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## COURT ORDERS TIMBER CRUISED

Will Get Accurate Statement of the Amount of Standing Timber in County—Contract Let to Lester Clark and Work Starts at Once.

In order to ascertain the amount of standing timber in Columbia county and make the proper tax assessment, the county court has ordered a cruise of the timber. No bid has been made for the past 15 years it was stated, and the court deemed it necessary to make a re-cruise.

Thursday afternoon the court entered into a contract with Lester Clark, well known timber cruiser of Portland, to do the work. His bid was 15 cents per acre for the timber lands and 12 cents per acre for the barbed wire lands. He is to make a contour map of the county.

According to information secured from the office of County Assessor C. W. Blakesley, the standing timber in the county, based on the cruise of 15 years ago, is about five million feet. The valuation placed by the assessor's office on this timber is \$5,250,000. There is approximately 125,000 acres of timber land and probably twice that much of barbed wire land, so if the entire acreage is cruised, the county will pay a bill of \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the work. However, the cruiser will work as directed by the court and should it be found that the original cruise is now correct it will not be necessary to cruise the entire acreage.

The court has directed Mr. Clark to start work in Township 4 and 5 which are in the Nehalem country and when the work is checked up with the former cruises they will decide whether or not to do other cruising.

Mr. Clark, so it is stated, is an experienced timber cruiser and is associated with a cruiser named Rogers in the Benton county cruise in 1915. His work was satisfactory to Benton county officials report.

Mr. Clark stated that he and two other timber cruisers would begin work in the Nehalem within the next few days.

The court is of the opinion that the increase in timber valuations will more than pay the cost of the cruise in order to do this the timber cruise must show many more millions of feet than are now assessed for, and the cruise will cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

## SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS INCREASE

St. Helens has 1023 Children of School Age, an Increase of 163 Over Last Year.

According to the school census of school district No. 2, which has just been completed by Frank George, there are 1023 children of school age residing in St. Helens. This is a marked increase over the census of 1921 when the census showed there were 860 children of school age. The increase is 163 and the district now goes into the first class.

Instead of having three directors as is now the case, the district being rated as second class, it will be necessary to have five directors and at the coming school election these additional directors will be chosen. The retiring director is Charles Graham, and should he decide not to be a candidate for re-election, three new directors will be chosen. School districts in St. Helens are always increasing and frequently hotly contended even though there be only one director to be elected, so with the necessity of electing three directors the next election undoubtedly will create more interest than usual.

## NOTED LECTURER TO ADDRESS CHAMBER

For the first time in several months the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce will have an open meeting and program Wednesday evening, November 22 at the high school auditorium. Prof. I. E. Vining, a lecturer from Columbia university, New York City, has accepted an invitation from the chamber to deliver his famous address, "Enthusiasm and Achievement." In addition to being a noted lecturer Professor Vining is a successful business man and influential in business circles.

Executive Secretary John L. Storrs of the chamber of commerce has notified officials of the Scappoose, Gaither and Clatskanie commercial bodies of the meeting and extended them a cordial invitation to attend. The meeting is open for all, members and non-members alike and officials of the chamber hope there will be a large audience to greet Professor Vining. In addition to his lecture there will be several interesting numbers on the program.

Tax Ratio Set.—Assessor C. W. Blakesley who attended the meeting of the state tax commission in Portland last week reports that the commission fixed the ratio for Columbia county at 74 per cent. Last year it was 75 per cent. Mr. Blakesley was not informed as to what the ratio would be on the state tax.

## VESSELS COLLIDE; TUG CRICKET SUNK

Sunday night about 7:30 o'clock the steamer Wapama bound for Portland and the Columbia Contract company's tug Cricket bound down stream, collided at a point opposite Warrior Rock light house. The Cricket, which is a small tug, was badly damaged and it sunk and the Wapama was slightly injured. The tug had a derrick and a rock barge in tow. The barge was not injured but the derrick was overturned and sunk. The crew of the tug were rescued. Captain Clinger clung to the derrick and was taken off by a boat, launched by the Wapama and this boat also picked up the deck hand. The engineer of the tug was rescued by Chris Matheson, who heard his cries for help and went to the aid of the man. He was clinging to the refrigerator of the tug which was knocked overboard when the vessels came together. He had been in the water for about twenty minutes and was almost exhausted when rescued.

The Columbia Contract company sent down a wrecking tug and large Thursday and efforts are now being made to raise the sunken tug. The derrick will also be floated after the tug is raised. The Cricket is a small boat, about 65 to 70 feet long and was used for towing rock barges and general light towing tug. It was valued at about \$29,000. Government inspectors had a hearing as to the collision but as yet have made no report.

## CAMP FIRE GIRLS TO REORGANIZE

The Newakalmonka Camp Fire girls met at the home of Ruth Levi Friday evening, November 10. The Misses Mabel, Gladys and Hazel Pringle of Portland reorganized the girls for the coming year. Miss Mabel Pringle will be the guardian. Newly elected officers were: Ruth Atchison, president; Vera Kelly, secretary; Mildred Adams, treasurer. During the ceremonial the candles of Work, Health and Love were lighted by Ruth Chapman, Gertrude Palmer and Mildred Adams and extinguished by Alma Hankey, Vera Kelly and Ruth Atchison. Fourteen girls belong to the camp fire. One new member was admitted. Ruth Miller donated her ornamental crown. Ruth Levi took five Makers rank and was presented with the bracelet of that order.

## ESTEEMED CITIZEN ANSWERS CALL

William Henry Isaacs, esteemed citizen of this community, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Beckmeier, Sunday. He had been ill for some time and the end was not unexpected. Deceased had resided in this section since 1916 and lived on a small farm near Douglas. In addition to his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Isaacs, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fred Beckmeier. The funeral services were conducted from the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Paul D. Hoffman officiating and the interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery near Warren.

## MANY RESPOND TO RED CROSS CALL

Annual Drive for Membership in St. Helens is Marked Successful—Other Places in County Doing Their Share in the Work.

The ready response of hundreds who have been offered an opportunity to become members of the American Red Cross or renew their membership is very gratifying, according to reports received by the officials of the campaign. The business houses in St. Helens have made attractive window displays showing the work of the Red Cross and most of them are 100 per cent membership for the Red Cross.

Notwithstanding the fact that during the past year their wages were reduced, employees of the several mills have willingly contributed to the cause and between 450 and 500 membership buttons have been purchased. Mrs. Gordon Star, Scott, executive secretary of the Columbia County chapter hopes that at least 1600 members will enroll and from reports she has received from several places in the county she believes this goal will be reached.

Mrs. L. G. Ross, Mrs. Albert Hureham and Mrs. T. S. White are the captains in charge of the work and they enlisted many willing workers who canvassed the city and there were few who did not take out a membership card. Mrs. Scott stated that one-half of the money raised in the campaign will be kept in St. Helens for needed Red Cross work. She has in mind having a Red Cross shoe come to Columbia county and examine the school children and make recommendations as to their health and what action should be taken, should any of the children seem in need of medical attention. Every school in the county will be visited should this program be approved by the executive committee. A portion of the fund raised will be kept on hand, Mrs. Scott stated, for relief work and any other necessary work which may be brought to the attention of the Red Cross.

## JAPANESE STEAMER LOADS BIG CARGO

Kohanna Maru is Taking on 32,000,000 Foot Cargos for the Orient; Wapama to Sail Saturday Night; Steamer Olson Arrives for Cargo.

The largest consignment of lumber sent from this port for the past several months is now being loaded on the Japanese steamer Kohanna Maru. The vessel will take 2,000,000 feet of lumber and squares from St. Helens for delivery at Yokohama and Kobe. A large force of longshoremen are busy stowing the lumber aboard the big steamer.

The McArthur steamer Wapama is scheduled to depart Saturday night for San Pedro, provided the necessary repairs can be made. The Wapama's box was badly dented when in a collision with the tug Cricket Sunday night. The Wapama will be laden with a mixed cargo of 350,000 feet of lumber and piling and will carry a number of passengers.

The steamer George Olson arrived Thursday and is taking on a lumber cargo for San Pedro. The vessel will take about 1,400,000 feet of lumber and should get away on Tuesday evening. The steamer San Juan is also here for a consignment of 600,000 feet of lumber for San Pedro and is scheduled to depart Saturday night.

The British oil tank steamer San Lamberto arrived early Thursday morning with 500,000 gallons of crude oil for the St. Helens Crude oil company. The tanker which came from England, is due to depart this morning.

The steamers Multnomah, Cellilo and Daisy Matthews are due to arrive early next week and will load lumber cargoes for California ports, and the schooner Thomas J. Lipton should finish taking on a 1,200,000 foot cargo of lumber and depart for San Pedro Wednesday or Thursday.

## Weekly Lumber Review.

One hundred and forty-three mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending November 11th, manufactured 83,790,187 feet of lumber; sold 88,746,215 feet, and shipped 82,954,245 feet.

Fifty-one per cent of the week's lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 42,694,345 feet, of which 35,851,162 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 6,843,183 feet export. Rail shipments amounted to 1,347 cars.

In forty-five weeks production has been 2,805,556,279 feet; new business 2,598,272,571 feet; shipments 2,535,130,795 feet.

## AVON LODGE K. F. GREET RIDGEFIELD

Avon lodge, Knights of Pythias, entertained Ridgefield lodge K. of P. and their friends at a clam chowder dinner Tuesday evening. The entertainment was held in the I. O. O. F. hall and supper served in their spacious dining room. Close to a hundred K. of P. members and their friends came over from the Washington city to partake of the hospitality of the local lodge. After a short program of speeches and music, supper was served.

For a number of years the St. Helens lodge has visited Ridgefield at strawberry time and partaken of the strawberry dinner and by way of reciprocation Ridgefield comes to St. Helens for the annual clam chowder dinner. It was an enjoyable affair.

## COUNCIL CANVASSES ELECTION RETURNS

The city council had a brief meeting Monday evening. In the absence of Mayor Ballah, president of the council, A. F. Barnett, presided. The contract with Clark-Kendall & Co. for the purchase of improvement bonds, was extended to December 31, 1922. The abstract of the votes of the last election were canvassed and the following were declared elected: A. F. Barnett, mayor; Councilmen, A. W. Dillard, J. W. Hunt, Edwin Jones, and Glen Williams. Water commissioners, S. C. Morton and L. J. VanOrshoven.

## JERSEY CATTLE CLUB TO MEET

The Columbia County Jersey Cattle club will hold their annual meeting at Yankton in the granite hall, Saturday, November 18th commencing at 11 a. m. in a basket lunch will be served and everyone interested in promoting the welfare of the dairy industry in Columbia county are invited to attend.

## PIERCE WINNER BY MANY VOTES

Complete returns from all counties in the state, but not all official, give Walter M. Pierce a majority over Governor Ben W. Olcott of 33,855. Pierce having received 133,160 votes and Olcott 99,305. The compulsory school bill carried by close to 15,000 votes and the exposition bill lost by several thousand.

## PIERCE HAS MANY GROUPS TO SATISFY

Goes in as Democrat by Republican Votes, and is Expected to Appoint Mostly Democrats.

(Special to The Mist.)—As governor Walter M. Pierce will face a most difficult situation. He goes in as a democrat, elected to office by a group composed largely of republicans that will be demanding recognition. These groups, to mention them according to their political importance, are the Oregon Federation of Patriotic societies, Ku Klux Klan leaders and the various farmer organizations. If you can figure out how Mr. Pierce can entirely satisfy all these elements with the few good positions at his disposal you will do more than others who are giving much of their time to a study of matters political in Oregon.

In considering this matter it must be remembered that Mr. Pierce nominally owes his political existence to the democratic party and must therefore give heed to the democrats who were in charge of his campaign. If he leans too far toward them he will offend the powerful groups mentioned and make it impossible for him to be re-elected. For this campaign has proven that no governor can be elected in Oregon without the support of what is called the Protestant movement. There are reasons for believing that this movement will continue powerful as long as the voters have confidence in the leaders. Another feature that will keep it alive is the necessity, from their viewpoint, of having officers in control who will strictly enforce the compulsory education law recently voted by the people. This means that Mr. Pierce must keep on his toes if he would escape unpopularity similar to that acquired by Governor Olcott.

## Protestant Leaders Fighting

One feature favorable to Mr. Pierce is the red-hot fight in Portland between the Oregon Federation of Patriotic societies and the Portland leaders of the Klan movement. The contest came to a straight vote in the fall election, and while the Patriotic societies made the best showing the Klan polled big enough vote to warrant its leaders claiming that they are a political power. The real issue between these groups was the election of Portland city commissioners. The societies elected one of their two candidates, and the Klan candidates endorsed by the Klan were defeated.

Bitterness was added to this fight during the last few days of the campaign by the publication in the Portland Telegram of a series of articles attacking Fred E. Gifford, in charge of Klan activities in northern Oregon. These articles, particularly criticized his action in getting out a Klan ticket imitating the Federation or yellow ticket. The Federation has been issuing this yellow ticket for about ten years, and the Portland vote shows that the candidates selected generally have the confidence of a majority of the people. Gifford was charged in these articles with having conspired to injure the Protestant movement by bringing about a split.

The actual outcome in Portland was that Bigelow, endorsed by the societies, was re-elected city commissioner. Thomas, the other man favored for commissioner, was defeated by Pier, not endorsed by either the societies or the Klan. Cellars, one of the Klan favorites, ran fourth in the race, but got considerably less vote than Thomas. Stephens, the second Klan candidate, was still lower on the list. As stated, however, the Klan candidates go; enough votes to warrant Gifford and his sub-leaders taking the position that they can yet carry an election.

## May Mean a Wide Split

This may mean a wide split in the Protestant forces in Portland, and which will extend to the remainder of the state. Already the Klan is organized throughout Oregon, and the Patriotic societies is forming councils in the counties. These two organizations are widely separated in political policy. The Klan antagonizes the foreign-born voter, the Jews and the negroes, while the Federation, the originator of the movement in the state, accepts and has foreign-born and Jews as members of their councils. This means that in Portland alone the societies can appeal to some 20,000 voters that the Klan cannot reach.

The next few months will doubtless develop whether this split in the Protestant strength is to continue. If it does and grows in bitterness, it will be carried to Mr. Pierce, the new governor, for solution. He will be asked to recognize either the Klan or the societies, and to act in either way is to antagonize the other faction. Both are powerful, and Mr. Pierce needs both to continue in office and influence. While this is going on the farmer organizations, which were behind Mr. Pierce almost solidly, will be seeking recognition, and it is generally presumed by Pierce's friends that he will pass up the Portland men and recognize the farmers. No matter what he does he will make powerful enemies. This also means that he will make enemies having great legislative influence, and which may seek to em-

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## METHODISTS PLAN ON NEW CHURCH

If plans under contemplation are carried through the congregation of the St. Helens Methodist church will soon have a new church in which to worship. A Portland architect has drawn plans for the church and the committee who has charge of the work has secured an option on three lots at the corner of Hemlock and Willamette streets. The lots which are the property of D. W. Richardson, are centrally located and very desirable for the purpose for which they are wished.

It is understood that Dr. Youngston, district superintendent, will come to St. Helens tonight to meet with the church building committee and it is possible that definite plans will be made for the erection of the new church. Should it be decided to build the church the property at the corner of St. Helens and Columbia streets and the church building will be disposed of. It is a desirable business location and the church trustees do not anticipate any trouble in selling it.

## BIG ALASKA SCENES IN FOX SUPER-SPECIAL

"Shame," the William Fox eight reel super-special, a production that has created a profound sensation throughout the country, is the attraction at The Liberty on Sunday and Monday, with two shows Sunday afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock. This picture must be ranked with the very best in screen offerings. It is a fascinating and entrancing tale, while scenically the picture is incomparably beautiful, the most attractive "shots" being in the Pacific Northwest and in the wilds of Alaska. "Shame" is one of those impressive photodramas that stands out from the general run of big pictures and helps establish new standards of excellence in the foremost field of entertainment. It is, according to Manager Cates, one of the most expensive films ever brought to the local playhouse.

There are numerous moments that grip and thrill, among them being trailing through the snowdrifts in interior Alaska; hand-to-hand fight with wolves; the destruction of a gang of smugglers; the cliff fight; and others. John Gilbert, a favorite with local fans, appears in the leading role of a specially selected cast of stars.

## DEVELOPMENT OF STATE IS PLANNED

The semi-annual meeting of the Oregon Secretarial association was held in Portland last Friday. St. Helens being represented by John L. Storrs. Secretaries of commercial organizations from all over the state were present. Mr. Dodson, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, presented a plan for state-wide development involving the expenditure of \$200,000 to be raised by that body. Particular stress was laid on the marketing problem. If the Oregon producer cannot make a profit then we cannot reasonably expect others to settle in this state, said Mr. Dodson.

## ARMISTICE DAY PROPERLY OBSERVED

Columbia Post, The American Legion Arranges Interesting Program—St. Helens Band Adds to Day's Entertainment.

Under the auspices of Columbia Post No. 42, The American Legion, Armistice Day was fittingly observed in St. Helens. At sunrise a salute was fired. The legion, not having cannons, they impressed Jack McKinto service and dynamic was used. From 9:30 o'clock until 10 o'clock the band gave a street concert. The music was well rendered and the band received many compliments. The patriotic exercises were held in the Liberty theatre, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Rev. S. Darlow Johnson, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered the invocation and was chairman of the meeting. He introduced Mr. Eli Shafter, G. A. R. veteran, who, in a ten minute speech, gave interesting details of the civil war. Rev. J. P. Cliney, who served overseas, paid a tribute to the soldier dead, and Rev. Paul D. Hoffman gave a short and interesting talk. Several high school students contributed to the program.

The Legion Auxiliary held their bazaar in the city hall in the afternoon and in the evening the legion gave a dance. The mills and other industrial places were closed down for the day and the stores closed at night in order that their employees might take part in the celebration.

Attorneys W. B. Dillard, Walden Dillard and John L. Foote went to Portland Wednesday evening to attend the banquet given in honor of Judge Thomas McBride, a member of the supreme court of Oregon. Judge McBride, who resides at Deer Island, has practiced law in Oregon for almost half a century and before being elevated to the supreme court, was circuit judge in this judicial district.

## STORE ROBBED; THIEVES CAUGHT

Carlson Store at Warren Visited by Holdup Men Who Rob Till—Robbers Caught and Confess to Many Crimes—In Jail in Portland.

Ernest Crabtree, age 31, and Wayne Dimmick, age 22, added one too many to their long list of hold-ups and robberies. Tuesday evening at about 8:30 they held up G. Carlson who conducts a general merchandise store in Warren. As Carlson was about to leave the store the duo met him and ordered, "hands up." Carlson complied with the request which was backed up by wicked looking revolvers and obligingly showed the robbers to the cash register. It was rifled and between \$24 and \$30 taken from it.

After helping themselves to the contents of the register the robbers hurried to their machine and made a getaway. Mrs. P. Loomis, who conducts a confectionery store in Warren saw the men and furnished Sheriff Wellington with an accurate description of the men and the auto. The sheriff phoned to the sheriff's office in Portland, concluding that the robbers would go to the city. His conjecture was correct. For Wednesday morning when the pair appeared at an automobile agency to inform the agency that further payments on their car could not be made, they were taken into custody. They confessed to numerous crimes, having robbed stores in Hood River, Salem and Oregon City and held up a logging camp crew near Bend.

Only recently they held up a grocery store proprietor in Hood River and a resident of Hood River, seeing their hurry to leave town took the number of the car they were driving. After the robbery this was reported to the Multnomah sheriff's office and the car traced. It was found out where the car was purchased and when the second payment would be due, so when the robbers came to the automobile agency for the purpose of turning in the car they were nabbed by the officers.

Inasmuch as there are several charges hanging over the men Sheriff Wellington does not think it possible to have them brought to Columbia county for trial, as their first offense was committed in this county. He believes that Hood River or Deschutes counties will get the first whack at them.

Both of the men made complete confessions and gave in detail how many of their robberies and hold-ups were pulled off.

## ST. HELENS DEFEATS WASHINGTON HIGH

The football team of St. Helens high experienced no difficulty in defeating the Washington high second team of Portland on the local gridiron Saturday afternoon. The Portland boys were outclassed in every way and they seemed unable to guess the plays of the locals. End runs, criss-cross plays and line bucking netted St. Helens four goals in the first half, the score at the end of the period being St. Helens 28, Washington 0. In the third quarter St. Helens made another touchdown and in the final quarter scored two. Billville kicked goal each time.

A large crowd witnessed the game and rooted for the St. Helens boys. It is reported that a number of the first team of Washington high played with the second string team and it is the general opinion that St. Helens could defeat the Washington high first team. The boys will take a rest tomorrow, many of them going to the O. A. C.-U. of O. game in Corvallis. Next Saturday they will play Scappoose high at Scappoose and on Thanksgiving will go to Rainier to try conclusions with that first team.

## High School Notes.

Next week marks the end of the second six weeks' period of the semester. Exams and monthly quizzes are being given Friday and Monday, also all the note-books are being called in.

The basketball girls are turning out regularly Mondays and Wednesdays after school in spite of the cold unlighted gym and other inconveniences.

Rev. Greene, D. D., of Portland spoke to the student body Wednesday morning in behalf of the Older Boys' conference which will be held at Eugene, December 1, 2 and 3.

Miss Ora Hattan had charge of Mrs. Beckmeier's room for several days this week. Ora seems to be a very efficient school ma'am.

Miss Harriet Ross was another one of the seniors who taught this week. She had the primary grade while Mrs. Barnett was in Portland.

The English classes have started their supplementary reading. The list includes such authors as Hawthorne, Thackeray, Dickens, Scott, Stevenson, Kipling and other well known and classic writers.

Mr. J. Carpos, proprietor of the St. Helens Candy Kitchen was a business visitor in Portland Wednesday.