

# LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY

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## SAW MILL TOTAL LOSS

Fire and Dynamite Destroy Mill and 300,000 Feet of Lumber

LOSS WILL REACH \$50,000

Seven Sticks of Dynamite Found Near Scene. Bloudhounds on Trail. Will Rebuild

Property of the value of more than \$50,000 was destroyed last Thursday night when the mill of the Columbia County Lumber Company of St. Helens was blown up by dynamite and burned. The new mill is a mass of ruins and about 300,000 feet of lumber is in ashes. This great destruction of property was the result of the work of some animal in the shape of a man, or perhaps more than one, who should be run down and be made to suffer the most extreme penalty of the law.

At 11 o'clock Thursday night the night watchman at the mill was down on the dock about 300 feet away from the mill making his rounds when he discovered on the water of the Slough a reflection as of fire. He hurried to the mill, but before he reached the engine room the flames had gained such headway that he was unable to enter the room; jumping off the end of the dock he raced around to the pump and started it going and had the water just turned on when a terrific explosion shook the entire mill from its foundations and the walls of the boiler room and mill were blown in, thereby putting the pump out of business. The alarm was then sounded and within a few moments the big whistle of the St. Helens Mill was sounded and nearly every person in the city was awakened and hurried to the scene. There were in the neighborhood of 1000 people at the mill and work was started to save the lumber and docks from destruction, as it was impossible to save the mill. The Steamers America, F. B. Jones and Melako were quickly pressed into service and did valiant

service. The docks were cut away from the mill and water was played onto the lumber resulting in the saving of the dock and a large amount of lumber. The loss of property is estimated at about \$50,000 covered by insurance about 50 per cent.

The Interstate Contract Company had been awarded the contract for building the foundation of the Creosoting plant and on Wednesday had shipped a boat load of Austrians down from Portland to do the work. After the mill had been burned it was discovered that another dynamite charge had been placed within twenty feet of the Austrians tent but several sticks of the powder had failed to explode. The explosion under the mill was such as to make a hole large enough to put an ordinary house in so it is evident that a large amount of powder was used.

The Mill Company has never had any trouble with labor unions or labor men and has held the confidence of all its employes so that no motive can be traced to labor troubles. Most of the men working in the mill were white men too.

Deputy Sheriff Lake has taken active charge of the investigation and is using every effort to find a clue that will lead to the discovery of the culprits. The blood hounds from Clatskanie are on the ground but no information has yet been given out as to any suspicion.

This is quite a blow to the business here but we are informed that the mill will be re-built at once and things will go on as before.

## Base Ball League

The lower Columbia River Base Ball League has completed organization and a schedule adopted. The towns represented in the league are Kelso, Rainier, Cathlamet, Clatskanie and St. Helens. Every third Sunday each team will play independent ball and two Sundays will play the league teams. Each team will pay its own travelling expenses and each team will keep all the gate money while at home. It is therefore up to the home towns to support the team by turning out. The season opens with Cathlamet at St. Helens on April 28 and Kelso at Clatskanie with Rainier playing independent. On May 5 St. Helens plays Rainier at Rainier and on the 12 St. Helens plays independent at home. On the 19th Clatskanie plays St. Helens at St. Helens and on the 26th St. Helens goes to Kelso to cross bats with that team. A full schedule will be printed in the next issue of the Mist.

## Initial Trip

The new National 40, seven passenger car of the St. Helens Auto Co. arrived last week and made the initial trip to Portland on Sunday. Again on Tuesday a trip was made, the run each time taking one hour and fifteen minutes and each trip taking the full limit of passengers. About the first of April a regular schedule will be put into effect between St. Helens and Portland which will be a great convenience to our people.

## CANDIDATE FOR CO. SCHOOL SUPT.

Prof. O. H. Byland, who was principal of the Rainier public schools two years prior to his going to Clatskanie County, and who was also a member of the County Examining Board of Columbia County, is a candidate on the republican ticket for the nomination for the office of County School Superintendent in Clatskanie County. Prof. Byland has been engaged in public school work in Oregon for many years, and is well qualified for the position of county superintendent.

## Local Mention

R. F. Graham, of Prescott, was a business visitor in St. Helens during the week.

W. F. Slaughter of Portland was looking after his business interests in St. Helens, Monday.

Geo. B. Conyers, of Clatskanie, was a St. Helens visitor Monday. George has decided to become a candidate for County Surveyor and his announcement appears in our political column this issue.

Born; On Monday the 25 of March to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Erickson of Warren, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. George, of Portland, visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. George.

County Convention of the Socialist Party will be held at Rainier April 13th for all members in good standing.

Wellington cant afford to lose a customer and he dont.

As a further precautionary measure to prevent the spread of the small pox in this city, there will be no services in any of the churches tomorrow. At present the small pox is confined to two isolated cases and the situation is

entirely under control. School will re-open Monday as all danger will be over by that time.

The contract for the erection of the annex to the Bank Building was let yesterday to Mr. V. W. Mason of St. Johns, Ore. Work will start early next week and the building will be completed, ready for occupancy in 90 days from that date.

THE'RE OFF: Those tan lace and and button shoes of Wellingtons have started and nothing can stop them.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters unclaimed at St. Helens, Ore. post office for the week ending March 23rd, 1912.

Mrs. Rhea Fitzgerald, 1 letter.  
Robert Johnson, 1 "  
Charley Planalp, 1 "

Mrs. M. E. Wilson, 1 "

Letters unclaimed by April 6th will be sent to the Dead-Letter office. M. C. Gray, P. M.

DONT FORGET that Wellington has the most complete line of dry goods in the county.

## NOTICE OF THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the Estate of Lillie B. Decker, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, made on the 28th day of March 1912, I will proceed and from and after the 28th day of March 1912 to sell for cash in hand at Private Sale at St. Helens County Court House, 100 S. St. Helens Oregon the following described real property of said estate, situated in the County of Columbia, Oregon, To-wit: Commencing at the N. W. corner of the N E 14 of the N W 14 of Section 24 in Township 4 North Range 2 West and running thence East on the Section line 40 Rods, and thence running West and Parallel with said section line 40 Rods and thence running North 20 Rods to the place of beginning containing 5 acres the same being a portion of the Sald N E 1/4 of the N W 1/4 of Section 24 Township 4 in the County of Columbia, State of Oregon.

Len Miller, Administratrix for the Estate of Lillie B. Decker, Deceased.

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Come and look over Wellingtons stock of calicoes percales and gingham.

## A BARGAIN.

Fourteen acres 1 1/2 miles West of Houlton; partly cleared; crushed rock road to town; well of soft water with force pump; fruit; large new house with concrete basement, good clean soil, some timber. Time on a large part of purchase price. Can be bought for the cost of the improvements.  
Wm. M. Ross.

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Large 7 room house for rent. Large yard with good soil for garden and an abundance of fruit, close in.  
Columbia County Abstract and Trust Company, Agents.

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**The Best Building Material**  
**Cement Blocks and Bricks**  
Blocks, 8x8x16 inches . 19 cents  
Bricks, per thousand . 19 dollars  
FACTORY ON WILLAMETTE ST.: ST. HELENS  
YOU ARE INVITED TO CALL AND INSPECT THE STOCK ON HAND  
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**J. L. CHITTEM, Proprietor**

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Trains from Astoria, and those for the East use the North Bank Station.  
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W. E. COMAN, Gen. Freight and Passenger Agt  
J. O. DEVENS, Agent, Houlton, Oregon.

**THE TEMPTING BITE**  
is often to be found in the well kept Grocery Store—especially if managed in strict observance of the Pure Food Laws, which we are strict believe s in. All groceries are selected and bought with purity as a paramount condition  
**AT HARRISON'S PURE FOOD GROCERY**

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THE LEADING CONFECTIONERY  
No Use Looking Elsewhere  
for Candies and Cigars

## REUBEN NOTES

Born to the wife of Wesley Hill of Red Town, March 22nd a girl.

John Gillam of Roseburg, Ore. was a guest of J. M. Lindsay last Friday.

W. H. Cooper of Rainier was in town on Saturday.

Mary A. Tierney visited over Sunday with her mother in Portland.

One of the Columbia Timber Co.'s Rafts broke loose from the boom Saturday after noon, and started on a cruise down the River. It was caught by the Steamer No Wonder at Prescott, and towed back to the boom.

Arche Burnes of Portland, Or. visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Watts Monday.

G. W. Jordan is getting along nicely with his contract on the county Road between his place and S. Munn.

Fritz Anliker has a crew of men at work making a new grade in the hill side between Goble and the school house.

Wellington Is RUNNING his machine to all parts of the county.

## Shipping Notes

The Steamer Yosemite is in port. She will take a full cargo of lumber for San Diego, also about 40 passengers, and will be ready to sail Friday night.

The Steamer Klamath, the flagship of the McCormick fleet is due to arrive Friday and after taking on partial cargo, will sail for Southern California ports Sunday or Monday.

The Steamer Shoshone and Casco are enroute to St. Helens from San Francisco. Both will take lumber cargoes for that City.

The schooner Kona will finish loading her cargo of one million feet of Oregon Fir lumber today, Saturday. After securing her complement of sailors, she will sail for New Caledonia.

The British ship Dunsyre is the next vessel coming to St. Helens after a cargo for foreign ports. She is due the latter part of May.

WHEN ANGRY COUNT 100 when you need a pair of shoes count 350 cents.

Best value in the city at Wellingtons.