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## SHIP YARDS for ST. HELENS

### Chas. R. McCormick Lumber Co. to begin Operations on Ship Building Plant

#### NEW VESSEL TO BE BUILT AT ONCE

#### Pay Roll of St. Helens Will Soon Reach \$100,000 Per Month. Other Industries to Follow

Within the next two weeks work will be in full blast on the ship yard in St. Helens. It will be located on the Island just across from the mouth of Frogmore and the ways will be on the "rock". Buildings will be erected for the engineers and mechanics and machinery placed as soon as the buildings can be put up. Mr. Price, the Superintendent of the new yards, is on the way to St. Helens and will arrive within a few days to take active charge of the construction of the yards and inside of a few weeks actual construction on the first ocean going schooner to be built on the Columbia River will be commenced. The yard will be large enough to build the largest lumber carrying vessels that enter the River and already plans are being laid for other ships to be built as soon as the first one is out of the way. The Mill is now busy cutting and timbers to be used in the yards and buildings. It is estimated that it will require from 50 to 60 men to operate the building of the ship and run the yards. This will mean that the pay roll of St. Helens will be increased about \$10,000 per month, as the men are all skilled mechanics and get big wages.

The site selected for building ships is an ideal one for the purpose, probably no other place on the Coast having a better location. It is about one-half mile from the Columbia River and just in the mouth of Willamette Slough on Sauvies Island. Water deep enough to float the largest ocean vessels, and no current, the land high enough that the highest water of June never gets over it, only a few hundred yards from the big St. Helens Mill where the lumber and timbers will all be sawed, there certainly could not be a better place selected for the purpose.

This will be the first venture of the kind ever attempted on the Columbia River and the first vessel to be built out of Columbia River timbers. Thus St. Helens will have the distinction of being the pioneer in shipbuilding on the Columbia River. The ship carpenters are already coming in, bringing their families with them and getting ready for the work. They come from all the different yards along the coast and will be the very best class of builders to be obtained. Mr. Price, the Superintendent, has built about 30 steam schooners along the coast and has the reputation of being the best shipwright and engineer on the coast.



Charles R. McCormick, head of the Chas. R. McCormick Lumber Co., and also head of the St. Helens Mill Co. arrived in St. Helens Thursday from San Francisco and will be here for several days to complete the arrangements for getting the ship yards under way. Mr. McCormick has considerable to say concerning the yards and the operation of the companies. Regarding the new ship yards and the new boat to be constructed here in an interview with the Mist Mr. McCormick said:

"California marine men have contended for years that the best material found on the Pacific Slope for wooden vessels was hard fir growing in Humboldt County, but we have concluded that the fir of the Oregon forests is just as suitable, and in building the hull of our first steamer have determined to use no other material."

"Since the announcement was made that we proposed starting yards at St. Helens we have received requests to give estimates on other carriers, also with reference to tugs, but for the present we will confine our efforts to steamers for the company. Later matters may so shape themselves that we will install machinery also in ships built at St. Helens, but engines and other parts for the pioneer of the yards will be constructed at San Francisco."

"The first vessel built here will be towed to San Francisco and the machinery will be installed there but when it shall be known that vessels can be and are being built here other arrangements will be made. Perhaps the Willamette Iron and Steel Company of Portland can handle the machinery for the vessels or it may be that machine and engine works will be established right here in St. Helens."

"Our own fleet will be increased at the rate of perhaps one vessel a year and before long it is probable that repair works and dry dock facilities will be established here so that we can repair our own vessels and any others that may come in."

Financed by the Charles R. McCormick Lumber Company, which has a modern sawmill plant at St. Helens and operates a fleet of five steamers to California, shipbuilding yards are being established at St. Helens and unless there is a delay the first vessel will be started by March 1.

She will be a duplicate of the new steamer Willamette, which went into commission recently, except that she will be 215 feet long, have a beam of 41 feet, and depth hole of 10 feet, being of six inches less depth than the Willamette and having one foot less beam.

J. H. Price, until last week superintendent of the Bendixsen yards, at Eureka, Cal., has been employed as superintendent of the new plant and was in St. Helens last week. All material for the hull and cabins will be turned out at the McCormick mill, while the machinery is to be installed at San Francisco and a contract has been let for it.

It is expected to have the work at St. Helens finished in six months so the vessel can be towed south. She will have a carrying capacity of 1,000,000 feet of lumber and accommodations for 60 passengers.

The McCormick interests name their vessels after well known waterfalls and already have the Klamath, Yosemite, Willamette, Shoshone and Yellowstone. A cognomen for the carrier to be started has not been decided on, but probably will be selected from falls in Oregon. A creosote plant is also to be built at St. Helens and in establishing the shipyard the aim is to make it permanent.

It has not been determined whether general commercial work will be accepted, as the company will add to its fleet each year. Superintendent Price was in charge of the construction of the Willamette at the Bendixsen yards and was offered the berth because of his familiarity with steam schooner details.

The first steamer turned out there will be distinctive, as being the pioneer of her type launched on the Columbia River. She will be modern in every respect and particular attention will be given her passenger accommodation and equipment, the same as was done on the Klamath, Yosemite, and Willamette.

The above article was clipped from the Oregonian of several days ago, since which time much of the gear and machinery for the yards have been shipped to St. Helens.

St. Helens, Justice Hazen performing the ceremony. A bountiful wedding supper was served to the bride and groom and the guests by Mrs. Bennett, a sister of the groom. Both contracting par-

ties are well known in St. Helens where they have lived for the past two or three years, and a large circle of friends joins the Mist in extending congratulations and well wishes.

## Houlton Commercial Club

The Commercial Club of Houlton held a meeting Wednesday evening and passed resolutions similar to the ones recently adopted by the St. Helens Club, urging upon the Commercial bodies of Portland to investigate the merits of the Belgian Block as paving material. Strong letters were written by the Club and individual members to the Portland clubs. Already the action of our clubs has had a very decided effect on the Portland officers and clubs who are just beginning to realize the immunity of the block industry as well as the superiority of blocks over all other paving materials.

## A. E. Thompson



A. E. Thompson, the present efficient Sheriff of Columbia County has filed his notice of intention of becoming candidate for re-nomination as the Democratic candidate for Sheriff of Columbia County. Mr. Thompson came to St. Helens a little over a year ago an entire stranger, having lived in the county for some years but not having been acquainted in this portion of the county.

He has made friends with everybody by his gentlemanly manner and strict attention to his duties. He has met with some of the hardest work any sheriff of the county has ever had to face, such as the mysterious Wehrman murder case; the Weist murder case and others of lesser importance. On every occasion Mr. Thompson has set to work with determination to find the perpetrators of the crimes and he has been thus far successfully backed up in his work by the grand jury, which has brought in indictments against the men he has arrested. There seems to be no question as to his receiving the nomination at the hands of his party, the Democrats, and any Republican who runs against him will have the hardest fight of his life to beat him.

## T. S. White

### Announces for Coroner

Thompson S. White who announces his candidacy for County Coroner in this issue of the Mist is the undertaker at Houlton and St. Helens and has been connected with the undertaking business practically all his life, has been in the retail undertaking business four years and had fourteen years experience selling undertakers supplies on the road calling on all the large dealers in seven different states. He is a graduate of four different schools of Embalming and has held an embalmers license in four different states passing the most rigid written and practical examinations.

He is located at about the center of the county and could get to any part of it on short notice and if nominated and elected will bring to the office a high degree of efficiency.

## Adelaide Schrader

At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Elliott in St. Helens, Mrs. Adelaide Lane Schrader died last Tuesday morning after an illness lasting only a few minutes. Heart disease was the cause. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church by Rev. A. A. Heist on Wednesday and a large number of friends were present to extend sympathy to the bereaved family. Mrs. Schrader was born at Bowling Green, Kentucky on June 21st 1876 and was married to Mr. L. F. Schrader in 1897. The father and mother, husband, four brothers and one sister survive her, all living in and near St. Helens.

Mrs. Hyde will furnish suits for the Masquerade Ball at Deer Island March 2nd.

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