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Scappoose Celebrates

The celebration of the Fourth of July at Scappoose was a decided success. Everything was carried out without a hitch. The exercises commenced with the arrival of the Band from St. Helens on the 9 o'clock train and from that time on until late at night a gay and enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the occasion. A beautiful place for the exercises usually had on these occasions, was selected in the Burt West Grove where a grand stand was built and seats for the crowd scattered through the trees. Patriotic songs were sung; patriotic music was discoursed by the 18 piece band from St. Helens; Miss Myers read the Declaration of Independence and W. B. Dillard delivered a very fine oration. He reviewed the wonderful changes that have taken place in the country since 1776 and the great progress made in civilization and improvement in the Scappoose country during the past thirty years. His address was one calculated to inspire the young generation with patriotism and honor for the flag.

At noon everybody brought forth their well laden lunch baskets and a regular old fashioned picnic dinner was had in the grove. After dinner came the sports; several good horse races; some foot races, both young and old, fat and lean, male and female; catching the poor little greased pig and bicycle races. Then the crowd went back to town and after supper a grand ball was had in the A. & W. Hall given by the Red Men.

Shinn-Wyss

George H. Shinn and Miss Ida Wyss were married at the home of the bride's parents in Portland on June 29th 1912. Rev. A. Ed Wyss, brother of the bride, performing the ceremony. Only immediate relatives were present. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a short trip through the Willamette Valley and returned to St. Helens yesterday. Mr. Shinn is the President and attorney of the Columbia County Abstract Co., of St. Helens and one of the leading business men of St. Helens. The bride is the Treasurer and part owner of the same company and has been actively engaged in the work of the company at St. Helens for several years. Both the parties have the very best wishes of the entire community for a happy and prosperous married life.

The New Mill

The new mill being built by the Columbia County Lumber Co., to replace the one recently destroyed by fire, will have a capacity of 100,000 feet per day. The machinery to be installed will be duplicates of that in the big mill at St. Helens. Everything modern and up-to-date. It will employ about 100 men. Situated on deep water where the largest vessels can load and at the end of the logging road, and adjoining the Creosoting plant, it has an ideal location. Work is being pushed rapidly forward and it is the intention of the owners to have the mill in operation in about five or six weeks.

St. Helens Band

St. Helens can now boast of a first class brass band. For the past three months the boys have been under the careful instruction of Prof. J. M. Coomer, of Portland, and have improved very rapidly in proficiency as well as numbers. There are now twenty pieces in the band and every one is well played. There are a number of small boys from 10 years old and up who are playing like

veterans. On Sunday afternoons, when the weather is good and no other attraction is on hand, the boys will give concerts in the City Park. Practices are held one or two evenings each week in the City Hall.

High Tide Reached

Washington, June 30. That the high tide in the terrible death rate in American coal mines has been reached and passed is the confident belief of the officials of the United States Bureau of Mines.

Figures issued today by the Bureau show that 2,517 men were killed in the mines last year as against 2,834 for 1910. This shows a reduction in the number of lives lost of 317 in one year's time. The death rate in 1910 was 3.91 men in every 1,000 employed. The rate in 1911 was 3.74.

Compared with 1907, the darkest year in the history American mining, when 3,197 men lost their lives, 1911 shows a decrease of 680 in the number of men killed. It was following the record of this year that Congress authorized the government to begin investigations looking toward a reduction in the death rate and this was supplemented in 1910 by the creation of the Bureau of Mines.

Discussing the death statistics of the coal mines, Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, Director of the Bureau of Mines said: "While these latest mortality statistics in the coal mines of the country show slight improvement over the previous years, the United States has still no record to be proud of. In spite of the progress we have made, we are still far below the standard of safety that we ought to have reached."

"It is of course comforting to know that for each year since 1907 there has been a decreasing number of men killed for ever, millions of tons of coal mined, and that for every life lost we have each year taken out of the earth more tons of coal. This is an improvement in the right direction. I hope that within the next year or two we will see as great an improvement in the reduction of the number of men killed per 1,000 men employed."

"The Bureau is cooperating with the State Mine Inspectors, the mine workers and with the mine operators in an endeavor to solve many of the difficult problems connected with the coal mining industry in this country. In this effort all the above forces are cooperating in good spirit in the determination to bring about better conditions. In this cooperative effort there is also serious need of the statesmen. No branch of industry in this country is on so bad an economic basis today as is the coal mining industry, and this industry can never be placed on a satisfactory basis until, through important legislative changes, improvement in this economic basis is made possible."

It was early in 1908 that the Federal government began its investigation of the causes of mine disasters following the climax of accidents in 1907. The record for 1907 and the following years is as follows:
1907, thirty-one hundred and ninety-seven men killed, or 4.88 in every 1,000 employed;
1908, twenty-four hundred and forty-nine killed, or 3.64 in every 1,000 employed;
1909, twenty-six hundred and sixty-eight killed, or 4 in every 1,000 employed;
1910, twenty-eight hundred and thirty-four men killed, or 3.91 in every 1,000 employed;
1911, twenty-five hundred and seventeen men killed, or 3.74 in every 1,000 employed.

Joseph Hayburn

On July 4th in St. Helens occurred the death of Joseph Hayburn, an old settler of this community, at the age of 89 years. He has been in poor health for several months and during the past few weeks has kept to his bed. Joseph Hayburn was born in Kentucky and while a young man of 18 years of age, enlisted in the Union army in 1861 for two years. At the expiration of his enlistment he re-enlisted for three years more and served his full time out, making five years continuous service in the army during the Civil War. At one battle, Stone River, his company was engaged and when the smoke of battle cleared away, only three men were alive and 93 of 100 horses were killed. He came to St. Helens in 1884 and in 1888 was appointed the Keeper of Warrior Rock Light House which position he held until a few months ago.

Funeral services are being held this afternoon and burial will take place in the L. O. O. F. cemetery near Warren.

Only one child survives him, Mrs. P. W. Harrison, of St. Helens.

Local Mention

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith of Yankton were business visitors in St. Helens last Friday.

Walter Hunter and Frank Bishop, business men from Goble, were attending to business matters in St. Helens this week.

A. W. Mueller, of this city, received word Monday that his brother in Minneapolis, Minn., had suddenly died on that day.

Mrs. W. P. Slaughter, of Portland, is visiting with relatives and friends in St. Helens, this week.

The Skating Rink is still running and you are invited to come out and enjoy yourselves.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church, St. Helens, will meet with Mrs. Akin, St. Helens Quarry, Wednesday July 10th.

Francis M. Miles, of LaPlata, Missouri, will arrive in Portland and St. Helens this week to spend some time visiting with his brother, S. A. Miles.

Misses Lulu, Anne and Ada George, accompanied by Miss Cohn and two young ladies from Portland, are on a camping trip to the Dr. Ross place above Yankton. They will spend a week or more rusticating in the mountains.

City Recorder Gage had a busy hour this morning in his capacity as Police Judge. Several fighters were before his Honor for violating the peace and quiet of the city and were given small fines. Some of them paid, others will serve time in the city jail.

Last Saturday night the First Annual Ball of the St. Helens Fireman was held at the City Hall and was one of the social successes of the season. A large crowd was present and a real good time was had. The prize offered for the best waltzers was won by A. F. Barnette and Miss Pauline Paulsen.

Everybody's Doin' It. Doin' What? Skating at the St. Helens Rink.

No county in the State can produce better cherries than we can. The Royal Ann, Black Republican and Bing are especially fine around this vicinity. From the orchards of several people samples have been brought to our office and for flavor and size, we will put them against the world. We acknowledge samples the last few days from the orchards of J. J. Lindahl of Warren, and Little Charles Popejoy of St. Helens.

Married; On Sunday June 23rd 1912 at Yankton by Rev. Mr. Barger, William Karth of Yankton was married to Irene Mehaffey of Houlton. Mr. Karth is one of the prosperous farmers of the Yankton country and Mrs. Karth is a well known Houlton lady. The best wishes of a large

number of friends go with the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lynch left last Monday for a visit to their old home at Liberty, Nebraska. They will be gone for several weeks.

Work on grading Casenau Street is under way and some of the old shade trees that have stood for so many years along the street have been cut down.

Among the St. Helens people who spent the Fourth at Seaside were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred George and Mrs. Rebecca Craig and Charles Bealer.

A bucket full of Royal Ann Cherries from the Dahlgren orchard at Warren, formerly the Noon place, was the offering at the Mist office the past week. These cherries are just as fine for flavor and size as any of Cherry Cities of Oregon can produce. Mr. Dahlgren was taking orders for them in this city and found ready sale.

Mr. L. C. Halstead and family of Stanton, Michigan, arrived in St. Helens this week to make this their home in the future. Mr. Halstead has been a deputy sheriff in his home town for a number of years, and is a barber by trade. He is well pleased with St. Helens and thinks it will be a good place to locate. Mrs. Peter Felton, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Halstead.

The Fourth of July at St. Helens was very quiet, safe and sane. Those people who stayed at home did not even hear a fire cracker explosion. A large number of people from here visited at Rainier and Scappoose, while others went to Portland. The mill and ship building plants were shut down so the men had ample opportunity to celebrate as they wanted to. Those people who visited out of town places report pleasant times.

Work of installing the fire alarm system is well under way and will be completed within a few days. The alarm will connect directly with the engine room at the Mill and when the alarm is sounded the whistle of mill will give a certain number of blasts for a certain portion of the city. This will enable persons to know just where the fire is located as soon as the alarm is sounded. The code of whistles will be given out, probably in our next issue.

The two year old child of Dan Burns, of Columbia City, was seriously injured last Thursday by being run over by a car on the logging road at that place. The child was playing near the track when a train was passing and it appeared that an air brake hose struck him and threw him down so close to the track that the car ran over his arm, badly crushing it and tearing the flesh away from it. The little fellow was taken to the hospital at Portland where it is receiving treatment and will probably recover.

The "Win One" class met with Mrs. Charles Dark Tuesday afternoon. After the usual transaction of business, was rest of the afternoon was devoted to the reading and discussion of two papers.

Mrs. Win. Ketel gave a paper on Oregon School Laws. Mrs. E. Lang gave a paper on Woman's Education. After being served to refreshments, the class left for their homes.

Every one present declared they spent an enjoyable afternoon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. D. H. Bailey.

Lower Columbia River League

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won	Lost	Pc
St. Helens	6	2	.750
Cathlamet	5	3	.625
Clatskanie	4	3	.571
Kelso	2	5	.285
Rainier	2	6	.250

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Freewater's annual peach day will be held this year on August 15. Work has begun on the erection of the Oregon Electric passenger depot in Albany.

The annual Oregon convention of the National Association of Letter-Carriers was held at Corvallis last week.

The Swedish Methodists of Salem have organized a church and bought a church building, which was dedicated Sunday.

After almost four years of construction, Mt. Angel's handsome new Catholic church was dedicated Sunday by Archbishop Christie.

The Enterprise Electric company, that furnishes light and power to several eastern Oregon towns, has increased its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

Several Marshfield men have squatted on valuable land in Coos county, which they claim is open to entry. The land is north of Coos Bay and includes some valuable timber.

The newly organized Falls City Potato Growers' Association is the first and only organization of the kind in Polk county, and promises to become an important factor in finding a cash market for potatoes.

S. A. D. Pater of Portland has established his innocence of the charge of forgery made against him by M. A. Fifield, an attorney of Minneapolis, and has instituted suit against Fifield for \$50,000 damages.

This year the Salem cherry fair, which will be held July 11, 12 and 13, promises to be the biggest event of the kind ever held in Salem. The first day of the fair will be "Made in Oregon," or manufacturers' day.

Jacob William Karki, the 9-year-old son of Jacob Karki and wife of Astoria, was accidentally drowned while playing with a younger lad on the net racks of the Union Fishermen's Co-operative Packing company in Uniontown.

From the Columbia river district during the month just passed there was shipped to foreign ports nearly 28,000,000 feet of lumber, an amount unequalled during a similar period from this or any other single port in the world.

On the ground that he is not a fugitive from justice and cannot be returned for trial, California's executive has refused to honor a requisition from Governor West for the return of Harold Rees, wanted in Oregon on a charge of wife abandonment.

By means of a suit filed in the circuit court at Salem by the Oregon Electric railway company, it became known that the ultimate destination of the extension being built from Salem to Eugene, which is practically completed as far as Albany, is Roseburg.

As the result of an explosion of gas in an automobile gas lamp, George Stoddard, a prominent lumberman and timber owner of La Grande, is lying in a critical condition in the Grande Ronde hospital with his eyes filled with small particles of glass and his face badly cut.

Efforts to form another Port of Coos Bay are being put forth. Petitions are being circulated and quite freely signed by the citizens. The matter will be presented to the county court in July and will probably be submitted to the vote of the people at the November election.

So assured are fruit growers of a record crop in the Rogue river valley this year that the cry of the growers for more thinners is frequent. Old-timers declare the trees never have been more heavily laden, and now that the danger of frost is practically past, it seems almost certain a bumper crop will be harvested.

The jury at Albany in the case of the Oregon Electric Railway company vs. Francis Marion Hyde, et al, has awarded the defendants \$4250 damages for the appropriation of land owned by them for railway purposes. The Oregon Electric took about 15 acres of land lying in the edge of the town of Harrisburg for trackage and a site for depot grounds.

Salem is to make its second attempt to secure pure water by purchasing the plant of the Salem Water company, the council at a special meeting having decided to endeavor to obtain the plant through arbitration as to its price, rather than through condemnation, and as soon as the price is agreed upon by the arbitrators, the people will vote upon it.

Secretary Olcott, within whose hands lies now exclusively the fate of the university of Oregon referendum cases, has decreed that the cases shall go to their final disposition before the supreme court and that no agreement will be reached between the parties to the suits to withdraw the cases. It has been the desire of Governor West that the cases be withdrawn.

During the 11 months ending with May there were shipped from the United States 28,519,325 bushels of wheat, valued at \$26,909,349. Portland led all the cities of the country with 6,829,943 bushels, worth \$5,895,993. During the same period Portland shipped 689,766 barrels of flour, while from the whole country 10,328,588 barrels were sent out, of a total value of \$47,763,093.

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