miss Marie Beaver and Norman Pritchard, popular young people of Deer Island surprised their many friends by being married in Portland, Monday. They will reside in Deer Island. Mr. Pritchard is employed by the Deer Island Logging Co. The good wishes of the community are extended to the happy couple for a calm trip over the marital sea.

YANKTON

Mr. Flynn visited Saturday and Sunday with the home folks at Shedd, Oregon.

Miss Lingle spent the week end with her parents at Boring, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Briggs were Washington county visitors last Sunday.

Last Saturday the stock left a wee daughter at the Wm. Dworschak home. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

A. W. Thomas and son Albert and Mr. and Mrs. John Fritz returned home from Hood River last week where they had been picking apples. Our school will give a program in the grange hall, October 29. A good time is assured all who attend.

Grandmother Barger was pleasantly surprised last Sunday when her children and grandchildren came to help her celebrate her eightieth birthday. A bountiful dinner was served which was greatly enjoyed by all. We wish Grandmother many more such days and also health to enjoy them.

Isaac Bungardner and daughter Mrs. Mary Thompsons of Salem, were callers at the English home Saturday.

Chas. L. Olson and wife of Portland are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lee the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Engart of Portland are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Meehan and their young grandson, J. E. Jr.

Mrs. Butterfield presented the school library with forty-one books of interest to all. The books are a very welcome addition to the library and Mrs. Butterfield has the sincerest appreciation of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellison of Shumokawa, Washington, are visiting with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kelly the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tickle of Portland visited several days this week with Mrs. Tickle's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McBride.

APPROVE OF

BRUMFIELD VERDICT

There are two of St. Helens citizens who were probably more interested in the outcome of the Brumfield case than other citizens of the town. The parties are Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Russell and the reason for their intense interest is because Dennis Russell, the murdered man, was an intimate friend of theirs. They first met the murdered man in 1899 when they came to Oregon and settled near Riddle. In 1913 Dr. Russell was very ill and was advised to go to California. Dennis Russell accompanied the doctor and Mrs. Russell and was with them several months. Both the doctor and Mrs. Russell say that the murdered man was of kindly disposition, always ready to help any one in trouble and ready to help any one in trouble and ready to help any one in trouble and ready to help any one in trouble. Being an intimate friend of theirs, naturally they feel resentment against the man who was charged with and convicted of the murder and do not feel any sympathy for Dr. Brumfield.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL IN LIVELY TILT

Bone of Contention is Appointment of Traffic Officer Hofmiller at Salary of \$150 Month—Mayor Ballagh Opposes and Council Disposes

There was a wordy pyrotechnic display at the council meeting Monday night. It started suddenly and ended abruptly. The interested spectator or listener might conclude that the ammunition was exhausted or that it was saved for future use. No white flag was run up by either side and no armistice was declared. From all appearances it seemed to be a cessation of hostilities for the time being.

The fight began when Mayor Ballagh heard Recorder Godfrey read the minutes of the previous meeting wherein it was stated that Traffic Officer Hofmiller be retained in such capacity until his services were unsatisfactory.

The motion was made at the last meeting of the council by Councilman Flynn, and carried. The mayor according to his statement, did not think it necessary to have a \$150 per month deputy marshal. Councilman O'Connor didn't agree with the mayor for he said, "There is no protection from this (the city hall) corner and if you are going to let any go, let Potter go. I'm not afraid of what will happen in my store, for if some one should break in they wouldn't get over thirty cents."

Flynn said that it was now "possible to do business in West St. Helens because of police protection."

He favored the keeping of Mr. Hofmiller on the job and when Flynn and Mayor Ballagh got into a heated controversy, Flynn told the mayor, "Cut out the personalities and get down to business." Ballagh, Flynn and O'Connor evidently heard what Barnett said, for the storm ceased, but there was an ominous cloud of silence which gave indication of another storm for it was evident that the mayor did not relish the fact that Flynn had the final say. However, before the close of the incident Flynn told Ballagh, "This was settled at the last meeting and you have nothing to do with it" and O'Connor said, "It is better to have a man on a motorcycle instead of sticking around the corners as the marshal does."

After the cooling off period some business was transacted. Flynn reported that he had bids of \$4,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 on a comfort station or rest room. The latter proposition was for a tile building 8x20 with a slate roof, metal trussed and two mirrors, Flynn said. No action was taken.

Several labor bills were ordered paid, and the council adjourned and went into the fresh air to cool off after their heated session.

LAST MINUTE

LOCAL PICK-UPS

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Albert Burcham, Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m. The subject chosen for discussion is Corea and Japan. All ladies interested are cordially invited to attend.

The many friends of Mrs. C. D. Sutherland will be pleased to learn that she is rapidly recovering from an operation which she underwent at a Portland hospital Tuesday and it is expected that she will soon be able to come back home.

Henry Peters, a farmer who resides in the Trenchholm district, was a caller at The Mist office Tuesday. He said that the frosts has killed some of the late potatoes in the lowlands but no injury had been done to the crop planted on the highlands. He is of the opinion that the lighter soil raises better crops and a better quality potato than is grown on the lowlands. This has been his experience for several years he said.

The St. Helens high school team will journey to Hillsboro tomorrow to try conclusions with the high school team of the Washington county metropolis. The team has had a good work out this week and is in better condition than when they played Ridgefield last Saturday. In that game the locals were defeated by the score of 20 to 7. St. Helens was handicapped by having several of their players out of the lineup and were outweighed by the heavy huskies of the Ridgefield school. Close to 100 St. Helens people went over to witness the game.

CHANTERS WILL SING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

The St. Helens Chamber of Commerce Chanters will entertain the people of St. Helens and surrounding country next Friday night, October 28, at 8:00, at the city hall. There are eighteen voices in this chorus and it is expected that the entire aggregation will be present. Some very flattering comment has been heard regarding the performance of the Chanters and they are singing their way into the hearts of the people of this community. No charge is made for this entertainment as it is a get-together occasion, and in addition to the Chanters there will be some talks by interesting talkers. All adults, both men and women, are welcome.

BUDGET PREPARED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Cost of Conducting St. Helens School for Ensuing Year Is \$37,000, a Decrease over Previous Year—Operating Expenses About the Same.

The St. Helens school board (district No. 2) met Monday night and prepared the budget of expenses of the St. Helens schools. In round figures they estimated it would cost about \$37,000 to conduct the schools. Last year the expense was \$43,999, so there is a decrease in expenses of \$6,999. To decrease can be attributed to the fact that this year no additional furniture has been bought and that it was not necessary to expend any money for the school library. Another item which was responsible for a further reduction was the elimination of transportation for pupils living in districts far from St. Helens. Transportation of these pupils entailed an expense of approximately \$2,500 last year, so it is stated. The salaries of the teachers, however, is \$335 more than last year, notwithstanding the fact that wages, like living expenses, have been on the decline during the past year.

The advisory board which met with the directors were J. W. Allen, John Reuben and E. E. Quick. In due time the budget of expenses will be published and there will be a meeting to either ratify or reject it.

CLOSES CONTRACT FOR FAMOUS PICTURE

Patrons of the Liberty theatre will have an opportunity to witness on Sunday and Monday, October 30 and 31, that most wonderful of all photoplays, "The Affairs of Anatol." Manager Cates having closed a contract this week for these dates in St. Helens. Notwithstanding the fact that the contract calls for the payment of \$200 for film rental for two days and a matinee, the admission prices have been fixed at the minimum permitted by the distributors for any playhouse in the United States which is only a slight advance over prevailing prices.

"The Affairs of Anatol," it may be said without fear of successful contradiction, is the most elaborate photoplay ever screened, being an all-star cast with such well-known artists as Gloria Swanson, Agnes Ayres, Bebe Daniels, Wanda Hawley, Polly Martin, Julia Payne, Wallace Reid, Elmo Dexter, Theo. Roberts, Monte Blue, Theo. Kosloff and Raymond Hatton participating. The picture consists of eleven reels, and owing to the extreme length all other features must necessarily be eliminated.

BANKERS MEET AT CLATSKANIE

The regular monthly meeting of the Columbia County Bankers' Association was held at Clatskanie, on Wednesday evening. The Clatskanie State Bank and the First National Bank of Clatskanie entertained the visitors. After a business meeting a dinner was served at the Grand Central Hotel. F. C. Holibaugh, county agricultural agent and F. B. Holbrook, president of the Columbia County Farm Bureau gave short talks dealing with the necessity of co-operation between the bankers and the farmers. St. Helens people who attended were: Sherman Miles, J. E. Hutchinson, Charles Graham, H. A. Childs, Gordon Thompson, Mrs. Madge Deaver, Mr. and Mrs. Kit Conyers, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Long, Miss Lila Hunt, Miss Nellie Burcham, Walden Dillard and Rene DeVin.

G. A. R. VETERAN ANSWERS FINAL CALL

After an illness of short duration C. I. Hazen passed away Monday, October 17 at his home in West St. Helens. Deceased and his family came to Houlton in 1893 and since that time he has made his home there. He was born in Iowa in 1841 and was 80 years old at the time of his death. He was a G. A. R. veteran having served in the Union army for several years. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church and a regular attendant at the services. He is survived by one son, E. E. Hazen of St. John, and a daughter, Mrs. A. J. Kelly of West St. Helens. The funeral was held from the Methodist church in West St. Helens, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Warren.

WILL BUILD BIG WAREHOUSE

The firm of J. L. Williams & Sons, West St. Helens merchants, plan to soon start the construction of a big warehouse which will be located on the S. P. & S. R. R. right-of-way just north of the depot and between the highway and the railroad track. The warehouse will be 25 feet wide and 90 feet in length and the S. P. & S. R. R. company will use a portion of it for a freight warehouse. The warehouse will be so arranged that the freight from cars can be easily transferred to the warehouse and there will be ample space on the west side of the structure for truck and vehicles to load the freight. The building will cost several thousand dollars.

Mrs. Corinne Carnwall of Portland was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Perry.

WEST ST. HELENS

Miss Rose Kibben spent the week end with friends in Portland.

Mrs. A. T. Kibben and daughters Lavinia and Helen visited friends in Portland Thursday.

The directors of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce had their weekly luncheon at the Larabee hotel, Monday.

Agent J. R. Gilby of the S. P. & S. R. refuses to discuss the threatened strike but said, "The animals are being fed and they refuse to perform." Just what he meant—well, it is up to the readers of the Mist to guess.

E. L. Morley had the misfortune to lose his big seven-passenger car by fire Friday night about eight o'clock. He had been out on a trip to Bunker hill and when returning he noticed a flame which suddenly came out from under the foot-board where the ignition system is. He jumped from the car and tried to extinguish the flames, but could not do so and the fire destroyed the car. Only a small amount of insurance was carried, so he suffered quite a loss.

Passenger Business Increases—Local Agent J. R. Gilby, of the S. P. & S. R. R., states to The Mist, that since the new depot has been opened to the public and better and more convenient train service given, the passenger business from the local station has shown a marked increase which he takes as an indication of the appreciation of the public in the company furnishing the present convenient service and modern depot. Both he and the company, he stated, appreciate the additional patronage given.

J. P. R. Congdon, who recently bought the Morley barber shop, announces that the shop will close at six o'clock on Monday and Thursday evenings. On other days the shop will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening, except Saturday when it will stay open until ten o'clock. Mr. Congdon makes a specialty of hair cutting for children and in order to make it an inducement for them to come during the day, he will make a special price of 40c for children's hair cutting every day except Saturday when the price will be 50c. The shop is located in the Kelly building and he is prepared to give good service to all—Advt.

LATE HAPPENINGS ABOUT THE CITY

Basket Social—A basket social will be given by the Nawakamoka Camp Fire Girls, Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, October 27th, in the high school auditorium. A program will be given by the girls and Halloween stunts performed. All are invited to come.

New Subscribers—Every week several new subscribers are added to the Mist's subscription list. Among the new ones this week are: Neal East, of Portland; Ed R. Dorris, of Scappoose; The Riverside Confectionery, St. Helens; Albert Bratherg and J. P. R. Congdon, of West St. Helens.

Don Gray, cashier of the bank at Beaverton was in St. Helens Tuesday being called here as a witness in a case tried at this time of court. Mr. Gray, who is a brother of Von A. Gray of this city, reports that Beaverton is prosperous and he is optimistic as to the future business conditions.

Arrive in New York—Mrs. L. J. VanOrshoven received a telegram Tuesday from her sister, Miss Louise George, announcing the safe arrival of herself and father at New York. Before returning to St. Helens they will stop at several eastern points, but expect to reach home about the end of this month.

Will Move to Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Broughton will move to Portland next week so Mr. Broughton can be nearer his work at the flume and mill on the upper Columbia. They have lived here for a number of years and have many friends who regret to see them leave the community. Captain and Mrs. Orin Shepherd have rented their house and will move in as soon as the Broughtons vacate.

Neal East in Town—Neal East, erstwhile heavy-weight manager of the Liberty theatre in this city, was a visitor here Wednesday. East is now traveling out of Portland for the Famous-Lasky Players corporation and while here succeeded in placing with Manager Cates of the local screen house the "Affairs of Anatol" film, which will be seen at the Liberty theatre, October 30. This photoplay recently closed a successful two weeks run in Portland.

National Laundry Week—The week of October 24th to 29th has been designated as "National 'I've Your Laundry Week.'" The proprietors of laundries throughout the county will expect their patrons to visit their laundries and see how carefully the laundry is handled and the sanitary manner in which the washing is done. E. L. Van Gilder, proprietor of the St. Helens laundry, invites his many patrons to visit the laundry during that week or at any other time and he will take pleasure in explaining how the work is done and the patron of the laundry can gain an idea of the necessary equipment required to operate such a modern plant as Mr. Van Gilder has.

VALUATION GIVES LARGE INCREASE

Assessor's Report Shows an Increase of Valuation of Property in County of Almost 30 Per Cent—Fifteen Million is Assessor's Estimate.

The property is Columbia county is worth two million dollars more in 1921 than it was in 1920, according to the detailed statement of Assessor C. W. Blakesley, which follows. The valuation, according to a statement of Mr. Blakesley, is approximately 75 per cent of the cash value. The total assessed value in 1920 was close to fourteen million dollars. This year it is more than fifteen million dollars, notwithstanding the fact that much timber has been logged. Mr. Blakesley says that he thinks there might have been a mistake in the totaling of "merchandise and stock in trade" which amounted to only \$204,945.00. That amount of merchandise and possibly more, is in the St. Helens stores, and then Deer Island, Goble, Rainier, Mayger, Quincy, Clatskanie, Mist, Birkenfeldt, Kerry, Vermona, Warren, Scappoose, Prescott, Chapman, and several other smaller places have stores. It is a safe guess that not less than one million dollars of merchandise are in the stores in Columbia county. Mr. Blakesley is going to check this item and if a mistake is found he will correct it.

The assessment list as coming from the assessor's office is:

Number of acres of lands, 396,380; value, \$11,037,260.00.
Acres of cultivated lands, 16,088; value, \$1,317,300; value per unit, \$88.10.
Acres of tillable lands, 135,279; value, \$2,340,345; value per unit, \$21.00.
Acres of non-tillable lands, 112,093; value, \$1,045,855; value per unit, \$9.33.
Acres of timbered lands, 133,010; value, \$5,764,980; value per unit, \$43.33.
Mineral reservations, 69,650.
Improvements on deeded lands, \$632,105.00.
Town and city lots, \$763,375.
Improvements on town and city lots, \$802,085.00.
Logging railroads and rolling stock, \$426,970.00.
Boats, manufacturing machinery, etc., \$692,455.00.
Merchandise and stock in trade, \$204,945.00.
Money, notes and accounts and shares of stock, \$163,020.
Farming implements, \$27,430.00.
Hotel and office furniture, \$25,995.00.
Horses and mules, number, 1,978; value \$61,710.00.
Cattle, number, 8,622; value, \$199,660.00.
Sheep and goats, number, 1,578; value, \$4,345.00.
Swine, number, 927; value, \$5,115.00.
Dogs, number, 338; value, \$8,450.
Total, \$15,054,920.00.
Soldiers' and sailors' exemption, \$20,220.00.
Total value of taxable property assessed by assessor, not including public service commission's assessment, made by the state tax commission for 1921, \$15,034,700.00.
Value of taxable property assessed by assessor for the year 1920, \$11,823,555.00.
Value of public service companies apportioned by the state tax commission for 1920, \$1,908,910.00.
Total assessed value for 1920, \$13,732,465.00.

COUNTY SECOND IN SPEEDER ARRESTS

According to reports received by Secretary of State Koser from the courts throughout the state, as required by an act of 1921, fines aggregating \$6,216.56 were assessed against traffic law violators in Oregon during the month of September. A total of 954 traffic violations was reported for the month. Multnomah county heading the list with 546 violations and fines imposed aggregating \$2,242. Columbia county is second on the list with 139 violations and \$1,593 fines. Of the arrests for traffic law violations 89 are directly traceable to the state traffic squad. Sixteen of Oregon's 36 counties either had no traffic violations or failed to make the monthly report.

That the fines imposed in Columbia county were much heavier than in Multnomah can be ascertained by the simple matter of using the arithmetic and long division. For instance, Multnomah had 546 arrests and \$2,242 in fines, an average of \$4.11 per violator while Columbia county with 139 violations had \$1,593 in fines, an average of \$10.80. From this it is apparent that one of two things is true; either the Multnomah officials are inclined to leniency or the Columbia judges are far from having such ideas.

FINES LEVIED ON GAME VIOLATORS

John Sirmio, who was arrested by Deputy Game Warden Brown when found fishing without a license, was fined \$25 in Judge Hazen's court Tuesday and William Tetro drew a similar fine for hunting without a license. Alfred Johnson, who was spearing salmon in Scappoose creek, was let off by Judge Hazen on account of his youthful age. The judge, however, gave the young man a reprimand and admonished him to obey the law hereafter, which Alfred promised to do.