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Governor West Criticized

Louis W. Hill Takes Oregon Governor to Task

Louis W. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railway Co., who furnished the train for the Governor's Special making a tour of the East, has made a statement concerning the Governors who are on the trip in which he says that politics are being played instead of advertising the respective states from whence come the various governors. Of Governor West of Oregon he says: "The Governor of Oregon is frittering away his time telling the East what he knows about woman's suffrage and airing his views on other personal public questions. What does the East care for that? He is forgetting his State. That fellow is overlooking a big bet. He is exploiting himself rather than his state."

Circuit Court

Judge Eakin of the Circuit Court held an adjourned term of Court this week when the case of the Linnton Savings Bank vs. A. Barber was tried before a jury. This was a case where the bank sued on a promissory note for \$1021.00 given by Mr. Barber to a Mr. Hurlburt for a policy of Life Insurance. The note was sold by Hurlburt to the Linnton Bank and Mr. Barber refused to pay when this action was started. Barber claimed that the agent mis-represented the facts to him and that fraud was used in procuring his application for insurance and the note. The jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. The case will probably be appealed. Dillard and Day represented the plaintiff and Covert & Stapleton the defendant.

Catholic Mission

A Mission of the Catholic Church of St. Helens and Houlton will be held at their church in St. Helens, beginning on December 20 and continuing for three days. Rev. Father Brunagel will be assisted by Dominican Father, and everybody is invited to attend, Catholics and Non-Catholics.

Methodist Episcopal Church	
Sunday School	10:00
Preaching	11:00
Epworth League	6:30
Preaching	7:30
Mid-week service Thursday	7:30

BUSINESS HOUSE FOR RENT: The store building known as the Half Way House near the Wireless Station; also have some beds, rugs, commodes, a show case and few other articles for sale cheap. Inquire of M. F. Hazen.

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Cockerels. W. H. Bumgardner, Warren, Oregon.

FOR SALE—Spits Pups. Apply, H. Owens, Houlton, Oregon.

100,000 Fruit trees. Write for prices. A. Holaday Scappoose.

REEVES PHOTO STUDIO

A Photo studio will be opened here about October 8th in the Dr. Montgomery Building on Willamette Street, where first class photo work of all kinds can be had at reasonable prices. We kindly request the people of St. Helens and Houlton to give us a trial. Open Sundays 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. C. S. Reeves.

Road Meeting

Largely Attended Meeting Votes a 4 Mill Special Tax Levy

The road meeting held last Saturday was attended by the largest crowd of taxpayers that any similar meeting of the kind has ever attracted. From early morning till the hour of convening, wagons, buggies and automobiles, loaded with interested taxpayers were coming to town as well as a goodly number on horseback and some on foot. The people of the City did not attend in very large numbers, leaving the matter of levying a special tax and the location of the work to be done, to the farmers. A levy of four mills was made to be expended in the following places: The Deer Island road, \$2000; The St. Helens and Portland Road \$1500; The Yankton Roads \$3500 and the Eachelor Flat roads \$1000.

Some Rainier News

Ralph Buffum Commits Suicide

L. Swett Breaks Leg

Ralph Buffum shot himself in the right temple at eight o'clock Tuesday morning with a 22 caliber revolver. The shooting took place in his room at Malm's boarding house on Water street in the central part of the City. Mr. Buffum was immediately taken to the operating room at McLaren's drug store where Dr. McLaren made an examination. The bullet was located about 3 inches below the temple, but it was thought best to take the patient to a hospital at Portland, where Dr. McLaren accompanied him. Mr. Buffum was still unconscious when taken on board the train, and it is not thought that the wound would be fatal. Mr. Buffum is about 40 years old and single. He came to Rainier about a year ago from Colden New York, and was employed at the Columbia River Door Co. until recently when he became sick. He had been ailing for about a month. His friends believe he became melancholy and in a fit of momentary insanity committed the rash act.

He died at the Hospital Wed.

Mr. L. Swett is probably the most unfortunate man in Rainier. Last February he broke his left leg at the ankle, and for months walked around on crutches. The left leg had not been fully healed when on last Thursday morning he stepped from his office onto the floor, a distance of 11 inches and broke his right leg at the knee. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital on the morning train, and is doing as well as can be expected. Mr. Swett expects to have his left ankle reset while at the hospital.

Advertised Letters.

Letters unclaimed at the St. Helens, Oregon; postoffice for the week ending December 9, 1911.

Martin Amoadt, one letter; Arvie Henderson, one letter; Marius Marthinsen, one letter; J. J. C. Piltz, one letter; Blanche Richardson, one letter; Minnie Richardson, one letter; John Shea, one letter; C. Wilson, in care Lewis River boom, one letter.

Letters unclaimed by December 23 will be sent to the Dead-Letter office.

M. C. Gray, P. M.

Council Proceedings

Important Ordinances Read and Passed

At the regular meeting of the Council last Monday night the following business was transacted.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report from City Attorney concerning the Lousignont and Browning bill of \$24.00. L. & B. would accept \$20.00 in full satisfaction of the claim. Warrant ordered issued for same.

Bill of F. Wilkins of \$5.00 for money advanced for tuning the City Hall piano, ordered paid.

Councilman Dart reported parties had negotiated the purchase of the City Cell not in use and Mr. Dart was appointed a committee of one to dispose of the cell.

Upon motion, the Street Committee was instructed to apportion the cost of the Cowlitz St. sewer, and report.

An ordinance to improve Hemlock St. from Willamette St. North to the Northern boundary of the City filed and read first time; upon motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the second time, by title only.

An ordinance to build a sidewalk along the East side of Hemlock St. as bounded above, filed and read the first time in full; upon motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the second time, by title only.

Moved by Morton—seconded by Phillip; That a concrete walk be built from the S. W. corner of River and Cowlitz to the N. W. corner of same; Same to be let to U. S. DSpain by day labor, work to be done under the supervision of the Street Committee. Carried and so ordered.

An ordinance establishing the "Strand Improvement District" read the third time, and an emergency added thereto and passed by unanimous vote.

Councilman Dart brought the matter up, of a public fountain in the center of Cowlitz and River Streets, saying the Muckle Bros., namely, Charles and James had volunteered to furnish and erect the fountain if the City would connect water pipes and supply the water.

Resolved that a levy of [8] eight mills on the dollar of assessed property in the City of St. Helens be levied for the purpose of raising revenue for expenses of said City for the year 1912.

Saw Mill Burns

West Oregon Mill at Linnton a Total Loss!

On Monday night the big Saw Mill of the West Oregon Lumber Co. at Linnton, was burned to the ground. Fire was discovered in the engine room about 7 o'clock and before help could be obtained had gained such headway that it was impossible to control it. The entire mill and all the yards of lumber were destroyed, except a few piles of lumber a considerable distance away from the mill. The total loss will be over \$150,000 with insurance of about \$75,000. Mr. Kingsley, the President of the Company says the mill will be rebuilt at once. The fire attracted considerable attention at St. Helens from where the bright light could be plainly seen and from a few places in the city the blaze was in sight.

Elk for Oregon

Through the efforts of State Game Warden William L. Finley, on his recent visit at Washington, D. C., the government has been persuaded to donate fifteen elk to the State of Oregon. These animals will be taken from the forest reserves of Wyoming, crated and transported to Oregon as soon as the people of this state provide an adequate pasture for them. They will become the sole property of Oregon and serve to perpetuate a race of noble animals that is rapidly becoming extinct.

In the Northwestern part of the state there is a 2500 acre pasture that has been set aside by the national government for testing the utility of a coyote proof fence. It is said to have proven effective for that purpose and the forestry service, according to Warden Finley, is willing to give this big park to the state as an elk reserve. The matter of location, however, has not been settled, as this is a question that will be left largely to the state at large, as it is distinctly a matter of public interest.

The Wyoming elk are magnificent specimens and it is believed that they will thrive in this state. Fortunately, the Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture will meet part of the expenses of crating and transporting the antlered herd from Wyoming to this state. The food for the winter will have to be provided by the people of Oregon. It is expected they will be moved by February and some definite action as to location must be taken before that time.

Several other states have tried to secure these elk in the past, and Oregon ought to feel proud at having been successful in interesting the Government in its decision to honor Oregon in this way. Our own elk will soon be extinct. With a starter of 15 animals, there ought soon to be quite a respectable herd. It is absolutely necessary that public sentiment be aroused in this behalf, as it is a matter that can only be brought about by this method. It is believed that the people will stand behind Warden Finley in this effort, as he has given his word that Oregon will find a place to house these animals if the Government would give them.

Houlton Items

Ray Stains has been suffering with an ulcerated tooth for a few days. At times it is almost more than he can stand.

Allan Spence of Houlton died at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland Sunday morning and was buried in the Lone Fir Cemetery Tuesday. Allan was just coming into young manhood and would soon have been a great support to the family.

The new store building being erected by W. J. Mellinger will soon be occupied by Mrs. Wm. Hinson and daughter of Kelso Wash, with an up-to-date stock of millinery. They will also do dress making.

Eugene DeSpain and Elsie Reynolds were married Tuesday Dec. 12, Rev. Heist, using the ring ceremony, officiating. The marriage was solemnized in the new home which Mr. DeSpain had built and furnished for his bride. The bride wore a beautiful creation in white, trimmed in pink and was very charming. This wedding unites two worthy young people who have the well wishes of a host of friends. A lunch was served at the home of the groom.

Catholic services will be held in the St. Helens Church next Sunday at 11:30 A. M. Everybody invited.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard entertained last Monday night at their home in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Ross on the eve of their departure for California to spend the winter. A large number of guests were present and spent a most enjoyable evening at 500 in which Mrs. L. G. Ross and A. J. Deming carried off the honors, as well as beautiful prizes. There were nine tables filled with players and after the results were announced a most delightful luncheon was served.

Mrs. Bacon of Warren was in town Thursday, attending the Sale conducted by the Ladies of the Congregational Church.

At the residence of Justice Hazen St. Helens, last Wednesday, Mrs. Margaret King of Houlton and Mr. Allen Barstow of St. Helens were united in marriage by Judge Hazen. Mr. Barstow is the night fireman at the mill and they will make their home in St. Helens.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Ross, with their children, left St. Helens last Tuesday for Redlands, California, where they will spend the winter. They have purchased a beautiful home among the Orange Groves at that place and every winter go there and enjoy the grand climate and beautiful winter weather. They will return in the Spring to St. Helens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Everson have disposed of all their belongings in St. Helens and will leave in a few days for San Diego, Cal. where they will reside in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Everson have resided in St. Helens for over two years and have a large number of friends who are sorry to see them go but wish them all success in their new home.

The delivery horse of C. H. John & Co. took it into his head to run away with the driver last Monday and he surely did run. Ernest John was driving him and was unable to control him at all. However the horse kept the middle of the street and was stopped before any danger was done.

Little Francis Christie, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Christie, died at their home in St. Helens last Tuesday and was buried in the Yankton cemetery on Saturday. She has been sick for two months and suffered a great deal during that time. The heart-broken parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

Economical Housewives will find something to their advantage by studying Wellington's Ad on page 5 of this issue.

"Quick Sales—Small Profits—One Price" Wellington's motto.

Mrs. D. J. Switzer and Mrs. Jacob George entertained about twenty-five of their lady friends at Tea last Tuesday afternoon at the beautiful home of Mrs. Switzer on Columbia Street.

Diek Robertson lost the tail lamp of Wellington's Auto Delivery Truck some place in the City during the week. If the finder will kindly take same to Wellington's Store he will receive a nice Christmas Present.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gaittens of Deer Island were transacting business in St. Helens during the week.

S. A. Miles came down from Portland Wednesday and spent the day in town.

Miss Bertha Dart visited in Portland Tuesday.

John Phillip and his daughter, Elizabeth, started Wednesday for Vancouver B. C. where they will visit relatives for some time.

SCAPPOOSE

Miss Nellie Farrell of Crook Co. Ore. visited at Albert Johnsons during the week.

Porter Bros. lost three horse at Rocky Point Sunday, being killed by engine on West bound A. and C. train.

Mr. E. L. Page has sold his large dairy farm to Portland parties and leaves this week for Southern Cal. where he and his family will make their future home.

Messrs. Sutton and Lindsay recently from beyond the Rockies have opened up a land and real estate office at Scappoose.

M. J. Butler is again in charge of the A. and C. section work, having succeeded Mr. Rosky, who goes to Astoria.

Several of our land owners have taken advantage of the dull times to grub and clear land for the plow. It has been found by practical demonstration that potatoes will pay for grubbing in the first crop.

The Artisan lodge gave a free supper, with dancing and cards, at their Fridays meeting. A large and appreciative audience enjoyed their hospitality.

A four mill special school tax was levied by School District No. 1. for the year 1912.

There is a strong demand for low priced cut off timber land. Most buyers having in mind a future orchard, bearing our celebrated prize winning apples.

A. D. Holaday is making some large shipments of fruit trees.

Grandma Watson suffered a severe stroke of paralysis a few days ago but is gaining at this time.

Deputy Sheriff Campbell, of Clatskanie, brought up from Clatskanie on Wednesday a man named Fred Brush, who was under the impression that his head was being flattened out by some unknown force. It developed upon investigation that Brush was an inmate of the State Insane Asylum until about a year ago when he disappeared from that institution and has not been heard of since. When the officers at the Asylum were notified that he was in St. Helens they immediately sent an attendant for him and he was taken back on Thursday.

Judge Dart attended the meeting of County Judges and Commissioners of the State of Oregon, held at Portland this week. Mrs. Dart accompanied him to Portland.

Mrs. Anna A. Dodge, for several years a resident of St. Helens, died at Ballard, Wash. last Sunday from heart troubles. Mrs. Dodge was 52 years old and left two sons and a daughter. She was buried at Oregon City, Wednesday afternoon.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Bert Timmons last Tuesday, a daughter.

F. M. Thorp has resigned his position as janitor of the Columbia County Court House and P. W. Harrison has been appointed to the job. Mr. Thorp has held the position down for several years and has always kept the building in first class shape and the work well up. He will certainly be missed around the Court house.

County Clerk LeBare has issued the following marriage licenses during the past week; Christina Kjellberg and M. E. Erickson, both of Clatskanie; Ellen M. Kjellberg and Magnus Westlund, both of Clatskanie; Alice Englert and Wm Waybourne both of Scappoose; Elsie Reynolds and Eugene M. Heaton, both of St. Helens; Margaret E. King and Allen Barstow, both of St. Helens.