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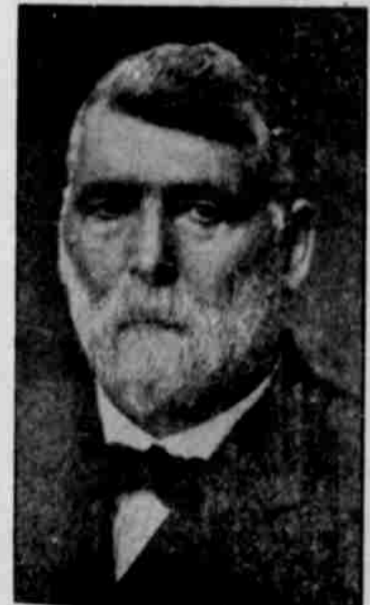
## Keel of First Vessel Laid Mr. Jas. Muckle Drives Spike Many Prominent Men Respond to Toastmaster Gooslin Vessel to be Christened "Multnomah"

Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the steamer Metlako left the dock of the St. Helens Mill Company, with a list of several hundred passengers bound for the plant of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Co., on the island just across from the mill. It was the occasion of the laying of the keel of the first steam schooner ever constructed on the Columbia River and out of Columbia county timber. Many persons from Portland were present and nearly everybody from St. Helens. After an inspection of the plant and the work being done on the boat, Mr. James Muckle shouldered a sledge hammer and proceeded to drive the spike into the keel, thereby completing the first important work of shipbuilding in this community.

Other ceremonies were had after which tables were spread for a lunch which had been prepared by the Shipbuilding Company and the crowd repaired there. Mr. E. E. Gooslin, a member of the firm and an attorney from Portland, acted as Toastmaster and in a happy vein told briefly of the work of the company and what it would mean for St. Helens, Columbia county and the State of Oregon. Mr. James Muckle, one of the pioneers in the lumber business of the county, was then called upon and recounted some of his experience in the business. W. B. Dillard, was then called upon and in an eloquent address

### Mr. Jas. Muckle

Who laid the keel on the first boat to be built on the Columbia River, at St. Helens



There is no man better known along the lower Columbia River, especially among the pioneers, than is James Muckle. He located in St. Helens during the year 1874, with his brother Charles, and together they engaged in the mill and timber business. Ever since that date the Muckle Brothers have been among the leading timber men of the country. They secured large holdings of timber in Columbia County as well as across the river in Washington. A few years ago they disposed of their timber interests in this county, but still retain large holdings on the Coweeman in cowitz county, Wash. Since the first day of their residence in St. Helens and Columbia county, both the Muckle Brothers have been among the wide awake and progressive business men of the county and have done much in building up the community. About 12 years ago Mr. James Muckle moved with his family to Portland where they have resided ever since, but has retained large property interests in St. Helens and is at present the senior member of the mercantile firm of Jas. Muckle & Son, the large department store of

of some length told of the great benefits of an enterprise of this character and welcomed such industries to the city and the county. Mr. Dillard's address was well received and seemed to strike the popular chord, in fact he expressed the sentiment of the entire community in the attitude toward the people who have brought these factories to our door. Mr. George Rex, Chief Engineer of the S. F. RR. from Topeka, Kansas, was then called upon and made some very pertinent remarks upon the shipbuilding and timber industry. Then followed in order several other gentlemen who made short speeches touching upon the matter of the industries now being built in St. Helens, some of them being, C. C. Masten, H. F. McCormick, Wm. Ross, Mr. Beal and Mayor Martin White.

Mr. Chas. R. McCormick, president of the company from San Francisco was present and was busily engaged in showing the people around the plant and explaining the details of the business.

The ship now being built will be christened "Multnomah" and will be completed during the present season and placed on the run between this port and California ports.

On the return trip to this city the Metlako took the crowd up to the Croosotang plant and then past the Columbia county mill which is being rebuilt.

### Little Man Starts Blaze

Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock the fire bell in the city hall sounded the alarm of fire and within a few minutes a goodly portion of the population of the city had congregated in front of the beautiful residence of Dr. Edwin Ross where smoke was coming from every window and door of the building. The little son of Dr. Ross had dropped a lighted match down the wood lift where it had caught the chips in the bottom and within a few minutes the entire inside of the elevator was in flames. Prompt action on the part of the people who gathered there, together with the fire company soon extinguished the flames and before very serious damage was done. The walls were blackened by the smoke and the wood lift was so badly burned that it will require a new one, and that was the extent of the damage. It was a narrow escape from a serious fire.

### Notice of Meeting

Every man in the city is requested to attend a meeting at the City Hall, Tuesday evening May 21, 1912 at which time the City Fire Department will be re-organized. It is desired to have every part of the city represented and everybody should turn out especially the young men. J. E. Ethridge, Chief.

### Home Team Wins

The fast going St. Helens ball team took another game last Sunday when they met the Timma-Cress from Portland who were defeated by the score of 8 to 5. Lake and Jamison were battery for St. Helens and put up the usual good game. Next Sunday the Gardeners from Clatskanie, the real leaders of the League, will be here to cross bats with St. Helens. Clatskanie has won two games and lost none while St. Helens has won only one league game with none lost, so their percentages are the same, although Clatskanie has a little the better of the argument from the number of games played. However the game next Sunday promises to be one of the best and most interesting of the entire season as both teams will put up a hard fight to retain the place at the head of the percentage column. Last Sunday Clatskanie defeated Rainier by the one sided score of 16 to 5, with Kelso and Cathlamet playing a game, Cathlamet winning.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

	Won	Lost	Pctg
Clatskanie	2	0	1000
St. Helens	1	0	1000
Cathlamet	1	2	333
Rainier	0	1	000
Kelso	0	1	000

### Friends Take Possession

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Willis near Oasis Park in St. Helens, was the scene of a merry birthday party last Saturday evening, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. Willis. About thirty of the friends of the family met and went to the Willis home while Mrs. Willis was at Houlton and upon her return was met at the door by the crowd of friends who were in complete possession of the home. She was equal to the occasion, however, and entertained the party in grand style. After a most enjoyable evening's entertainment the host served a most bountiful luncheon after which the party broke up, all wishing her many many happy returns.

### Court Convened

Circuit Court convened Tuesday with Judge J. U. Campbell of Oregon City, presiding. The Grand Jury was drawn and went immediately to work on the large number of criminal cases awaiting them and at the present time their work is still uncompleted. The trial jury was excused until next Monday at which time the trial of civil cases will be taken up. The Grand Jury is composed of the following men: Thos. B. Mills, foreman, W. F. Rickert, Wm. McCollum, Jos. Burtchett, S. L. Flanigan, Peter Olson, John W. Nowels.

### Report of the Condition of No. 73

The Farmers State Bank, at Scappoose in the State of Oregon, at the close of business April 18th 1912.

RESOURCES.	
Dollars	Cts
Loans and discounts	16028 37
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	8 47
Bonds and warrants	8932 00
Banking house	6250 00
Furniture and fixtures	2453 82
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	1094 41
Dues from approved reserve banks	5603 52
Cheeks and other cash items	56 75
Cash on hand	2212 18
Expenses	2430 50
Total	45070 29
LIABILITIES	
Dollars	Cts
Capital stock paid in	12500 00
Undivided profits	1557 13
Individual deposits subject to check	23632 64
Demand certificates of deposit	1345 17
Time certificates of deposit	4009 00

### Savings deposits

Savings deposits	2126 35
Total	45070 29

STATE OF OREGON, County of Columbia ss. I, O. M. Washburn, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

O. M. Washburn, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1912  
J. G. Watts, Notary Public.  
Correct-Attest: J. G. Watts, Asa D. Holaday, Director

### Local Mention

Mrs. Clarence Masten of the Mastent camp, was a visitor in St. Helens Tuesday.

Miss Agnes Muckle, of Portland, visited with friends and relatives in St. Helens during the week.

S. A. Miles, of Portland, was attending to business matters in St. Helens this week.

Services on Sunday the 19th at the Congregational church at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Morton, were Portland visitors last Saturday.

Misses Ann and Susie Ketel visited last Sunday with friends at Hillsboro, Oregon.

C. W. Mellinger, a prominent farmer from Vernonia, was a St. Helens visitor on Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Saxton and Mrs. Earl Saxton, of Bachelor Flat, were in St. Helens Monday.

Born: On Monday May 13th to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Dupont of Houlton, a girl.

Mrs. C. H. John and Miss Dorothy spent a few days in Portland during the week.

A. J. Deming and his sons Oswald and John, were Portland visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. R. P. Burns of Gladstone, Oregon, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ketel, during the week.

Mrs. Bennet and little child have been visiting at the Paulsen home in St. Helens for several days.

Mrs. J. S. Masten, of Houlton, visited with her son, C. C. Masten, and his family, in St. Helens, during the week.

Mrs. Oren Able left last Tuesday for a visit to Los Angeles and other California points, where she goes for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. L. R. Rutherford entertained at dinner last Saturday, in honor of Mrs. Jeffcott who leaves this week on an extended visit for England.

Other people from St. Helens visiting Portland last Saturday were Mrs. W. G. Muckle, Mrs. E. A. Rotger and Mrs. J. L. Zipperer.

Charles R. McCormick, of San Francisco, has been looking after business matters around the Mill, Ship yards and Creosoting plant in St. Helens during the week.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Julius Meier, Geo. W. Joseph and Mr. Bowen all prominent business and professional men from Portland, were business visitors in St. Helens last Tuesday.

Mr. A. C. Gray has purchased all the cows and appliances at the dairy ranch of the late Ernest G. Specht on Sauvie's Island and will commence within a few days to deliver fresh milk to every one who wants from a Government inspected dairy herd.

Mrs. T. C. Watts, of Reuben, has a hen which is a wonder. Beginning on Tuesday she laid an egg each day for five days and the smallest egg measured 6 1-2 by 8 inches and the largest one 7 by 9. The eggs were sent by Mrs. Watts to the Mist office and they can be seen here for a few days yet, until the editor has them for breakfast.

Fred Ketel who has spent several months in St. Helens, returned to his homestead near Trout Lake Washington and will resume his business of Mountain Guide for travelers, during the summer.

### BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The annual convention of the Salem district Epworth league was held in Salem May 10, 11 and 12.

M. J. Kinney of Portland has been re-appointed by Governor West as a member of the State Board of Game and Fish Commissioners.

Regulation papers were issued by the governor for George Troyer, who is wanted in Portland on a charge of passing a forged bank check.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company has increased its capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$25,000,000. The filing fee at Salem was \$750.

La Grande is to have a five story office building, which, when completed, will be not only the tallest but the costliest structure in that section of Oregon.

The first commencement exercise of the law department of the University of Oregon will be held at Portland May 21. There are 44 members in the senior class.

Henry Green, of Marion county, living two miles west of Turner, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Mr. Green was 55 years old and had lived in the vicinity 30 years.

Oswald West, governor of Oregon, will deliver the address to the graduating class of Albany college this year. Commencement day at the college this year will be June 12.

Jasper Westfall, city marshal, was murdered at Westfall by Asa Carey, who while intoxicated was shooting up the town and shot the marshal, who shot at Carey but missed him.

Arrangements are being made to place before the next meeting of the state board of agriculture a plan to establish children's playgrounds at the state fair for use during fair week.

Governor West has announced the personnel of the commission which will investigate the advisability of consolidation of the Oregon Agricultural college and the University of Oregon.

With all preliminary arrangements practically completed, the fourth annual strawberry and rose carnival, which opens in Roseburg Thursday, promises to surpass all former events of the kind held in that section of the state.

Twenty thousand dollars will be spent in La Grande during the next few weeks in the construction of a combination fair grounds, athletic park and race track. The capital for this enterprise was subscribed by local people.

Homeseekers' fares to the Pacific northwest will henceforth apply to all points, including Portland and points on the Oregon Electric. Heretofore the rates have applied only as far west as Fallbridge station on the North Bank road.

Seven thousand five hundred dollars is the fee the state of Oregon will pay to Attorneys Cochran and Cochran of La Grande for the services extending over a period of three years or more in connection with the now famous Morrison estate case.

Carrying out his threat of a few days ago, J. E. Morson, president of the Deschutes Land company, has shut down work on all steam machinery at the company's plant near La Pine and in the next two or three weeks will close down the grading outfit.

The Oregon & California Railroad company is preparing to build a branch line from Lebanon on the Woodburn-Springfield branch, along the south fork of the Santiam river to a point about two and a half miles east of Foster, a distance of about 26 miles.

Porter Bros., the prominent railroad contractors who have built the Oregon Trunk and other lines for the Hill system, have become interested by purchase in the properties of the Oregon & Western Colonization company, and in which L. W. Hill is extensively interested.

A suit against the Deschutes Land company, in which an injunction is asked restraining the sale of lands, was started in the circuit court by the desert land board of Oregon. Violation of the agreement with the state board is the principal charge upon which the suit is based.

The government is again taking up the fight against the small beetles that have been ravaging the forests of eastern Oregon. This year, however, the official in charge of the work expects to have a much easier task than last season, when more than \$15,000 was expended in the war on the little insects.

The exhibits for prizes in Linn county's first industrial school fair will be shown both at Albany and at Seio. The school fair will be held first at Albany on August 23 and 24 and then the entire exhibit will be taken to Seio and made a part of the Linn county fair, which will be held this year on August 28 to 30 inclusive.

It has been discovered that a Linn county man, Ringo Butler, of Halsey, was among those lost in the wreck of the Titanic. Butler had written from England to friends in Halsey that he expected to return on the Titanic, but through some oversight his name did not appear in most of the lists of passengers which were published after the disaster.

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