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Cut This Out and Keep It

Signals for Fire Alarm System Installed at St. Helens

The new fire alarm system has been completed and turned over to the City for its good purposes. The apparatus is all high grade, in fact the St. Helens system is a duplicate of those in the larger cities, being only on a smaller scale. There are 8 boxes or stations. Located as follows:
Box 22 at Muckle's corner—
" 23 on brow of bluff or in front of Rutherford residence.
" 42 at City Hall.
" 43 at School House.
" 44 at M. C. Grays corner.
" 32 Doncasters corner.
" 33 off Swede Boarding House or Lotville.
" 52 opposite Brinn Hotel.
Following the directions by breaking the glass automatically sounds the alarm for the station or box sending it, 3 times, at a gong located at Muckle's corner, also another at the mill where it will be again given by whistle.
For Example—No. 23 would sound 2 blows on the gong, then a pause and then 3 blows giving No. 23, repeating this operation 3 times. The whistle signals will be given thus: First a number of blasts to signify fire and then following once with the No. in the same manner as the gong.
The public is asked to refrain from tampering with any of the boxes and only use them in case of fire. Any maliciousness will be heavily penalized. The above box directory should be placed in a conspicuous place in your place of business or residence.

Another Brick Block

Morgus and Son Completing Modern Two Story Building

Another business block is nearing completion in St. Helens and is a credit to the city. H. Morgus & Son have erected a two story concrete and brick building with office rooms above and two large and commodious store rooms on the ground floor. One of these lower floor rooms will be occupied by the Morgus firm with a complete and up-to-date stock of clothing, dry goods, boots, shoes, also furniture and hardware. The other room will be occupied by the A. S. Harrison Grocery store. The upper rooms will be offices and house keeping rooms. The completion of this large business block by Morgus & Son marks a step in the progress of the city. Only a few years ago, something like 12, Henry Morgus arrived in St. Helens with a pack on his back, a peddler. He was impressed with the location of the city and decided to locate and establish a permanent business. He purchased one of the very choice locations for a business in the city and erected a small building and secured a small stock of goods. His most estimable wife arrived and together they went to work, with full confidence that some day they would accumulate a competency by sticking to St. Helens. From this small beginning the Morgus firm has grown until it is now one of the largest and most prosperous mercantile in Columbia County.
Such people as Mr. and Mrs. Morgus and Fred are a credit to the community and St. Helens is proud to number them among the most progressive citizens of the city.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters unclaimed in the St. Helens, Ore. Post office for the week ending June 6th, 1912:
Ole Eliason, 1 letter
William James, 1 letter
Hercules Liliopoulou, 1 letter
Mrs. Aug. Saari, 1 letter
Miss Della Welch, 1 letter
Miss Anna Williams, 1 letter
Mrs. Minna With, 1 letter
Letters unclaimed by July 20th will be sent to the Dead-Letter office.
M. C. Gray, P. M.

Mrs. Bithiah Crouse

Dies at the Family Home in Houlton

Mrs. Bithiah Peckard Crouse died at the family home in Houlton on July 6th after an illness continuing for several weeks. Mrs. Crouse was born July 12th, 1846 at Kenwick Ridge, N. B. Canada and left there at the age of 8 years going to the State of Maine where she married Abram Crouse in 1863. Twenty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Crouse arrived in Columbia County and settled near Yankton where they lived for about eleven years, moving from there to Houlton. In October, 1911 Abram Crouse died and the widow followed him last week. Mrs. Crouse leaves a number of children, all residents of Columbia County, as follows: Messrs. Eldridge, Charlie, LeBaron, Cole and Perley Crouse, Mrs. W. W. Blakesley, Mrs. L. L. Decker, Mrs. J. D. McKay, Mrs. C. Smith, and Miss Lou Crouse. A brother, W. W. Clark, of Portland also survives her. Funeral services were held at the family home in Houlton where Rev. C. L. Dars, of the Houlton M. E. Church preached the sermon and burial took place in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery at Warren. Mrs. Crouse was a much beloved woman and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to the sorrowing relatives.

Shipping Notes

The Steamer Klamath sailed from St. Helens Tuesday evening for San Diego, with 60 passengers and 1,000,000 feet of lumber.
The British Bark Kohala, finished loading lumber at St. Helens Thursday with 1,000,000 feet of lumber for Noumea, New Caledonia.
The British Bark, Battle Abbey, left San Francisco under tow on Sunday and will arrive at St. Helens to-day to load 1,500,000 feet of lumber for Australia.

Mrs. Eliza Switzer

Highly Respected Pioneer of St. Helens Passes Away

Thursday afternoon, July 11, 1912, Mrs. Eliza Switzer died at the Muckle home in St. Helens after many weeks of intense suffering. Several months ago Mrs. Switzer was operated upon for the removal of a cancer, since which time she has been gradually growing weaker until the end came yesterday.



Deceased was born at Alfred, Canada, June 2, 1845. She came to St. Helens with other members of the family in May 1877 and has lived here ever since. January 16, 1881, she was married to Dan J. Switzer who survives her. She is also survived by two sisters and five brothers, all of whom are residents of Oregon except one brother, Robert Muckle of McConnell, Tenn., James Muckle, of Portland, Charles, Washington and William Muckle, Mrs. Richard Cox and Mrs. Jacob George, all of St. Helens.

Mrs. Switzer was one of those characters possessing a lovable disposition which won her an esteem in the hearts of all her acquaintances rarely possessed by any one. Her entire life was devoted to goodness and truth, and the emulation of the true Christian spirit. No death has ever occurred in St. Helens which will cause the deep feeling of sorrow of the entire community so much as the passing of Mrs. Switzer.

She was an honored member of the Eastern Star and Pythian Sisters Lodge of this city.

Funeral services will be held in the Episcopal church at St. Helens tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will take place in the Masonic cemetery, where the remains of this good woman will be laid to rest beside those of her father and mother, James and Catherine Muckle.

Local Mention

Miss Shaffer is visiting with friends in Portland this week.

Coroner Sherwood of Rainier was in St. Helens Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Collins has been very sick the past week.

Dr. and Robert Peel were in Portland on Tuesday.

Mrs. Muckle spent Sunday in the City.

W. H. Cooper of Rainier was a business visitor in town Monday.

Claude M. Johns of Portland was in St. Helens, Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Wood of Portland spent the 4th with Mr. and Mrs. Wellington.

Misses S. Lizzie and May Farnum were visitors in St. Helens on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mueller are in Portland this week celebrating with the Elks.

T. S. White of Houlton has purchased a beautiful new hearse to add to his undertaking equipment.

J. E. Magers, a prominent attorney from Portland was in St. Helens Monday.

Next Monday night an extra crew of men will be put to work in the St. Helens mill and the mill will run for an indefinite time, night and day.

James Gaittens and Gus Johnson were up from Deer Island early in the week.

The Schooner Inca arrived at the St. Helens Ship yards this week to undergo repairs.

Norman Merrill of Clatskanie was attending to his duties as a juror in the Circuit Court this week.

A. E. Clark a prominent attorney from Portland was attending to matters in the Circuit Court at St. Helens, Monday.

I. G. Wikstrom, of Seapooose, started on July 4th for a trip to old Sweden, his old home, where he will visit for several months.

Henry Meister, President of the Mount Hood Brewing Co., of Portland, was a business visitor in St. Helens Monday.

Wilbur Muckle returned on Sunday from Vancouver B. C. where he has been for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hackman of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington for a few days last week.

Capt. and Mrs. Able returned home from Los Angeles, Monday, where Mrs. Able has been for the past 2 months for her health.

D. W. Richardson and family made a trip to the Island last week to get wild black berries and came home early in the day with 25 gallons.

Mr. Wallace W. Clark of Sellwood, Oregon, has been spending a few days in town called here by the death of his sister, Mrs. Abram Crouse of Houlton.

Mrs. Smith wife of Capt. Smith of the Dunsyre, will be in St. Helens this week from New York, where she went to send her son to Scotland.

U. W. Clark has resigned as County Assessor of Columbia County, and C. W. Blakesley has been appointed to fill the vacancy. W. J. Fullerton still retains his place as deputy.

Judge Eakin called Court last Monday morning and after hearing arguments the greater part of the day, adjourned Court until the 9th of September at which time all cases now on the docket will be taken up and tried before the regular fall term of Court.

Mr. George Hauptman of New York and Mr. Burrows of Michigan, both stockholders in the St. Helens Shipbuilding Co., are spending the week in St. Helens, inspecting the property. They express themselves as well pleased with the property at this place.

A box of Mammoth Blackberries grown by Mrs. S. S. Long at Houlton was brought to this office Wednesday which were the finest specimens of berries yet exhibited here. The berries have hardly any seeds and no core and will average about two inches in length.

Among the St. Helens delegation that saw the Elk's Grand parade Thursday were, L. R. Rutherford and family, J. S. Allen and family and Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Ross, William Ross and family and Flora M. Owen.

Miss Peel of Alberta, Canada, sister of Dr. Peel, arrived in St. Helens on Thursday and will visit with the Dr.'s family during the summer.

Fred Ragan has resigned his position at the St. Helens Mill and has accepted a like position at Wauna, Ore.

Still another variety of Columbia County Cherries were left at our office this week, the product of the orchard of Mr. D. H. Pope of Bachelor Flat. They have the general characteristics of the Royal Ann but are a deeper color and some smaller. The flavor cannot be excelled by fruit grown any place.

The Cathlamet Loggers failed to put in an appearance last Sunday to battle with our champions on the local lot. Clatskanie and Kelso played the regular scheduled game which resulted in a victory for Kelso. This leaves St. Helens still in the lead in the League with Cathlamet the only dangerous rival.

There will be service at the Congregational church Sunday July 14. Morning at 11 o'clock in the evening at 8 o'clock. We are seeking to advance the kingdom of God and all who are like minded can help to establish Gods cause among men by their presence at these services. All are very cordially invited. David Jopling, Pastor.

Last Saturday Joe Haggin and Miss Phyllis Van Ness, both of Clatskanie, were married in St. Helens by Rev. A. A. Heist. Mr. Haggin is well known all over Columbia County where he has lived nearly all his life while Mrs. Haggin is the city editor of the Clatskanie Chief which position she has held for about two years. We extend congratulations.

The body of a man was picked up in the River a few miles above St. Helens last Monday by a fisherman and brought here. Coroner Sherwood was notified and came up, called a jury and held an inquest but it was impossible to identify the body. There was a watch and knife in the pockets but nothing else could give any clue as to who the man might have been. The body was taken to the Warren cemetery and buried.

An article in the Mist last week concerning the actions of the Socialist party who were having a picnic at Oasis Park, in tearing down the fence at the ball park, seems to have been exaggerated to some extent. In the first place there were only about 12 people on the fence at the time the manager asked them to get off, and only one board was torn off the fence. The leaders of the socialist party disclaim any knowledge of the affair and we make this correction in justice to them. The article in question also contained the statement that by this action of tearing down the fence when they were ordered off, the tenets of socialism were demonstrated and exception is taken to that statement also. It is not the intention of the Mist to offend anyone, be he Socialist, Republican or Democrat and if we have done so through any misstatement of fact we are glad to make the correction.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill to reserve certain specified lands and make them a part of the Santiam national forest.

Fire starting from an overheated stove in a barber shop bath room destroyed a block of business buildings at Bend, causing a loss of \$35,000.

At the special school election held in Heppner to bond the district for \$40,000 to build a new schoolhouse, the proposition carried, 188 to 55.

The Scandinavian-American bank of Astoria has increased its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and will erect a new bank building to cost \$40,000.

Thirteen miles of steel rails have arrived at Vale, and track laying has begun on the Oregon Eastern railroad from Vale to Riverside, 80 miles west.

The first big log raft of the season left the Columbia river this week for San Diego, Cal. This big cigar-shaped raft was built by the Benson Timber company at Clatskanie and contains 4,000,000 feet.

So that all Oregon could join in celebrating with the Elks at their grand lodge meeting in Portland for at least one day, Governor West issued a proclamation naming Thursday, July 11, as a legal holiday.

Sex hygiene instruction in the schools and school ventilation and the open-air school formed the principal themes for discussion at the open session of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, held at the University of Oregon.

The Oregon hop crop this year will be the largest since 1907, unless weather conditions later in the season become extremely unfavorable, which is not likely. A conservative estimate of the 1912 crop in Oregon is 110,000 bales.

The election held in Hood River for the purpose of voting on a \$90,000 bond issue with which to conduct a municipal water plant resulted in a vote of 115 for bonds and 10 against. The vote cast was only about one-fourth of the city's vote.

Class freight rates from the Missouri river and points of origin east to destinations in the Willamette valley through Portland have been held to be unreasonable by the interstate commerce commission, and reductions averaging 12 per cent were ordered.

The Indian bill, passed by the senate, carries amendments appropriating \$56,000 to satisfy the claims of Tillamook, Clatsop, Chinook and other Oregon Indians, and \$15,000 to construct a bridge across the Deschutes river near the Warm Springs reservation.

Porter Brothers, railroad contractors, have the contract for building 50 miles of the Eugene-Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific. Much of the track work will be completed before the rainy season sets in and tunnel work will be carried on during the winter.

The state purchasing board has awarded contracts aggregating \$65,408 for supplies for the state institutions during the next six months. Of this total Portland firms received contracts for \$25,623, Tacoma \$21,990, and Pendleton, Salem and Roseburg the remainder.

Henry Buesing, aged 25, a rancher, was shot with a heavy charge from a shotgun; Jack Smith, "Happy" Holton, a machinist, and Howard Bates, all La Grande people, were more or less badly cut and bruised as the direct consequences of a free for all fight between Italians and some white men at La Grande.

Governor West has revoked the parole of Calvin Judy of Douglas county, who was paroled by Governor Chamberlain after having served 15 years of a life sentence. Alleged threats made by Judy against his wife during a dispute over property rights caused Governor West to revoke the parole.

Gladstone Park near Portland will be a Mecca for union labor of Oregon July 20, when John Mitchell, ex-president of the United Mine Workers and vice president of the American Federation of Labor, will speak. His subject will be "The Philosophy, Purposes and Ideals of the Trades Union Movement."

After a trial lasting over four weeks the jury in the case of Jack Roberts, indicted for the murder of Donald McCloud Stewart, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. Roberts was accused of having slain Stewart and George Hastings in an attempted automobile holdup on the Whitehouse road on March 29.

The Hawley Pulp & Paper company at Oregon City has let the contract for a steel and reinforced concrete building in which will be installed presses for printing fruit wrappers, bag machines, paper towel machines, and toilet paper rewinders. The building and equipment will involve an expenditure of \$89,000.

In an opinion by Attorney General Crawford to George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board, the attorney general holds that corporations cannot purchase lands which have reverted to the state with the compromise of the state with the Warner Valley Stock company, although he holds that private individuals may purchase such lands.

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