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ST. HELENS SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 5TH

Superintendent Wilkerson Expects a Large Attendance — High School students will Number About 200 and Many from Nearby Localities.

The St. Helens schools will open on Tuesday, September 5th and in anticipation of the fact that the attendance this year will exceed that of last year, the school board has arranged for the high school to be held at the high school building, according to a statement of Professor J. B. Wilkerson, superintendent of the schools.

In addition to the 60 eighth grade students who will be freshmen this year, there are a number of students coming from Warren, Bachelor Flat and Yankton, the school board having made arrangements for their transportation. This transportation, however, will cost the school district nothing as the state school fund allowance will pay the cost of transportation of the high school students.

The high school registration last year was 179 and the average attendance was 148. The registration in the grades was close to 550. The enrollment of the McBride school in West St. Helens was 150, so C. E. Lake, principal of the school stated, and he thinks that this year's registration will exceed that of last year, since many families have moved to St. Helens during the past year.

In order to provide better quarters for the freshmen the school board is making a study room in the auditorium. The balcony will be used for this purpose. Portions of it have been made into rooms and will provide comfortable quarters.

From the study room the students will go to the recitation rooms and there will be no confusion as there was last year.

Superintendent Wilkerson and the school board have been doing their utmost to make preparations for a successful term of school and it appears that they have succeeded and it seems probable that this year will be a banner year in the history of the St. Helens schools.

FRUIT GROWERS TO HOLD MEETING

There will be a meeting of fruit growers of the Warren-Scappoose community to be held on the Key's farm on Scappoose Heights, Wednesday, September 6th at 1 p. m. This is the last of our series of fruit meetings in the Scappoose community for the season in which Mr. Key's orchard has been used for demonstration purposes. Thinning work is being carried on in this orchard this year and has brought out a remarkable demonstration in the value of thinning. It is hoped that every fruit grower will be able to attend this meeting. C. L. Long, extension specialist in horticulture, will be present and matters of interest to every fruit grower will be discussed.

RUNAWAY WIFE IS ARRESTED; JAILED

Mrs. C. E. Lope Arrested in San Francisco and in Jail at Grants Pass on Alleged Bogus Sale of Automobile.

Mrs. Charles E. Lope and M. D. Wilson are in jail in Grants Pass, Oregon, having been brought to that city from San Francisco to answer certain criminal charges. The warrant for their arrest, so it is understood, was sworn to by a woman in Grants Pass who bought the Lope car from Wilson. Wilson, so it is alleged, told the purchaser that he had secured the car in a real estate deal which was transacted in Portland.

Mrs. Lope left St. Helens on or about June 21 and did not tell her husband where she was going. About two weeks later the auto department of the secretary of state notified Mr. Lope that a woman in Grants Pass wished the license on his car transferred to her. Mr. Lope through this information was able to locate the whereabouts of his wife. He went to Grants Pass and found the car. As stated, the bill of sale had been made by Wilson who was traveling with Mrs. Lope. It is said that the couple camped in the public camping grounds for a number of days before selling the car and going to San Francisco.

When the purchaser ascertained that the car was not the property of the party from whom she had purchased it, she issued a warrant for the arrest of the seller. Wilson and Mrs. Lope were apprehended in San Francisco and brought back to Grants Pass. Just what charges have been lodged against the pair is not known here, but it is presumed that Wilson will face a charge of disposing of property not his own. It is possible, also, that the federal authorities will take a hand in the matter.

Mrs. Lope wired her husband that she was in jail in Grants Pass and to come to her aid, but as yet Mr. Lope has taken no action in the matter. It is not known what charge has been lodged against Mrs. Lope. Mrs. Lope's parents reside in St. Helens. She was married to Mr. Lope about five years ago. The couple have two children.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES OF HOME PEOPLE

Dinner Date Changed.—The chicken dinner for the benefit of the St. Helens public library will be given on Wednesday evening, September 27 instead of the date previously announced. The proceeds derived from the dinner will be used to buy more books for the library.

Silver Tea.—The ladies of the Plymouth Auxiliary will have a silver tea in the parlors of Plymouth Congregational church this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. Proceeds from the tea will be used for church purposes. The public is cordially invited.

More Rain.—The weather bureau man, Edward Wells, predicts that the prevailing showers will come to an end by Sunday or Monday. This week's rains are largely centered over Portland and lower Columbia river district. Mr. Wells forecasted showers for today and it appears that his forecast is correct.

Celebrate Anniversary.—Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Ross celebrated their eleventh wedding anniversary Thursday. In honor of the occasion they had a family dinner party the guests being, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Amand, Mr. Eli Shaffer and Miss Dora Shaffer.

Big Honey Cache.—The first of the week C. W. Brannan of Yankton discovered a bee tree from which he took more than 100 pounds of the finest quality of honey. The bees had taken up their home in the hollow of an old stump and the hive of bees was of enormous size, so large in fact that Mr. Brannan had doubts about being able to keep them all in the hive in which he put them.

In New Quarters.—In order to take care of their rapidly growing business Harms Brothers' garage has moved to new quarters. The firm has leased the garage formerly occupied by the West Side garage and will do their shop and repair work there. They will retain their old garage quarters using it for storage purposes. Walter Uhlman, manager of the concern states.

Guild Card Party.—The ladies of the Episcopal Guild were hostesses Wednesday evening at a card party at the Guild hall. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the eighty people present thoroughly enjoyed the evening. After the card games were finished refreshments were served. The proceeds from the party will go towards defraying the expenses of the Episcopal Bishops' conference which is now being held in Portland.

Birthday Party.—Miss Dorothy Bethman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bethman celebrated her tenth birthday Wednesday. The party began at 11 o'clock and lasted until five o'clock in the afternoon. Those present were, Echo Rollins, Jessie White, Onira Bennett, Almee Sten, Marion Sutherland, Virginia Sutherland, Helen Sutton, Adele Hitchman, Nora Hitchman. The young folks enjoyed the delightful refreshments served. Mrs. Bethman was assisted by Mrs. Harry Berry.

To Attend Conference.—Rev. S. Darlow Johnson, pastor of the local Methodist church will leave for Salem Tuesday morning to attend the annual conference. Officials of the conference will assign ministers to new charges and supply churches without a pastorate. The board of trustees of the church here have requested that Mr. Johnson be returned to the St. Helens pastorate and The Mist hopes that the request will be favorably considered as Rev. Johnson has done much for the church and the city's interest at large.

Singing Class.—J. W. Winsett organized a chorus class last Friday evening with 31 pupils enrolled and will give lessons every Wednesday and Friday evenings after next week. There will be only one lesson next week and that will be Friday, September 1, commencing at 8 p. m., and will be the third lesson of the present term. If any one wishes to join the class they may do so on Friday, the 1st and not later than Friday, the 8th as no one will be permitted to join later than the fourth lesson. If you wish to see the work you may do so on the first or the eighth but not after as no spectators are invited until the fifteenth lesson of the present term.—Adv.

Schooner Injures Dock.—The schooner Defiance which is loaded with a cargo of lumber for Hilo, had a queer mishap Monday afternoon. The schooner was in berth at the north end of the mill company's dock and when a steam schooner nosed in astern the stern lines broke and the schooner drifted down stream, the stern swinging out and throwing the bow inshore. The bowsprit came to rest against the warehouse of the Columbia River Packers' association, and Mayor Ballagh who was at work in the office lost no time in getting out of the building which threatened to topple over with the pressure of the boat against it. The building was damaged to the extent, it is said, of about \$200. The bowsprit of this boat suffered some damage and the vessel was towed to the shipyard for repairs.

Mrs. Golden Starr Scott was in Clatskanie Thursday, forming a committee for the roll call.

ROBERIO TAKEN TO PORTLAND JAIL

Points Out Pawn Shop Where Pistol was Bought and Seller is Arrested—Grand Jury will Pass on Case at October Term of Court.

George Roberio, who shot and mortally wounded Alvin R. Price of Kelso, Washington, and seriously wounded R. Widling of Vancouver, Wash., fellow passengers in one of the Columbia Stages company's auto buses Monday evening, August 21, was taken to Portland on Thursday, the 24th by Sheriff Wellington. Roberio had no trouble in locating the pawn shop from which he purchased the revolver. The pawn broker denied having sold the weapon but Roberio said, "What's the use to it about it, you wanted to sell me a larger gun but I bought this one."



George Roberio
—Courtesy Oregon Journal

According to the sheriff he told the pawn broker that "you also tried to sell me one of those two big guns you had in the safe." When the safe was opened the two big guns were found. The pawn broker was arrested by Detective Abbott of the Portland police department, who had been aiding Sheriff Wellington in the matter.

Roberio was lodged in the Multnomah county jail and will be kept there until the grand jury passes on his case.

THUNDER STORM AWAKENS ST. HELENS

St. Helens and vicinity was visited with the most terrific thunder storm in many years Tuesday night. The lightning flashed and the heavy cannoning of the elements awoke the residents of the city. The storm lasted for several hours. It was followed by a heavy rainfall which continued during the night and on Thursday old man Jupe Pluvius turned the bucket upside down and spilled the entire contents.

The lightning and thunder, according to the weatherman's report, was due to atmospheric conditions. No damage was done in this vicinity but on the contrary the rainfall will insure good fall pasturage and be of benefit to the late crops.

THE WORLD'S SMALLEST SAW MILL



Photo shows a remarkable little sawmill which a Seattle man has invented and constructed on his back lot. The machine cuts 1,200 board feet of lumber a day with one man and handles logs up to 32 feet in length. Motor power is provided by a 6 H. P. gasoline engine. The saw is adapted from an old cut-off saw, works up and down with a jog motion. The log carriage is power propelled and lumber is cut accurately to any thickness desired.

MANY TO ATTEND VERNONIA MEETING

St. Helens Chamber of Commerce Arranging for Special Train to Take Crowd to the Celebration on September 9th.

If the plans of the directors of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce go through there will be a large crowd of St. Helens people in Vernonia on Saturday, September 9th when the Nehalem valley metropolis people will celebrate the opening of the new railroad.

President J. H. Flynn appointed Sherman Miles, a director of the chamber, as a committee of one to handle the matter for St. Helens. Mr. Miles got in touch with Agent Gilby of the S. P. & S. R. R. and they are trying to arrange for a special train to leave St. Helens about 8:15 o'clock the morning of the 9th and go to Vernonia over the new railroad.

At a late hour last night Messrs. Miles and Gilby had not received any definite information from the railroad officials as to their ability to furnish the special train, but they are in hopes that such an arrangement can be made.

Mr. Miles said: "In view of the uncertain weather conditions and the fact that if we have several days of rain prior to the celebration, the Pittsburg-St. Helens road would be impassable for autos, it was thought best to charter a special train and make the trip over the new railroad, thus affording the St. Helens people the opportunity to see the country through which the road passes. I am in hopes that we can get this train and Mr. Gilby and myself will do everything possible to do so. The opening of the railroad into Vernonia and the Nehalem country marks an important epoch in the development of the county and I am sure that the people of St. Helens and community will avail themselves of the opportunity to celebrate with Vernonia should we be able to secure the train."

Later: Early this morning Mr. Miles phoned The Mist that arrangements had been made for the special train which will leave St. Helens at 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning, arriving in Vernonia at about 10 o'clock. The fare will be \$2.50 for the round trip. Those who wish to make the trip should make their reservations as early as possible. Such reservations will be made by Agent Gilby of the S. P. & S. R. R., phone 58, or John L. Stora, executive secretary of the chamber of commerce, phone 122. Orders for tickets will be given upon payment of the \$2.50 and the orders will be exchanged for tickets at the depot. The special train will stop at Warren and Scappoose to pick up any from those towns who wish to make the trip.

COUNTY CHAPTER RED CROSS NOTES

Mrs. Golden Starr Scott spent Wednesday in Rainier arranging for the committee for the annual roll call in November. Mrs. A. M. Lee will act as chairman of Rainier.

A copy of the National Red Cross budget for 1922 and 1923 is placed on the reading table of the city library. Read it and see where 50 per cent of your Red Cross dollar goes.

A meeting of the executive committee of Columbia Chapter A. R. C. was held at the home of Mrs. L. G. Ross Tuesday evening to arrange for the roll call in November. It is the desire of the committee that the roll call go through in two days.

A rest room will be maintained at the county fair under the auspices of the Red Cross.

ST. HELENS PLAYS CLATSKANIE MONDAY

Manager James Hunt will lead his baseball team to Clatskanie Monday, Labor Day, to try conclusions with the Clatskanie team. St. Helens has defeated Clatskanie twice this season and the lower river city team is anxious to have revenge. The lineup for St. Helens will be about the same as when they played Kalama last Sunday. It is expected that a number of fans will accompany the team to Clatskanie.

Kalama evened up scores with St. Helens last Sunday on the Kalama diamond when in a ninth inning rally they came out at the long end of a 9 to 8 score. It was a close and exciting contest, and St. Helens looked like a sure winner for until the fatal ninth they had a one-run lead. Two men were on bases and one man down when Pill threw wild to Howe trying to nab the runner at the home plate. This tied the score and the next batter up connected with one of Jacobberger's offerings for a clean hit to right, and the winning run was made.

The batters made it uncomfortable for both pitchers. Jacobberger yielded 13 hits and his team-mates made 6 errors. Cole, pitching for Kalama, was touched up for 12 hits and the Kalama players made 9 errors.

DYING MOTHER'S WISH FULFILLED

Shortly before Mrs. Ida Fox of Goble died she made a written request that her three-year-old daughter, Wilmar Frances be adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fisher of Goble. Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Fox were sisters. Mrs. Mary Fox, grandmother of the little girl, wished to adopt her and filed a petition with the county court asking permission to do so. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fisher, with whom the little orphan had made her home after the death of her mother, filed a cross complaint and asked the court to allow them to adopt the child. On Tuesday Judge Martin White heard both sides of the case and denied the petition of Mrs. Fox and awarded the child to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher. In making his decision the judge took into consideration the fact that the little girl had many relations in Goble, that the Fisher family had cared for her before and after the death of her mother and that a good home for the little one was assured. Cleaton and Hayes, lawyers of Portland, represented Mrs. Fox, the grandmother, and Glen R. Metsker presented the claim of the Fishers. Numerous witnesses from Goble came to testify in the matter.

MERCHANTS PROTEST TRUCK LICENSE FEE

The merchants of St. Helens who operate auto trucks for delivery of goods are not disposed to pay the license fee for operating the trucks they made known to the council at their meeting Monday night. The fee is \$10 for trucks up to one ton capacity and increases in proportion to the capacity of the truck. The merchants maintained that they were taxed on their goods and their equipment and should not have to pay a further tax for the operating of the delivery trucks. It is said that the merchants will make a test case to see if the ordinance is valid.

The ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer in sewer district No. 8 was read the first and second times. Several licenses were issued for the operation of delivery trucks and two building permits were granted. The council had an adjourned session Wednesday evening and fixed the assessments on the improvement of West street.

OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

While no program has been arranged for the celebration of Labor Day in St. Helens, the day will be fittingly observed. All of the stores will be closed as will the banks and public offices. The mills will shut down for the day and there will be no work along the waterfront and any vessels in port will not load cargo.

Rainier is staging a celebration and it is probable that a number of St. Helens people will visit that city. On the afternoon of Labor Day Clatskanie and St. Helens baseball teams will have a contest on the Clatskanie grounds. The game is scheduled to begin promptly at 2:30 o'clock and the St. Helens baseball fans will be there in force. Harry Bennett, Jake Large and Pat O'Malley have been appointed a committee to see that the home team is accompanied by many loyal rooters. Among the other plants which will be closed on Labor Day is the office and shop of The Mist.

John Q. Gage, well known St. Helens man, writes The Mist that he is now working at the big mill which was built during war times near Toledo by the spruce division of the army. Mr. Gage says: "Many men who formerly worked at St. Helens are working here. The plant is a large one and when completed will cover as much territory as from the court house in St. Helens to Frogmore."

Mrs. A. B. Lake returned to St. Helens Tuesday after having spent the vacation season at her old home in Jackson, Minnesota. She also visited relatives and friends in Kansas City and Minneapolis.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS FOR WEEK LARGE

Several Vessels to Sail Saturday Night and Shipments for Week will Be Almost Eight Million Feet; Many Longshoremen Employed.

When the several vessels scheduled to sail tomorrow night cast off their lines and head down the river, a new record will be established for the amount of lumber shipped in one week from this port. Approximately eight million feet of lumber and piling will have been loaded and dispatched.

The steamer Santa Rosa sailed on Sunday for New York with a million feet of lumber taken on here. The motor vessel Challaamba is due to depart tomorrow for Honolulu with a cargo of 1,600,000 feet of lumber and piling. The steamer Hufferro with a 2,200,000 foot cargo of lumber will get away Saturday night or Sunday morning for St. Johns, N. B. The coasting steamer Viking is scheduled to sail Saturday night for San Pedro. The vessel carries 1,250,000 feet of lumber which is being taken from the St. Helens Lumber company's dock. The McCormick steamers Multnomah and Cello are also scheduled to sail Saturday night. The Multnomah goes to San Francisco and the Cello to San Pedro. The cargoes of the two boats will be about 950,000 each. The steamer Thomas L. Wand is another coaster in port which is taking on cargo for Redondo. The steamer will take on about 450,000 feet from this port and sail Saturday night.

The steamer Simaloe which has been taking on a cargo at Columbia City for the Orient, left up river last night to complete her cargo and the Norwegian steamer Boren will finish taking on 650,000 feet of lumber for delivery at Sydney, Australia, and sail Saturday night.

The Japanese steamer Tasmania Maru is at the St. Helens Dock & Terminal company's dock loading a cargo of 2,200,000 feet of logs for Japan. The logs are being furnished by the Broughton & Wiggins company.

The coasting steamers Daisy Matthews, Daisy Putnam, E. H. Meyer, Ryder Hanify and Parlo are all due the early part of the week to load lumber cargoes for California ports and the steamer Chaitanooga City which is now at Linnton is expected to arrive Monday or Tuesday for a consignment of 700,000 feet for the Atlantic coast.

An interesting feature of this week's shipping was the number of flags of different nations displayed by the steamers in port. There were American, Dutch, Swedish, Norwegian and Japanese national colors displayed.

H. T. Scott, local manager of the Columbia River Stevedoring company states that an average of 225 longshoremen have been employed each day and on two days of the week he had 260 men on the payroll.

NEW WATER SYSTEM BEING CONSIDERED

St. Helens Water Board Makes Plans for Another Water Supply—May Dig New Wells at Columbia City.

At their regular meeting Monday night the St. Helens Water board discussed plans for obtaining additional water supply for the city. Chairman L. J. VanOrshoven rendered a report as to his survey of the old line and proposed new system. Summarizing his report it was found that the cost of installing a pumping station at Columbia City, the building of a reservoir on the Lemont hill and the distribution of the water in the city, all metal pipe being used, would cost about \$92,000. In comparison Mr. VanOrshoven submitted figures on the renewing of the present wood pipe line to Milton Creek dam. Including the reservoir, he estimates that the cost of renewing the line and the changes which would be necessary on account of changing the location of the pipe line on account of having the reservoir, would be about \$149,500.

The water board expects to submit the matter to the public in the near future and at a public meeting when the water supply situation will be thoroughly gone over. The board wishes to ascertain the wishes of the property owners as to the proposed system since it will be necessary to vote another \$100,000 bond issue in order to carry it through. The outstanding bond issue at the present and which was incurred when the present line was built, is about \$50,000 so The Mist is informed.

WARREN SCHOOL STARTS TUESDAY

The directors of the Warren school district have decided that the school shall open on Tuesday, September 5th instead of on Labor Day, which was the date previously set. This information was conveyed to The Mist by Elmer Dahlgren, one of the directors. Professor O. A. Anderson who was principal of the Pilot Rock school last year, will be principal of the Warren school for this year. The directors and patrons are looking forward to a successful term of school.