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LAND CLEARING DAY A SUCCESS

Crowd of Over 300 Witness Stump Burning Demonstration Staged by Oregon Agricultural College Professor and County Agent.

That the farmers and business men of Columbia county can be gotten together whenever there is anything really worth while, was indicated by the crowd of over three hundred that attended the stump burning and stump pulling demonstration on the P. C. Jacobsen farm last Friday. This demonstration is a Farm Bureau project and was under the supervision of County Agent Hollibaugh, with Professor Scudder of the Oregon Agricultural College as demonstrator.

Although the day was cold and rainy people came from almost every section of the county, and in view of the intense interest shown by the people under such adverse circumstances, Prof. Scudder promised that Columbia county should have three of these demonstrations instead of two as originally planned. Prof. Scudder explained that in most of the counties only one demonstration is pulled off, but the need for efficient and economical removal of stumps is so apparent in Columbia county that when the Farm Bureau promised to finance the third demonstration, the college agreed to have Prof. Scudder here. One of these demonstrations will be at Deleena on the A. H. Giger farm, February 18, and the third one will be in the Nehalem valley at a place and date to be announced later.

Twenty-five business men from St. Helens, many of whom are Farm Bureau members, attended in a body.

The method whereby the stumps are burned up, even all the roots, is simplicity itself, but it requires intelligent care and attention to make it a perfect success. One of the merits claimed for the method is that it permits the farmer to carry on his regular work and the stump burning day and night until every root is eaten up. The equipment consists of a small heavily reinforced cast iron stove, a hood, a couple of stovepipe lengths and a ten-foot iron pipe two inches in diameter.

Prof. Scudder stated that in one demonstration they had burned 97 stumps and immediately afterwards the ground was plowed and only three small roots had to be removed with a grub hoe. He said that if at least ninety per cent of the roots were not removed by this method it was assumed that proper care and attention had not been given. The virtue claimed for this method over the old char pitting method lies in the fact that four out of five fires started under the old method would die out, whereas under the improved system the stove insured getting the burning started and would keep it burning until the stump was entirely consumed. He said that one man could look after five hundred burning stumps at one time.

The ladies served a very fine dinner at the Grange Hall to the large crowd. After dinner there were short remarks by L. G. Smith, president of the Farm Bureau, John L. Stora, secretary of the Farm Bureau, Judge White and Glen R. Metker. Prof. Scudder then addressed the assembly for forty-five minutes on stump burning, after which the demonstration was continued for several hours on the actual stumps.

County Agent Hollibaugh announces to The Mist that he has arranged for a land clearing demonstration at the Meis farm which is a half mile west of Mist, on Saturday, February 25. The demonstration will be a cooperative one as both the Clatsop county and Columbia county farm bureaus are working together on the program. The demonstration will be under the supervision of Professor Scudder of the Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. Hollibaugh states that the farmers of the Nehalem country are much interested in the demonstration and it is certain there will be many in attendance from both Columbia and Clatsop counties. A good lunch for the small sum of 25c will be served at noon by the ladies of Mist.

RED CROSS CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS

At their meeting Wednesday evening, the executive committee and members of the Columbia Chapter of the Red Cross elected the following officers: Walden Dillard, president; Mrs. L. G. Ross, vice president; Mrs. Golden Starr Scott, secretary and Mrs. R. L. Deaver, treasurer. It was decided that the membership campaign would not be pressed until more favorable weather conditions exist. The executive committee expressed their pleasure at the favorable showing made in the Red Cross work, as indicated by the comprehensive report which was submitted by the secretary. It was the general opinion that the Red Cross Chapter for the county should be continued and many members pledged their moral and financial support towards carrying on the good work. Another meeting will be held in the near future and plans outlined for the year's work.

The auxiliary of the American Legion will meet at the residence of Mrs. L. L. Decker Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock according to a notice sent out by Mrs. Harry Kurtz, secretary of the auxiliary.

BRIEF HAPPENINGS ABOUT THE CITY

No Meeting of Council.—Monday being a legal holiday there was no meeting of the city council. Only the ordinary grist of routine matters were to be heard and they will be taken up at the regular meeting on Monday night.

Slight Mishap at Mill.—A broken cog in one of the wheels on the main conveyor chains at the mill of the St. Helens Lumber Co. Thursday morning caused the mill to shut down for several hours. The mill mechanics repaired the broken part and the mill resumed operation at 1 o'clock Thursday.

Four Ls Meet Friday.—The regular meeting of the local of Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen will be held in the Stevedores' hall Friday night at 8 p. m. Several topics will be discussed including the efficiency of the hospital doctor service. Portland speakers will be present and a lunch will be served.

Commissioner Weed Is Better.—County Commissioner Judson Weed, in a letter to The Mist says that he is improving from a severe attack of rheumatism, although his physician says he must not leave his residence for the coming several weeks. Mr. Weed wishes to be remembered to his many St. Helens friends and wished The Mist to thank the many who have written letters to him.

More Pheasants Coming.—Deputy Game Warden William Brown has received word from the state game and fish commission that a shipment of six dozen China pheasants will be sent him and they will be liberated on farms in different localities in the county. Mr. Brown asks the farmers of the county to notify him or the sheriff's office if they discover any one shooting these birds before the hunting season opens.

Two Eggs in One.—Raymond Garcia who resides in the Railroad addition section of the city believes it is profitable to raise White Leghorn hens. They are great layers, he said, and some of them are not satisfied with laying only one egg a day. One of his hens recently laid an egg which was a curiosity. While the egg was of normal size and contained a yolk and white, it also contained a smaller egg which had a shell equally as hard as the larger egg. The smaller egg also contained a yolk and white.

Birthday Party.—Muriel Mae Ingham entertained a number of her friends on Monday, February 13, the event being in honor of her sixth birthday. A Trolley Ride party was carried out, ending with refreshments. The table decorations were in red and white. Those invited were: Nancy Hudson, Evelyn Levi, Dorothy West, Dorothy Cook, Echo Rawlins, Roberta Johnson, Mary Terbell, Natalie Terbell, Muriel Ingham, Miss Gladys Pringle, John Ross, James Neff, John Coates, Kenneth Pennington, Lyle Usher, Clifford Ingham.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Mason Dillard, a well known St. Helens boy, was elected to membership in Hammer and Coffin yesterday. Hammer and Coffin is a national honorary publishing society, and it is considered a distinguished honor to be a member. Dillard won the place as a result of meritorious work on the advertising staff of the Lemon Punch, university humorous publication. He is a junior in the school of law, a member of Delta Theta Phi, law fraternity, and a member of Delta Tau Delta. He is the son of W. B. Dillard of St. Helens.

Moose Dance at Rainier.—The Loyal Order of Moose will have a big dance at Rainier tomorrow night, February 18. A five-piece orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music and C. T. Bross, one of the prominent members of the Moose lodge says that a large crowd is expected. Two years ago there was a Moose lodge in St. Helens and later they transferred their membership to the Rainier lodge. It is expected that a number of the Moose members who reside here will journey to Rainier for the dance. Mr. Bross says that every one will be welcome for while the dance is given under the auspices of the Moose the attendees is not confined to Moose members or families or friends of the antlered herd.

CHANTERS TO SHOW AT WAUNA, FEB. 22

The St. Helens Chamber of Commerce Chanters Minstrels will go to Wauna, Wednesday evening, February 22 and stage a big minstrel show. Practically the same minstrels, soloists and feature men who took part in the big production staged here last month will journey to Wauna as well as the orchestra. Joseph Nauman, business manager of the chanters was in Wauna Sunday and made arrangements for the staging of the show. Several of the Wauna people will take part in the show and the jokes will be all local. Mr. Nauman said that several Wauna people attended the show when it was staged in St. Helens and insisted that it come to Wauna. It is likely that a number of St. Helens people will accompany the minstrel troupe to Wauna.

Misses Rose Adams and Holly Hammer were hostesses at a Valentine party Wednesday evening. A large number of young people were invited. Games were played and dainty refreshments served.

FIREMEN GOOD BOYS SAYS MARSHAL POTTER

Volunteer Fire Department Composed of High Class Boys Says the Marshal Who Organized Department—Duty is First Thought.

Marshal George Potter nor the boys who compose the St. Helens volunteer fire department do not appreciate the stories which have been circulated as to the club room of the department being a place where gambling, smoking and other vices were indulged in and that the club room is used for any other purpose than that for which it was intended.

Potter maintains that he has gathered together sixteen high class youths, all of them St. Helens high school boys. He and they contend that as an organization, they have done their best towards fulfilling the duties and obligations expected of them. They point, and with pardonable pride, to the record they have made in fire fighting and taking care of the city's fire fighting apparatus.

The stories that have been circulated as to gambling being carried on in the club room, is false, so eight of the sixteen members of the department informed The Mist. "It is true," they said, "that we have a pool table and we enjoy using it, but we cannot see where there is any harm in playing pool. We do not play for stakes but to show our skill and have an enjoyable time when we are not at school or working. There has been no gambling here and moreover, no gambling will be permitted. We are not gamblers and don't intend to gamble. Our department was originated solely for the purpose of giving St. Helens people better fire protection, and we will do it."

The Mist is a near neighbor of the "fire boys" and so far as we know, there has never been any disorderly conduct in the firemen's club rooms. However, we will say that they have made an enviable record as a fire fighting department and it is our belief that they should be encouraged in the work they have undertaken.

Marshal Potter said: "I believe I have gotten a good bunch of boys together and I want to hold them together and if the only bad habit they have is playing pool on a table they bought themselves, I'll say they're a bunch of good boys. There are sixteen in my firemen's bunch and I'm glad I have them and proud of each one of them."

After hearing the numerous stories circulated as to the use of the firemen's room and the card playing, smoking, etc., etc., which were included in by the members of the department, a representative of The Mist made an investigation and had interviews with a number of the boys and it is the opinion of The Mist that any rumors of any conduct unbecoming of gentlemen is false so far as any member of the St. Helens fire department is concerned. The Mist hopes the department will be continued and congratulates the members on the good showing they have made.

ISLAND MILL STARTS OPERATION MONDAY

Necessary Repairs Completed and Mill Will "Turn Over" Today—Officials Expect to Have Mill in Operation by Monday.

After having been idle for almost a year, the sawmill of the Island Lumber Company will again resume operation. A force of mechanics have been overhauling the plant and getting it in good condition for a steady run and officials of the company inform The Mist that it is expected to "turn over" the machinery today and if everything works satisfactorily, it is expected to have the mill running full blast by Monday at the latest.

The mill, which is located on Sauze Island, has a capacity of 90,000 feet in eight hours and will give employment to sixty or seventy men. The output of the mill is shipped mostly by boat and it is understood that sufficient orders have been booked to insure the operation of the mill for some time.

SOUTHEAST STORM; MORE RAIN IS DUE

Storm warning were continued at all Oregon and Washington coast stations today in anticipation of more southeast gales, which swept the North Pacific coast Wednesday afternoon and night and attained a velocity of 52 miles from the east at Tatoosh island station and 48 miles at the North Head station.

At 8 o'clock this morning North Head reported that a wind velocity of 36 miles was being maintained and with a falling barometer the storm is expected to continue probably until night.

The storm has brought rain to Western Oregon and the local weather bureau station reported a fall of one-half an inch up to 5 o'clock this morning. More rain is forecasted.

His many friends in St. Helens will regret to learn that E. S. Larsen, owner of the Larsen store here, is seriously ill at his home in Portland. Henry Larsen was in Portland Sunday and stated to The Mist that he was alarmed at his father's condition.

SHIPPING IS BRISK FOR THIS WEEK

Jap Steamer Takes Cargo for the Orient and Two Cargoes Go to California—Several Vessels Expected During the Coming Week.

The waterfront has been a busy place this week and several vessels have arrived, taken on cargoes and departed for coastwise or foreign ports. The steamer Daisy Matthews sailed Tuesday night for San Pedro after having taken on 1,200,000 feet of lumber. The Jap steamer Clyde Maru, with 1,350,000 feet of squares for delivery in the orient, sailed on Thursday morning. The coaster Daisy Putnam arrived on Wednesday morning and is taking on a cargo of 890,000 feet for San Diego and San Pedro. The vessel is scheduled to sail Monday night.

The McCormick steamer Multanah sailed from San Francisco last night bound for Portland with a capacity cargo of freight and is due to the St. Helens Tuesday morning for a full load of lumber for San Pedro. Among the arrivals booked for next week is the Cold Harbor which is coming for 1,000,000 feet of lumber to be delivered at New York and Boston.

The steamer Cellio is due to arrive Monday to take on 150,000 feet of lumber to complete her cargo and is scheduled to sail Tuesday evening.

Weekly Lumber Review

One hundred and thirty-four mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending February 11th, manufactured 79,553,969 feet of lumber; sold 69,847,390 feet; and shipped 68,450,609 feet.

Production was only 11 per cent below normal. New business was 12 per cent below production. Shipments were two per cent less than new business.

Forty-five per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future delivery by water. This amounted to 31,147,309 feet of which 20,747,229 feet will move coastwise and intercoastal; and 10,400,080 feet will move export. New business for delivery by rail amounted to 1,290 carloads.

Forty-three per cent of the week's lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 29,450,609 feet, of which the domestic clearances accounted for 17,896,705 feet and the over-seas clearances 11,553,904 feet. Rail shipments amounted to 1,309 cars.

Unfilled domestic cargo orders total 104,468,313 feet; and unfilled export orders, 91,629,737 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders total 4,287 carloads.

WATER BOARD CONSIDERS TRANSFER

The board of water commissioners held their regular meeting Thursday night. In addition to the regular routine of business matters the board took under consideration the proposition of Henry Olsen to transfer to the St. Helens Water Board the water pumping system, mains and water system which he owns in Columbia City.

ANNUAL ROLL CALL OF AVON LODGE

Large Attendance Expected at Twenty-Eighth Annual Roll Call, Tuesday, Feb. 21—Committee Has Made Arrangements for Enjoyable Time

That the 28th annual roll call of Avon Lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias will be an event long to be remembered by the lodge members is the opinion of the committee, Martin White, Edison I. Ballagh and John L. Stora, who have charge of the arrangements for the big meeting. They have received assurances from many members who though not now residents of St. Helens but yet have the interest of the lodge at heart and who remember the cordial fellowship of the lodge and wish to again mingle with their old time friends, that they will answer "present" at the roll call.

K. of R. S. John L. Stora has received communications from several nearby lodges in response to an invitation sent them stating that delegations from the lodges would be present to aid Avon Lodge in the celebration of their 28th anniversary. Chancellor Commander Charles Wikstrom says that it will be his pleasure to preside over a lodge session which, so far as attendance goes, will be the biggest session Avon Lodge has ever held. Every member in the Scappoose district, according to Chancellor Wikstrom, will be present at the roll call.

After the lodge session a lunch will be served to the hungry members and the committee promises that this will be no exception to the reputation established by previous committees.

Mrs. Grace Ellen Ogle Hammond, wife of Louis Hammond died at her home in this city on Sunday evening, February 12. She had been ill for only a short time. Deceased was born at Oakland, California, April 28, 1867, and in 1906 was united in marriage to Louis Hammond, who survives her. In addition to her husband she is survived by three brothers and one sister. The remains were laid to rest in the Warren cemetery on Tuesday, February 15, Rev. J. S. Mowry officiating at the obsequies.

NEWS NOTES OF PERSONAL NATURE

Miss Jessie Cracroft was hostess at dinner Thursday evening, honoring Mrs. Naomi Phelps of the Willamette university glee club.

Dr. W. W. Youngston, district superintendent of the Methodist church, was here Monday in conference with Rev. S. Darlow Johnson. Miss Elizabeth Philip left Wednesday morning for Aberdeen, Washington, where she will spend several weeks as the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. A. Heist.

P. C. Morton of Portland was here Thursday interesting the local merchants in Alligator waterproof clothing. Mr. Morton was on his way to Clatskanie and went to that live town this morning.

Professor Harold Tuttle who has been supplying the pulpit at the Congregational church is sick, but he has arranged for another minister to be here Sunday and services at the church will be held as usual.

C. J. Hollingsworth, who has been very ill for the past several weeks and receiving treatment at a Portland hospital, is now convalescent and will soon be able to leave the hospital, according to information received by friends here.

Mrs. S. C. Morton is in Portland, being called there by the illness of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Heilborn. Mrs. Heilborn underwent an operation at a Portland hospital on Thursday morning and her many friends in St. Helens will be glad to know that she is getting along nicely.

Master John Ross, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Ross, underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday morning. The operation was performed at a Portland hospital and the young man, according to reports received by The Mist Thursday night is getting along nicely. Dr. and Mrs. Ross are with him and will remain in Portland for several days.

The library board is in receipt of a check for \$50 which was sent them by Manager Cates of the Liberty theatre. It was their proportion. Mr. Cates stated, of the receipts of the show "Deception," which was seen at the Liberty last week. A member of the library board stated, however, that she thought Mr. Cates' check was for a greater sum than the proportion agreed upon and asked that the sincere thanks of the board be expressed to Mr. Cates for the substantial assistance to the library fund.

POLICE DOG PLAYS A LEADING PART

One of the most unusual offerings of motion pictures is announced by Manager Cates for the Liberty theatre, Sunday and Monday, with the usual Sunday matinee, in "The Silent Call" with "Strongheart," a pedigreed Belgian police dog, in the leading role.

The plot deals with western life around the high Sierras and calls for a dog in its leading delineation. The producers spent months of investigation searching the foreman kennels of this country and Europe before they came upon Strongheart, the Belgian police hound who takes the role of Flash in the picture.

Flash is a cross between dog and wolf; and the development of the picture shows the two strains in him struggling for mastery. Because human denunciation becomes intolerable he breaks his chains and goes to the mountains where he mates with a full blooded wolf. In the end, however, the human instinct of loyalty is too strong to withstand. When he senses that the human beings who claimed his affection are in danger, Flash returns to the fold in time to effect a thrilling rescue.

While the police dog, as a distinct novelty in motion pictures calls for unusual attention from audiences, the story is admirably acted by an all-star cast which includes: John Bowers, Kathryn McGuire, William Dyer, James Mason, Nelson McDowell, E. J. Brady and Robert Bolder.

RAINIER WINS H. S. DEBATE

Rainier high school debaters scored a victory over the St. Helens high debaters Wednesday night. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, That aliens incapable of becoming citizens should not be allowed to own land in the United States." The affirmative side of the question was taken and ably argued by Miss Annabelle Igbister and Miss Louise Hanky. The negative side of the question was presented by Miss Nellie Lowman and Harold Veatch of Rainier. The judges were unanimous in deciding in favor of Rainier. Quite a number of people heard the debate and were pleased by the able presentation of both sides of the question by the debaters.

JUDGE PHILIP HEARS CASE SATURDAY

Joe Martin and Fritz Rabinaky will appear before Judge Philip Saturday morning. They are charged with loading their auto truck to a weight in excess of 4,000 pounds and operating the truck over the highway near Scappoose. The accused men when arraigned before Judge Philip plead not guilty and asked for a hearing which the judge granted. Columbia county, under the state law, so it is stated, has a right to fix the maximum weight which any vehicle can carry when traversing a county road, and the parties were arrested for the alleged violation of this ruling.

ST. HELENS TOSSERS WIN FROM RAINIER

Hotly Contested Game By Girls and Boys Won by Locals—Large Crowd Witnessed Game—Teams Go to Scappoose Tonight.

St. Helens chalked up a double victory over Rainier Tuesday night when the basket tossers representing the girls' and boys' teams, both won victories. The lead-off game was between the girls. The result was St. Helens 38, Rainier 7.

The high school quintet evened up the scores with Rainier tossed by defeating them, score 24 to 12. It was a fast and furious contest from the time the referee's whistle sounded until the whistle blew at the end of the last half.

Bellville was the high man as to points scored, registering 11 of the 24. McCollum and Ketel did stellar work and were ably assisted by Neff Reubens and Sten. At times much roughness was evident, and the referee L. T. Smith of the Y. M. C. A. in Portland cautioned the players. Rainier had more fouls than did St. Helens. Jesse of Rainier insisted on hanging to McCollum's neck and that gentleman retaliated by using his fist on Jesse's face. Both were banished from the game. John Sten took McCollum's place and did excellent work.

Both teams go to Scappoose tonight to try conclusions with the teams of Scappoose high. It is probable that a number of St. Helens people will accompany them.

HUNNICUTT GUILTY SAYS JUSTICE JURY

The jury which tried the case of the State vs. Harry Hunnicutt Wednesday afternoon in Judge Philip's court, after being out for about five minutes, rendered a verdict of guilty. Hunnicutt was charged with the theft of wearing apparel, which was suspended from clothes lines in the Railroad addition, theft of which articles were noted in a recent issue of The Mist. Hunnicutt plead not guilty and through his attorney, W. B. Dillard, demanded a jury trial. The jurymen were Jake Large, August Benson, B. L. Monish, J. R. McCQueen, Emmett Cox and Magnus Saxon.

Marshal Potter and his deputy testified that they found the stolen garments on the person of the defendant. Mrs. Nellie Bunt, from whose clothes line some identified articles were taken, identified several of the articles which were found in the possession of the defendant. His testimony was, in effect, that the articles had been left on his premises by two tramps. That the jury did not take much stock in his statements, was indicated by the verdict they returned.

Judge Philip sentenced Hunnicutt to a term of thirty days in the county jail and when imposing sentence expressed little sympathy with one who was found guilty of being a "clothes line thief."

BRIEF NEWS NOTES ABOUT THE STATE

Two more cases of smallpox were reported in Bend Saturday.

Albany now has a law regulating dairies and milk deliveries within the city.

The payroll of The Dalles King's Food Products company during last year amounted to \$88,513.78, according to Manager C. C. Ross.

Seven hundred acres of land in the vicinity of Salem will be in flax this year. The Willamette Valley Flax and Hemp Growers' association has now a membership of 53 and a capital stock of \$25,680.

The body of Carl G. Brown, a veteran of overseas service, was found in a deserted cabin at Gwendolen in Gilliam county by Sheriff Montague. He was despondent and had taken his life by using a double-barreled shotgun.

The body of George Whitcomb, 61 years old, a well known miner, was found Monday in his cabin at the Grubstake mine south of Medford. Cause of death is not known.

Gross sales of all kinds of products handled in 1921 by the Eugene Fruit Growers' association amounted to \$1,252,008.12, according to the report of J. C. Holt, manager.

NORBLAD MAY RUN FOR CONGRESS

A. W. Norblad, of Astoria, may be a candidate for congress to succeed W. C. Hawley, according to reports in Astoria papers. Norblad who is state senator from Clatsop county, has informed his friends, so Astoria papers state, that he will be a candidate for congress if "it is shown to me proof sufficient that the people want me to serve in congress." Senator Norblad is well known in Columbia county and should he decide to throw his hat into the congressional ring, his friends here say that he will make it interesting for the present incumbent, W. C. Hawley.

The sacred concert which was announced last week will be held at the Catholic church on Sunday, Feb. 26th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The choir, which is composed of high class Portland singers, will be under the direction of Madame Covach Frederick.