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REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN HERE

State Chairman Toozee of Republicans Opens State Tour in St. Helens; Meets with Central Committee and Attends Banquet.

One of the most enthusiastic republican gatherings in years was held in St. Helens Tuesday night when Columbia county republicans turned out to greet Walter L. Toozee, republican state chairman, who opened his tour here of every county in the state.

A meeting of the state chairman and county central committee was held in the court house during the afternoon, at which time plans were adopted for a thorough organization of the county committee.

In the evening a banquet was held at the St. Helens hotel, which was attended by members of the republican organization and other leading republican men and women of the county. Judge Martin White, in his capacity as host, acted as a characteristic good humor, acted as toastmaster. Following enthusiastic talks by various republican leaders present, Mr. Toozee spoke along lines of organization.

Mr. Toozee said that he had no use for a man who did not have time to devote attention to our form of government, and that we should have two strong political organizations; that the duty of a republican organization is to elect and not nominate republican candidates. It is also his opinion that every republican engaging in a republican primary impliedly pledges himself to vote for the successful nominee, and that it is a sacred pledge and should be carried out.

Taken all together the meeting was a decided success and much good for the republican organization was accomplished. Mr. Toozee went from here to Astoria where he met with the Clatsop county central committee.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF LUMBER MARKET

One hundred and twenty-four mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending July 28th, manufactured 83,411,834 feet of lumber; sold 78,619,024 feet; and shipped 75,496,800 feet.

Production for reporting mills was 4 per cent above normal. New business 6 per cent below production. Shipments were 4 per cent below new business.

Thirty-four per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 26,889,024 feet, of which 18,986,906 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 7,902,120 feet for over-seas shipment. New business for delivery by rail amounted to 1,725 cars.

Thirty-one per cent of the week's lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 23,116,800 feet, of which 15,610,213 feet moved coastwise and inter-coastal and 7,506,587 feet export. Rail shipments amounted to 1,746 cars.

Unfilled domestic cargo orders total 98,274,364 feet. Unfilled export orders 58,932,744 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders, 6,260 cars. In thirty weeks production has been 2,412,359,295 feet; new business 2,421,312,163 feet; shipments 2,385,917,504.

Lumber shipments from St. Helens have been light for the week but coastwise steamers and steamers coming for offshore cargoes will stimulate shipping.

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY CLOSES SUNDAY

Following a week of activity at Columbia City, next Sunday will be the closing day for the Oregon Baptist Young People's assembly. The attendance has been good and the services much enjoyed by all who attended.

Friday night Dr. Wright is scheduled to make an address of welcome and appreciation, and the negro chorus will have a short program and conduct the campfire service. This evening's program will be in the nature of a reception to citizens of St. Helens and Columbia City.

Most interesting services will be held Sunday. In addition to the services and singing, Dr. W. B. Hinson will be the chief speaker of the day, delivering his sermon at 3:30 in the afternoon.

An special invitation is extended to the citizens of St. Helens and vicinity to be present at all of these services.

I. O. O. F. POSTPONE VERNONIA VISIT

A large delegation of members of St. Helens Lodge No. 117, I. O. O. F., expected to go over to Vernonia tomorrow night to aid Vernonia lodge in putting on degree work, but on account of many of the members of Vernonia lodge being out of town fighting the forest fires, the lodge members thought it best to postpone the visit until a later date. The Vernonia lodge though organized only a short time ago has a large membership and the lodge is in a flourishing condition.

WHITNEY CHORUS WELL RECEIVED

The concert by the Whitney Boys chorus at The Liberty theatre was much enjoyed by those present.

The chorus work was splendid and showed the ease of tone and wide range of the soprano section and the sonority of the lower voices. The special features were enjoyable, one of the best was the song by Tom Bradley. He accompanied himself on the ukulele and sang with an assurance and ease that many professionals might envy.

Mr. Whitney, the founder of all the Whitney Boy choruses in the state of Oregon, was the director and George Ingram, assistant supervisor of music in the schools of Portland, was the accompanist.

Mr. Whitney's original idea of a chorus of twenty thousand voices for 1925 is fast becoming a possibility. They have choruses organized and rehearsing in practically every town in the western part of Oregon, besides the original chorus of one thousand voices in Portland. Mr. Whitney is a man with a vision and with the splendid co-operation he is receiving from the state he will be able to put on a spectacular production in Portland for the 1925 fair, second to none, not even the famous Passion Play at Oberammergau.

THE LIBERTY HAS SPLENDID BILL

The program at The Liberty next week is one of unusual attractiveness, featuring as it does some of America's most popular screen stars in their latest productions. The week opens tomorrow night with "Outlawed," a western picture featuring Bill Patton and Carlyn Wagner, and is followed on Sunday and Monday with James Oliver Curwood's famous story, "Flower of the North," pictured. A portion of this latter film was made in Northern Oregon, and the scenery is said to be especially interesting. On Tuesday and Wednesday "The Passionate Pilgrim," a story of mystery and daring is the bill, with Bert Lytell in "The Right That Failed" on Friday and Saturday. This latter production shows Lytell in the prize fighting ring, and is a comedy that will please any audience.

TENNIS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

At the meeting of the St. Helens Tennis club last Monday night the following officers were elected for the year: L. R. Rutherford, president; H. F. McCormick, vice president; H. A. Childs, treasurer; Gordon Thompson, secretary and J. W. Thompson, J. E. Hutchinson and H. F. McCormick were chosen as directors.

An invitation has been sent to several Portland tennis clubs to come to St. Helens to give the local players a chance to show their skill in real competition. It was also decided to make any necessary repairs on the courts and repaint the lines and to ask all members to pay their dues as soon as possible. An invitation is extended for all who are interested in tennis to join the club.

BRUSH FIRES ENDANGERS HOUSES

This morning at 4:30 o'clock, the fire department was called out to extinguish a brush fire on the road leading to the Columbia County Lumber company's mill. The fire boys responded promptly and in a short while had the fire under control. Their prompt action doubtless saved several residences as the fire was spreading over a considerable area. Chief Gaffney detailed several of the boys to watch the smoldering fire to keep it from spreading.

"OLD TIMERS" AGAINST THE REGULAR TEAM

Mayor Ballagh as Manager of "Old Timers" Baseball Team Out to Get Manager Hunt's Scalp—Interesting Game Promised.

What promises to be a thriller in baseball games is to be pulled off on the fair grounds ball park in St. Helens next Sunday.

There are a lot of "old timers" of this great American game around town who are laboring under what Jim Hunt calls a "deluded delusion" that they can "come back," and are cocky enough to think that there is enough elixir of youth yet romping through their veins to enable them to wallop Hunt's invincibles on the diamond next Sunday afternoon.

Mayor Ballagh is the manager of this antiquated bunch. To a reporter for the Mist he said: "I am undecided just who I will put in the pitcher's box to start with, but he will throw a surprise into Jim Hunt's fledglings. I have a couple of old reliables in Fred DeNeffe and 'Lefty' Schroeder, and I can use Swep Morton, any one of which is guaranteed to go at least one full round before he swoons. Rutherford, 'Hank' Wist and Morton have never been known to let a ball pass them if they had a ghost of an opportunity to lay down on it before it got past them. These boys will perform behind the bat—and I am going to see that they are far enough behind it so that Hunt's maliciously inclined batters will not try to bean them to win the game. Pete Brakke is my reserve force. Pete is a little overweight, but he is a darn sight more active than he looks. I have other players of just as good material as those mentioned, but I am not giving their names out for publication. I am going in to give that bunch of Hunt's a good, first-class drubbing, and I've got good salmon to bet on it."

Manager Hunt of the regular team, which is to go up against the "old timers" says he has no fear of the outcome of the struggle. "I am willing to concede," said Mr. Hunt, "that some time in the dim and distant past this aggregation that Mayor Ballagh is championing could play baseball as it was played in ancient times. But they have outlived their usefulness as ball players; besides, my bunch of ball tossers has forgotten more about the game than those old timers ever did know."

So the die is cast for a real interesting game of ball. The old timers may "come back" in a way to surprise the regular team and give them a run for their money. Anyway, it is going to be well worth going miles to see and a record crowd is promised for Sunday's game.

OREGON CITY MAN IN DEATH DRIVE

A machine driven by Roy Stretchberry, a civil engineer of Oregon City, plunged off the highway near Goble Wednesday evening, resulting in injuries to Stretchberry that caused his death in St. Vincent's hospital Thursday morning. The cause of the accident was not determined.

Stretchberry left Goble in the early evening with Miss Ruth Bloomquist of Rainier for a drive. The accident occurred a few miles east of Goble shortly after 10 o'clock, according to Dr. J. F. Ditto of Rainier, who was called to the scene. Stretchberry sustained several broken ribs and internal injuries. He was rushed to Portland. Miss Bloomquist escaped with minor scalp lacerations.

Coroner White took charge of the body and brought it to this city. Deceased's mother lives at Long Beach, California, and upon advices from there the remains were shipped to Long Beach Friday morning.

LUMBER MOVEMENT ACTIVE LOCALLY

St. Helens Center of Brisk Activity in Lumber Shipments — McCormick Line of Boats Supplying California Ports.

This week St. Helens is the center of a brisk movement of coastwise lumber, with a promised continuation for the next week or ten days at least.

The steam schooners Daisy Matthews, E. H. Meyer and Wakkeena are due to leave with full cargoes. The Daisy will clear Saturday night for the southern coast with eleven hundred thousand feet of lumber, the Wakkeena going out the same night with nine hundred thousand feet of lumber for San Francisco. The Meyer will sail Sunday, loaded with piling for the south coast.

The steamer Steel Ranger is now at the docks and loading lumber for New York. She sails tonight. The Annette Rolph shifted from Portland to St. Helens this morning and will take on 600,000 feet for San Diego delivery. She will sail the first of the coming week. The Mobile City is due here next Monday to load lumber for Philadelphia delivery.

The steamers Willamette, Wapama, Multnomah, Daisy and Daisy Putnam are due at St. Helens the fore part of the week. The vessels are handling lumber for the McCormick California yards and the steamer Everett finished a cargo of 2,000,000 feet on Puget Sound for San Pedro yesterday, the steamers Edna and Cello will load on the north harbor next week, while the steamer Daisy Gadsby is to work a full cargo on Grays Harbor.

BRIEF HAPPENINGS ABOUT THE CITY

Annual Mite Box.—The Woman's Foreign Missionary society will observe the annual Mite Box opening Thursday, August 10th at 2 o'clock in the parlor of the First M. E. church. Each member is urged to attend and bring a guest.

On Way Home.—A postal card received by St. Helens relatives states that J. S. Bothwell and Roy Gill who have been touring California by auto, have a little farther than the California line. They were in Tia Juana, Mexico. They expected to start on the homeward journey Friday, July 28.

At Cannon Beach.—Miss Amy George and Mrs. L. J. VanOrshoven accompanied by their friend, Miss Helen Johnson of Portland left on Tuesday morning for Cannon Beach where they will spend several weeks. E. A. Rotger took the party in his auto and Mrs. Jacob George made the trip with them.

Accepts Call.—Rev. Paul D. Hoffman of Portland has accepted a call to Plymouth Congregational church of this city and will begin his pastorate on the first of September. Mr. Hoffman is a graduate of the University of Southern California and his wife is a graduate of the University of Oregon, where she also took a post-graduate course in music. Services, with the exception of the Sunday school, will be suspended during the month of August.

Official Quietness.—The sheriff's office reports a quietness bordering on boredom in moonshine activity recently. No new hauls have been made of individuals with an overzealous desire to go into the illicit manufacturing business. Even the speeders have almost quit speeding. The office force is taking a rest, ready for renewed activities.

LINNTON LOSES TO ST. HELENS

Linnton's strong baseball team came to St. Helens Sunday, but Hunt's invincibles sent them home properly drubbed.

The boys from up river started off well by running in one score in the first frame. The locals were unable to connect in the first round, but from the second inning on to the finish the boys almost ran themselves ragged in circling the bases. Reiten pitched a good game and made a record of strikeouts by fanning 17 men.

The tabulated result of the game follows:

St. Helens	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
McDonald, 3f	6	0	1	0	0	0
Parkinson, lf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Paulson, 2b	5	2	1	0	2	0
Calhoun, cf	5	3	3	0	0	0
Howe, c	5	3	2	1	0	0
McKie, 1b	5	3	4	8	0	1
Pil, ss	5	0	1	2	0	0
Hicks, rf	4	1	0	1	0	0
Reiten, p	4	2	1	0	1	0
Totals	43	15	14	27	6	1

Linnton	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dimmick, lf	5	1	0	0	1	0
Munson, 2b	3	1	1	1	2	2
Bradley, cf	4	1	0	2	1	0
Wilson, 3b	5	0	0	1	1	0
Wist, c	5	2	4	8	0	1
Krause, p	5	0	4	0	2	0
Warnick, ss	4	0	0	5	2	2
Young, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Jenson, 1b	4	0	0	6	0	2
Totals	38	5	9	24	9	7

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Summary—Home runs, Calhoun, McKie, Munson, Wist. Two-base hits, Calhoun, McKie, Krause. Base on balls, off Krause, 3; off Reiten, 1. Hit by pitched ball, Munson 2, by Reiten, and Parkinson by Krause. Struck out, by Reiten 17, by Krause 7. Time of game, 2 hours. Umpires, Ballagh and Connors.

FAMILY QUARREL ENDS IN DOG SCRAP

A family scrap was brought before Judge Philip Monday, and the judge adjudicated the matter by handing out a stiff reprimand to the participants and advising them to live in peace and harmony in future.

According to reports the Fritz and Thomas families have not been living together in that brotherly love we often hear and read about. It remained, however, for a dog fight to bring the row to a climax. Whether the dogs shared in the enmity and families had for each other is not of record, but the fact remains that the dogs carried on no words of war but actually entered into mortal combat.

Each family attributed to the other rough handling of the other fellow's dog in the attempts to separate them. Result: Roy Fritz and Allard Thomas took up the matter where the dogs left off, with the further result that Fritz was haled before the court on complaint of assault by Thomas.

The judge deemed the matter of trifling importance and dismissed the whole proceedings with the admonition to the interested parties to go and sin no more, and that any further sinning along the same line would cost somebody real money next time.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES OF HOME PEOPLE

H. F. McCormick and Clyde Sutherland motored over to Vernonia today via the St. Helens-Pittsburg road.

After spending a week in the Nehalem Valley near Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry LaBare and daughter returned to St. Helens Saturday evening.

Raymond DeVin and "Bill" Bennett joined the Whitney Boys chorus for a tour of the down river towns. They will take part in the chorus at Rainier, Astoria and Seaside.

Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Ross and son John returned to St. Helens Monday evening, after having spent a pleasant ten days' outing at Cannon Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Eller of Portland are in St. Helens this week looking after Von Gray's jewelry establishment while the Gray family are sojourning at Seaside. Mrs. Eller and Mrs. Gray are sisters.

Joe Stristmaller and H. Huddleman were in the city Thursday looking up business. The former is general freight agent and the latter freight agent of the McCormick steamship line with offices at Portland.

Perhaps a little late in mentioning it, but Harry Lyons kept it rather quiet that he has quit frying his own flapjacks. Recently Harry sneaked off and took unto himself a wife. The lady who changed her name was Miss Joyce LaVale of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Melhuish were here Sunday for a short visit to Mrs. Melhuish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. LaBare. They are now making their home in Portland. Mr. Melhuish having accepted a position with the Price Shipbuilding company.

Dr. W. G. Parent was in the lower end of the county and at Astoria Tuesday on professional business. The doctor is specializing in sterility in cows and has been quite busy recently in making calls to various parts of the county attending to live stock diseases and particularly the work in which he specializes.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FIRES SPREADING

Blaze Breaks Loose on Holdings of Westport Lumber Company Near Mist—Nehalem Valley Near Forest Blaze.

Renewed forest fire activity has been manifest in Columbia county in the past week. The fire which has been smoldering for some weeks at Belding broke its bounds and spread into surrounding green timber in the properties of the Wheeler, Hammond and Oregon Logging & Timber companies. Fifty fresh fire fighters were summoned to the scene of the fire.

C. C. Scott, of the patrol association was of the opinion that the old fire was fanned by new winds and would give a little trouble, but he was in no fear of its getting beyond control. More men than were requested by those at the fire would be needed if the fire had grown to any mammoth proportions. There has been low humidity in the country for a day or two, thus making conditions favorable to the spreading of the fire.

According to the last word from Fire Chief Dixon, a fire of quite large proportions has broken out at the site of the Westport logging camp and is traveling in a southeasterly direction toward Vernonia. This fire, as well as others in the near vicinity, has been under control for the past two weeks, but due to the high wind, together with the prolonged dry spell, it has been almost impossible to keep the fire on the ground.

Men coming in from the front have reported the fire still under control, but feared that it would be impossible to make much headway against the flame if the wind continued from the present direction. The fire traveled about two miles an hour on the ground, but was entirely surrounded by trails and well patrolled. More men are in readiness if the situation grows serious. Fear has been felt for the safety of the town owing to the complete lack of fire protection and the fact that the timber extends to the city limits at nearly all points.

The United States forest service is on the watch for lightning storms, which are well known starters of fire. A perilous condition exists at present, with the forest lookout being greatly handicapped by the smokiness of the atmosphere. Ordinarily they are able to spot fires for distances of nearly 20 miles, but their range of vision under present conditions is in places hardly a mile.

The service has asked the co-operation of all who frequent the forests in watching for fires and reporting them promptly. Instances are frequent where fires may not be discovered until they have spread to uncontrollable proportions.

MILL FOREMAN RECEIVES INJURIES

Struck by timbers from the rolls, B. J. Holm, night foreman at the St. Helens lumber mill, sustained injuries Sunday evening which will lay him up for some time.

While long on experience as a mill man, Mr. Holm was a new man on the foremanship job at the mill. Sunday evening was the starting of his first shift, though he had been about the mill for a few evenings with the old foreman. His injuries were a broken arm and some fractured ribs.

He was immediately rushed to a Portland hospital where he is said to be getting along very nicely. Reports have been in circulation on the streets that he had died from the effects of injuries received, but these rumors are untrue.

STEAMSHIP LINE GETS NEW RATES

In keeping with their progressive policy, the McCormick Steamship line has entered into shipping arrangements with the various railroad lines entering Portland whereby the steamship line will get the benefit of through rates between California and all points on the respective railroads.

Tariffs covering have been made effective June 5th which puts the steamship line in position to give an unequalled service through the Portland gateway.

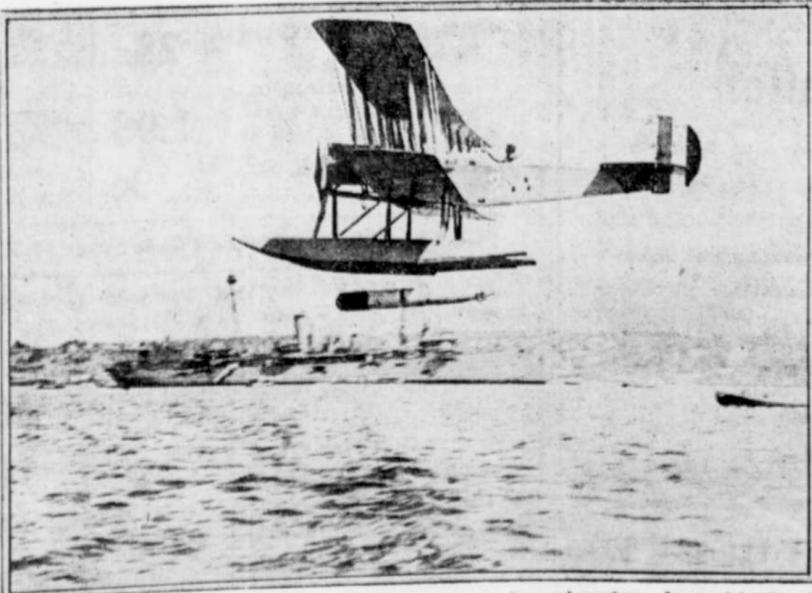
"FLOWER OF NORTH" PLAY WITH ACTION

There is a wealth of action in "Flower of the North," the James Oliver Curwood production which will be shown at The Liberty on Sunday and Monday, with two shows Sunday afternoon. Indian fights, night charges of the enraged Redskins, a helpless girl whirling into the rapids as her canoe rushes on, riddleless; physical fights and moral struggles.

EARLY MORNING FIRE ALARM

About 4 o'clock Friday morning the siren call of fire went out from the mill whistle. Many citizens arose rather earlier than usual to find it to be a brush fire on the Portland road.

DROPPING TORPEDOES FROM U. S. NAVAL AIRPLANES



The torpedo plane is the latest development of offensive weapons in naval warfare. In naval battles of the future, torpedo planes will be used for swift and deadly attack on capital ships. Flying at a speed of from 75 to 100 miles an hour, they will deliver torpedo attacks in mass formation on the enemy battle line. The bureau of aeronautics of the navy department is at present developing a new type torpedo plane which will be the best of its kind in the world.