

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

THE OREGON MIST

BURT GREEN ACQUITTED OF MURDER

MURDER CASE CAME TO A SUDDEN
ENDING LAST TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Burton Greene came to a sudden ending last Tuesday when Judge Eakin decided that there was not sufficient testimony to submit the case to the jury. At the conclusion of the testimony of the state the defendant asked for a directed verdict on the ground that there was no evidence to sustain a verdict and moved that all testimony concerning the trailing of Greene by bloodhounds be stricken out. After considerable argument by the attorneys, Judge Eakin held that the testimony of the blood hound was not such evidence as would warrant a verdict of guilty. The evidence on the part of the state when all summed up was about as follows: On the 17th of October 1912 while Weist was employed as game keeper on the House & Peterson and preserve that a very valuable gun belonging to one of the members of the duck club was stolen from the Weist cabin and that Greene was seen there that day. On a prior occasion Greene had taken the same gun and hidden it in the brush but when cornered down had admitted taking it and returned it with the explanation that it was a joke. When the gun disappeared on the 17th how ever it never was found until recently when it was discovered under a log between the Weist cabin and the Greene cabin. On the day of the 24th of October Greene was again seen at the Weist cabin, although the evidence showed that he had been ordered by his own employers as well as Weist to keep away and that he was suspected of having taken the gun. On the 31st of Oct. Weist went across the slough to visit with friends and returned to his cabin shortly after 1 o'clock. At 3:30 o'clock a workman on the Peterson ranch saw Greene come out of the brush and turn into the trail leading to the Weist cabin. All that day the door of the cabin was open and that night no light was seen by the people at the Peterson

house, a short distance away. Also on that evening Weist had failed to appear at the Peterson barn for his milk which he was in the habit of doing. The next morning one of the men on the ranch went up near the cabin and found the door still open and upon calling for Weist received no answer. Entering the cabin the body of Weist was found on his bed with two bullet holes through his head and a partially cooked meal on the stove burned to a crisp. Every one was kept away that day by the officers as soon as they arrived, when at night W. E. Conyers arrived with his bloodhound. In the meantime Greene had been taken from his house to the Weist cabin by the Sheriff in a roundabout way so that when the dog arrived Green's knife was obtained and given out to the dog for scent. With that to start from the dog made several circles around the back of the house, up to the window and finally struck a trail leading out of the exact location where Greene had been seen the day before. From there the dog took the trail through the brush for about two miles right up to the Green cabin and from there around the road where Greene had been taken by the sheriff right up to the Weist cabin again. While a crowd of men were standing there that morning after the trailing, a dog suddenly gave another start and was just in the act of jumping onto Greene when pulled back by Mr. Conyers. There were several conversations between men and Greene and on each occasion Greene stated that he had not been at the Weist cabin for two weeks prior to the murder, but two witnesses testified that he was there several times during that period. There were many more details pointing to Greene as the guilty man, but when the dog testimony was taken out the Judge was of the opinion that there was not enough evidence to submit to the jury and the case was dismissed.

DISASTROUS FIRE

PLUMBING SHOP AND ELECTRICAL STORE DAMAGED

A very damaging fire occurred in this city last Tuesday afternoon when flames burst out in the plumbing shop of R. Constantin. Mr. Constantin was working with his soldering pot, which has a small gasoline tank on the top to feed the flames, and in some way this small tank sprung a leak permitting the gasoline to leak down onto the open blaze, which dropped down on to some oakum which was stored under the work bench. Instantly the fire spread to the paper walls of the shop and before the fire alarm was sounded the entire interior of the shop was in flames. The hose cart and chemical engine were quickly hauled to the scene and before the building which was a small frame concern, was burned very much the fire was under control. The electrical shop of E. A. Rotger, in the same building was in great danger but before the flames had gone through the single board wall the fire was extinguished. For a time it looked as though the entire building was doomed and with it would go the Episcopal Church and Guild Hall adjoining, but the heroic work of the fire brigade soon saved all the adjoining property. The loss to Mr. Constantin will be quite heavy, his stock having been invoiced only a few weeks ago and reached well over \$3000. On this

stock and tools he had insurance to the amount of \$2000. The loss to Mr. Rotger will also be quite heavy resulting from the water rather than from fire. Mr. Constantin has already opened up again in the old Rupert building near the bank and Mr. Rotger will rebuild the damaged building and put in a larger stock than ever.

In connection with the foregoing E. A. Rotger begs to announce to his patrons and the public in general, that as soon as fire adjustments are made he will replace his damaged stock of supplies, lamps, dry cells, etc., with new stock now en route and will conduct his business temporarily at the present location until arrangements and deals are complete for larger and better accommodations.

WEBER TRIAL NEXT WEEK

INSANITY WILL BE SET UP BY THE DEFENSE

Next Tuesday the trial of George Weber for the murder of James Corrin will start in the Circuit Court in this city before Judge Campbell. Reports are current that the defense of Weber will be insanity and he has been taken to Portland for examination by Dr. Williamson, a noted expert on lunacy. We understand that Dr. Cliff will also make an examination for the defense. W. B. Dillard and A. W. Mueller of St. Helens will defend Weber while District Attorney Tongue will prosecute.

LATEST ELECTION RETURNS IN COLUMBIA CO.

Every Precinct Reported on State and County Officers

PARTIAL RETURNS ON VARIOUS MEASURES

	Houlton	Aplary	Beaver Falls	Moose's	Rainier	Goble	Deer Island	Marshland	Mist	Warren	Scappoose	St. Helens	Oak Point	Vernonia	Clatskanie	Total
Taft	44	3	22	49	53	38	13	6	20	39	56	84	32	30	110	585
Wilson	45	10	6	64	56	22	19	19	27	21	55	60	28	21	73	511
Chaffin	7	10	2	4	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	7	4	10	13	58
Debs	35	6	16	37	33	5	16	2	5	17	14	34	18	21	44	298
Roosevelt	43	4	25	42	47	36	24	11	22	37	70	89	74	29	60	614
Campbell	30	4	14	24	47	19	18	5	9	19	28	56	55	24	48	370
Hawley	63	5	28	63	19	41	16	14	37	43	88	102	45	33	75	783
Richards	28	6	16	38	80	7	14	1	4	15	15	38	16	21	44	303
Smith	31	9	6	37	40	13	8	7	17	18	40	33	19	18	47	335
Bourne	33	5	15	29	1	21	13	5	20	13	39	54	18	23	21	388
Clark	17	2	5	14	39	8	10	2	3	10	13	32	31	12	32	208
Lane	37	7	5	44	16	16	7	15	20	24	55	55	24	23	62	429
Selling	57	3	34	48	68	37	14	4	20	38	61	80	59	22	125	670
Kennedy	26	2	13	20	27	16	9	4	13	17	19	42	37	15	39	299
Oleott	75	4	31	62	79	48	27	14	39	51	100	135	56	45	149	921
Ryan	28	11	7	39	33	13	5	10	11	17	39	32	23	17	41	325
Eakin	86	6	39	73	87	51	36	12	40	62	111	157	92	46	160	1058
Slater	31	11	9	44	33	15	9	14	19	20	42	37	18	21	44	367
Lea	37	10	7	51	41	20	11	10	22	22	45	50	24	24	70	444
Mickle	59	4	37	54	71	38	25	14	33	58	99	135	66	46	114	858
Atchison	64	4	24	62	57	42	16	11	39	48	91	102	55	35	125	773
Anderson	30	4	12	39	25	13	6	12	11	19	36	31	18	20	47	327
Mahaffey	14	2	5	9	7	6	9	1	2	3	11	50	10	4	20	184
Service	26	3	18	27	28	13	10	3	6	13	23	29	43	28	44	34
Hedges	27	10	11	43	32	13	7	10	10	17	66	34	16	14	40	350
Tongue	101	5	39	77	101	55	32	17	47	55	83	161	97	59	184	1113
Weleh	26	5	14	41	37	5	14	1	9	16	19	36	22	20	37	302
Hall	111	10	45	98	108	71	36	26	67	74	143	183	127	71	243	1413
Olsen	49	9	20	48	62	13	22	4	13	21	28	58	19	26	59	451
Harris	78	7	38	77	62	57	30	17	53	54	63	127	85	59	146	974
McKay	21	10	12	49	48	23	16	14	25	36	128	113	43	28	103	296
Jessup	93	5	15	48	46	9	12	1	5	17	9	26	22	19	41	741
Botteron	20	4	13	42	33	7	10	1	3	15	10	22	12	18	25	235
N. H. Kinney	69	4	17	45	49	19	28	6	32	28	58	103	25	28	39	548
Thompson	108	13	37	89	100	67	24	24	45	64	129	148	116	55	242	1261
Aron	33	16	15	73	59	16	9	3	19	29	41	18	22	45	382	
LaBare	144	16	59	95	112	70	45	28	76	78	155	203	120	84	237	1513
Gill	26	6	14	42	41	13	19	1	2	19	17	29	18	21	34	302
Hattan	112	10	26	69	56	24	31	18	54	43	82	124	75	39	183	946
Laws	51	5	24	62	81	53	13	11	22	44	92	122	57	43	80	760
Blakesley	105	6	33	62	82	54	34	4	39	60	118	192	87	53	123	1064
Graham	37	12	16	60	44	18	9	21	30	53	39	46	28	131	561	
Gore	31	5	16	37	42	12	16	1	8	16	15	34	17	22	39	311
Wilkerson	123	18	54	131	142	73	44	26	61	69	145	196	115	88	217	1561
Conyers	100	15	39	97	104	67	33	27	68	61	129	127	114	16	229	1294
Butts	24	6	13	44	36	9	15	2	6	15	20	32	2	84	36	294
Miller	45	2	10	15	23	9	11	3	5	18	32	87	13	3	25	304
Sherwood	91	16	44	108	102	69	37	18	61	68	154	176	121	66	201	1332
Springer	71	6	20	43	64	10	23	13	12	19	23	59	23	27	79	492
Fluhrer	53	12	52	78	81	34	15	19	24	34	69	78	140	23	182	894
Gessell	85	6	10	50	47	42	28	12	52	45	94	118	8	74	77	748
Preston	25	5	8	41	45	9	16	1	2	16	17	47	6	1	31	280
300	63	11	37	78	73	30	25	18	27	33	73	100	54	138	810	
301	67	8	24	72	88	50	23	8	34	35	79	97	47	110	814	
308	67	16	30	50	48	45	24	12	26	57	110	84	48	130	813	
309	59	8	26	71	80	23	20	15	38	24	53	99	47	129	760	
310	21	3	16	32	64	22	12	5	8	18	29	57	12	56	381	
311	77	17	34	86	70	35	34	20	48	57	115	121	72	176	1067	
364	26	11	15	66	57	17	17	4	23	30	23	79	44	77	517	
365	96	11	37	61	77	57	34	22	41	62	132	111	54	166	1063	
366	53	10	18	60	63	22	16	8	25	33	35	66	38	88	606	
367	61	10	40	68	72	52	32	21	39	46	117	130	56	162	949	

LOWEST FIGURES

ST. HELENS SHIPBUILDING COMPANY
SECURE CONTRACTS FOR TWO BOATS

The St. Helens Shipbuilding Co. was the successful bidder on two boats during the past week. A tug 118 feet long 29 feet beam and 12 feet 6 inches depth of hold for the

Columbia Contract Co., and a Barge 130 feet long 40 feet beam and 6 feet 1 inch depth of hold for the same company will be built here. Work on these two boats will start immediately and will be completed as fast as men can do it. Also the Bark "Albert" owned by Honolulu parties will arrive here within a short time and will undergo extensive repairs at the shipyards, 3 new

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS

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

PERSONAL; LOCAL; SOCIAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. J. George was a passenger this morning for Portland.

R. C. Jeffries, an attorney of Astoria, was attending to legal business in St. Helens yesterday.

Henry Hendericksen of Quincy, was a St. Helens visitor Thursday.

Mr. Ed Harms a prominent Warren farmer was in St. Helens on business Saturday.

Mr. J. W. Pomeroy of Scappoose, was a St. Helens visitor on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thorp were in Portland on Wednesday.

Mr. Bert McKay of Portland was a St. Helens visitor over last Sunday.

Mrs. Partridge, mother of Mrs. Wm. Ross returned on Monday from Seattle where she has been on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ross are entertaining Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Ross with a dinner party this evening.

L. R. Ferris of Portland is visiting his family in St. Helens at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Muckle.

D. Lane, a Portland business man visited with friends in St. Helens early in the week.

Misses Amy and Anne George were Portland visitors during the week.

Peter Maurir and Anna Suhua both of Rainier, were married in St. Helens by Judge Dart on last Saturday.

An in the market for good timber buys in Columbia Clatsop and Tillamook Counties. M. Swanstrom 221 Leary Bldg. Seattle.

George B. Conyers the Surveyor elect of Columbia County, is visiting with a sister in Kansas City.

Jas. Taylor of this city left for Spokane, Wash., early in the week and will spend some time there on a business and pleasure trip.

Captain Orin Abel has been taken to a hospital in Portland where he is confined to his bed with a severe illness.

Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ross entertained with a dinner to Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Ross on Thursday night. Dr. and Mrs. Ross will leave soon for Redlands, Cal., to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob George announce the engagement of their daughter Anne May to Mr. W. B. McKay of Portland. The wedding will occur some time in December.

Mr. John R. Mollison and daughter Miss Bessie, of Musselburgh, Scotland, arrived in St. Helens last week and will make their home in this city.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church will hold their bazaar at the Guild Hall Nov. 22. The sale will open at 2 p. m. Supper from 5 to 7. Creamed Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Sallad, Rolls and Coffee, Pie, Jelly, Cheese and Pickles, 25c.

Casenau Street has been macadamized with crushed rock and screenings and is now one of the best improved streets in the city. Work is also being done on Columbia street today.

Mrs. A. E. Thompson returned to her home Monday night after a long siege of sickness at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Her many friends are indeed glad to have her home and wish her all possible speed to a complete recovery.

The City Council of Houlton has begun to make some needed improvements in the appearance of their city. Crushed rock is being hauled onto the street and several new crossings are being rocked.

R. C. McCoy, who a few years ago was a resident painter and paper hanger in St. Helens, has returned to this city and again entered into the painting business. He will in the near future put in a line of sample wall papers second to none and will be prepared to do any and all kinds of interior and exterior painting and decorating.

Residents of the blocks between Oak and Winter Streets have been enjoying a flood on their