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FINE EXHIBITS FOR FAIR

During the past two weeks C. E. Lake has visited the different sections of Columbia County, gathering products of the farm for the exhibits at the Astoria and Salem fairs.

He regards good crops all over the county and especially the hay and grains.

In the Nehalem valley the grains and grasses are very backward, caused by the late frosts. But with favorable weather, they will have an abundance of grain.

The general opinion of the farmer is that different fruits of the county are not as plentiful and good as the average season, though in the production of potatoes Columbia will with out a doubt, rank as one of the banner counties.

Some very fine selections of grains, grasses and fruits have been made during the past few weeks. The following are some of them:

Some fine samples of clover, timothy and wheat from the Kevin Grove farm at Scappoose. Alfalfa from August Muhr, Warren, and the Clover Hill farm Deer Island. Excellent sample of timothy from Met Hazen, St. Helens.

Some very fine Alsack clover from Mike Fresh, St. Helens and J. F. Loyd, Deer Island. Samples of excellent wheat from Jacob Hammer of Warren, H. J. Southard, Warren and A. C. Gray, Houlton.

Some excellent selections of vetch by John Farr of Warren, William Karth of Yankton, and William Resimius of Bachelor Flat.

Good samples of oats by Gus Skuzie Bachelor Flat, and H. J. Southard of Warren.

Excellent samples of red clover by Ernest Rylander, C. J. Larson, John Nelson, of Warren, and Rudolph Karth Yankton.

Fruits—Luie Alexander peaches by C. C. Moyer of Bachelor Flat.

Cherries by G. W. Jordan, Goble, and John Saxton, Warren.

Fine logan berries, white currants, and goose berries by Gus Hegele of St. Helens.

There are many farmers who are saving different products who will be reported as they are gathered in.

The Astoria fair will commence August 10th and if any of the farmers have anything they wish to send it will be a great favor to the commissioner if they will select it out and he will call and get it this first week in August.

Forest Fires Rage—

From all parts of the northwest reports are coming in of the great damage being done by forest fires. Thus far no reports of a serious nature have been made in this county. With the continued dry weather and high winds it is necessary that the utmost caution should be exercised.

A report has reached this office of what may grow into a very serious forest fire in the woods west of Houlton where the Western Co. operated until recently. Rumor has it that considerable damage has resulted particularly to the Wilverding, Dupont and Ayers places.

Mr. Goodrich, of Goodrich & Goodrich, and Mr. Kroner, of the firm of Kroner & Henn, Portland, architects were visitors to this city during the past week, looking up the matter of preparing plans for the proposed school building. Mr. Kroner attended the meeting at the city hall on Tuesday night.

The July number of the Timberman has arrived at this office and it is an issue that is a credit to its producers. Every phase of camp and mill work, market conditions all over the world, and in fact everything that affects the lumber business is covered, and there can be no doubt as to the reliability of the statistics published in Mr. Cornwall's paper.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

The water front at this place presents quite a deserted appearance with only one ship loading. The four masted schooner, Lyman B. Foster will complete a cargo of ties on Friday when she will clear for the West Coast of South America.

Next Saturday there will be another wrestling match in this city. Peter Buzukos will go on the mat with John Berg, better known as "Young Hackensmith" Berg agreeing to throw Buzukos three times in one hour for a side bet of \$1000. Both men are in the front ranks as wrestlers and the match is looked forward to with considerable interest.

City Marshal Frank Wilkins has issued an ultimatum to tent dwellers around the city regarding better sanitary conditions. The next move, says the Marshal, will be the arrest and prosecution of the offenders under the city ordinances covering such matters.

The St. Helens Band will give a dance at the City Hall on Saturday, August 5th. Everyone is invited to attend and the band boys assure us that they will see that all who do attend have a real good time. The floor in the hall is first class, and the music will be of the same variety, so there is no doubt but that the attendance will be large.

Robt. Yount, one of the live wires of Rainier and the Chief on the St. Irada, brought his automobile up on the boat with him last Sunday, and spent the afternoon in running all over this end of the county and enjoying the good roads that we have and that the people of his neighborhood are so much in need of. No doubt when Bob gets back and tells the story of the fun he had here, he will also make a speech for good roads near his home town.

Mr. G. F. Robertson, owner and manager of the St. Helens Steam Laundry is contemplating extensive improvements, both in the way of new buildings and new machinery. Since starting in business the first of this year Mr. Robertson reports that his business has increased far beyond all expectations. With the new equipment to be added, it is the intention of the management to enlarge the field of operations.

R. H. Roberson was the victim of a painful accident last Wednesday. He was working for J. H. Wellington and using a truck, which, it seems was caught under some freight in the warehouse. Mr. Roberson came down on the handles with all of his weight to free it, and one of the handles hit him in the side, breaking a rib. He went to the doctor and was fixed up, and stayed at work for a while, but finally decided that he would have to be on the sick list for a few days.

Last Sunday at a picnic at Mist, Roy Long took a shot at Mr. Hill and as a result Sheriff Thompson is now on the look out for him. A complaint was filed in the court of the Justice of the Peace and the officers at this place notified, but the word sent here was by telephone, and the information was not sufficient to enable the authorities to get the man. He had a check on a Portland bank, and if Sheriff Thompson had obtained the full particulars he would have gone to Portland and captured him when it was presented. The Portland authorities were notified from Clatskanie, but they got to the bank an hour too late as the man had already called and secured his money.

Last Sunday at the ball game there were a number of things done that will never again be tolerated for a minute, and it was only their good luck that enabled some of the Kalama men to get away with it last Sunday. In the end of the grand stand and among ladies from this place there were gathered a number of people from down the river, and one of them had a suit case full of beer. The owner of the suit case did not know any better than to open a bottle, and pass it around. Mr. Wilkins will see that it is never again repeated, or that any intoxicating liquor is taken on the grounds again. Such things hurt the attendance at the games, and we are lucky in having a marshal that will make anyone who is ungentlemanly enough to make his presence at the games a nuisance regret it.

A Suggested Improvement—
Now that the city has an abundance of water at its disposal it would seem that the fountain in the square might be utilized. The original idea of constructing this square with the fountain in the center was a good one and if carried out would supply an ornament of which any city might well be proud. However standing as it does without running water it is an eye sore, to say nothing of the unsanitary conditions arising from the stagnant water contained in the pool. The watering trough on the south side of the square should also be put into use.

LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Anna George, of Portland, visited relatives in St. Helens last Sunday.

Wash. Muckle has returned from a weeks visit to the Hot Springs.

County Judge James Dart spent the week end with his family at Seaside.

George W. Vogel, of Rainier, was a business visitor to the county seat this week.

Mr. M. E. Miller made a visit to Portland last Tuesday in the interest of a couple of local clients.

Miss Anna Quick went to Portland on Wednesday of this week to spend a week with Mrs. T. W. Robinson.

City Marshal Frank Wilkins accompanied by his wife and family left this city last Wednesday morning for a two weeks visit at the home of N. D. Gaylord in Tacoma.

Mr. Claud M. John, Attorney at Law, of Clatskanie, was a business visitor to the county seat last Saturday. Mr. John is a newcomer to this section and has but recently opened an office at Clatskanie.

Mr. and Mrs. David Davis, of Portland, visited last week-end with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cox. Dave is well remembered in this county as a former editor of the Mist.

Dr. H. R. Cliff and family, of Portland, visited at the C. H. Johns home in this city last Sunday. Mrs. Johns and daughter Dorothy accompanied them on the return trip to Portland.

W. E. Dillard, accompanied by his two sons, Waldon and Mason, and, master Kenneth Cliff left this city the latter part of last week for a hunting and fishing trip to Mt. St. Helens.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jeffcott left Wednesday for a trip to the coast. They secured Miles Mason's speedy launch and took a camping outfit. They will go as far as Ilwaco in the launch, enjoy the cool weather at the beach, and on the return camp out on the small streams that come into the river from the other side.

Next Wednesday the ball team made up of the business men of Rainier will play at this city and the record crowd of the season will be on hand to see the game. There will be something doing all the time and some good base ball if the game is anything like the one recently played at Rainier.

W. C. Van Dersal, until recently engaged in the real estate business in Portland, arrived in St. Helens last Monday. Mr. Van Dersal expects to make his future home in this city, seeing, as he says a great future for this city and Columbia County.

Pessimists are Silenced—

That the atmosphere about St. Helens is growing unhealthy for the professional pessimist is becoming more apparent every day. Such prophecies as, "It can't be done," and "you'll never do it" are becoming less and less popular. This statement might be applied to nearly any phase of our civil life but it is double time in realms of moral and educational endeavor. The particular point at issue is the Sunday school. Several months ago old timers volunteered the information that a decided falling off in attendance must be expected during the summer. What a shock it must be to them to note that the attendance for the past two Sundays was nearly up to the record of the best days of the winter months. The cause is easily determined. Old and young are finding the school interesting. Then, too, an ever increasing number are determined to make the most of themselves rather than drift with the crowd, Harrah for boosters!

Probationers Active—

The liveliest organization in the town is the pastors probationers class, even the excessive heat of the past two Sunday's failed to decrease the attendance at the regular afternoon meetings. All are displaying a deep interest in the things that make for strong character.

The future of any church is assured when so large a number of young people invest their lives in its service. Mable Craig is the efficient president of the class, Roy Laws is secretary.

Lyceum Course Pleases—

The different members of the Peoples Lyceum Committee have been hearing much favorable comment on the quality of the proposed course for next winter. Everything seems to point to the fact that a popular need has been recognized and is now on a way to be met. As soon as definite information as to dates has been received and printed matter has been secured the committee will begin its advance canvass. Meanwhile show your spirit by boosting.

THE SCHOOL MEETING

From the west they came under the banner "Washington Square", from the north the Slogan was "Columbia Park" but the Clans rallied from far and near to the cause of "The Old Site" and under the persuasive arguments of Mrs. M. C. Gray, Mrs. W. B. Dillard, S. C. Morton, J. W. Day and others, the advocates of the Old Site rolled up a comfortable majority of the votes cast, and at least a majority were satisfied.

Pursuant to a call issued by the school board the residents of the school district No. 2 of Columbia County gathered at the school in St. Helens on Tuesday evening of this week to settle the question of a site for the erection of a new school building with the bonds voted at the recent election.

Chairman M. E. Miller of the board called the meeting to order but it being apparent that the school house would not begin to hold the crowd, a motion by Walter Blakesley to adjourn to the city hall prevailed.

As soon as the good natured crowd could be brought to order in the more commodious quarters, the chair declared nominations open for sites.

Richard Cox immediately nominated the present site which was seconded from several quarters at once, Washington Square was placed in nomination by D. T. Gerdes with seconds. At this time the chairman read a communication from Geo. H. Lemont offering as a site, free of cost to the board, three acres of land immediately north of block six in Columbia Park.

Chairman M. E. Miller here read the State School Law regarding the qualifications of voters.

The arguments advanced by U. S. DSpain, D. T. Gerdes Councilman Phillips and others advocating Washington Square were, however unavailing; when the ballots were counted the following result was found Washington Square, 55 Columbia Park 7, and the Old Site 82, giving the Old Site a clear majority of the 144 votes cast.

A resolution by Dr. Edwin Ross was read by the chairman at this time as follows: Be it resolved; that the present school site be retained and that the board of directors be authorized to remodel the old building, making it sanitary as to light and drainage. That they be empowered to erect a suitable addition to the old building with all necessary sanitation, and that they be further authorized to purchase additional grounds of sufficient scope for all athletic purposes for future use not to exceed \$5,000.

After considerable discussion, during which an amendment to strike out the clause regarding the purchase of additional ground offered by U. S. DSpain was voted down, the resolutions were adopted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting on motion an adjournment was had.

On a recent visit to Rainier the editor had a chance to see the new reinforced concrete bridge that is being built across Nice Creek, near the school house, and it is certainly a fine structure, and one that will be of service to years. It is the first concrete bridge in the county, and as far as we know, in this part of the country, and standing, as it does, where everybody who travels over the A. & C. can see it, is a good advertisement.

FOR SALE—

About forty sacks of Burbank potatoe old, in good condition, part large and part seed size. Also a few tons of old timothy hay, a little mixed with clover. Also cherries. C. J. LARSEN, Warren, Oregon.

HOULTON ITEMS

Mr. W. M. Wikoff, wife and son of Columbus, Ohio are visiting his nephew H. C. Wikoff and family at Houlton. Mr. Wikoff is one of the most prominent educators and Sunday School workers in the East and made an address at the M. E. Church Sunday evening.

Rev. J. F. Parker of Portland, Sundayed in Houlton.

The council of Houlton will meet Monday evening to consider the proposition of the St. Helens water commission that the city council be liable for said water to be used in Houlton to collect the water assessments, and that the minimum charge of \$60, per month for 600,000 gallons at the rate of 10 cents per 1000 gallons be adopted, and that Houlton shall maintain at their own expense the water pipe and other appliance within the limits of the city of Houlton.

Bar none, L. H. Combs, the ice man is the most popular man in Houlton and St. Helens during the heated season.

Houlton has a new R. R. Agent and his name is King, and King is a prince of a good fellow in the way of an accommodating agent.

From letters received from Rev. J. B. DeBord, it is learned that the Arizona Climate and torridity was too severe for Mrs. DeBord and that they have gone to Los Angeles, Cal.

Trenholm, the site of the old bolt camp has been in the midst of several severe forest fires during the past two weeks and much damage has been reported. Several buildings on the Ayers ranch were burned, when the fire flend advances and the settlers home is threatened, men women and children form a bucket brigade and stump out the sparks. Like the minute men of '76 they are always on the watch.

Mr. John Masten and family are now comfortably settled in their new home and will make reliable additions in every way to Houlton society.

Prof. E. S. Faxon will soon move to Houlton and reside in the Mellingr cottage. Prof. Faxon will be Houlton's school supt. and will certainly make good, as one does not have to be in the professors company long to learn that he is a live wire and a born leader.

If you would see J. Whitcomb Rileys' poem "The old Swimming Hole," materialized, stand on the bridge at Houlton on a hot day and watch youngsters gambol in the ripples of Milton Creek. Some of the old timers, too, got the habit.

LOST—In St. Helens, ladies breast pin with pearl setting. A reward will be paid for return to Mrs. J. E. Black.

Came into my enclosure June 5th, one heifer about two years old, mostly white with black ears, and legs all black up to knees. No brand.

Owner can have same by paying charges and proving property. J. W. Tinkham, Warren' Ore.

Columbia County Pomona Grange will meet with Cedar Grange at Cedar Grove, the first Saturday in August. This being the regular quarterly meeting. Cedar Grove is located six and one half miles west of Clatskanie and about seven miles from Rainier. All Grangers are urged to attend.

LOST—Between Watkins Confectionery and the Wilkins residence a purse containing a considerable sum of money. Finder will receive a liberal reward for return to the Mist Office.

WHY—Buy inferior flour when you can get the famous White River Flour at Harrison's Pure Food Grocery?

City Improvements—

Construction is well under way on the residence being built for L. B. Rutherford on the bill overlooking the city. When completed an outlay of \$3500 will be represented. Built on a full basement the house will contain eight rooms embracing all modern improvements including the new Vacuum Vapor Heating plant. The basement will be fitted up with a complete laundry, gymnasium, and machine shop.

Adjoining Mr. Rutherford's home, his mother, Mrs. M. J. Rutherford is building a modern six room bungalow to cost \$2,000.

The story and a oak cottage being built for J. C. Kelly on Oak St. is rapidly nearing completion.

Cement sidewalks are being constructed in front of the property of A. J. Rupert on the Strand II, Morgus is also building new walks of the same material in front of the Bennet barber shop.

Last Sunday the locals took sweet revenge on the Kalama ball team for the two defeats of this year, and the way that they hammered Bert Taylor's spit ball to all corners of the lot was the cause of great rejoicing among the local fans. The boys went right after Kalama from the start and at the end of the game the score was 12 to 4 with Kirby's aggregation at the small end and some of the visitors a trifle lighter in the neighborhood of their pockets. Next Sunday the boys go to Kalama, and play them again. The batteries in last Sunday's game were: St. Helens, Hedrick and Serr; Kalama, Taylor and Kirby.

The Score.

	Rainier	ABRHPOAE
Reed 3b.....	4	2 0 2 0 0
Shafner ss.....	3	1 2 2 1 0
Cook c.....	4	0 0 14 0 0
Stacy 1b.....	4	1 2 8 0 0
Nutt cf.....	4	1 1 0 1 0
Fish 2b.....	2	1 1 0 3 0
Vogel 2b.....	2	1 1 0 1 2
Wildie p.....	4	1 2 1 1 0
Weisman lf.....	4	0 0 0 0 0
Thomas rf.....	2	0 0 0 0 1
Cooper rf.....	2	0 0 0 0 0
Totals.....	35	8 9 27 7 3

St. Helens

Rutherford c.....	4	0 1 2 1 1
Flagg 2b.....	3	0 0 2 2 1
Miller 3b.....	4	1 0 2 3 0
Morton p.....	4	1 1 1 2 0
Thompson rf.....	4	1 0 1 0 0
Allen 1b.....	4	0 0 6 0 2
Gray ss.....	3	0 0 1 1 1
Barnett lf.....	3	0 0 0 1 0
Muckle lf.....	0	0 0 0 0 0
Ross cf.....	2	0 0 0 0 1
Craig cf.....	1	0 0 0 0 1
Totals.....	32	2 3 24 10 7

By Innings

Rainier.....	4 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 x-8
Hits.....	2 0 1 2 0 3 1 0 x-8
St. Helens.....	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2-2
Hits.....	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2-3

Summary

Two base hits—Nut, Morton, Thompson. Struck out by Willie 14—Morton 7. Bases on balls—Wild 1 Morton 2—Balk—Morton wild pitch Morton. Passed ball—Rutherford, stolen bases. Flagg, Wild Weisman 2—Stacy 2 Reed 2. Double play Miller to Allen. Time 1 hour 45 min. Umpire Huycke.

The Kelso ball team reinforced by the best of the Rainier bunch downed the Indians at Clatskanie last Sunday by a fifteen to nine score. Batteries, Clatskanie, Bryant and Elliott; Kelso McCorkle and Slausenhopt. Clatskanie plays the Weonas, formerly the Columbia Hardware Co., on Sunday for a large stake. Joe Haggin is now at Clatskanie and will practice with the boys there for the remainder of the week and do the throwing for them in Sunday's game.

Shingles for sale. Inquire of W. C. Morley, St. Helens, Ore.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—

Sunday school.....	9:45
Preaching.....	11:00
Probationer's Class.....	3:00
Epworth League.....	7:00
Preaching.....	8:0

Mrs. J. M. Rogers and son Carl, of Portland, are visiting this week with Mrs. Roger's sister, Mrs. S. C. Morton.

The schooner George E. Billings, which has been at Prescott taking on a partial cargo, will be at this port this week to finish loading. The Steam schooner Yellowstone, of the McCormick Line left San Pedro on Tuesday and will be here about Monday to take a full cargo of lumber. The Klamath, also of the McCormick Line and now enroute for this port will leave the fore part of next week with cargo and passengers for San Pedro. On the 10th of August the big British tramp Coulsdan is due here to take a cargo of 2,000,000 feet for Australia. The Coulsdan carries a crew of about 40 men and is now coaling at San Francisco.

Mr. L. H. Boyd, the night trimmerman at the mill, has moved his family from St. Johns to this place and moved into the Abbott house in Railroad Addition.

The Ladies Aid of St. Helens will serve ice cream and cake to the public at the Guild Hall, Saturday evening, July 29th. A charge of 15 cents per service will be made.

WANTED—Middle-aged lady as housekeeper. Address p o box 33 St. Helens.

Blocks 14 & 15 on North side of Nigger Creek will be placed on the market by J. B. Godfrey, building restrictions will be placed at \$1200, and 15 feet from the street line. For lots in these blocks see J. B. Godfrey or Geo. H. Shinn.

When you have veal and pork to sell call up Georges Market and get his prices Phone 48.