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A CONCRETE BRIDGE

County Court Lets Contract For Fine Structure Across Nice Creek. Price to Be \$7965.

The County Court is in session here this week and the time Wednesday was fully occupied in considering bids for the construction of a bridge across Nice Creek in the City of Rainier. Estimates for both concrete and steel structures were opened and the court decided in favor of a concrete bridge, although the cost will be more than of a steel one. The following is an extract from the contract, which was awarded to Earl B. Newcomb, of Portland;

"A reinforced concrete viaduct 242 feet long from center of end posts and of the width of twenty feet to be constructed across Nice Creek in the City of Rainier Oregon, in accordance with the plans and specifications as prepared by Orrin Backus, civil engineer, and adopted by the county court which accompany this contract and form a part hereof."

The following, taken from the specifications, give a pretty fair description of the bridge;

"The work herein contemplated consists of the construction of six reinforced concrete girder spans forty feet from center to center of columns with a total length of 242 1-2 feet and a total width of twenty feet.

"All excavations and foundations shall be carried down to a depth of four feet below the present surface of the ground and if found necessary to go deeper the work shall be done at the unit rate specified in the proposal.

"A foot path two and one half feet in width shall be laid at one side of the roadway."

The roadway will be macadamized in the best possible shape, and every detail of the work is under the supervision of the engineer. He is an absolute authority on the way the work is to be done and the quality of the material to be used, and from his decision the contractor has no appeal.

The price of the bridge complete is \$7,965, which is somewhat in excess of the cost of a steel structure. But between a properly constructed concrete bridge and one of steel there is as much difference as between steel and wood. This is the first concrete bridge in the county and will be an advertisement that all who pass Rainier on the trains or boats will be able to see. Work on it will be started at once and must be completed by the 24th of June, as after that date the contractor will have to pay the county the sum of \$15 per day for every day that it is not finished.

LOCAL ITEMS

Last week Sheriff Thompson had the distinction of making the largest turnover of tax money ever made in Columbia county, putting into the hands of Treasurer A. T. Laws the sum of \$81,000. The time for the rebate is past and almost most of the big taxpayers have settled up. Last Monday was the last day for the payment of first half taxes and if you did not have half of your taxes paid by then there is a 10 per cent penalty added. If then is paid by the first Monday in April then the other half can run until October without any penalty being attached. The A. & C. R. R. paid more taxes this year than any one else, as their check to the county was for \$20,007. Benson being next with about \$11,000. The total taxes paid by the five Giltner heirs was pretty near as much as that of Benson, being over \$10,000, while the Fir Tree Lumber Co. paid over \$7,000. The total amount collected to date in the neighborhood of \$230,000, while the amount of the tax roll is \$263,078.20. This year the county will lose about \$6,500 in rebates.

A boat load of members of Avon Lodge Knights of Pythias attended the District Convention at Ridgefield last Thursday night. This lodge is not a member of that district, but the St. Helens lodge never loses a chance to visit with the Ridgefield Knights. The Washington district includes the lodges at Kalama, Kelso, Castle Rock, Vancouver, Woodland and Ridgefield, and there were four teams in the competitive work. After an evening of enjoyment the St. Helens gentlemen started home in their boat at one o'clock. After going about half the way, the pump on the gasoline engine refused to work and it took them until daylight to get to the mouth of the Lake River, where they got a fisherman to tow them the rest of the way home.

THOROUGHBRED STOCK FOR SALE.—Red polled bull and two calves for sale. I have decided to retire from the stock business and offer these thoroughbreds at a very reasonable price. H. O. Howard, Yankton, Ore.

George W. Vogel was among the Rainier business men that paid a visit to the county seat this week.

Did you ever have anything to sell and try advertising it in the Mist? It is a sure way to dispose of it. There are several thousand people who read the Mist every week and as an advertising medium very few country papers equal it.

Geo. Brinn is putting up a building 30x80 just beyond the baseball grounds to be used as a boarding house. The first floor will have the dining room, kitchen office, etc., while the upper floor will contain 15 bed rooms.

House and Lot for Sale.—Well located and well improved. One of the best lots in the city. New two-room house. Will trade or sell for cash. Apply to P. H. Faulk, owner, St. Helens. 2p1

At some time between twelve Thursday night and five the next morning one of the swinging doors at the entrance of the City Hall was broken in two, breaking the glass and ruining the door. Some say that the heavy wind that night was responsible for it, but it seems impossible that the wind could have done it. If it was the work of some malicious person it is a shame that they cannot be caught.

FOR SALE.—Two lots. Cheap. Inquire Harold P. Ross.

WANTED.—By young gentleman engaged in office work, quiet and steady, board and room in private family. Leave word at this office.

A CO-OPERATIVE STORE.—The people of the Quincy neighborhood are trying to keep ahead of the times, and in order that they may do so they have united for the purpose of establishing a co-operative mercantile institution at that place. A number of the most substantial farmers of the neighborhood have taken shares in the new association and a substantial two-story building with good hall upstairs, is in course of construction. The undertaking is not for individual profit but for the best interest of the community, and careful management there can be no doubt of its success.

REWARD.—For information or return of bay mare. Weight—850 lbs., branded on right hip O I cropped mane and tail address Mrs J. B. Thayer, Columbia City, Oregon.

COLLEGE HONORS.—C. Nelson of Seapooles, has been elected on the staff of officers of the Zelegathian Literary Society at the Agricultural College at Corvallis.

FOR SALE.—A Weiser piano with mandolin and banjo attachments. \$150. Inquire here.

WOOD SAWING.—Anyone wanting wood sawed please leave orders at the Orcadia Hotel and they will be promptly attended to at reasonable rates.

Quite a bunch of the young folks from here attended the dance at Deer Island last Saturday night, and had the same kind of a good time that the Deer Island people always show everyone who patronizes their social gatherings. The prize for the best waiters was won by Miss Lillian Brecky and George Hazen of Warren.

Columbia Street between St. Helens and Cowitz, certainly shows marked improvement. It has been graded the full width and a strip twenty four feet wide down the center will be covered with crushed rock at once. The work on the cut on St. Helens street is completed and also ready to be rocked. As soon as the work on Columbia Street can be extended on as far as Willamette Street it will be something to be proud of.

WATCH FOUND. by U. S. Despain. Owner can have the same by proving ownership and paying for this advertising.

Plants for Sale.—Cabbage, tomatoes, peppers and celery. Louis Rosasco, St. Helens. 16tf

LAST MONDAY'S ELECTION

Martin White Elected Mayor, and Morton and Philip Win Out as 1911 Members of the Council

COW ORDINANCE GOES THROUGH

Measure Forbidding Stock Running at Large in the City of St. Helens Becomes A Law Despite Strenuous Opposition. Total Number of Votes Cast Was 179

Those who thought that the future prosperity of the city of St. Helens was at stake in last Monday's election were a long way from the real issue of the day. There was not a man on the ticket who was not fully competent to fill the office for which he was a candidate and who did not have the best interests of the city at heart. It was a case where the public could not lose, and there should be no hard feelings over the result.

Last Monday saw the warmest election in the history of this city. The candidates and all of their friends were on the job from early morning until the polls were closed in the evening and if there was a voter in the city who did not have his little say he must have been hidden away where he could not be found.

That Mr. Martin White be the Mayor was a foregone conclusion as there was no one who was willing to tackle the job of running against him. Out of 179 votes cast there were 158 which had an x in front of his name.

The particular fight of the day was on the Councilmen and Water Commissioner. S. C. Morton had filed a petition as an independent candidate for Councilman and A. L. Stone came out as an independent for Water Commissioner. Mr. Morton's vote was a surprise even to his friends, as he got a total of 110. Mr. Philip had 104 and Mr. Crouse 81, which makes Morton and Philip our next Councilmen. Mr. Stone's vote was 91 to Mr. Gerdes 83, while Mr. Harris had a clear field for the office of City Treasurer.

The cow question was one of the main issues of the day and the cows were put off the streets by a large majority, the vote

standing 99 to 58. This is a matter that has been causing considerable discussion for the past year, and the ballot was the only way to settle it satisfactorily. After an expression of opinion so plain as Monday's there can be no more question as to the wishes of the majority of the residents of St. Helens.

Judge Dart and A. B. Lake are the holdover members of the Council, and with the newly elected members will have charge of the city during 1911. This time under the new charter, the Mayor has the appointment of the Marshal and the City Recorder, the appointment subject to the approval of the Council. It places considerable responsibility on Mr. White, and when the fact that he gets no pay for it is considered perhaps a number of the residents of St. Helens will be less free with their criticism. The retiring Mayor and Councilmen have put forth every effort for the advancement of the public good and the good work will be continued by the new officers. In looking it over just remember that their task is a hard one and make allowance for the fact that perhaps everyone does not agree with you.

This week the Misc office printed a post card in the form of a folder for the Houlton Commercial Club. It contains a picture of the new school house at Houlton and a map showing the location of Houlton, besides considerable matter descriptive of the natural advantages and opportunities in this neighborhood. The St. Helens club is also getting up a pamphlet for distribution in the East, and with these two live commercial bodies on the job it will be strange indeed if we do not get our due in the way of new settlers this year.

Road Supervisor Jack Depain is busy this week setting up the county crusher at the quarry in Union Square, where there is already a large pile of rock quarried and lots more to be taken out. This is the place where Olsen & Bergeron got out blocks, paying the city a royalty, and what spalls they left will go a long way on the roads. After Jack gets through taking out rock for the county and city there will be an excellent chance for block making again, as he will uncover a lot of rock that the block makers say it does not pay them to go to the expense of getting at.

Lots of new patterns in linoleum at Muckle's.

Money to loan on well improved farm and city property. Columbia County Abstract and Trust Co. 2tf

Mrs. E. H. Flagg visited Warren a couple of times this week on account of the serious illness of her brother, Jas. Beagle.

Eggs for hatching from Single Comb Buff Leghorns. Fine winter layers, \$1.25 for setting of 15, packed for shipment. A. D. Larson, box 51, Reuben, Oregon.

The steamer Coasler finished loading a cargo of 650,000 feet of lumber Tuesday morning and left here for San Francisco.

AT HALF PRICE. Peerless Automatic Piano. Good as new and used but a short time. A real music maker and at half price. Inquire at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Masten returned Monday from a visit to Portland, where Mr. Masten is having a store building put up. It is located on the East side, on Union Avenue.

The four masted schooner Alvena left here Monday morning with a cargo of 900,000 feet of lumber for San Pedro.

E. G. Specht, of Caples, has leased the dairy ranch at the end of Sauvie Island for a term of four years, and has moved on to it. He has a good dairy herd and will undoubtedly make a success in his new location. The Major Adams place has been rented to the Columbia Packing Company.

FOR SALE.—Ten acres of unimproved land between Yankton and Bachelor's Flat. For information see John Uhlman, Scappoose.

The steamer Shoshone of the McCormick fleet, Captain Asplund, is taking on a full cargo of lumber at the dock of the St. Helens Mill Co. this week, for delivery in San Pedro. The Shoshone had a very pleasant trip up from San Francisco, arriving in the mouth of the river at 10 p. m., Sunday, out 68 hours. The sister boat of the Shoshone, the Yellowstone, went by St. Helens, bound for Portland, last Monday afternoon.

Burbank seed potatoes and seed oats for sale by C. J. Larsen, Warren, Ore. Mar 10 tf

Fresh lettuce and green onions for sale at very reasonable prices by L. Rosasco, gardner, St. Helens. 16tf

Rhode Island eggs for setting from thoroughbred chickens. D. T. GERDES.

The best of everything at Muckle's at popular prices.

W. Potts was again in court last Tuesday afternoon, trying to get a liquor license for Scappoose precinct. This license was denied by the County Court some time ago and Mr. Potts has brought mandamus proceedings. He is represented by Mr. M. E. Miller, while District Attorney Harris appeared for the court. The matter was continued until next Monday afternoon.

A number of local men celebrated the opening of the trout season by spending last Saturday on the streams near here. Very few fish were caught.

Mr. Cunningham is busy now days installing the machinery in the new shop at the plant of the St. Helens Mill Company and it will not be very long until they will be turning out work. The equipment includes two large and one small lathe, planer, drills, and everything else included in a first class place. All work need by the mill and camp can be handled in good shape and outside work will be taken in.

Messrs. Roland and Delmar Masten each bought additional lot in RAILROAD ADDITION this week. The fact that all lots are to be increased 10 per cent on May 1st has given a new impetus to prospective lot buyers, and Mr. Laws reports that his sales have been very satisfactory indeed.

BALL SEASON OPENS

Good Exhibition of How the Game Should Not Be Played. Nick Williams and Kalama Strong

The baseball season for the year of 1911 was inaugurated with all due ceremonies at the park last Sunday before a good sized crowd of fans. The day was cold and disagreeable and the chances for really good ball were slim and the crowd got their expectations just about fulfilled.

The Kalama boys seem to have a wholesome respect for the abilities of the St. Helens ball tossers and came up here strong. Part of the team was the regular Kalama line up, but it was by far the smaller part. Four of Nick Williams Portland Northwesterers were on hand to help out the down river boys, and they delivered the goods.

The St. Helens team was on hand and played a number of times before the game which was started with Mayor Miller of St. Helens, in the box and Mayor White of Houlton receiving. An Address of Welcome was to have been delivered by manager Sutherland, but somebody stole his "Slow Train Through Arkansas" and he did not feel equal to the job without it.

The game was a nightmare of errors, hard hitting by the Kalama bunch and poor fielding by both sides. A new man named Jasman started the twirling for St. Helens and got off fairly well for four innings, at the end of which time the score stood 3 to 1 in favor of the visitors. Then on a couple of errors and a little good luck the locals annexed four and were in the lead. But our joy was only for the time being, for it was not long until they began running them so fast that an adding machine was almost a necessity. When it was all over and the score keeper was out of chalk it stood 13 to 5 and we had the little end of it.

But what is the use of weeping? They came along framed up a trifling too strong for any semi-professional team in the State, and the season is only starting. The boys have not hit their lick yet while the leaguers are in training. Last year the team was a dandy and it is a little stronger this time. Come out and do a little to help the boys along. The band is quite an attraction and will draw considerable.

RAILROAD ADDITION LOTS.

NOW is the TIME to BUY. Make your first payment before the prices are raised. These lots are close in and well located. You are not buying on an established, growing town of 1200 people, in fact, it is the best and most progressive small city on the Columbia River. If you are a thinking individual, stop a moment and consider the future of St. Helens, then see A. T. Laws, our Sales Agent, go out and see RAILROAD ADDITION, make a small deposit on one of the few remaining unsold lots and secure for yourself a share of the profits that are sure to come. Remember all lots will be advanced 10 per cent on May 1st.

ST. HELENS IMPROVEMENT CO.

T. A. Cross, a logger of Cathlamet who was brought to this city Monday, suffering from injuries sustained when an engine of the Miller Logging Camp jumped a trestle, cutting off one leg and mashing the other, died at the local hospital at seven o'clock yesterday morning. He leaves a wife, but no children. The body was shipped to Cathlamet yesterday afternoon for burial. - Morning Astorian.

Mr. Cross was known to a number of people around here, more particularly those who have worked on the lower river, and was a personal friend of E. I. Ballagh's. Mr. Ballagh went to Cathlamet Wednesday in order to attend the funeral.

Try that Sliced Chipped Beef in bulk at Harrison's. It is delicious.

Miles Sheerin, of Rainier, was a visitor to St. Helens last Wednesday.

On Thursday the first half of Columbia County's State taxes were sent in to the State Treasurer. The total State tax this year is \$23,005.68, while last year it amounted to \$26,105.10. This year's assessment for State purposes is .001588 on a valuation of \$15,406,801.00.

The best Green Olives in bulk at Harrison's Grocery.

This week the pillars on the front porch of the court house are receiving a new coat of plaster. They have needed it for some time and everyone will be glad to see the job finished, as their former appearance marred the looks of an otherwise beautiful building.

\$80.00 per month straight salary and expenses, to men with rig, to introduce our 1001 Remedies. Don't answer unless you mean business. Eureka Postal Food Mfg. Co. Incorporated, East St. Louis, Ill.

APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS

Made By Superintendent J. H. Collins on April 3, 1911.

* 1 Gustave Lang, Scappoose	237	184	25	1291	65	1475	90
2 H P Watkins, St. Helens	239	95		1302	55	1397	65
3 B J Keelan, Deer Island	72	95		392	40	487	40
4 R P Burns, Rainier	61	95		332	40	427	45
5 E D Tiche-er, Clatskanie	567	95		2000	15	2095	15
6 Ida Brown, Sauvie's Island	28	95		152	60	247	60
7 Wm Holt, Warren	154	95		839	30	934	30
8 A E Harvey, Mist	10	95		54	50	149	50
9 J E Trouman, Goble	27	95		147	15	242	15
10 Geo A Graham, Marshland	48	95		261	60	356	60
11 E McVey, Columbia City	33	95		179	85	274	85
12 T B Mills, Vernonia	22	95		119	90	214	90
13 T J Flippin, Rainier	424	95		2310	80	2490	80
14 H A Wilson, Vernonia	39	95		212	55	307	55
15 Martha J Barr, Clatskanie	64	95		348	80	443	80
16 C K Brant, Rainier	89	95		485	05	580	05
17 Albert Wood, Vernonia	15	95		81	75	176	75
18 Geo H Sit's, Keasay	9	95		49	05	144	05
19 C C Shumway, Rainier	17	95		92	65	187	65
20 T C Watts, Reuben	80	95		436		531	
21 N D Peterson, Mist	16	95		87	20	182	20
22 Fred Fluhrer, Mayger	72	95		392	40	487	40
23 Nettie B Peterson, Mist	9	95		49	05	144	05
24 Thos Base, Quincy	217	95		1182	65	1277	65
25 Oliver Nelson, Clatskanie	33	95		179	85	274	85
26 E A Ges ell, Vernonia	11	95		59	95	154	95
27 E Fritz Braun, Scappoose	38	95		207	10	302	10
28 John McAdam, Mayger	41	95		223	45	318	45
29 Fred Briggs, Yankton	113	95		615	85	710	85
30 L E McVey, Mist	10	95		54	50	149	50
31 Frances Kirby, Mayger	11	95		59	95	154	95
32 G J M Kiser, Kiser	32	95		174	20	269	20
33 Ella J Jasper, Deer Island	36	95		196	20	291	20
34 J W Armstrong, Goble	49	95		297	05	382	05
35 E S Daniels, Goble	28	95		152	60	247	60
36 Irene Brown, Aptary	15	95		81	85	176	75
37 A N Clark, Houlton	153	95		833	85	928	85
38 M E Erickson, Clatskanie	17	95		92	65	187	65
* 42 E E Hogberg, Mist	23	83	45	125	35	208	80
43 T W Robinson, Yankton	21	95		114	45	209	45
44 Jessie B West, Clatskanie	31	95		168	05	263	05
45 John Anardi, Quincy	12	95		65	40	160	40
46 Guy Mills, Vernonia	28	95		152	60	247	60
47 R F Graham, Prescott	35	95		190	75	285	75
* 49 Albert Schmidlin, Buxton	8	37		32	70	69	70
50 Julia Birkenfeld, Mist	9	95		49	05	144	05
51 Minnie Nickerson, Vernonia	13	95		70	85	165	85
52 F E Malmberg, Mist	49	95		267	05	362	05
53 Wm Skuzie, Warren	34	95		185	30	280	30
* 54 J R Dallas, Kist	12	70		65	40	135	40
56 Daniel Kelli, Marshland	8	95		207	10	302	10
7 Robt McMath, Westport	5			27	25	27	25
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* Joint Districts.							

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