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## ST. HELENS WINS

### Some Good Baseball Played Despite the Bad Weather. Score 7 to 4.

The old reliables hit their lick last Sunday and as a result the fast Brooklyn Greys went back to Portland with the small end of a 7 to 4 score. The Greys came here with a clean slate having defeated the Oregon City team and cleaned up the Hop Goids. The game played here shows that they are a classy bunch of youngsters and they play ball like gentlemen.

The season opened good for St. Helens, as the first two up went by that old and oft-traveled route, Brakke to Austin.

The next one was a victim to the wife of Mr. Jasman, as he successfully fanned the air three times. In the locals half Pembroke lead off with a hit and stole second. Perry was out on a pop fly to second, but Austin got on with the help of the same second baseman that put Perry out. Pembroke scored on Nadeau's sacrifice to left field, and Owen's hit brought Austin home from second. Brakke walked, but Lafferty was out, Suberts to Fox.

In the second an error and a pair of hits brought two of the visitors home, but the locals broke up the tie again in the third when Austin and Owen went west around the bases. Hoyt, for the visitors secured a home run in this inning.

For the only time in the game the visitors were on an even footing with the locals in the seventh, when Nelson led off with a hit and scored on two more of them, making the score 4 to 4. But then it was old Bloddy Austin's time to distinguish himself and he lifted the sphere clear over the fence. A couple more in the eighth ended the run getting, while the Portland boys were blanked in both these chapters.

A detailed score of the game follows:

ST. HELENS		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Pembroke, c		4	1	1	10	1	0
Perry, rf		4	0	0	1	0	0
Austin, lb		4	3	1	5	1	0
Nadeau, ss		3	0	0	4	3	0
Owens, lf		3	1	2	0	0	0
Brakke, 3b		2	1	1	1	3	2
Lafferty, cf		4	1	1	0	0	0
Laws, 2b		4	0	0	3	1	1
Jasman, p		3	0	2	0	1	0
BROOKLYN GREYS							
Fox, lb		3	0	0	11	0	0
Hoyt, ss		4	0	0	1	0	0
Reed, 3b		4	0	0	2	3	1
Milton, cf		4	0	1	1	0	0
Johnson, lf		4	0	0	1	0	1
Lipke, rf		4	1	0	0	1	0
Nelson, c		3	2	2	2	3	1
Rigner, 2b		4	0	0	5	0	0
Suberts, p		3	0	2	0	4	0

### Just Like Home.

One afternoon Johnny came home from school and said to his mother: "Mamma there was only one pupil in the whole school who could answer one of the teachers questions." "Well, my boy I hope it was you" said she. "Yes, it was," said Johnny. "I am proud of my boy. What was the question?" "Who broke the window in the back of the school house."

### Home Talent Play.

The play "Tony the Convict" a melodrama in five acts will be given at Watts & Prices hall in Scappoose tonight Friday April 14, under the auspices of the Scappoose Lodge of United Artisans. The play is a home talent proposition and one that the people of Scappoose are taking a lot of interest in. The cast is a good one and may bring the play to St. Helens if they have complete success in their own town.

### Institute Notice.

County School Superintendent J. H. Collins spent a couple of days in Astoria last week, and while there attended a local teachers institute, where he made an address. An institute for Columbia and Clatsop County will be held in Astoria at some time during the centennial exposition and it was on business connected with the making of arrangements for this that Mr. Collins visited the lower river town. Having an institute there in the summer will be a very handy arrangement as all of the teachers in this County will want to attend the exposition and they will be able to kill two birds with one stone. This week the superintendent will put in most of the time visiting the schools out in the Nehalem, weather permitting His stay in the valley will run well into next week.

We buy in large quantities and are able to sell at smaller prices than the other fellow. James Muecke & Son.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. W. H. Conyers, of Clatskanie, was a St. Helens visitor this week.

Mr. Bayliss, of the Clatskanie Chief was a business visitor to this city on Monday last.

Mr. Bert Seffert, of Deer Island, was a business visitor to the county seat last Wednesday.

The fourth issue of the Clatskanie Brave, the school paper of Clatskanie is now out and is a credit to the best school town in the county.

J. S. Kelso, head of the Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, has been in town this week inspecting the lumber being taken on by the British Steamer Inverkip.

Dr. Linklater, of Washington County, was in town last Sunday to call on Mrs. Allen. The doctor is well known here, as he has been a resident of the neighboring county for many years.

Emmet Stevens, of Scappoose, came down in his automobile last Sunday to attend the base ball game, bringing a load of his friends down with him. There is nothing Mr. Stevens would rather do than take in a good ball game.

LOST—Last Sunday, between Houlton and the St. Helens Mill, a ladies gold watch. Finder will receive reward by returning to P. Jacobson.

SITUATION WANTED—Young lady, local resident, desires some stenographic or bookkeeping work. Apply at the Mist Office.

E. I. Ballagh and Dan Richardson went down to Astoria last Tuesday to bring up the launch that Mr. Ballagh will use this year in buying fish for the Columbia River Packers Association.

Rev. Van Marter will preach in the City Hall next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at City Hall at 9:45.

Mrs. Frank W. Woods, of Portland, spent a couple of days this week as the guest of Mrs. J. H. Wellington.

Mrs. A. J. Peel spent part of last week and this week in this city.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Cliff and family spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Powell and son William visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. John.

Harris & Slim's Blackville Strutters will be at the City Hall, Friday night, April 14. After the show there will be dancing.

Last Sunday evening a crew of about thirty longshoremen came up from Rainier to go to work on the big steamer loading here. Such business is good for the hotels and restaurants, and there is no small amount of money that finds its way from the longshoremen into the hands of our merchants.

Miss A. J. Ketel visited over Sunday at her home in this city.

FOR SALE.—2 lots. Cheap. Inquire of Harold P. Ross, St. Helens

### Hooked and Happy.

Last Tuesday was matrimonial day at the office of County Judge James Dart as there were two different couples who called on him to have the knot tied that was absolutely necessary to their future happiness. They were Mrs. C. E. Walker, of Rainier, and W. H. Madden, of Nome Alaska, and Miss Cora Pfeil of Columbia County and H. C. Keyser, of Walla Walla, Wash. Wednesday business at the Judge's office was not quite so brisk, as there was but one couple called looking for a glory ticket. They were Elizabeth Lambert, of this county, and Ben A. Neuman, of Multnomah. Good luck to the whole bunch and may they live long and prosper. But why is it that as soon as a couple looking for a marriage license appears on the street everybody knows just what they are looking for? Do they look foolish or what is it? It is a fact that they are spotted immediately and their errand told.

### On Sunday.

Sunday trade is heavy here. L. E. Clark, or Baldy's Palace has the largest trade of its kind in Rainier on Sunday. He has good proof as last Sunday morning early three of his heavy weight customers were standing on the walk back of his building admiring the Columbia River and its refreshing breeze, when suddenly the walk broke down and his customers fell in the river 20 feet below, in mud and broken bottles. One had a large cut over the right eye and two ribs broken while the other two were badly bruised and had to be revived with cold water baths. Clark is now building a new walk and guarantees his customer that such bad luck will never happen again. Signed, C. A. Hunter.

## THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### Tells Of Improvements Made and Others That Are Needed at the Present Time

## CITY'S FINANCES IN PROSPEROUS SHAPE

### Present Indebtedness Shown and the Building of a Comprehensive Sewer Is Recommended. Fire Company Needed.

#### GENTLEMEN:

This is the last meeting of the City Council as at present constituted and before we separate it becomes my duty, under the charter, to call the attention of yourselves to the work that has been accomplished by you and to make such suggestions and recommendations to the incoming council as may aid them to perform their duties.

I desire, in the first place, to compliment the old council for the faithful and efficient services performed by them. On every public question that has been before this council you have met it deliberately and fairly and there seems to be very little left unfinished that could have been accomplished by you. I do not say there is not yet left some very grave and important acts to be done by your successors, but that what has been undertaken by you has been very successfully terminated and that everything that could have been consistently done has been taken up and finished.

The people of the city are and have been our critics; we have been carrying on the business of the people and for the people and they are justly entitled to criticize our actions, yet in looking over the records of the past year and the great things accomplished by you I have no feeling of regret for you or myself in any of our official actions and I confidently believe that the great majority of the people are reasonably well satisfied with the work we have accomplished.

I also wish to call your attention to the other part of the city administration, the Water Commission, and to them I also add that they have carefully and in a business like manner performed their duties and that the people are also reasonably well satisfied with the results attained by them.

It is a trait of human nature to "kick" and we have seen some of this trait displayed by some of our good citizens, about the work of the Council and the Water Commission; they have a right to "kick"; their "kicks" have been received by all of us with the knowledge of such right, and in many instances have been the cause of some change or improvement not thought of before; let them continue to "kick" and we who are retiring from our public office will now join the ranks of the "kickers" and "kick" whenever we please and you who hold over and are just coming in will have to stand it.

We have a water system that we are all proud of; we would not go back to the old system of a year ago if our taxes were doubled or trebled and for the work of the commission in furnishing this grand water supply to the people I say "all honor" and that they are deserving of the highest praise and commendations.

We have a City Hall which would be a credit to a town many times the size of St. Helens; not only is it a credit to the town in the way of a building, but it is more than that; it is a paying investment; it is a large asset and the debt contracted for its construction will soon be wiped out and then it will be a source of steady revenue to the City until the building is all used for City purposes.

There have been made considerable street improvements, which add very materially to the welfare of the City as well as to the convenience of the public.

There is fire apparatus sufficient to handle any fire that may start, and while it seems to be almost an impossibility to maintain a well organized and drilled fire company, the apparatus is there and can be handled by most any ordinary set of men without any special drilling.

However, I would recommend to the incoming administration that you use every effort to maintain an efficient and well drilled fire company to handle the apparatus for fire fighting. There is no question but that a well drilled organization can do more effective work in case of an emergency than a crowd of men

without any training and without leader.

In this connection I would suggest as the most feasible way to keep the apparatus in shape to be of service in case of necessity, that the City Marshal be given charge of the fire department and let him call to his assistance the members of the fire company, who should work under his direction; this may not be the means of maintaining a well drilled set of firemen, but will, at least, make some one person responsible for the condition of the apparatus and ensure its being in proper shape when needed. I only offer this suggestion after having tried for the past two years to make the fire department efficient without any success.

Before making any recommendations as to needed public improvements calling for the expenditure of considerable sums of money, I will call your attention to the present financial condition of the city, so that you may be governed there by to some extent:

On April 12, 1910, there was a total outstanding indebtedness of \$3,703.74; since that date there have been issued city warrants to the amount of \$15,175.06. The total receipts for the year were \$5,532.97. The total amount of warrants paid for the year was, principal, \$4,967.51, and interest \$181.54, a total paid out of \$5,149.05. This leaves on this date, April 14, 1911, a total outstanding debt of \$13,893.29. There is on this date cash in the hands of the Treasurer, \$926.55; there is about \$150.00 due the city from property owners along Cassan street for improvements; there is due the city for unpaid licenses, rentals and royalties in the neighborhood of \$360.00; out of a total tax levy of about \$4,000, there has been only \$948 collected to date, leaving over \$3,000 yet to be collected; so taking these figures into consideration as a resource, which they are, this leaves a total debt of approximately \$9,000, and this is, as near as I can ascertain, the basis of indebtedness on which to figure future improvement.

Again reverting to the water system, and without any special recommendations, it may be well to put in this document the statement of the income of the sale of water. During the past year the water receipts have been \$5,606, with \$2,901 collected in St. Helens and \$705 in Houlton. No doubt this amount will be increased during the coming year and, if so, no taxes will have to be levied on account of the interest on the water bonds for the income will be sufficient to pay the interest and running expenses of the system until such time as it shall become necessary to start the sinking fund. By that time it is expected, and to an almost certain degree, that the income will have increased to such an extent as to make the system pay for itself. However, under the present showing, it is demonstrated that the water system, like the City Hall, is an asset and a paying investment.

It may not be amiss, and I think quite proper to call your attention to the property now owned by the city, and for which the apparently large amount of money was expended by the present council. The City Hall, together with the stage scenery, piano, chairs, safe and other fixtures, cost approximately \$8,000, and as the property is bringing an average income of \$700 per year, in addition to having a place for the fire apparatus, the work room of the Water Commission and meeting place for the City Council, together with a safe place for keeping the records of the city, and for which rent has always been paid, makes the City Hall a paying investment, with an income of 10 per cent on the money invested.

A modern city park of 26 lots, for which was paid \$2,000, is owned by the city and is well worth double that amount. These, in connection with other property on hand, seems to me to leave the city on a sound financial basis.

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### Death of Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Lulu E. Allen, the wife of Professor J. W. Allen, died at her home in this city Tuesday, April 11th, aged 34 years and seven days. She is survived by her husband and one son five years old, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sain, of Gaston, three sisters Mrs. Lettie Hankins, of Gaston, and Mrs. Lottie Parker and Miss Wanda Sain, of Forest Grove, and her brother Dexter Sain, of Portland.

Mrs. Allen's death was a shock to her family and friends here as her last illness was but of a few days duration. She was an active worker in the Sunday School and the Women of Woodcraft and much loved by all who knew her. The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Wednesday, and were conducted by Reverend Stivers, of Forest Grove. A large company of relatives and friends attended. The burial will be at the cemetery in Forest Grove. Dearest sister, thou hast left us, Here thy loss we deeply feel, But 'tis God that hath bereft us; He can all our sorrows heal.

### That New Clock at Last.

The work of installing the clock, ordered some time ago, is the lower on the top of the court house is being done this week and the next time people from out of town come here the building will be much improved in looks. The clock is one from the Seth Thomas Clock Co., and is quite a large and complicated piece of machinery. The dials for it are four feet across and will be illuminated at night. There is an attachment on the clock that will turn the lights on or off at any hour desired. The clock strikes every hour and has to be wound but once a week. It is run by a system of heavy weights.

### House Catches Fire.

The house of John Ulmen, near Yankton, narrowly escaped destruction by fire last Friday. Mr. Ulmen was away at the time and a friend was in the house. He built a roaring fire and when Ulmen returned the house was blazing, having caught from the chimney. Fast work saved the building from destruction, but considerable damage was done before the flames could be extinguished.

### Crazy Man Brought Up.

J. L. Campbell came up last Tuesday from Clatskanie with a man who was supposed to be a candidate for the bug house, and at the present time he is in the county jail. Very little is known of him, and it has not been decided yet what will be done in his case.

### Union High Schools.

A number of persons in St. Helens, Houlton, and contiguous school districts who are interested in providing good high school facilities within reach of the young people of this part of the county, wish to know the method of procedure to establish a Union High School; the question can be answered best, perhaps, by quoting a part of the law bearing on subject: "Whenever it is desired to unite two or more contiguous school districts in this state for high school purposes only, a petition from each district shall be presented to the district boundary board setting forth specifically the districts it is proposed to consolidate and, also, the site for the location of the union high school building. If the petition is from a district of the first class, it shall contain the names of not less than one hundred legal voters; if from a district of the second class, not less than twenty-five legal voters; if from a district of the third class, not less than one-third of the legal voters."

A vote on this question must be by ballot at the time of the annual school meeting, the third Monday in June, after twenty days notice has been given in the respective districts petitioning to unite. For this year, it would be necessary for the petitions to be in the hands of the district boundary board by May 3rd, 1911.

It will be observed that under this law, two or more school districts may unite for high school purposes only without in any way affecting the elementary public school; that is, the public school up to, and including, the eighth grade would remain distinct and separate schools.

A good high school ought to be maintained in this part of the county, and, as no one district here has pupils enough for a good high school, the union high school plan seems to be most feasible at this time.

J. H. COLLINS.

## BUY NOW.

There are only 16 days left in which you can buy lots in Railroad addition at the present price, as on May 1st the price of all unsold lots will be advanced ten per cent. BUY NOW. Call on A. T. Laws, Sales Agent of the St. Helens Improvement Co., TODAY.

## COUNCIL MEETS

### New City Fathers Sworn In. Wilkins is Marshal and Hazen City Recorder

The last meeting of the 1910 City Council was held at the Council room in the City Hall last night and a number of matters taken up by the old members to close up the affairs of the past year, before the new officers were sworn in. The usual grist of bills that come up on first meeting night in the month were considered and all that had been filed were ordered paid.

The report of the City Treasurer was read, approved and ordered placed on file. A copy of it, together with the report of the recorder will be published in the next issue of the Mist.

Mayor Martin White, Councilmen Morton and Philip, Water Commissioner A. L. Stone and City Treasurer W. A. Harris were sworn in as officers of the City of St. Helens and a short meeting of the new council was held. No appointments for the office of marshal and city recorder were made by the Mayor, as there were no petitions in and he had not as yet decided on who would fill these offices.

On Wednesday Mayor White informed us that the next Marshal of the city would be Frank Wilkins and that the office of City Recorder would be filled by M. F. Hazen. Both selections will undoubtedly meet with the approval of the majority of the residents of this place, and will receive the endorsement of the City Council.

### Big Steamer Loading Here.

The British steamer Inverkip arrived here Sunday evening and commenced loading cargo Monday morning. The Inverkip is under charter to J. J. Moore & Co., the San Francisco lumber exporters, and will deliver her cargo of lumber at Fremantle, Australia. About half of her cargo will be furnished by the St. Helens Mill Co. and the balance by the Hammond Lumber Co. at Astoria. The Inverkip is a comparatively new vessel, having been built at Glasgow only three years ago. She is a vessel of 2806 net tonnage and is capable of carrying four million feet of lumber. The vessel left Antwerp on January 11th, with general cargo for San Pedro and San Francisco and experienced fine weather until off the River Platte, when she ran into a severe gale which lasted for three days. Big seas constantly rolled on board, but only minor damage was done to the vessel and none to the cargo. Fine weather was encountered from the Straits of Magellan until San Pedro was reached, the vessel making the run from Antwerp to the latter port in 60 days and maintaining an average speed of 10 knots. The Inverkip carries a crew of 38 people, 28 being Chinese, and the 10 officers and engineers are Europeans.

### Van Meetings Here.

The best attended series of revival meetings ever held in this county closed at the City Hall here last Sunday night. They were held under the auspices of the Methodist Church and were in charge of C. M. Van Marter, more familiarly and generally known as "Van." He was assisted in the work by C. M. Hadley, one of the finest singers that ever came to these parts. Mr. Hadley had a well drilled choir of local people and the singing was a big attraction, but good as it was it was not the main feature. The talks of Van were the best that were ever heard in St. Helens and the large number that were convinced of their truth and went to the front to become members of the church is the best proof of his eloquence. The good that can be done by such a man in a small community is hard to overestimate. While we may not agree with him in all things, still there is no question as to the value of his services here, and only good can result from his visit to this city. He will hold services at the City Hall again next Sunday morning and evening and his many friends will all turn out to hear him.

### West's Jersey.

H. West, the owner of Sunnybank Stock Farm, of Scappoose, where a number of very choice Jersey cattle will be sold at auction on the 4th of next month, expects to take a trip to the island of Jersey in a few weeks there after for the purpose of making another purchase of cattle of the breed for which the island is noted. —Pacific Homestead. On April 1st a number of the members Oregon Jersey Cattle Club visited the West farm near Scappoose and after inspecting Mr. West's herd were loud in their praise of this fine bunch of Jerseys. The general dispersion of such herds as this will do the country at large a vast deal of good and will be the foundation of many a fine herd of cattle.