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C. OF C. MINSTREL SHOW MAKES HIT

Local Talent Pleases Hundreds in "Small Town Big Minstrel" Show—Theatre Crowded both Nights of Performance—May be Repeated.

That the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce Chanters' minstrel show which was on the boards at the Liberty theatre Tuesday and Wednesday nights was a real good minstrel show can be attested to by the 800 people who saw the black-face comedians perform. The show house was filled for both performances and the S. R. O. sign was hung out early Tuesday evening when it was apparent that more people wanted tickets than there were seats in the theatre. The show was repeated Wednesday evening and the show house was again filled with people who evidently enjoyed the performance and the jokes of the "niggers."

The solos were exceptionally good and the five-piece orchestra added much to the program with their splendid accompaniments and jazzy music. Dr. James T. Martin was the musical director. Miss Bessie Hatt, pianist, and Walter Freeman, the violinist. John Denning was right there with the trap drums and Wade Rutherford with his \$500 saxophone, and C. C. Turner who played the 'cello rounded out an orchestra which couldn't be beat.

The credit for the successful performance is due to the untiring efforts of J. G. Nauman who originated the show and to Mrs. Nauman who had charge of the stage settings and designs. Both of them were so enthusiastic as to the show that the minstrel boys caught the spirit and worked hard to make a success as Mr. and Mrs. Nauman wished for.

One of the pleasing features of the show were the dainty "coons" Bob Naurian and Sweeney Morton, Jr. Master Bob, attired in the gorgeous minstrel costume, pleased the audience with his solo, "I Know What It Means to Be Lonesome," and responding to an encore, Master Sweeney joined him in singing "Ma." The performance of these two "coons" pleased everyone and brought a storm of applause. They were forced to respond to repeated encores.

It was a mighty good show and there were so many "stars" that The Mist will not mention any of them except to say that all of the troupe were stars and there is a possibility that the show may be repeated. The program was:

- Interlocutor..... S. C. Morton
- Pages—Sweeney Morton, Jr. and Bob Nauman
- End Men—Joe Nauman, Jack Gilby, Hally Heacock, Rufus Coates
- INTRODUCTION
- "Oregon"—Bob Blackburn, Jr., Kate Lynch
- Overture..... "Strut Miss Lizzie"
- Rufus Coates..... "Under Southern Skies"
- Will Russell..... "Silver Sands of Love"
- Jack Gilby..... "Little 'Liza Jane"
- Maurice Richardson..... "Wyoming Lullaby"
- Joe Nauman..... "Rambling Blues"
- Sam Ingham..... "What God Made Mother For"
- Hally Heacock..... "Ma"
- J. V. A. Farnell..... "Silver Threads Among the Gold"
- Bob Nauman..... "I Know What It Means to Be Lonesome"
- The Company..... "Geo"

INTERMISSION

- Orchestra..... Overture
- Dr. Jas. Martin..... Selected
- OLIO
- Rufus Coates and His Ledger of Laughter
- Hally Heacock and Bob Blackburn, Jr. in "Rip's Awakening"
- Billie Brown—Aerial Rings, Jazz Bones, Mouth Harpist Extraordinary

THE GRAND FINALE

- "Uncle Remus' Birthday"
- Singing those dear Old Negro Melodies and closing with the Virginia Reel "As Is" introducing
- Hally Heacock..... Joe Nauman
- Billie Brown
- Buck and Wing Dancers—"Let 'er Buck"

- BOYS..... GIRLS
- Roy Gill..... Bob Nauman
- P. O. Young..... Billy Brown
- J. R. Gilby..... Hally Heacock
- R. W. Murphy..... Sam Ingham
- Bob Blackburn, Jr..... Maurice Richardson
- Rufus Coates.....
- Sweeney Morton..... Kit Conyers
- J. V. A. Farnell..... Joe Nauman
- S. C. Morton..... Will Russell
- Fiddler—P. J. O'Malley

GOOD NIGHT

SUNSET THEATRE OPENS SATURDAY

On Saturday evening the Sunset theatre in West St. Helens will open after having been closed for several months. A. C. Gray, Jr. bought the show house and has booked a number of good plays. The film productions are furnished by the Universal Film company and are high class productions. Mr. Gray stated. He plans to have shows on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week and will endeavor to secure only high class screen productions.

YEARLY REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report of Librarian Indicates That Public is Taking More Interest in Public Institution

That more interest is being taken in the St. Helens public library and that more people are taking advantage of the facilities of the library is indicated in the following report of the librarian which covers the activities for the year 1921.

Total circulation books and magazines.....	13,193
Largest daily circulation.....	95
No. people reading in library.....	3,999
No. people visiting library.....	15,529
No. books in library.....	1,311
Volumes added during year.....	326
Gifts.....	209
Purchased.....	117
No. new borrowers.....	397
Amt. collected for fines on overdue books.....	\$8.88
Amt. collected for rent on popular fiction.....	\$38.55
Amt. collected for lost books.....	\$ 7.35

BRIEF HAPPENINGS ABOUT THE CITY

Entertains S. S. Class.—Mrs. L. G. Ross entertained fifteen members of her Sunday school class at a dinner at the Larabee hotel in West St. Helens Wednesday evening, a treat that was much enjoyed and appreciated by the class.

Annual Meeting.—The stockholders of the St. Helens Co-Operative Creamery association will hold their annual meeting in the Methodist church on Saturday, January 14th and dinner will be served by the Ladies' Aid Society in the basement of the church, according to notices sent the stockholders by G. W. Mills, secretary of the association.

Ford Car Sales.—Manager Guy Fieldhouse reports the following recent sales of Ford cars. Pete Maracci bought a touring car, Miss Virginia Kiblan, a coupe and Thomas Roy a truck. He has five or six orders booked which called for delivery during the month. Mr. Fieldhouse believes the prospects are excellent for a good business this year.

Joint Installation.—St. Helens Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F. and Rebekah Lodge, No. 217, had a joint installation Thursday night. The lodge hall was well filled with members of the three links fraternity, many of whom came from a distance to be present at the installation. After the installation ceremonies members and guests assembled around the table in the banquet hall and partook of a bountiful spread which was furnished by the Rebekahs.

Birthday Party.—Miss Adelle Hitchman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hitchman celebrated her tenth birthday by having fifteen of her young friends as guests at a party. Games were played and afterwards delightful refreshments were served. A long table in the St. Helens Hotel dining room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, was loaded with the best of everything to eat and the young guests heartily enjoyed the afternoon's entertainment.

Stork Brings Little Girl.—The stork made another of his periodical visits to St. Helens Monday and left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Murphy a healthy little girl who tipped the scales at an even six pounds. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely and the father while unable to work on Monday, recovered sufficient composure of mind to enable him to take his part in the Chanters' minstrel show. He was disappointed, however, that his daughter was unable to attend the show and see just how "daddy" acted on the stage.

Wins Prize.—The Portland Telegram is running a series of advertisements on certain home products. The paper invited the school children of Oregon to write a prose or jingle about any ad. Miss Marion Morton of St. Helens accepted the offer and wrote a jingle about a well known article which was advertised. Thursday she received a \$2 check from the Telegram saying that she had won the fourth prize in the contest. She says she will try again and hopes to be first among the nine prize winners, but she is happy that she scored fourth among the hundreds of school children of Oregon who submitted jingles.

Early Morning Fire.—The residence owned by Charles White and occupied by William Corwin and family caught fire Monday morning at about 8 o'clock. A defective flue caused the fire and the damage to the building was nominal. The household goods of the Corwin's were removed from the building without loss since the fire was smoldering in the upper story. The volunteer fire department was on the scene in a few minutes after the alarm sounded, Ben Copeland at the wheel of the fire truck, having lost no time in starting the engine and having the truck ready when the boys came. They soon extinguished the fire and worked as veteran firemen.

Miss Hazel Brittain accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Emma Brittain, came down from Portland last night to attend the joint installation of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs. Miss Brittain was chief operator in the St. Helens telephone office until a few months ago when she was promoted to a more responsible position in the general offices of the phone company in Portland.

INTERESTING NOTES OF COUNTY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Wilkerson Tells of School Activities in Columbia County.

The eighth grade state examinations were held in a few of the school districts of the county on Thursday and Friday of this week. May is the month in which the greater number of eighth grade pupils take the state examination in Columbia county.

Boys' and girls' club work is receiving an impetus at this time. The county superintendent will have the assistance of Mr. Hollibaugh, the county agent, in the promotion of club work in the schools this year. In fact, Mr. Hollibaugh will have charge of the calf and pig clubs.

The first local institute of the present school year will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, February 4th. A large attendance of teachers is expected since on this date plans for the county field meet and county essay and declamation contests will be made.

The parent-teachers organization of St. Helens held a special meeting on Wednesday afternoon of this week. A good program was prepared and refreshments served. The organization is very active in its efforts to induce all under-nourished children to drink plenty of milk, and as a means of furthering this program, children who are not able to purchase milk are furnished the milk free of charge.

The school at Birkenfeld will be standardized on the evening of January 20th. Superintendent J. A. Churchill of Salem will be present and deliver an address. The teachers and the school board have taken a great deal of interest in providing the requirements necessary for standardization. It will be an occasion that will count for something in the school life of the Birkenfeld school.

Twenty-four teachers took the examinations for certificates at St. Helens during the third week in December, and with one or two exceptions, all of them passed very creditably. An official report will be sent to the teachers from the state department of education about January 20th.

The county superintendent, with the assistance of the teachers, will issue a county annual of the schools of Columbia county near the end of the present school year. Thus far, no such year book has ever been published in the state and this one if properly edited should prove very helpful to our schools.

Some of the voters of the Quincy school district have petitioned the school board to call an election for the purpose of contracting a bonded indebtedness to erect a new school building. There is vital need of a good school building in the Quincy district and the matter of the selection of a site should not longer stand in the way of the educational progress of the children there.

The Prescott school has over fifty pupils in attendance at the present time. Miss Ruth Halsted, the teacher, is perhaps the hardest worked teacher in the county. The school board has recently built a one-room addition to the old building and the teacher and pupils are now very comfortably situated.

The state dental association under the direction of the state department of education will, within the next two months, offer several hundred dollars in prizes to the school children of the state for essays on the following subjects: Fifth and sixth grades—The teeth and their relation to good health; Seventh and eighth grades—Health and happiness through good care of the teeth. In Columbia county one prize of ten dollars will be offered for the best essays in each division.

ST. HELENS HIGH DEFEATS HOME TEAM

Smarter under the 42 to 12 defeat handed them Friday evening by Washington high school basketball club, the St. Helens high quintet went on the floor of the auditorium Saturday night determined to score a victory over the town team and they did it, the score being 32 to 23 in favor of the "hi" team. The town team showed a lack of practice and the fighting spirit of the "Hi" team was much in evidence, in fact the game, at times, reminded one of a football contest and many fouls were made by members of the school team which Referee Rene DeVin did not see. The high school team showed a wonderful improvement in form and playing and if they keep up the pace it will take a very strong team to beat them.

PEACE DOLLAR MAKES APPEARANCE

Von Gray, so far as is known, is the only person in St. Helens to possess one of the new Peace Dollars. It was sent to him by one of the big wholesale jewelry houses in Chicago, who stated that they had been able to secure only 200 of these coins on account of so limited a number being coined. The new dollar is a wonderful sample of the silversmith's art. The "Liberty Head" stands out in a raised figure and the American eagle on the reverse side of the dollar is a work of art. Under the eagle appears the word "peace" and the date 1921. Mr. Gray has the dollar on exhibition in the window of his jewelry store and it has attracted much attention.

ISLAND MILL MAY RESUME OPERATION

Date of Opening Depends Upon the Weather and Future Market Conditions.

It is planned to start up the Island Lumber Company mill early in February according to a statement of H. F. McCormick, president of the company. The date when the mill will resume operation has not been definitely decided upon and depends on weather and market conditions, but at the present time both seem favorable and there is no reason to doubt but that the mill will start up in February. Mr. McCormick said.

The mill which is situated on the point of Sauvie Island just across the Willamette slough from St. Helens, has been idle since early in 1921. Its average daily capacity is 80,000 feet and when in operation furnished employment to sixty or seventy men. Most of the lumber is shipped by water.

DEMONSTRATION OF PRUNING TOMORROW

County Agent F. C. Hollibaugh will hold a pruning demonstration on the Theodore Karth farm near Yankton tomorrow, Saturday, January 14, at 1 o'clock p. m. It is expected that a number of the farmers of that vicinity will be present to witness the demonstration.

The county agent says that now is the time to prune fruit trees. "A general thinning out is usually better than a severe cutting back. All cuttings should be burned and not left on the ground or piled up in a corner. Quite often diseased wood is cut off and serves as a hatching ground for insect pests," Mr. Hollibaugh stated. He is anxious to cooperate with the fruit growers of Columbia county to secure the best possible results and in addition to his duties as county agent he will take up the work of county fruit inspector and render such aid as is within his power to help the fruit growers to raise better fruit and more of it. "Columbia county is a splendid fruit country," Mr. Hollibaugh stated, "but we must take better care of our orchards if we expect to produce good fruit."

ST. HELENS BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

Financial Institutions Make a Good Showing and Annual Dividends are Declared—Officers Elected to serve for Ensuing Year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia County Bank was held Thursday afternoon. Reports submitted as to the affairs of the bank were satisfactory to the stockholders and a dividend of 16 per cent on the par value of the stock was declared. The stockholders elected as directors, Sherman Miles, Martin White, J. W. Day, L. G. Ross and Charles Graham. The directors elected Sherman Miles as president; Martin White, vice president; J. E. Hutchinson, cashier, and Mrs. Midge Deaver and Mrs. K. C. Conyers as assistant cashiers.

On the same afternoon the stockholders of the First National Bank met. The same board of directors was elected and the officers are: Charles Graham, president; Sherman Miles, vice president; H. A. Childs, cashier, and Gordon Thompson, assistant cashier. The usual dividend was declared.

Both banks report a good business for the past year and with conditions improving they expect a better business during the year 1922.

CLERK'S OFFICE SHOWS COUNTY A PROFIT

County Clerk Hunt has completed his annual report of the work of his office. The number of instruments filed in the clerk's office during 1921 were 2766 and the fees collected amounted to \$5,806.47. The net expense of the office for the year was \$5,438.80 and leaves a profit to the county of \$367.77. The dog tax collected was \$409 and this sum is placed in a special fund for the protection of domestic animals. The game fees collected and reported to the state treasurer amounted to \$983.87.

Naturally Mr. Hunt is pleased with the excellent showing made by his office and the fact that in addition to being self-sustaining, there is a little surplus of profit to turn into the county treasury.

"MOONSHINE" POURED INTO COLUMBIA RIVER

Thursday morning was vault-cleaning time over at the court house and Sheriff Wellington and Deputies Abbott and Hatfield made a clean up of the wines and liquors taken in raids, the cases having been settled. One lot of wine of about 500 gallons which was seized when the farm of P. Maracel was raided, was poured into the river and was followed by a steady stream of moonshine whiskey. Demijohns, jugs, gallon containers, quart and pint bottles were broken and the contents went into the river. Between 1200 and 1800 gallons of the stuff was dumped out and it is estimated that at the prevailing retail prices, close to \$25,000 worth of the stuff was destroyed.

CIRCUIT COURT TO CONVENE MONDAY

First Day is Naturalization Day and Twenty Applicants for Citizenship.

Paulsen Cattle Case Will be Heard Several Other Cases on Docket.

Circuit court, Judge Eaken presiding, will convene on Monday, January 16th. The first day is naturalization day and there are some 20 applicants for citizenship. A number applied for citizenship some time ago but Judge Eaken instructed them to become better acquainted with the fundamental principles of this government and when they had done this to come again for examination.

On January 17, Tuesday, the case set for hearing is that of Edith M. Kelley vs. George W. Kelley. The plaintiff is suing for a divorce and is represented by Attorney J. W. Day and Glen R. Metsker represents the defendant.

Two other cases are also to be heard on this day, but by motion only and both are divorce cases. B. Trindle vs. C. F. Trindle and Constance Ellis vs. H. C. Ellis.

On Wednesday the case of B. Paulsen and Louise Paulsen vs. Charles Bernard, E. Stipe and A. Ziller and the case of Charles Bernard and E. Stipe vs. C. D. Paulsen are scheduled to be heard. These cases are the well known "Paulsen cattle cases" which have been in the court from time to time and apparently is a case where one party claims something which another party claims and each go to the court. It is expected that the case will bring out some interesting facts.

DOG TAX LEGAL COURT DECLARES

The Oregon supreme court has handed down a decision declaring the dog tax law to be constitutional and owners of canines will be compelled to pay their licenses within 30 days under penalty of having their animals destroyed.

The license fee is \$1 for male and \$2 for female dogs. In return for these fees owners are entitled to free collars for their dogs. For failure to obtain the proper dog license the owner may be fined in an amount not to exceed \$10 and the costs of the prosecution. The state dog tax law was enacted in 1920, but the constitutionality of the act was subsequently attacked.

County Clerk Hunt has a supply of dog collars and license tags and he advises all dog owners to send in their application for licenses. The collar and tag will be promptly mailed or delivered to those who come to the office of the clerk. Deputy Veazie will have charge of this work and he promises prompt and satisfactory service to both the owner and the dog. So if you value your dog better get the license right now.

CONGREGATIONALISTS ELECT OFFICERS

The annual election of officers of the Plymouth Congregational church took place Saturday evening, January 7th, and the following officers were chosen: Mrs. Thomas Isbister, trustee; Mrs. W. B. Dillard, clerk; H. A. Childs, treasurer; P. O. Young, superintendent of the Sunday School; Edwin Ross, assistant superintendent; Edwin Ross and P. L. Adams were elected deacons and Mrs. Edwin Ross and Mrs. John L. Starla, deaconesses. Annabelle Isbister was elected Sunday School secretary and treasurer.

The business meeting was preceded by a fellowship supper and was attended by members and their families to the number of more than a hundred. An interesting program of after dinner speeches was carried out, Mrs. W. B. Dillard being the toastmaster. The general theme was that St. Helens needs its churches and the churches need men. Those who responded with appropriate and well received talks were, Dr. Edwin Ross, Prof. Harold Tuttle, Peter Adams, H. A. Childs, J. L. Foote and Mrs. Thomas Isbister.

CLATSKANIE PIONEER ANSWERS LAST CALL

Adam Barr died at his home in Clatskanie on New Year's night at 11:55 o'clock, death being due to his advanced age. He was 86 years, 1 month and 9 days of age at the time of his death. Adam Barr was born in 1835 in Gochen, Ohio. He crossed the plains in 1853 with his parents settling in the Clatskanie valley where he has lived continuously. He made several trips across the plains returning at one time by water around Cape Horn. He was married in 1865 in Ohio to Miss Sarah Sagle. Five children were born to this union, Mrs. Lucretia Rice, deceased; John A. Barr, of Clatskanie; Mary Seffert, of Deer Island; William J. Barr, of Clatskanie, and James A. Barr, of Clatskanie. Ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive; also two brothers, William Barr and Jos. Barr of Clatskanie. Funeral services were held in the Pioneer Methodist church, January 3, Rev. Ebert officiating.

Sales of gasoline in Oregon during the month of November, 1921, exceeded those of the same month a year ago by 79,416 gallons, according to a statement compiled by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. Distillate sales showed an increase of 79,709 gallons.

SHIPPING BRISK FOR THIS WEEK

Several Vessels Load Offshore and Coastwise Lumber Cargoes and Longshoremen Kept Busy—Shipments Will Total 7,000,000 Feet.

This week has been a busy one along the waterfront and more than 100 longshoremen have been kept busy loading the several vessels which were or are in port. The steamer Daisy Putnam sailed Tuesday night for San Pedro after taking on a cargo of 500,000 feet of lumber. The steamer Kirkpatrick is taking on a cargo of 1,000,000 feet and is scheduled to sail Saturday evening. Two shipping board steamers, Sealander was due last night and will take 1,200,000 feet for New York delivery. The Japanese steamer Holland Maru was due last night, coming for a consignment of two million feet for the orient. The Kinkassan Maru arrived Sunday and will leave tomorrow or Monday, with cargo from St. Helens is 2,000,000 feet of timber and also about 300 tons of scrap steel.

The steamer Yapanama was scheduled to come to St. Helens Saturday but the orders were changed and Joseph Maxfield who has charge of the shipping department here for the McCormick S. S. company, says that the vessel might not arrive until Sunday. He also expects the Celtic in during the early part of the week. The steamer Frank Stout is expected today, according to Mr. Maxfield, and will load 950,000 feet of lumber for San Pedro. Shipments for the week, including the cargo of the Multnomah which sailed Sunday night, will total close to seven million feet, Mr. Maxfield said.

"THE OLD NEST" IS COMING TO LIBERTY

The great cry has gone up from the public to the theatres for worthwhile pictures and "The Old Nest," which comes to the Liberty on Thursday and Friday of next week will answer that cry. It is a genuine American photoplay—a story of mother love and self-sacrifice common to every family the world over. There is humor and there are tears in the plain tale of daily life as we all know it. Of "The Old Nest" an eminent movie critic says, "If you like to laugh, if you enjoy a gentle weeping spell, if you want to see yourself, your brothers and sisters, your father and your mother on the screen, go and see this picture."

While "The Old Nest" is gripping, it has an altogether different hold on the emotions than the usual thriller. There isn't one melodramatic scene—yet this picture holds the audience more strongly than any melodrama ever filmed. In brief, it is a picture America has been waiting for.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON HIGHWAY

When the touring car of Max Levin skidded on the frost coated surface of the R. Miller hill, the car plunged over the high embankment. The accident occurred about noon Wednesday. The car rolled over three times and landed in a ravine fifty feet below the roadway. Passing motorists came to the assistance of the injured and took them from the wrecked car. Mr. Levin was rushed to Portland in an ambulance and given surgical attention but he was so badly injured that he died soon after reaching the hospital. Mrs. Levin was seriously injured but the prospects are that she will recover. Another occupant of the car escaped injury. The frosty pavement was the cause of the car skidding, it is reported.

LEGION INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The recently elected officers of Columbia Post 42, American Legion were installed Monday night at a meeting of the Legion which was attended by 35 members. Walden Dillard was installed as commander; Harry Kuitz, vice commander; William Russell, adjutant; J. P. Clancy, chaplain and James Baker, historian. During this year Columbia Post plans to give a series of entertainments the first of which will be a smoker and will be held in the near future. A campaign for membership is also to be inaugurated and the officers of the post hope to see the membership roll increased to not less than 100 this year. The present membership is about 60.

PARENT-TEACHERS HAVE MEETING

The St. Helens Parent-Teachers' held a meeting at the school house on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Thomas Isbister, president of the association, presided at the meeting. Interesting and instructive talks were made by Dr. L. G. Ross, Dr. Edwin Ross and Martin White. It was decided to continue the program outlined by the Parent-Teachers' association to furnish milk to the many pupils of the school who apparently needed such nourishment.

After the business session the ladies of the association served refreshments to the 100 persons present.

St. Helens vs. Forest Grove, Saturday night—basketball.