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B. WILKERSON HEADS SCHOOL

County School Superintendent Chosen as Head of St. Helens Schools; Appointment Effective June 1, Salary Fixed at \$2400 Per Year.

At a special meeting Thursday afternoon, the directors of School District No. 2 chose J. B. Wilkerson as county superintendent for the coming year and fixed his salary at \$2400 per year, the amount provided in the school budget. He succeeds Professor W. L. Rutherford who has been superintendent for the past two years. It is understood that Rutherford did not make application for the position, having made plans to teach elsewhere. The appointment is effective June 1 and though there were five applicants, a member of the board stated to the Mist that on account of the board's knowledge of the capabilities of Professor Wilkerson no other application was considered.

The professor has been teaching in Columbia county since 1903 and is recognized as one of the state's leading instructors. He was principal of Rainier high school for six years and for two years was principal of the Vernonia high school. He served as principal of the St. Helens schools and resigned that position to accept the office of county school superintendent when J. W. Allen resigned that position. His term of office as county school superintendent does not expire for almost two years and there is much speculation as to who will be appointed his successor. Wilkerson has not indicated in his resignation to the county court but will soon do so. Mr. Martin White said that inasmuch as Wilkerson's resignation was not before him he could make no statement as to who would be appointed to the office. Rumor has it, however, that J. W. Allen, formerly county superintendent, is slated for the position. Mr. Allen said that he would not make a fight for the position but would be glad to accept it and do his utmost to satisfactorily fill the position. So far as can be learned there are no other candidates for the position.

The selection of Professor Wilkerson to head the city's schools, will undoubtedly meet with the approval of the majority of the school parents and the Mist predicts that he will be eminently successful in the work. His past record as school superintendent is excellent and that he will continue the good work is a foregone fact.

SEVERAL CASES IN RECORDER'S COURT

Louis Halberson, a sailor on the steamer Daisy Putnam, imbibed too much moonshine and was raising a commotion on the streets Monday night when Marshal Potter took him into custody. Recorder Godfrey fined him \$25 and the sailor refused to pay it, though the captain of the vessel offered to put up the money. Mr. Halberson is a guest of the city and putting in spare time doing odd jobs, such as cleaning the city hall, cutting wood, etc.

Basil Jones was another party to appear before the recorder on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. Marshal Potter testified that Jones went to his home and was raising a rough house with his wife and mother-in-law. The recorder gave him a 25-day jail sentence. J. R. Nicholas who claims Westport as his place of abode, was also booked for being drunk. He was fined \$25 and allowed to stay in the city jail for two days before departing for his home.

FLIPPIN OUT FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

T. J. Flippin, of Rainier, was in St. Helens Wednesday and called at the Mist office. He has definitely decided to enter the race for the republican nomination for county commissioner. Mr. Flippin has been a resident of Columbia county for a number of years and is well known throughout the county and his many friends believe that he has an excellent chance to secure the nomination. Until recently he has been the road supervisor in the Rainier district, a position he held for four years. He refused to accept the position this year. He is a road builder of experience and if nominated and elected to the office will give the county the benefit of his experience in this line. He will soon make a formal announcement of his candidacy and outline some of the important matters which he will endeavor to carry out, if elected to the office.

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CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

The city council met in regular session Monday night, all officers being present. Councilman O'Connor reported that several trees had fallen in the fair grounds and it was suggested that they be given to some one for wood. The mayor suggested that the marshal have the two city prisoners cut the wood for city use. Walden Dillard requested the council to grant the American Legion permission to bring in a carnival and let the legion have the licenses collected. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

The recorder was instructed to notify the St. Helens Light & Power company to have a light put on every second pole on Summer street. It was moved by Flynn and seconded by McDonald that City Attorney J. W. Day be empowered to set for the City of St. Helens on March 18 at the meeting of the state tax commission in Astoria and that the city defray his expenses. The motion was carried.

Ordinances 270 and 271 for the improvements on Winter and Wyeth streets were read for the third time and upon motion, carried.

The mayor recommended that Dr. Edwin Ross be appointed secretary of the city board of health. It was moved by McDonald that the mayor's recommendation be accepted. O'Connor seconded the motion which was carried. Councilman Flynn was appointed a committee of one to act with the secretary of the board of health in getting out stationery for reports, etc. Bills aggregating \$227.95 were audited and ordered paid. Whereupon the council adjourned.

PACIFIC GLEE CLUB COMES WEDNESDAY

The Girls' Glee club of Pacific University will be in St. Helens on Wednesday night and will give a musical program in the school auditorium. The program, it is said, covers a variety of subjects and the music is sure to be excellent, up to the usual high standard of the Pacific Glee clubs. Several clever skits by the quartet will brighten the evening's entertainment.

JUSTICE JOHN PHILIP HAS BUSY WEEK

Gives Olof Olson Heavy Fine and Adds Jail Sentence in Moonshine Case—Several Other Offenders Get Hearing and Also Fines.

Justice John Philip has been quite busy this week. Business started briskly Monday with three cases to be heard. Saturday night Sheriff Wellington and Deputies H. G. Hadfield and Walter Hadfield journeyed to Birkenfeld to attend (?) the big dance or to see who did attend. Hardly had they secreted themselves in a lumber yard before Olof Olson parked his car near them and proceeded to cache a sack containing six pints of moonshine. He was taken into custody as were the two pints found on his person. D. C. Heminger was caught with a flask on his person and E. H. Cannon was in a very mellow state of intoxication. All were brought to St. Helens and lodged in jail.

Olson told the judge that he was taking the whiskey to his sick father. He was asked if he were a citizen and replied in the negative. It was brought out that he had been in this country since 1911 and had not made any effort to become a citizen. The judge also drew from Olson that he claimed exemption from war service on account of being an alien and that he worked in an Astoria shipyard at good wages while the American boys were fighting. The judge scathingly denounced him and closed his arraignment by adding "you haven't got the first makings of a citizen. I'll fine you \$300 and sentence you to 10 days in the county jail." The fine was paid and Olson is in jail.

D. C. Heminger fared better. He pleaded guilty to possessing intoxicating liquor and was fined \$50 and E. H. Cannon pleaded guilty to being drunk and received a lecture and a \$25 fine. Both paid their fines and left for their homes in Birkenfeld.

Powden Scott, a Portland attorney, was breezing along at about 40 miles per hour when he was overtaken by a speed cop. He deposited \$150 and didn't call for it. The bail was forfeited as a fine. William Pringle, Jr., of the Nehalem valley was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Vernonia. He was arrested by officer E. D. Fowler and brought to St. Helens. He pleaded guilty and paid a \$50 fine.

Tony Danesse is charged with an assault with a dangerous weapon (the weapon being a heavy stick of wood) upon one H. E. Anderson. He will have a hearing today. Both parties live in the Spitzenberg section.

WATER FRONT SHIPPING NOTES

The steamer Romolous arrived on Thursday night and is taking on a consignment of 450,000 feet of lumber for delivery at some port on the west coast of South America. The steamer Everett laden with 1,450,000 feet of crosscut ties and lumber, sailed Monday night for Guaymas, Mexico, via San Pedro. The steamer Daisy Putnam sailed Tuesday with 1,200,000 feet of lumber for San Pedro.

VERNONIA VOTES FOR SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

Election Held Saturday and Carried by Vote of 65 to 10 Authorizing Issuance of \$25,000 Bonds on the School District.

The people of Vernonia and the five districts which form the union school district voted on Saturday in favor of issuing \$25,000 in bonds for the purpose of erecting a union high school. The sentiment was almost unanimous as indicated by the overwhelming vote given the proposition, sixty-five of the 75 votes cast being in favor of the bond issue.

During the past year Vernonia and surrounding community have developed so rapidly and many new people have come in, that the present school facilities have been outgrown. The school building in Vernonia is a union district elementary building, but the high school has occupied a part of the building. It is now proposed to erect a building which will be used for high school purposes only.

Plans have been drawn up by an architect and two types of buildings are under consideration, cement construction and a frame building. The estimated cost of the former is around \$25,000 and meets with the approval of many, so it was stated. As soon as arrangements are made for the issuing of the bonds and the money is available work will be started on the new high school building and it is hoped to have it ready for occupancy when school opens in the fall.

County School Superintendent Wilkerson informs The Mist that there are about 260 pupils in the grade schools in Vernonia and about 35 are enrolled in the high school and it is expected that in the fall the enrollment will be increased by at least one third, so the necessity of the additional building is manifest.

SEVERAL ELECTION PRECINCTS CHANGED

The county court has made several changes in voting precincts in this vicinity. Heretofore some of the people residing in the Bachelor Flat district and out on the Yankton road voted in precinct 3 in West St. Helens and some of those residing in the Columbia City section voted in St. Helens No. 2. Under the new change only those who reside within the incorporate limits of the city can vote in a St. Helens precinct. South St. Helens will have a precinct of its own, as will Columbia City. The boundary lines of both Warren and Yankton precincts have been changed and County Clerk J. W. Hunt advises the people who reside in these sections to look up the description of the precincts and see if they are affected by the change in boundary lines. The description of the new precincts and a given in detail on page 3 of this paper. If any one is uncertain as to their being registered in the proper precinct the clerk suggests that they re-register so as to avoid any possible confusion on election day. The registration books close on April 18.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES OF HOME PEOPLE

Honorable Magnus Saxton was a Portland visitor today.

Miss Amy George went to Portland this morning for a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. Jacob George always remembers St. Patrick's birthday for it is also the anniversary of her birth, an event which she is celebrating today. Many friends called at the George home to extend congratulations and best wishes.

W. A. Woods has leased from Mrs. Thomas Ishister the store room formerly occupied by the Club Cigar store. It is reported that Mr. Woods who comes from Vancouver, Wash., will buy the stock of goods and the pool fixtures and re-open the place.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. John F. Johnson who underwent an operation at the St. Vincent hospital Monday is getting along nicely. Mr. Johnson was in Portland Thursday and said the nurse had allowed the patient to sit up for a short while.

Ralph W. Kavanagh after having spent a week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kavanagh, will leave for Seattle tomorrow. He is attending the government vocational school in that city. Ralph was in the signal service of the aviation department during the war and while in France was injured by an explosion. His hand was badly injured and he suffered other injuries. He was in the hospital for several months before being invalided back to the United States.

YOUTHFUL COUPLE ARE MARRIED

Frank H. O'Connor, aged 29, and Ella Kelly, aged 15, both residents of the Vernonia section of the county, were united in marriage Thursday morning by Rev. S. Darlow Johnson. The youthful bride was accompanied by her step-father, E. R. Treharn, who gave his permission to the marriage and assisted in securing the marriage license. After performing the ceremony, Rev. Johnson gave the couple a heart-to-heart talk on the responsibilities of married life and the seriousness of the marital obligation taken.

AMERICAN LEGION SMOKER TONIGHT

Boxers Ready to Step When the Gong Sounds—Several Matches Made With Portland Boxers and Local Talent to Put on Fast Bouts.

Tonight at the city hall Columbia Post No. 42, American Legion, will put on their initial smoker. The main event is a four-round go between George Brandon and "Soldier" Troy, both of Portland. Both of these boys are clever boxers and have appeared in the ring at the Milwaukee arena. "Mysterious" Billy Smith will referee the bouts and will make the boxers perform.

One of the big attractions and one sure to create much interest on the card is "Red" Hill, a wrestler and a recent newcomer to St. Helens. His workouts have been witnessed by many wrestling and boxing fans. He claims the light heavyweight championship of the Pacific Coast and the heavyweight championship of Washington. The name of the man he is to meet has not been made public, so this championship claimant is to be pitted against a "dark horse."

Other numbers on the card are: Dogs vs. Lampa, heavyweights; Geo. Gardner vs. Archie Newbold; Bettner vs. Alebro; M. Kanary vs. F. LeMont and Tunsten vs. Page. These local boys will box three two-minute rounds.

The arena is in the city hall, now the American Legion club room. The doors will open at 8 o'clock and the matches will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock. The committee in charge of the program decided to eliminate the dance because the smoker may be drawn out until a late hour on account of the wrestling match.

Reports are to the effect that many will come from Deer Island, Warren and Scappoose and it is sure that a large number of people from St. Helens will be in the hall when the program begins. The admission charge is \$1 for general admission, \$1.50 for ringside seats and high school students will be charged only 50c.

SOME OLD TIME RELICS ARE FOUND

When preparing to move the residence building at the corner of Columbia and Covell streets, William Mellinger discovered several old street lights underneath the house. They were thrown out on the street curb and aroused considerable comment. C. W. Blakesley, gazing at the old lights, appeared as though he had met some long lost friend. "Those lamps," he said, "were the first street lights to come to St. Helens and they have quite a history connected with them. In those days, about thirty-five years ago, we had all of our public entertainments in the old church on the hill and the trail to the church was steep and narrow. So we thought we would buy some street lights. First the girls gave an entertainment which netted a tidy little sum, and then we young men gave our entertainment. It was a "ligger" show and while we were allowed to finish it, the church people didn't let us have the church any more to stage "ligger" shows. However, we made enough, added to what the girls made to buy these lamps. We bought them from the city of Portland and if I remember right, paid \$37 for the four of them. Some of the boys who took part in our show were Frank Miles, N. A. Perry, Henry Runge and myself."

The old lights are about 2 1/2 feet in height and are of fancy construction. A bronze eagle proudly sits on the top of each light. Blakesley took one of the old lights to add to his collection of keepsakes of the times of long ago.

WORK TO START ON PITTSBURG ROAD

That portion of the Pittsburg-St. Helens road from Trenholm to the Little Clatskanie, a distance of approximately three miles, will be widened and prepared for macadam in the near future. The roadway is graded but is only sixteen feet wide and since the rock is to be 12 feet wide the county court decided to widen the road to 20 feet. The work will be done under the supervision of Roadmaster Bert Mills and Supervisor Uther Clark, instead of letting it by contract as was first considered. Judge White stated that the work would start as soon as the weather conditions permitted and since it seems that the prospects are that good weather is on the way it is probable that work will begin before the end of the month. The court has not made any definite plans for the widening although they are considering letting contracts for this part of the work, the county to furnish the rock from their quarry near Trenholm and another quarry which will be developed in the Sixteen Mile Hill section.

Teachers' day was observed at the Bachelor Flat school house last Friday. A special program was arranged by the teachers, Misses Madson and Larsen and the pupils entertained the large number of patrons present. A pleasant feature of the entertainment was the serving of a nice dinner, a feature that the teachers did not expect and took by complete surprise. The dinner was furnished by the patrons and it is said that practically every family in the flat was represented at the entertainment.

ST. HELENS HIGH DEFEATS GRESHAM

The basketball season for St. Helens high ended Friday night and the locals won the last game of the season. The contest was with Gresham high and played on the Gresham floor. It was an exciting contest and the score ended in St. Helens favor, 29 to 15. In their previous game with Gresham, St. Helens won by a score of 22 to 14. Winning from Gresham eliminated that team's chances for participating in the state tournament at Salem. Blakesley for St. Helens was the particular star of the game though each man played fast and snappy ball. The record of the team for the season is: Home Team 22, St. Helens 33; Forest Grove 12, St. Helens 19; Scappoose 13, St. Helens 39; Milwaukie 21, St. Helens 33; Rainier 37, St. Helens 16; Hillsboro 18, St. Helens 35; Rainier 12, St. Helens 24; Scappoose 10, St. Helens 39; Beaverton 12, St. Helens 32; Gresham 14, St. Helens 22; Astoria 39, St. Helens 16; Gresham 15, St. Helens 20. The boys played 12 games and made 329 points, winning 19 of the 12 games. Their opponents scored 195 points against them. The record speaks for itself.

JOHN E. RAMSEY CRITICALLY ILL.

Word comes from a Portland hospital where he has been for the past ten days, that John E. Ramsey is critically ill and little hope is held for his recovery. Mr. Ramsey suffered an attack of influenza and apparently was on the road to recovery, when other complications set in and he was taken to Portland. The trouble appears to be meningitis and reports from the hospital this morning were to the effect that he was unconscious and there had been no change for the better. Mr. Ramsey has lived in St. Helens for a number of years and has many friends who will regret to learn of his sickness and grave condition, but hope that there might be a change for the better and he will recover. Mrs. Ramsey has been constantly at her husband's bedside until last night when she returned to St. Helens from an eastern state arrived yesterday to be of assistance during her trouble.

CHANTERS MINSTRELS PLEASE AUDIENCE

Crowded House Greeted Minstrels at Performance Last Night—Show to be Repeated Tonight—Jazz Land Shiek Captures Audience.

With new jokes, new songs and new and original skits, the Chamber of Commerce Chanters entertained a packed house at the Liberty theatre Thursday night. The jokes were new and funny and the soloists rendered new selections which were appreciated by the audience.

The second part was a scream. Hallie Heacock and Bob Blackburn in their farce "Why Is a Hen?" brought down the house and Billie Brown's work on the horizontal bar was exceptionally good. Heacock did clever work and mixed with it amusing clown performance. The grand finale was "The Shiek" who appeared in Jazz Land. Maurice Richardson took the part of "The Shiek" and he was ably supported by the company of black-faced artists who were gorgeously costumed for the occasion. The program will be repeated tonight and some additional new features put on. Following is the program:

- First Part**
"Gee" Bob Blackburn
"Jaberwocky" Opening Overture
"Out of the Shadows" J. V. Farnell
"The Old City Hall"
"Plantation Lullaby" Bob Blackburn, Jr.
"Pulman Porter Blues" Maurice Richardson
"Granny" Joe Nauman
"She's a Mean Job" Sam Ingham
"Old Pal" Hallie Heacock
"Teach Me" Bob Nauman
"Dixie" Earl Brailford
"Dixie" R. W. Murphy
"Dixie" Entire Company

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS INTERESTING MEETING

The Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. Albert Burcham on Tuesday afternoon, March 14th. Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden of Portland addressed the club members and guests on "Woman's Influence in the Home City." Mrs. Hidden who is very well known throughout the state as an ardent supporter of woman's equality, placed the responsibility of woman very vividly before her audience.

The St. Helens Woman's Club takes an active interest in the public library and community affairs and will give a tea on Friday afternoon, March 17 for the benefit of the library.

WORD PICTURE PUZZLE CONTEST

Beginning today The Mist starts its "P-Word" Puzzle Contest. Turn to page 7 and you will see the picture and get interested in the puzzle. See how many objects you can find beginning with the letter "P." It is a big game in which everyone can take part and one feature about it is that many attractive cash prizes are offered the successful contestants. It does not cost you anything to enter this contest, and you are sure to have much pleasure in working out the puzzle, so get the picture in front of you, get your pencil and paper and go to it. Full particulars are given on page 7.

CIRCUIT COURT ENDS SESSION

Several Motions Heard and Cases Disposed of—Alleged Heirs Sue for Hughes Estate—Divorce Granted Helen Weigle.

After having been in session since Monday morning circuit court, Judge J. A. Eakin presiding, adjourned on Thursday evening. The first motion heard was that of the Northwestern National bank vs. J. B. Long, it was a foreclosure proceeding. Judge Eakin held the matter in abeyance in order to permit counsel for the respective parties to furnish authorities.

The decree of divorce granted to Mary Eschebeck from her husband Herman Eschebeck was set aside on account of there having been irregularities in the former proceedings and should Mrs. Eschebeck still desire to be divorced from her husband, proceedings will have to be begun again.

The suit of H. J. Anderson vs. R. W. Nicholas, a foreclosure proceeding on certain lots in St. Helens, was heard and counsel for the respective parties were allowed time in which to furnish briefs. A judgment was allowed Emma Struchler in the foreclosure proceeding against R. W. Nicholas. The foreclosure is on certain St. Helens property.

Helen Margaret Weigle was granted a divorce from Horace William Weigle and was restored to her maiden name, Helen Margaret Philip. The case was not contested, the defendant not appearing. In her complaint the plaintiff alleges cruel and inhuman treatment and neglect by the defendant. She also alleged non-support and that for the exception of the first two months of their marriage life, defendant had failed to provide her with funds but left her to accept the home and charity of her parents. The couple were married in Vancouver, Washington, on March 5, 1921. Weigle is well known here and throughout the county having been the county speed cop until Sheriff Wellington disposed of his services. He was then employed by the City of Scappoose as traffic officer and gained considerable notoriety both for himself and Scappoose as to the number of auto speeders he haled before the Scappoose recorder. It is reported that he has had several matrimonial experiences.

A suit which will interest many is that of the alleged heirs of Patrick Hughes, deceased. Hughes who lived in Deer Island died intestate, June 28, 1908. E. E. Quick was administrator of the estate which was escheated to the state and Quick turned over to the state treasurer, \$9,835.50. And now comes Frances M. Hughes, Helen C. Hughes and Dora Wallace, children of James Hughes, deceased brother of Patrick Hughes, and several other relatives who are seeking to establish their rights to the escheated property and are suing the state of Oregon. The case was continued until the May term of court.

Before adjournment Judge Eakin heard several minor matters and disposed of them. No jury trials were heard at this session as the May term of court will take care of such cases.

TAX MONEY IS BEING PAID IN

Although April 5th is the date set by law as to the payment of at least one-half of the tax assessed, if the interest on deferred payment is not charged, a considerable number of Columbia county taxpayers have called at the sheriff's office and exchanged money for the tax receipt. A majority of those who have paid, Deputy Sheriff Graves said, are comparatively small taxpayers, the largest single amount being about \$500. The total collections to date have been about \$30,000 and the sheriff's office has made two turnovers to the treasurer. From now on the payments will begin to come in in larger amounts and more frequently.

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BUREAU MEMBERSHIP IS INCREASING

J. W. Hale, a member of the executive committee of the Columbia County Farm Bureau, reports to Secretary John L. Storfs that the campaign for membership is meeting with success and he is enrolling many new members in the bureau. He states, also, that many of the farm members of the bureau have taken advantage of their membership in buying farm equipment at the reduced prices offered to bureau members.