

Boiler Explodes Men Killed and 3 Seriously Injured

WILSON'S MILL AT RAINIER

On Dec. 21—The boiler in Wilson's saw mill exploded this morning about nine o'clock, four men were in the boiler room at the time of the explosion. Clarence Brown had his head blown off that his brains were exposed and cannot live but a short time. Wilson Lowman, owner of the mill and James Kilby a workman were blown out of the mill apparently not seriously hurt. Cause of the explosion is not known, as only meager details were brought to Case's mill and known in from there. Dr. Brown immediately went out on a stretcher followed by the dead wagon to the mill. It has been learned that three men were in the mill. Mr. Lowman, father of above mentioned men, among the dead. Making three dead and three injured.

Specter Arrested for Hill Murder

John B. Harvey, a prominent citizen of Ardenwald, Clackamas county, has been arrested for the murder of the Hill family near that place last June. The crime was the most revolting that was perpetrated in any country in the world when the father, and two little children were slain by the murderer with a axe. Harvey was a neighbor of the Hills and was seen under surveillance ever since the crime was committed. The claim they have sufficient evidence against him to convince the jury that he is the guilty party, while the evidence is all circumstantial, it is sufficiently strong to conviction certain.

SCAPPOOSE

It is quite an epidemic of colds and sore throats in these parts, but serious cases are noted.

Mr. Kammeyer an old and respected citizen is confined to his bed by the spinal rheumatism.

Mr. Beaver, a prosperous dairyman living east of Scappoose, is preparing his large farm and preparing to migrate to the milder climate of California for his health.

Ladies bazaar held one night at the Elk, was a financial and social success; the farce by the "grown-ups" was cleverly done.

Mr. J. N. Lewis a family leave taker to join Mr. Lewis in their home in Northern California.

The Christmas program at the school this year promises to be very interesting and is looked forward to by both young and old with much anticipated pleasure.

The sudden death of H. E. Johnson the well known engineer of the Chapman Co. train was a shock to many friends of whom he had here.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a special road tax for making better roads is called for Saturday.

The school is preparing a Christmas holiday event to take place on Friday and the children are expected to have a big time.

Merchants Agree to Close

The undersigned merchants of the City of St. Helens do hereby mutually agree that we will not open or permit to be opened our respective places of business for the purpose of traffic on Sunday, from and after this date. Dated this 20th day of Dec. 1911.

M Rosenthal,
C. H. John & Co.
J H Wellington.
H. Morgus,
Jas. Muckle & Son,
Alfred S. Harrison,

JOY MASSEY.

The second number of the People's Lyceum Course was a marked success. Miss Joy Massey proved herself a master of her art. From the very first she carried the large audience with her. So natural was her interpretation and so real were her emotions that everyone instinctively yielded himself to their spell.

It would be difficult to say in what particular department Miss Massey excels. She seems to read with equal ability the gay and the pathetic, the humorous and the serene, the ridiculous and the sublime. Her work is characterized by a far finer balance than is that of the average reader.

The most praiseworthy feature of the evening's program, and that which doubtless accounts for Miss Massey's abiding success, was the high purpose displayed in the selection of her numbers. While the audience was frequently convulsed with laughter the reader never debased her art to the level of merely tickling the people. She consciously sought to make every story appeal to the noblest in human nature. Her rendering of "The Lost Word" and "The St. John's Fund" cannot fail to uplift and inspire. Every serious minded person went away not only delighted but helped. St. Helens will be glad to welcome Miss Joy Massey again.

Lyceum patrons are requested to use the ticket marked "Final Number" for admission to the Glee Club Concert Saturday evening Dec. 30. Bring your friends along. It will be the biggest and best entertainment ever given in St. Helens.

REUBEN NOTES

J. S. Whitbeck and wife left for Eugene Ore. Thursday where they will spend Xmas with friends.

Mrs. Albert Larsen and son were shopping in Portland Wed. Mrs. Ira Withrow while shopping in Portland on Tuesday, had stolen from her \$105.00 in cash and a gold watch valued at \$50.00.

Mrs. J. M. Lindsay was a Portland visitor on Friday.

J. W. Patrick of Neer City and M. W. Pillberg of Portland was our city on Friday.

Mrs. Clara Scott and daughter left here for Olatha, Colorado Saturday where they will locate.

Charles Zingling and family left here for Guffey Colorado Saturday where they will locate.

W. M. Robbins and wife visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Tracy on Deer Island.

J. McEwen, M. Barret and John Gill of Portland were in town on Sunday looking over the real estate in this vicinity. They think of locating here.

At a special school meeting held in School District No. 20 Dec. 16, 1911, a levy of 3 1-2 mills was voted for school purposes.

At a special Dist. Road meeting held in Road District No. 5 Dec. 16 1911, a levy of 9 1-2 mills was voted for, to improve the

MYSTERIOUS DROWNING

H. E. Veazie, Disappears and is Found in Columbia River FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

Harry E. Veazie, the new President and manager of the St Helens Transfer Co, met with a very mysterious death at St Helens on Tuesday evening. Last Saturday he purchased an interest in the St. Helens Transfer Company and assumed the management of the affairs of the concern, taking upon himself the job of driving the auto bus to the trains at Houlton. On Tuesday evening he left the home of John Popejoy at 6:15 o'clock to take the bus to meet the 7 o'clock train and went straight to the foot of Cowlitz Street where the bus was kept. He entered the Blew & Mace Saloon at 6:20 o'clock and stood by the stove for a minute or two warming his hands when he went out toward his bus. That was the last time he was ever seen alive. When the bus failed to go on time, the other members of the firm began to make a search for him and it was kept up all night and until 11 o'clock A. M. Wednesday when Ed Ballagh and Charles Scott, who were dragging the river brought up the body of Mr. Veazie, just below the Sheldon dock at the foot of Cowlitz Street. Coroner Sherwood was immediately notified and arrived on the afternoon boat when a coroner's jury was summoned and an inquest held. Dr. Peel made an examination of the body. The facts brought out at the inquest were that he was last seen alive as stated above and that when he was brought to the top of the water by the grappling hooks, both hands were in the trousers pockets; there was a slight bruise about one and one-half inches long just over the right ear; the lungs were partly filled with water but some air in them. In his pockets were some money, keys, books and papers. His watch was missing. The verdict of the jury was that he came to

his death from apparent drowning.

After the inquest the coroner ordered a Post Mortem examination to be made and Drs. Peel and Ross did so. They found that the lungs were only partly filled with water and that the bruise on his head was sufficient to have caused unconsciousness thereby strengthening the theory that he had been knocked out before going into the water, as there was no struggle made by the man after striking the water and the lungs only partly filled.

Evidence sufficient to establish that it was the work of thugs and murderers rather than accidental, or suicidal.

Mr. Veazie was a man of first class reputation and standing in the communities where he had resided and was well liked by everybody who knew him. His financial affairs were in good shape; his domestic relations were very happy; a wife and three children constituting the family. He carried insurance in the New York Life and in the A. O. U. W. He was also a member of the Red Men Lodge at Cathlamet Wash.

Robbery without doubt was the motive, as he carried a gold watch and had some money in a purse and a few dollars loose change in his pockets. The gold watch was missing and all the money in the purse. The loose change was in the front trousers pocket and was not disturbed as the hands were in the pockets. Every effort is being made to trace down the murderer, and in this search every good citizen of the community is interested.

The body was taken to Scappoose, Oregon, his old home, where funeral services will be held today, Friday, and interment will be had in the cemetery at that place.

Grange Election

Deer Island Grange No 334 elected officers for the ensuing year as follows

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| M. W. Brown | Worthy Master |
| Maggie Razy | Overseer |
| Zyna Appleton | Lecturer |
| Harold English | Steward |
| Albert Palmquest | Asst. |
| George Merrill | Chaplin |
| Newell Ward | Treasurer |
| Mattie E English | Secretary |
| Lee Gore | Gate Keeper |
| Blythe Gaittens | Lady Asst. |
| Sadie Razy | Ceres |
| Ella Razy | Pomona |
| Emma Razy | Flora |
| Laura Butler | Musician |
| James Gaittens | Trustee |
- to fill vacancy of Chas. Cordes.
Installation of officers will be on first Sunday in January the 7th 1912. Mattie M. English Sec.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted us during the last illness and death our beloved husband, father and brother, Gustave Lindahl.

Mrs. Gustave Lindahl and family.
J. G. Lindahl.
Warren, Ore. Dec. 20, 1911.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Mist acknowledges receipt of an invitation to make the trial trip on the new Steamer "Willamette" at San Francisco last week. This is the new boat of the McCormick Co. and will be in St. Helens within a few days.

My best advertisement is satisfied customers. Wellington.

Bob Cole, Chief electrician of the Light Plant of the St. Helens Mill Co. left last Saturday for San Francisco to spend the holidays with relatives in that city.

Mr. Charles D Bentley, of Tacoma Wash. was a visitor in the City Wednesday.

The school census of Columbia County, which has just been compiled shows that there is 3407 children between four and twenty years of age in the county; this is 255 more than there were last year. Of this number 1789 are boys and 1618 are girls. This is a gain of about 8 per cent.

The county school superintendent assisted by Mr. R. S. Hatten, is holding the semi-annual teacher's examination this week. The class taking examination in this county is not large, owing to the fact that many of the teachers have gone to Multnomah County for the examination.

On account of the holidays, the regular business meeting of the Guild has been postponed and will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 2 P. M. in the Guild Hall.

This week there was a man in the Mist office who lived in one of the cities of Washington and who had just been visiting a few days in Portland. He said that in no city he had visited for a long time was the great amount of building going on that there was in Portland. He was much impressed with the fact that nearly every block in Portland was being built upon at the same time and that there were more buildings under construction there than in any place on the coast.

Mrs. Eugene Blakesley entertained the Tuesday Evening 500 Club last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. J. Deming, and a very delightful evening was spent by the club members and some invited guests. Miss Ada George proved herself a good sub for the hostess and carried off first honors. After the games were finished a dainty luncheon was served.

For Sale—Real estate, with or without improvements, city or farm property, terms and prices that will stand investigation. Homes in all parts of St. Helens from \$160. to \$4000. Allen & Felton

Methodist Episcopal Church

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

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.

We pay cash for any Oregon Sessions Laws before 1868. Also want Senate Journals 1862 and 1864. All o Code 1851 Journal of Council 1851, Statutes 1854, and 1855, and Code of Civil Procedure and General Laws 1862, and Archives 1813-1849. Write Geo. A. Bateson & Co. Inc Portland, Ore.

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

Commercial Club Meeting

Pass Strict Resolutions On Sunday Closing

At a well attended meeting of the Commercial Club held in the City Hall, Wednesday night the subject of Sunday closing by the merchants of the city was thoroughly discussed; nearly every merchant in the city was present and each expressed himself as being heartily in favor of the rule. After the discussion had taken a wide range and everybody had expressed their different views on that matter the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

Whereas the Grocers and General Merchants of St. Helens did, some months ago, by mutual consent agree to keep closed their respective places of business on Sunday; and

Whereas such practice has met with almost universal favor on the part of proprietors, employees and patrons, and;

Whereas it has become rumor that a merchant in the City has violated this said agreement, thus taking unfair advantage of his competitors and by his act threatening the perpetuity of said agreement, annulment of which would work hardship on all merchants and clerks in the mercantile business of our city;

Therefore be it resolved; That the Commercial Club of St. Helens deplores such action on the part of such merchant, if the same be true, and that we the members of the commercial club, in the interests of harmony among our merchants and on behalf of their employes respectfully advise that said agreement be faithfully observed; that we as individuals, hereby pledge our trade to such merchants as shall abide by this agreement (and will discontinue our patronage of such merchant; as disregard the wishes of the majority;) Be it further resolved;

That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to each merchant of the city and a copy be furnished the Oregon Mist for publication.

John A Pender, held in the Columbia County Jail for the murder of Daisy Wehrman, and Bert Greene, held for the murder of Charles Wiest, were not satisfied with the appearance of their quarters and prevailed on the sheriff to furnish them the paint with which to make things look more like home. As a result the steel cages in the jail have a coat of white enamel paint on them with the corners trimmed in black, making a very neat and clean appearance.

Gustave Lindahl, an old resident of the Warren country, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland last Sunday and was buried at the Warren cemetery on Tuesday. Mr. Lindahl was 59 years old and left a wife and two children, and several other relatives at Warren. He was a man highly respected in the community and a good citizen.

For Sale: 20 acres, on East side of my place on Blachelor Flat. All level, living stream runs through one end. On County Road 2 miles from Houlton, \$2000. one half down balance on easy terms.

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