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Water System Figures

At the time the water system was put in working order in St. Helens the income was about \$200 per month. In one year the income has increased until now the monthly receipts amount to over \$600, and this without any increase in the rates. The expense of maintaining the system will average not to exceed \$125 per month and the interest on the bonds amounts to \$250 per month. The water Commission have under consideration some extensions to the system and after these are completed will probably reduce the water rates, unless they see a way to start a sinking fund and pay off the bonds sooner than was expected. A pressure gauge has been installed in the City Hall building which shows an average pressure at that place of 80 pounds, thereby assuring first class fire protection as far as the water is concerned. To those people who were opposed to the debt created by the construction of this system, these figures will no doubt be sufficient proof to convince them of their mistake. The water system is one of the greatest assets held by the City and will continue to be so for a good many years to come. Every citizen is satisfied with the working of the system and with the quality of the water supplied, and members of the Commission are entitled to the highest praise and commendation for their excellent service.

K. of P. Banquet

The local lodge, Knights of Pythias received an official visit last Tuesday from F. T. Wrightman, Grand Chancellor and L. R. Salmon, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, both of Salem. A large attendance was out to lodge and a general good time was had. After lodge the members repaired to the Guild Hall where the Pythian Sisters had prepared a banquet, such as they only could prepare, in honor of the occasion. The tables were laden with all kinds of good things to eat and were beautifully decorated with Poinsettia. Mr. M. C. Gray acted as Toastmaster and nearly every member of the lodge responded. It was early in the morning before the party broke up and a most enjoyable time was had by everybody.

Masons to Build

The Masonic Lodge of St. Helens has under consideration the erection of a 3 story concrete business building on their property on Columbia Street, facing the Plaza. A building committee has been appointed and Architects are submitting plans, so that it looks like a sure-thing. The building will contain store rooms on the ground floor, offices and lodge halls above and when completed will be one of the finest business blocks in the city.

Reno, Jan. 29, '12

Reno, the magician, has been up on the platform for thirty-two years. He has traveled all over the world, including India, Syria and Egypt, studying the magic of those lands. He carries birds, a rabbit and a goose. Very many of his tricks are of his own invention. He gives a full to hours' program.

The case of Briggs vs. now being heard by J. and a large number of from Yankton are in state

A Comparison

The following list of tax levies and assessments represent the figures of Columbia County for the years 1910 and 1911 and are given as a comparison for the two years.

1910 Roll	
Valuation as equalized, after deducting P. & S. W. R. R. from 1910 Roll, having been assessed by Co Assessor and also by State Tax Com.	\$13,351,980
Assessed by State Tax Commission	2,054,821
State Tax	23,791
Levy for State Tax	.001538
Levy for State & County	.005
Number of School Children	3234 at \$7
Levy for School Purposes	.001458
Levy for General Road Purposes	.0035
Total Levy fixed by Co. Court	.0085
1911 Roll	
Total Valuation as equalized	\$12,859,430
Assessed by State Tax Commission	1,974,751
State Tax	51,515
Levy for State Tax	.00357
Levy for State & County	.0075
Number of School Children	3410 at \$8
Levy for School Purposes	.00184
Levy for General Road Purposes	.003
Total Levy fixed by Co. Court	.015

Call For Bids

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned for all the special road work in Road District No. 3, Columbia County, Oregon as ordered by the County Court, up to 12 o'clock noon on Feb. 7, 1912. Plans and specifications together with the location of the work and improvements to be made are on file with the County Clerk in St. Helens and can be examined at his office. All bids to be accompanied by a certified check for 10 per cent of the bid. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids for cause.

St. Helens, Ore. Jan 13, 1912.
James Dart,
County Judge.

Bank Elects Officers

The Stockholders of Columbia Co. Bank held their Annual Meeting on Tuesday January 9. The Stockholders are Wm. Ross; L. R. Rutherford; J. S. Allen; A. L. Stone; L. Gilbert Ross; H. A. Sherman; C. W. Sherman; J. A. Heladay; C. J. Larson; J. Eric

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School House Dedication

On Thursday evening, Jan. 18, 1912 the new School House in St. Helens will be dedicated with appropriate exercises in the Assembly room. State Superintendent L. R. Alderman will be here and a nice musical and literary program is being arranged. It is desired that every person interested in the school should attend and especially the parents of the pupils of the school.



J. B. Godfrey of Portland was a St. Helens visitor Friday.

The Steamer Harvest Queen came into St. Helens last Monday afternoon with her flag flying at half mast. While the boat was at the dock at Astoria, Wash., on her trip to Chief Engineer Maher was found dead in his bed and his body was taken to Portland for burial.

At the session of the County Court held last week the Oregon Mist and the Clatskanie Chief were designated as the County Official Papers for 1912.

Don't forget the rent library at Mrs. Owen's Gift Store. All the latest books for 10 cents per week.

Attorney W. H. Powell came down from Portland Thursday and is engaged in the trial of a suit before Judge Eakin.

The following officers were installed in the Knights of Pythias Lodge last Monday night by Deputy Grand Chancellor, A. L. Stone; W. A. Kotel, C. C.; Fred Watkins, V. C.; M. E. Miller, P.; L. G. Ross, M. of W.; J. W. Clarke, M. A.; F. A. George, K. of R. & S.; W. J. Eullerton, M. of E.; C. E. Olson, I. G.; C. H. Jurgensen, O. G.

Peter Felton has already let the contract for a new house to be built where the one was recently destroyed by fire. He went to Portland Thursday to complete arrangements.

C. H. Doncaster was a Portland visitor Thursday.

Two petitions are in circulation this week praying that the City Council order the construction of a sewer system in the Nigger Creek district, and from the number of people who have signed their desire to have a sewer the Council will probably take favorable action on same at an early date.

Economy is the road to wealth. Begin now by buying your goods from Wellington.

State school Supt. Alderman will be in St. Helens Friday night, Jan. 18th. Address at the dedication of the school building on the 19th.

I don't try to give you as little for your money as possible, but as much as I can. Wellington.

Attorney Claude M. Johns of Clatskanie was in St. Helens Thursday attending to some legal business.

W. H. Cooper, an attorney of Rainier, was transacting legal business in the city Thursday.

Harry West, of Scappoose, was on our streets this week.

The case of Woods vs. Wickstrom which has been on trial before Judge Eakin and a jury in this city since last Monday resulted in a verdict for \$5000 for plaintiff. This was an action for \$10,000 for injuries sustained by plaintiff while in the employ of defendant from which he was crippled for life.

Councilman Philip has brought before the council a plea to assist in the fighting of fires which will be quite a help. The Council will pay to any automobile owner \$2.50 for hauling the hose cart or chemical engine to a fire. It is not confined to any particular auto but to the first one that gets there.

The snow and ice on the Houlton road prevented the running of the automobiles for several days this week and the old faithful horse was again pressed into service for this work.

Geo. W. Joseph, State Senator from Multnomah County, and a member of the well known law firm of Joseph & Hancy, is attending to matters before the Circuit Court this week in St. Helens.

To the Public:-

I beg to announce that I have secured a comfortable seven passenger automobile, and in addition to meeting all trains at Houlton, this auto will be available for trips to nearby points or for short rides. My charges will be reasonable and you will be assured of courteous treatment.

N. B. Whitton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Churchel, of Olney, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Crouse for several days.

Prof. J. W. Fisher, Principal of the Warren School, was visiting in St. Helens last Saturday.

Superintendent J. H. Collins returned from Salem last Monday where he had been acting on the Board of Examiners for State Teachers certificates, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams arrived in St. Helens from Idaho a few days ago, and will make this their home in the future. Mr. Williams will take a position with the St. Helens Mill Co.

Yankton Grange No. 301 has elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Master, G. L. Tarbell,
Lecturer, Alice Brown,
Secretary, Emma Tarbell,
Chaplain, Emma Tarbell.

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Fares will be quoted, schedules furnished and other details given on request.

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