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## COLUMBIA CLAIMS TWO VICTIMS

Mad Drops When Canoe Upsets; John Kelly Missing and Boat is Found Drifting in River—James Harrison Has Narrow Escape.

William Clovis, 17-year-old son of George Clovis, was drowned in the Columbia river near the Island mill dock Sunday afternoon at about 1 o'clock. In company with James Harrison, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harrison, he left the city dock in a canoe at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. According to Harrison's statement, the river was rough and near the Island Lumber company's mill the canoe upset. Clovis became excited and began to "fight the boat," so Harrison said. Harrison tried his utmost to calm the frightened youth and succeeded in luring him out on a life preserver. The life belt, apparently, was not securely fastened on for a heavy swell carried it away. In desperation the youth started to swim to the river bank but heeded Harrison's advice to return to the boat, which he did. Harrison then gave his life belt to Clovis but he lost it and when a heavy swell came the youth let go of the boat and sank.

Harrison clung to the canoe and drifted to a point opposite Columbia mill. A party on the shore at that place noticed the overturned canoe and hailed a passing fishing boat. Alfred Carlson, Gus Rasmussen and Oscar Markman, the occupants of the boat, hastened to the rescue and succeeded in getting Harrison into the fish boat. He had been in the water 24 hours and was almost exhausted.

Fred Harrison and several other men made every effort to recover the body of Clovis but their efforts have met with no success and it is improbable that the body will be recovered until it comes to the surface.

The other victim of the river is John D. Kelly, an Indian fisherman, and it is practically sure that he has been drowned. Monday morning when Mayor Ballagh started to pick up his mid-river with the net about one-half laid out. Sunday evening Kelly and Clarence Cooper went out for the first drift and Kelly brought a paper ashore at midnight. This was the last seen of him and it is supposed that when laying out his net for the second drift a tow line of a big towing boat must have struck him and knocked him overboard.

Kelly, who was 22 years of age, was a well known fisherman and he and his wife lived on Lewis river for the past six years. His mother, Mrs. Josephine Francis Shirley, lives in Grande Ronde county and has been here this week endeavoring to locate the body of her son. Kelly usually fished on the "Bachelor" drift and the river in that vicinity has been fished, but efforts to recover his body have been unsuccessful.

Ex-Service Men Notice.—Ex-service men who wish to reinstate their war risk insurance should see either Mrs. Golden Starr Scott or Walden Dillard either one of whom will be glad to give any assistance necessary. Disability claims, also, should be filed as soon as possible as it is becoming more difficult to get the claims through as they grow older. Mrs. Scott stated.

## CONTEST LOOMS FOR JUSTICE JOB

John L. Stork to Contest for Office Now Held by John Phillip; Fees of Office Make it Attractive for Candidates.

John L. Stork, who was nominated for the democratic ticket for the office of justice of the peace of this district, has decided to accept the nomination and will oppose Justice of the Peace John Phillip, present incumbent and nominee of the republicans for the office.

Both of the candidates are well known in St. Helens and surrounding territory and a close race is expected. Stork has lived in St. Helens for the past three years and is a practicing attorney and also executive secretary of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce. Judge Phillip has been a resident of St. Helens for a number of years. He served as justice of the peace for 10 years and was succeeded by M. J. Hazen. When Hazen resigned the county court appointed Phillip.

From a financial standpoint, the office is an attractive one, the monthly fees averaging around \$200 per month, sometimes more. The emoluments of the office are based on the fee system, the minimum fee being \$2.00, so if 50 or 60 speeder cases are before the court in any one month, the fees amount to a considerable sum.

Before voters learned how not to speed and when M. J. Hazen was the justice, monthly fees were between \$150 and \$200 per month. The total is not so great at the present time, for there appears to be fewer speeder cases for the month of June as allowed by the county court were, John Phillip \$127.90; A. L. Clark, \$11.60; and W. A. Craft, \$25.00. Clark has the Rainier district and Craft holds forth at Clatskanie.

A grass fire Wednesday afternoon threatened the destruction of the new residence of Mrs. Golden Starr Scott, also of the foot bridge over Nigger creek. A number of small boys under the direction of Sam Ingham extinguished the fire before any damage resulted.

## BRIEF HAPPENINGS ABOUT THE CITY

Stork Leaves Boy.—The stork was out in the Yankton neighborhood on Tuesday evening and left a fine baby boy with Mr. and Mrs. William Gortler.

Visits Seattle.—Mrs. J. R. Cates and daughter Margaret left for Seattle Wednesday morning and will visit friends and relatives for several weeks.

Court Meets Saturday.—For the purpose of hearing and acting upon the petition of those interested in the Prescott Drainage district, the county court will hold an adjourned meeting Saturday.

Camp in Nehalem.—Dr. Edwin Ross, Haskleigh Peel, Ronald Sutherland and Charles Ross left Monday morning for the Nehalem country expecting to camp and fish for a week or ten days. Dr. Peel took them over in his car.

Buys Vernonia Hotel.—D. MacDonald, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, spent a couple of days in this city the first of the week, en route to Vernonia where Mr. MacDonald will take over the Vernonia hotel. They came to Columbia county from Washington, but are not new to this county, having been former residents of Clatskanie.

Atwood Lectures.—Fred Atwood delivered an interesting lecture at the high school auditorium Tuesday night, his subject being "Fraternism." Mayor Ballagh introduced Walter Gleason, Grand Keeper of R. & S. for Oregon K. of P., who after a short talk, introduced the speaker of the evening. A large audience enjoyed Mr. Atwood's address.

Camp Ground Popular.—The city park which is used as a public campground has been a popular place with motorists during the week Sunday night there were nine parties camped on the grounds and each car bore the license of a state other than Oregon. Three of the cars were from Iowa and one of them from Colorado. Until the city establishes a camping ground the park will be used, officials of the city state.

Clatskanie Wants Game.—Lloyd Hattan of Clatskanie was in St. Helens Thursday. He and Manager Hunt of the St. Helens baseball team were discussing plans to have the Clatskanie and St. Helens teams meet in the near future, the winner of the contest to take the entire gate receipts. One of the stipulations of the Clatskanie fans is that Hunt let "Rube" Maxmeyer do the hurling. The "Rube" has annexed two games from Clatskanie this season and it is evident that the players of that city want r-r-revenge.

The Mist at Seaside.—Oftentimes people of St. Helens and Columbia county, visiting Seaside want to know the home news, so the Mist has arranged with Milloy's Confectionery which is located on Broadway street, to handle The Mist. Mr. Milloy suggested this for he and wife formerly lived in Seaside and both of them were hungry for home news. His suggestion appealed to us for many people of this neighborhood are Seaside visitors over the week end and those who want the home news will find it in The Mist and The Mist will be on sale at Milloy's.

Visitors From San Francisco.—Misses Phyllis and Jessamine Brown of San Francisco arrived in St. Helens Wednesday evening and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burcham. The young ladies were passengers on the steamer Willamette which went ashore on Puget Sound in a dense fog. They, with the other 40 passengers, were taken off the stranded boat by the steamer Princess Victoria and taken to Seattle. The Willamette was pulled off the sands by a tug and proceeded to Seattle. Misses Phyllis and Jessamine resided in St. Helens for several years and have many friends here who welcome them for a visit.

Fieldhouse Explains.—Guy Fieldhouse, manager of the Fieldhouse Motor company, wishes to make an explanation to the public and The Mist is glad to give space to such explanation. Friday he unloaded two cars of Ford automobiles. The cars, when shipped, are stripped of top and fenders so that they can be properly stored in the freight car. A certain lady in St. Helens noticed that Fieldhouse and Duncan were driving in numerous cars which seemed to her not complete and asked the reason for so many "wrecks on the road" that day. She was informed of the cause and probably never noticed the same cars which were driven during the week since the fenders and tops had been attached to the auto body.

The Methodist Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. John Phillip on Wednesday afternoon, July 19th. Members are requested to bring their needles and thimbles.

## ST. HELENS WINS GAME FROM VERONIA

Locals Defeat Vernonia's Team by a Score of 7 to 2—"Rube" Maxmeyer Pitches Fine Game—Team Goes to Rainier Sunday for Game.

The St. Helens baseball team journeyed to Vernonia Sunday and entertained the team of that growing town with a good exhibition of baseball. The locals came out with the long end of a 7 to 2 score.

Manager Hunt chose "Rube" Maxmeyer to do the mound duty and the big portlander pitched a good game allowing only eight scattered hits. He was stingy with free transportation to first, walking only two men. St. Helens started the scoring in the first frame. After two were down Calhoun doubled to center. Steers singled scoring Calhoun and Howe poked out a single. McKie followed with a single to right scoring Steers. Pili ended the inning by grounding out to first.

Coyle, pitching for Vernonia, held the locals scoreless for the next three innings but in the fifth with one man down, McDonald started the fireworks by doubling to center. Parkin was an easy out but Calhoun came through with a single advancing McDonald to third, and both runners scored when Steers doubled.

St. Helens scored two in the sixth. McKie singled to right and went to second on an overthrow and took third on a passed ball. Pili singled through the shortpatch scoring McKie and Bellville followed with another well placed hit and McDonald singled scoring Pili. The locals added another tally in the seventh on Steer's single and Howe's sacrifice. Vernonia made one tally in the fifth frame when Yearington and McGraw both connected with "Rube's" slants and Mills brought in Yearington with a clean hit to left. Vernonia's other tally was on account of an error. McGraw was safe at first on Pili's error and took second on Gilpin's out at first. He crossed the plate when Mills singled.

It was a fast and well-played game and was enjoyed by the many St. Helens and Nehalem fans present. It was the fifth straight game the locals have won.

On Sunday Hunt will take the team to Rainier and the boys intend to even up the score with Rainier for it will be remembered that the Rainierites defeated St. Helens on the home lot here last month. It is expected that a number of fans will accompany the team to Rainier.

## WEST ST. HELENS

Mrs. Homer Billings is visiting friends in Seaside.

Mrs. H. S. Cripe and children are visiting with relatives at Monmouth.

Mrs. W. A. Ketel and daughter, Louise were Portland visitors Monday.

A. J. Kelly went to Hillsboro Thursday morning on a business mission.

The railroad company has had a crew of men at work putting in new timbers at the crossing. It makes quite an improvement.

Elmer Connor is the most recent of our citizens to buy an auto. He has a Chevrolet and he and his many friends are enjoying the pleasure of auto rides.

Agent Gilby of the S. P. & S. R. R. Co. states that many shipments of cherries have been made to Astoria merchants by the farmers residing in this section. During the strawberry season hundreds of crates were shipped to Astoria, he said.

The firm of J. L. Williams & Sons expect to open a grocery store in the building on Willamette street formerly occupied by the Central grocery. Eli Beeler will be in charge of the downtown store and the patrons of the company are assured of good service.

## CHILD STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE DIES

Auto Hits Child When Playing on Highway—Unavoidable Accident and No Blame Placed on the Auto Driver.

Francis Anderson, the four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson, who reside on the highway near Delena, was fatally injured on Wednesday afternoon when struck by an automobile driven by A. O. Howard. The skull of the little one was fractured and death ensued a few hours after the accident.

According to information given Sheriff Wellington and Coroner T. S. White the child with sisters and brothers was playing on the highway when the car driven by Howard approached. Some of the children ran to one side of the road, and Francis, so it is stated, after getting to about the middle of the pavement, started back. Howard's car missed the other children, but in doing so, swerved to the left side of the road and the car struck Francis. Both Mr. and Mrs. Howard did everything possible for the injured child. Seeing that the injury was serious, they turned their auto back and took the child to Dr. Ditto in Rainier, but nothing could be done to save the youngster's life.

Officers who investigated the matter exonerated Mr. Howard from any blame and it appears that it was one of those unavoidable accidents which frequently occur. It was stated that the Anderson children made it a practice to play on the highway and on several occasions have had narrow escapes from being injured by passing autos.

## 64 FIRES BURN IN PAST MONTH

Sixty-four fires, thirty-seven of which were from undetermined sources, occurred in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during June and the aggregate loss therefrom was \$888,290, according to a report by the state fire marshal.

The heaviest loss was at Prineville, where the business district was damaged to the extent of \$300,000. Sheridan and Kings Valley each sustained losses of \$100,000—at Sheridan the fire occurring in the business district and in Kings Valley at a lumber mill.

Monument's business section was damaged to the extent of \$75,000.

Defective flues caused eight of the fires, according to the report. Six were from defective stoves, three were from stray sparks, two were believed incendiary, three were from the carelessness of smokers, one from the exhaust from a lighting system, one was from a defective incubator lamp, one from an over-heated electric iron and one from spontaneous combustion.

## WATER PURIFYING PLANT ARRIVES

The chlorine plant ordered by the St. Helens water board has arrived and will be installed at the earliest possible moment. At the meeting of the water board last night a telegram was read from the California Filter company stating that one of their engineers would leave San Francisco today and come to St. Helens for the purpose of installing the plant. It will take only a few days to install the plant and after it is in operation there need be no fear as to the purity of the city's water supply.

The party who lost the black traveling bag on the Houlton-Yankton road on or about June 29 and who advertised for it in The Mist, may obtain his bag by calling at The Mist office and identifying property. The bag was found by G. Rometi of Yankton and he brought it to The Mist office.

## "SOME WILD OATS" BIG ATTRACTION

Characterized as a semi-sensational moving picture, "Some Wild Oats," the film that caused considerable friction between the city council of Portland and the board of censors, will be shown at The Liberty two days beginning next Tuesday. There will be special hours for the women between the hours of 2:30 and 5:30 p. m., and for the men at 7:00 and 9:00 o'clock. Children under 16 years of age will not be admitted under any consideration, Manager Cates announces.

This seven-reel picture, unlike anything ever heretofore presented on the silver sheet, played to capacity crowds at the Auditorium in Portland for more than three weeks after the city council had issued a permit over the head of the censor board, the municipal legislators holding that "Some Wild Oats" has great educational value.

The picture is full of life and activity and there are some daring moments when even the most hardened are astonished. There is an absorbing love story, some good comedy and a real fight between a "green" farm hand and a navy yard bully. It teaches a lesson of sex cleanliness and morality, and warns against disease, but it does not weary one with its preaching, because of the entertainment it offers.

Neither does the picture go to orthodox extremes and teach young men and women things they should not know. It is said to be a safe and sane presentation of a delicate subject, although in many places it is sensational and daring.

## DRYEST SEASON IN 40 YEARS SAYS WHITE

In speaking of the warm weather and dry season which has prevailed for a number of weeks, Judge Martin White said, "I have lived in Columbia county for 40 years, but this is the driest season for this time of the year that I have experienced since coming to Oregon." Other old time residents express a similar opinion.

Since the hay crop is practically all in the farmers wish for rain, and to the timber owners a heavy down pour would be appreciated. Wednesday and Thursday of this week were exceptionally warm days and there is no indication that old Juke Pluvis will come to the aid of the sweating populace. The mercury jumped to 57 degrees Thursday.

According to the weatherman the pressure area which has been sending cooler air from the high altitudes has been reduced to some extent and this, with the diminishing of the local pressure accounts for the greater effectiveness of the sun's rays.

Whether his idea is correct or not, let it be truthfully stated that old Sol has certainly let loose some of his warmest rays and they struck in this and nearby vicinities.

## CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES MONDAY

Circuit court, Judge Eakin presiding, will convene Monday morning, July 17. The grand jury has been called to meet on the same day. There will be no jury cases before Thursday, the 20th, as the case of Parrish vs. the Patterson Lumber company, a civil action, is expected to take up several days. The case of the State vs. Warranka will be the first case to be heard by the jury. The docket is comparatively light and in all probability court will not be in session as long as usually it is.

Roy Gill and J. S. Bothwell expect to leave St. Helens on Sunday morning for San Francisco. They will make the trip in Gill's auto and after spending several days in the Bay city, will motor to the Yosemite Valley and other points of interest in California. They expect to return to St. Helens about the middle of August.

## ANOTHER SEWER DISTRICT PROPOSED

Council to Establish Sewer District No 8 in Northeast Part of City; Church Street Improvement Accepted, Assessment Made.

At their meeting Monday night a resolution for the building of a sewer in Sewer District No. 8 was adopted by the council. The proposed district takes in all of Blocks 14, 15 and 29 and a part of Block 39 in St. Helens and Blocks 1 and 23 in the First Addition to Columbia Park. The plans and specifications as prepared by City Engineer VanOrshoven were accepted by the city fathers. The cost of the proposed improvement will be in the neighborhood of \$8,000. The portion of the city mentioned in the improvement resolution is without sewage connections.

Monday night being the time set for the hearing of objections to the assessment of Church street, and no objections having been filed in writing by any of the property owners it was moved and seconded that the assessment be adopted. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Applications of Mrs. Charles Morris to conduct a dry goods and notion store in West St. Helens, and Harry Sibley to conduct a second-hand store, were read and license ordered issued. H. E. Turpin received a license to operate a pool hall on Strand street, Lew Cates to operate a picture show on Columbia street, and W. A. Wood to operate a pool hall on Lot 22, Block 11.

An extension of 60 days was granted to L. J. VanOrshoven for the completion of the West street improvement. Bills totaling \$251.90 were read, audited and ordered paid. Plans and profile for the sidewalks and street grade on Columbia street between St. Helens and Willamette streets and between Columbia and Oak streets on Willamette streets, were adopted.

Several matters of minor importance were acted upon and disposed of before the council adjourned.

## DESPONDENT MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Matt Lammi, a bachelor who has resided in the Burns section near Mist for the past twenty years, was found dead in his cabin Wednesday night by neighbors who missed him from his residence. Underneath the body of the dead man was his shotgun and from meagre reports received indications are that it is a case of suicide. Sheriff Wellington was informed of the tragedy and Coroner T. S. White left for Burns on Thursday morning. No further details are obtainable inasmuch as the coroner has not returned.

## OFFICERS DISCOVER MOONSHINE CACHE

Gallons of Liquor Found on Wilverding Place Near Trenholm—Wilverding Arrested and at Liberty on \$500 Bail—Claim Innocence.

Tuesday afternoon Judge Martin White, Sheriff Wellington and Traffic Officer Harry Hadfield went on a "still" hunt. They went out Trenholm way and stopped at the farm of John Wilverding. According to the statement of Judge White, Hadfield and Wellington, who were at the Wilverding residence, they engaged Mrs. Wilverding in a conversation and the judge followed a well beaten trail which led from the Wilverding home to a creek. He discovered a cave about 10x12 and in the cave were several jugs of "moonshine" whiskey. While standing near the cave Judge White noticed Wilverding going towards his home. The judge fired his pistol to let Wellington and Hadfield know he had discovered the cache. Both of them came down the trails, Hadfield taking a different one from that taken by the sheriff. To his surprise, he saw Wilverding approaching, shotgun in hand. Hadfield ordered Wilverding to "stick 'em up" and the order was obeyed. Wilverding, so it is reported, stated to the officers that he had the gun "in order to give signals." The judge and sheriff continued the search on the premises, and following a trail discovered a barrel of whiskey which was hidden behind a cedar stump. There was an air vent in the top of the barrel so that the fumes at the bottom of the barrel would work better. In a small creek nearby several quart bottles of the "moonshine" were found.

Wilverding was arrested and brought to St. Helens and through his attorney, Glen R. Metaker, plead not guilty to the charge of possessing intoxicating liquor. He is at liberty under \$500 bail and the case will be heard at a later date.

Wilverding stated to the officers that he knew nothing of the liquor nor was he the owner or in any way interested in it.

At their meeting Thursday night Rehobek Lodge No. 217 installed the recently elected officers. Miss Grace Howell is noble grand; Miss Helen Larsen, vice grand; Mrs. Ora Bennett, secretary, and Mrs. W. D. White, treasurer. After the installation a banquet was served.

## SCENE OF HERRIN RIOT



Photo shows all that remained of the supply house after the labor where a number of strike-breakers were killed recently. This building was dynamited and the job not suiting the miners they applied the torch.