

St. Helens
County Seat
Columbia County
POPULATION
1908 - - - - 400
1910 - - - - 750
1912 - - - - 1500

ELECTRIC LIGHTS
IMPROVED STREETS
MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM
TWO MILES OF SEWER UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Pay Roll
\$100,000
Per Month

ST. HELENS LUMBER PRODUCTS GO TO ALL
PARTS OF THE WORLD
SHIPMENTS OVER 5,000,000 FEET PER MONTH

St. Helens
Has
Saw Mills
Shipbuilding Plant
Creosoting Works
Stone Quarries
Fisheries

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MULTNOMAH SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

OVER 5000 PEOPLE IN ST. HELENS LAST SATURDAY TO WITNESS THE LAUNCHING

The Beginning of a Wonderful Industry

The weather was perfect. The crowd was large. The entertainment was grand. Everything was grand. The slide of the big boat was magnificent. In fact the launching of the Multnomah was the greatest event of its kind ever celebrated in Oregon. Over 5000 people from different parts of Oregon were present to see the sights. The steamers Potter and Monarch arrived from Portland at 2 o'clock with hundreds of people aboard and proceeded at once to the ship yards, where already several thousand people had congregated. Along the docks in St. Helens were many more waiting for transportation across the slough. About 100 automobiles from Portland and other points were lined up along the streets. About 3 o'clock the Melville, flagship of the Caledonian Fleet from Astoria came along side the dock and onto this fine boat there crowded a capacity load. The Modoc was the busiest boat on the river taking the people across. About 3:30 the entire population of St. Helens and the thousands of visitors were safely landed on the Island where the huge hull of the Multnomah was to take the plunge. Many flags were hung along the entire length of the boat of many colors making it a beautiful sight. Judge Cleaton of Portland mounted the platform and began to tell of some of the history of St. Helens and of his experiences as a resident here. He told of the wonderful prospects of our city and dwelt largely upon the great industries established here by the Chas. R. McCormick people. Just at 4 o'clock little Jean Meier broke the bottle of champagne on the bow, the wedges were knocked loose, Superintendent Price gave the word "Let 'er Slide" and she slid. A most wonderful slide it was. Such a sight had never before been witnessed on the great Columbia River and there were thousands of people who had never before seen anything like it. So smooth was everything done that it seems that months of rehearsals had been gone through with to make it go to please the crowd. On the boat were several hundred persons who wanted to experience a ride down the ways and they certainly enjoyed the experience. Every whistle along the river within sounding distance tooted, blasts were set off at the nearby quarries, thousands of people were yelling as the boat glided gracefully into the waters. No hitch was made in the entire program. Everything was carried out to the letter. A general holiday feeling prevailed and everybody had a good time. The first boat from the St. Helens shipyards was launched successfully and the shipbuilding industry of the Columbia River was fairly started. From that date on other ships will be launched at these yards at the rate of two or three each year and Oregon Fir will soon be the material used in making of the boats sailing the seas along the Pacific Coast. Too much cannot be said in praise of the McCormick Company by the citizens of this city and county. It is certainly an enterprising and progressive firm.

During the evening the Commercial Club Banquet was held in the large dining room of the St. Helens Hotel where about 200 people gathered to feast upon the good things furnished by the Club and to exchange greetings between the citizens of St. Helens, Columbia County and the members of the McCormick interests from San Francisco to Seattle. Speeches were made by several prominent local people and responded to by different members of the company. It was a grand success and the means of bringing together the people and the company.

To sum up the day, it was one never to be forgotten by any one who was here. It marked the beginning of one of the greatest industries in the great Northwest. It placed St. Helens on the map. It advertised Oregon Fir and the entire state and Northwestern country will benefit thereby.

MURDER CASES FOR TRIAL

THREE MEN CHARGED WITH MURDER TO HAVE TRIALS IN NOVEMBER

Work of the Grand Jury

This morning before Judge Eakin appeared District Attorney Tongue, representing the state and John H. Stevenson representing J. A. Pender, J. A. Jeffrey representing Bert Green and W. B. Dillard representing George Weber, all charged with murder, in an effort to agree upon a trial date for each case. Both the Portland attorneys were asking for a time in the distant future for trials while Mr. Tongue was clamoring for early dates. As a result Judge Eakin set the case of the State against Bert Green for the murder of Charles Weist for trial on November 6th. The case against Pender for the murder of Daisy Wehrman for trial on November 11th, and the case against Geo. Weber for next Wednesday providing Judge Campbell of Oregon City can get here to preside, otherwise it will have to go over until after the Pender case.

The Grand Jury reported to the Court this morning with several true bills and three not true bills. The true bills so far as known were; John W. Howard for forgery, pleaded guilty and sentenced to from 1 to 5 years and paroled; Arthur Jones for assault with a dangerous weapon, pleaded guilty and sentenced to 1 year in the county jail; B. G. M. soon for forgery, pleaded not guilty; George Weber for murder, pleaded not guilty. Joseph Schloss for assault and battery, pleaded not guilty. One or two other indictments were returned but as the persons are not in custody the names of the parties charged are not known. Not true bills were returned in the case of the state against Harvey Sutherland for assault with a dangerous weapon; Henry Stickle for pointing a gun at another and Joseph Schloss for willful destruction of property. The Grand Jury took a recess until the 25th of this month when they will return and consider some more cases now pending.

ST. HELENS ON ACCREDITED LIST

UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL COURSE

After making an investigation of the course of study offered by the St. Helens High school, Albert R. Tiffany, registrar, at the State University at Eugene, wrote the following letter:

Supt. Calvin C. Thomason,
St. Helens, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

I take pleasure in advising you that St. Helens High school has been placed on the accredited list of the University of Oregon. I hope that some of your graduates will enter the University next year. Please feel free to call on the University whenever it can be of any service to you, and I want to assure you that we shall be glad to cooperate with you in any way that we can. Yours very truly,
A. R. Tiffany.

In meeting the requirements of the University of Oregon, St. Helens High school has taken her place on equal plane with other standard high schools of the state. As the university maintains a high standard for her entering students, her recognition of the local high school means that graduates here will have no difficulty entering any northwest college on their diplomas.

ST. HELENS VS. CLATSKANIE.

At a meeting of the Columbia county principals in the office of County Superintendent Wilkerson Saturday last it was arranged that St. Helens high school should play Clatskanie high at basketball at Clatskanie Monday evening, November 3 during the session there of the Columbia county teachers' institute. Coach S. Bush says he will have a team "Johnnie on the Spot." Clatskanie has been leading high school in size in the county for several years and has had a good gymnasium and a basketball team for several years, so St. Helens will have a hard game.

SOCIAL CENTER SUCCESSFUL.

St. Helens first social center meeting in the school house Friday night was thoroughly successful, drawing a larger crowd than many similar meetings in Salem and other larger cities. Mrs. Henrietta W. Calvin, the speaker from the Oregon Agricultural college, inspired and delighted everyone who heard her or met her during her visit here.

STUDENT LOCALS.

Miss Peel, sister of Dr. Alfred Peel, left Tuesday for her home in Canada.

S. A. Miles was a St. Helens visitor.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Cliff and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miles of Portland were among the many visitors to witness the launching of the beautiful ship, "Multnomah" Saturday.

Miss Bertha Thompson of Portland visited friends in St. Helens Saturday.

Mrs. D. O. Quick of Halsey has been visiting her son, E. E. Quick of this city.

Captain and Mrs. Smith of Rainier came up to St. Helens in their auto to witness the launching.

N. A. Perry and family, Mrs. E. D. Parker and children, Miss Hilda Cliff, and George Kelley were among the Portland people who visited St. Helens last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Deming and daughter, Eugena, were Portland visitors Saturday.

A totem pole is being made at the St. Helens mill for Miss Neill's Indian attraction at the carnival. A smaller pole is also being made for "Befo", the biggest man in the world.

A very serious accident narrowly averted Saturday afternoon at the launching. A small gasoline launch containing several persons including Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shinn, had engine trouble and stopped directly in front of the "Multnomah." The party experienced much anxiety un-

WHAT PRESIDENT TAFT HAS DONE

Some of the Legislation Accomplished During His Administration.

There has been a systematic attempt for years on the part of newspaper and magazine writers in the pay of the great magazine trust to belittle and misrepresent President Taft. The result has been that the people have an impression that this has been a "do nothing" administration. The truth of the matter is that more constructive progressive legislation has been accomplished under President Taft than was ever accomplished in any administration before.

For the benefit of our readers and in justice to the president, this paper sets out below some of the many things he has accomplished:

- He put the postoffice department on a paying basis for the first time within the memory of the present generation. He has enforced the Sherman anti-trust law without fear or favor.
- He vetoed the Democratic wool, cotton and free list bills as unfair, unscientific and destructive of the Republican principle of protection.
- He abrogated the discriminating passport treaty with Russia.
- He prevented railroads from getting rate increases into effect without approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission.
- He has rushed the Panama Canal to early completion without hint of scandal.
- He has practically destroyed white slave traffic.
- He has signed the bill for admission of Arizona and New Mexico to statehood.
- He has established the Bureau of Mines to safeguard the lives of miners.
- He has extended our foreign markets for the benefit of American capital and labor.
- He has abolished the shameful system of patronage in this country.
- He has submitted the income tax amendment to the Constitution to the state legislatures for ratification.
- He has effected advanced boiler inspection laws passed by Congress.
- He has established means for complete irrigation projects in the West.
- He has maintained peace in Cuba and South America and prevented a bandy warning, without intervention.
- He has modernized and reformed government business methods by an economy and efficiency commission, saving millions of dollars to the American people annually.
- He has effected arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France by the ratification of the Hague Convention.
- He vetoed the Arizona statehood bill because of the recall of judges provision.
- He instituted non-political methods for taking the 13th census.
- He has effectively secured bucket shops and get-rich-quick concerns.
- He has persistently labored for a parcel post.
- He has effected a new treaty with Japan, ending racial controversies on the Pacific Coast.
- He has further extended a safety appliance act for the benefit of workmen.
- He has successfully fought for the publication of campaign funds and expenditures.
- He has heartily endorsed the labor commission report and proposed bill concerning employers' liability.
- He has reorganized the customs service, eliminated corruption and exposed and punished customs frauds, thereby saving and recovering millions of dollars to the United States Treasury.
- He has established the Court of Commerce to review findings of the Interstate Commerce Commission and to remedy exasperating delays in litigation.
- He has established a nonpartisan tariff board to report on the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad.
- He has secured a corporation tax law yielding over \$20,000,000 annually to the United States government.
- He has transformed a deficit of \$55,000,000 of the previous administration into a \$30,000,000 surplus.
- He has made a new American record for nonpartisan judicial appointments.
- He has brought the railroads under further control of the federal government through extension of the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission.
- He brought the workmen's compensation act to a successful issue in the Supreme Court.
- He has effected a successful stock and bond commission.
- He has extended the civil service rules in all departments of the federal government by executive order.
- He has secured practical conservation acts.
- He has established a Court of Customs Appeals, by which under-valuation has been stopped.
- He succeeded in securing a postal savings bank system that is dragging millions out of old socks and putting it to work.
- He favored Borah's 3-year home-stay bill.
- He has exhibited the highest order of statesmanship in handling the delicate and provoking Mexican situation, keeping the United States out of an expensive and bloody war, while at the same time maintaining the dignity of our nation.

TONGUE CLAMORS FOR EARLY TRIALS

OUR EFFICIENT DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERE ASKING THE CRIMINAL CASES TO BE SET FOR TRIAL WILL NOT LEAVE UNTIL EVERY CASE IS TRIED

District Attorney E. B. Tongue of Hillsboro has been in attendance at Circuit Court here this week. The grand jury has been working steadily every day since Tuesday and has found several true bills and is still investigating. Mr. Tongue was questioned concerning the trial of the criminal cases now on the docket in Columbia County and expressed himself in no uncertain terms that he was going to stay in St. Helens until every criminal case was disposed of even if he had to pass by the regular term of court in Clackamas County which meets the first Monday in November. Judge Eakin says the cases cannot be tried next week because he won't be here again until the 28th and that he already has work ahead for the last week in October so that the criminal cases to be taken up until the first week in November.

and as a result it is quite hard for the district attorney to force them to trial when they are not ready. These facts are made at this time for the purpose of explanation why the criminal trials are postponed. It is not through the lack of crowding on the part of the district attorney but on account of the delays asked for by the defendants themselves. However Mr. Tongue says now that he is going to stay here and insist that every criminal case be taken up and disposed of before this term of Court adjourns. In the entire state of Oregon there is



While on the subject it is well to call attention to the fact that the District Attorney is not at fault for the delay in trial of the criminal cases in this and other counties. He has to follow two judges around the four counties of his district, and must attend eleven regular terms of court each year. Grand Jurors are called at each one of these terms taking from one to three weeks each. Then one of the greatest drawbacks to the trial of these cases is the clamor for delay on the part of the attorneys for the defense. For instance, the attorneys for J. A. Pender are not prepared and have requested that this trial be postponed until later in the fall. The attorneys for Bert Green visited St. Helens on the first day of the term and requested the Court to not force them to trial until in November. Of course the wishes of a defendant in a serious criminal case are respected

so district attorney so much feared by criminals and criminal lawyers as in E. B. Tongue. With him there is no compromise and no quarter when he takes up a case which has any merit in it. He is the most able and vigorous prosecutor now filling the office of District Attorney in the State of Oregon. There is not enough money in the entire state to swerve him one inch from performing his duties as the law directs. In short, he is capable, honest, vigorous and industrious. It would be a great mistake for the people of this district to make a change in this office at the present time and we have no doubt that he will be retained in the office he now so ably fills.

HOULTON

R. L. Welch returned Tuesday from North Carolina where he had gone with the remains of his cousin. Grandma Chambers came back with him to visit her sons and daughters living here.

Earl Saxton's big team ran away away again Sunday and came near running into White & White's store window. They were caught at Charley Morris' corner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Corlis left for Massachusetts last Saturday night.

Mr. Waller and family of Astoria are moving into one of Mrs. Wilkinson's homes.

J. B. Hauson is building a bungalow in St. Helens into which he will soon move.

Our depot is entirely too small to accommodate the business down here. If more than three people get into the waiting room at once it seems crowded. The S. P. & S. should be asked for something better.

FOR SALE—One gray mare, 8 years old, good driver, will work single or double; one bran new top buggy and harness. Inquire of Robert T. Link, Houlton, Ore. Residence back of Skating Rink. 1-m

Wrestling Match

LOCAL WRESTLER TO MEET PACIFIC COAST CHAMPION

Nels Carlson, a member of the Columbus Club of Portland, a wrestler of considerable note who has been working in St. Helens for some time as a longshoreman, has received a challenge to go upon the mat with Walter Arndt a professional wrestler of Portland and for a long time the instructor at the Y. M. C. A. of that city. Mr. Carlson has accepted the challenge and the bout will be pulled off at the City Hall in St. Helens on Saturday evening October 26th 1912. Tickets will be on sale at Jones' Pool Room within a few days and the prices of admission will be 50 cents and \$1.00. There will be two preliminaries, one boxing and one wrestling, between two local boys and two strangers. It will be an evening of clean athletic contests and the public is invited.

Sheriff Thompson will leave today for Waterville, Wash., where he goes to bring one Anthony Apinatis to the Salem Penitentiary. Apinatis was convicted about two years ago in this county of burglary and was sentenced to the penitentiary but paroled by Judge Campbell during the good behavior.

CONDITIONS IN COLORADO TODAY

It was in the year 1893 that Woman Suffrage was granted in Colorado. For 19 years the Suffragists have used this State as a sample of good government brought about by the woman's vote. The anti-suffragists ask the men of Oregon to read the words of a Colorado woman—one who has been and now is politically prominent. She tells of the conditions of politics in her State today.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cass Goddard of Colorado a former ardent suffragist has held the following offices, namely—Delegate to City and State Conventions, Deputy Sheriff, Watcher at the polls, and Member of the Republican State Committee from El Paso County. She has been represented on various boards of city and state organizations. For example; Vice-President for Colorado of the Mother's Congress, 2nd Vice-President of the Y. W. C. A. of Colorado Springs, 1st Vice-President of the Boys Club, Trustee of the City Federation of Women's Clubs, President of the Humane Society, only woman member of the Anti-Tuberculosis committee of Colorado Springs and President of the Colonial Dames of Colorado. We wish to quote from a letter written by Mrs. Goddard to a member of the board of the anti-suffrage association of Portland. She says in part:

"I am in a peculiar position, for while I disapprove most emphatically of equal-suffrage, and while I have yet to see one good result from

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS

NEWS NOTES CONCERNING PEOPLE AND THINGS IN AND AROUND ST. HELENS

PERSONAL; LOCAL; SOCIAL AND OTHERWISE

Peter Felton was a Portland visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Halstead spent last week in Portland, returning to St. Helens, on Saturday evening.

E. Morten of Warren, spent Wednesday in St. Helens, attending to business.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church, St. Helens, will meet with Mrs. J. H. Cronkite Columbia Park, Wednesday, Oct. 23.

F. M. Thorp returned last Sunday from an extended visit to his old home in Pennsylvania. He was gone about 2 months.

Mrs. Jennie Hayden and daughter and son, from Alsea Valley, Ore., have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Thorp during the week. Mrs. Hayden is the only sister of Mrs. Thorp.

There were so many people in town attending the launching of the ship last Saturday and Sunday, so many during this week attending court and so many political notices sent in by various organizations that we will not attempt to give personal mention this week, but our readers will have to content themselves with the news matter of larger importance and political advertisements. Next week we will again

HIGH SCHOOL CARNIVAL

The big school carnival filled with comic sideshows and catchy darkey Indian music comes off tonight in the high school assembly. While striving to make a good sum of money to pay expenses of students debates and athletics the students plan to show the people of the city and community one of the best times of their lives. Attractions open at 8 o'clock and will give continued performances until 10 p. m. so all have time to take in every feature.

The engine was finally started just a few minutes before the "Multnomah" began her slide.