

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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PETITION VS. REMONSTRANCE

GEORGE BRINN MEETING SHARP OPPOSITION IN GETTING SALOON LICENSE

OPINIONS VARY AS TO OUTCOME

George Brinn has posted notices that he will apply to the Council of this city to night, the 13th, for a license to sell liquors or conduct a saloon. He has circulated his petitions and has secured the signatures of some 200 voters, according to the best information obtainable. On the other hand some of the ladies of this city have circulated a remonstrance against the issuance of the license to Mr. Brinn and have secured practically the same number of names as are on the petition, so we are informed. The council meets to night to consider the proposition. The contest is creating no little stir in the city, nearly every person taking up the side of one or the other and much work is being done. The outcome is problematical on account of the women being now qualified to sign petitions and remonstrances so that it is almost impossible to determine who will have the most names, the petition or remonstrance. No reasons are assigned in the remonstrance other than that the remonstrators are opposed to saloons in general; they say it is not a particular fight against Mr. Brinn, who has been in the saloon business here for many years, but that they are going to carry out the same program with all the saloons when the present license expires. Much argument is heard on both sides. Some people are not only taking interest in the scrap but are making a personal matter of it. The principal argument in favor of the granting of the license is that the city has been voted wet and that until such time as the city is voted dry, it is the duty of the Council to grant licenses to men who will conduct their places properly. Unless some charge of misconduct is placed against the applicant, that the license should be issued. St. Helens is a sea port town. It has only four saloons and no more can be permitted until the population reaches 2500. Taking into consideration the kind of a town it is with its mixed population it is considered one of the best governed cities in the state. There is very little complaint heard and very little room for complaint by the reformers. So long as liquor is to be sold in the neighboring towns it would be little less than a calamity for this town to go dry. Much of this argument is sound. That this city is well behaved is undisputed. With the officers on the alert and each saloon man obeying the law strictly there is no reason for refusing to grant a license to Mr. Brinn and let the others run or let the other towns surrounding us have the benefit of the money that will be spent in this manner. If the provisions of the ordinances of this city are strictly enforced there will be no reason for the refusal of a license to the men who are now conducting the business in this city. If the state was voted dry it would be a different proposition, but to the people who are interested in the city from a business standpoint it does seem most unfair to get up a fight in this manner against a man whose record is good and against whom no charges have been filed. Below we print the ordinance, that is the part which relates to the conduct of the business and the penalty for the violation of any of its provisions, and believe that any person who is not prejudiced against the liquor business other than that it is wrong in principle, will agree that if the provisions of that law are strictly enforced the city will be more orderly, there will be less drunkenness, fewer

THE ROAD MEETING

NEARLY 150 VOTERS ATTEND. OSPLAIN ENDORSED AS SUPERVISOR

A most enthusiastic meeting of the taxpayers of Road District No. 3 was held in the Court House last Saturday at which time there were nearly 150 voters present, including several ladies. A contest was on for the endorsement for Road Supervisor and after U. S. DSpain and Henry Bumgardner had been nominated, tellers were appointed and the balloting begun. When the county was completed and Secretary M. C. Gray announced the result, Mr. DSpain had 89 votes and Mr. Bumgardner had 47, so the County Court has been requested by that vote to re-appoint Mr. DSpain as Supervisor of this district for another year. The fact the Mr. DSpain has held this office for five years and has been severely criticized by parties in different sections of the county and especially in this district, then to receive the handsome vote that he did means that the people are satisfied with his work and the County Court will without doubt re-appoint him. A resolution was then presented describing the work to be done on the various roads of the district and after being amended and debated upon for some time the following amounts were voted for the respective roads, to-wit:

St. Helens, Yankton road	\$2000
St. Helens-Deer Island	1000
St. Helens-Portland	1000
Nick Brinn road	500
Kappler road	1000
Miller road	250
Millard road	500
Ross-Saxton road	150
Barger road	1000
Wikstrom road	150
Total	8550

A levy of 3-14 was voted for this purpose and in case that does not raise enough money to make up these amounts the amount for each road will be pro-rated according to the amounts voted.

Look out for C. H. Doncaster's ad in this issue.

If in doubt what to buy for Xmas come in and let us help you to decide. Sherwood & Ross.

Sec. 10- Any Keeper of Any Barroom or drinking shop or any employ therein who shall, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday open or cause to be opened such place of business either by rear or front entrance, or who permits any persons to enter such barroom or drinking shop or any room connected therewith shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars and shall forfeit the license to such barroom or drinking shop.

Sec. 11 Any Keeper of Any Barroom or drinking shop or any employ therein who shall open or permit to be opened his place of business either by rear or front entrance, or who permits any persons to enter such barroom or drinking shop, or any room connected therewith, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars or be imprisoned in the city jail not less than five (5) nor more than thirty days, and shall forfeit the license to such barroom or drinking shop.

Sec. 12- For The Purpose of Enforcing the provisions of this ordinance, the person, persons or firm in whose name the license has been issued shall be held responsible for acts of his employees or any one entrusted with the keys to his place of business and shall be subject to the same fines and penalties for the acts of such employees or other person entrusted with the keys as he would be if he violated the provisions of this ordinance in person.

MACKAY-GEORGE NUPTIALS

POPULAR ST. HELENS GIRL BECOMES BRIDE OF PORTLAND BUSINESS MAN

Only immediate members of the family were present at St. Matthew's Mission when, at high noon Wednesday W. B. Mackay claimed as his bride Miss Anne George of St. Helens. Rev. W. A. M. Breck read the service. Great masses of feathery ferns studded here and there with loose clusters of white crysanthemums were banked within the chancel rail and made a wonderfully beautiful effect. The bride, who came in on the arm of her father, Jacob George, was stunningly gowned in sapphire blue charmeuse, relieved with bands of ermine. Her chapeau was black velvet with trimmings of ermine and her flowers were a shower of lillies of the valley and violets. Miss Amy George attended her sister as maid of honor. Her gown was fashioned of heavy old rose charmeuse, and her toilette was completed with a black velvet picture hat laden with plumes. Dr. William H. Skene was the groomsmen for his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mackay made their wedding memorable in an especially fine way in that they dispensed with the usual customary bridal dinner and gave it instead to the tiny little inmates of the Children's Home. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay's wedding journey will take them to British Columbia. Upon their return they will establish themselves at 1100 Franklin street, Willamette Heights, Portland.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY CASE

RECORDER CASE CALLED UPON TO PASS ON CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ORDINANCE

As we go to press the trial of the City of St. Helens vs Jack Root on a charge of assault and battery is being tried before Recorder Gage. Root is charged with having struck and beat R. J. Horn contrary to the ordinances etc of the city. His attorney, A. W. Mueller, is contending that the ordinance defining disorderly conduct and providing penalties therefor is not constitutional for the reason that more than one subject is embraced in the ordinance. City Attorney J. W. Day appears for the city.

WARREN

Mr. Lovett has been quite ill the past week. He has been taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beeler and is gradually recovering.

The voters of this district voted a one mill tax with which to help pay the school expenses.

The Doreus Sewing Society gave an auction sale in Erickson's hall Friday evening. The articles sold were made by the members of the club. A more detailed account will be given next week.

The Redmen held a social in Erickson's hall Saturday evening. A program was followed by a chicken supper and a social good time. Those who attended were Redmen and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clemons and daughters Getrude and Margaret of Harborton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Erickson.

Do not forget that you can buy Xmas Toys cheaper at Harrison's than elsewhere. Come and see for yourself.

POLE AND PILING BUSINESS

LARGE YARDS ESTABLISHED IN ST. HELENS BY BROUGHTON & WIGGINS

Broughton & Wiggins have one of the largest pole and piling yards in the state just above and adjoining the Creosoting plant. Piling has been driven along the bay for a considerable distance until they have an ideal boom site for poles and pilings and shipments are constantly being made to and from the yards. In most instances their product is treated with creosote before shipment. It is an industry that means much to the locality. They employ some 15 or 20 men all the time at the yards in addition to the men employed in getting out the timbers.

A SMALL FIRE

NO DAMAGE DONE BUT EFFICIENCY OF ALARM SYSTEM PROVEN

Last Sunday evening about 8 o'clock the fire whistle gave the alarm that there was a fire in the neighborhood of the Doncaster store and within a very few minutes the autos of J. E. Ramsey and Johnson & Son had the hose cart and chemical engine to the house of E. A. Crouse where the chimney was burning out. There was no occasion to use the apparatus but it was amply demonstrated that a fire has little chance to do much damage in this city when everything is working right.

SCAPPOOSE

The Portland & Southwestern R. R. have crews repairing the tract and trestle over the lowlands.

On Saturday last Mrs. Washburn entertained a number of ladies in honor of Mrs. M. B. Farnum, who left on Wednesday with her two daughters for Los Angeles, Cal., to join her husband and son, where they will make their home. They leave many friends who will miss them.

The School Clerk informs us that the school census gives 146 girls and 149 boys, a total of 295. This is a gain of 40 over last year.

Cashier Washburn of the Farmers State Bank has a lot of fine calendars which he will be glad to supply to each family in this vicinity.

Mr. W. P. Howell of the Chapman Camp had the misfortune to be burned out last Saturday morning, losing all his goods. A very substantial subscription was taken to help the family among the men in the camp.

LARGE COUGAR SHOT

C. Wallis came to town yesterday with the carcass of a cougar which he had shot near his place. The animal measured a trifle over 3 feet from tip to tip and was a beauty. Mr. Wallis is going to have the skin made into a rug which will be quite valuable. The cougars seem to be plentiful in this county at the present time and are doing considerable damage to the farmers in the timber sections so that war has been declared on them and each farmer is going to go after them.

No nicer present than a piece of furniture. Call at Sherwood & Ross.

Go to the Central Grocery for Bargains.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS

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

PERSONAL; LOCAL; SOCIAL AND OTHERWISE

Walter Pulliam of Clatskanie, was visiting in St. Helens this week.

Albert Woods of Vernonia was a visitor in St. Helens Wednesday.

M. Sallan was attending to business matters in Portland yesterday. J. B. E. Bourne of Rainier was a St. Helens business visitor during the week.

W. E. Stevens of Scappoose, was in St. Helens Wednesday looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. George, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rotger and Miss Amy George attended the McKay-George wedding in Portland Wednesday.

You can buy at cost pretty Jewelry at Mrs. Owen's.

Have you seen those fine vases at the Central Grocery.

Born; On December 4th to Mr. and Mrs. Kotula of Houlton a bouncing baby boy. Everybody doing well.

At a meeting of the City Council held last Tuesday a levy of 5 mills on the dollar was made for City purposes during the next year. It is estimated that this will raise about \$3200.

Mr. M. B. Wilson of Goble was in St. Helens today. He has lately secured one of the tracts of land in the Holbrook plantings and is quite well satisfied with the location.

The city council at their regular meeting last Monday night received bids from several fire hose supply houses for 500 feet of new hose. After reading all the bids the Oregon Rubber Co., was awarded the order. A. C. Long & Co., received the order for the new hose cart and the supplies for the chemical engine.

Come in and select your presents for Christmas and make a small deposit and you can secure something that will please. At Von Gray's store.

Handpainted china, Cut Glass, Books, at cost, at Mrs. Owen's.

W. B. Dillard represented St. Helens at the Lewiston stock fair this week. Mr. Dillard made the trip with the Portland Ad Club and reports having had a very enjoyable trip and that the Lewiston country is prosperous and developing rapidly into one of the leading stock communities of the west.

The following marriage licenses have been issued: Alice May Sitts Joshua W. Rose, Vernonia. Laura E. Loury Chas. W. Marten Warren. Selma Karvonen George C. Tufts Rainier.

Step into Von Gray's jewelry store and look over the line of jewelry etc., which would be suitable for Christmas Gifts.

FOR SALE; a set of Elks Antlers, complete. On display at the Italian Importing Co's store. See H. W. Cade, St. Helens.

Regular Services at the Congregational Church Dec. 15th, Morning 11 o'clock, Evening 7:30. All are cordially invited.

David Jopling, Pastor.

The new residence of Harry Sherman on the hill overlooking the school grounds, is nearing completion and is one of the finest residences of the city.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wells, timbermen from Minneapolis, Minn., were in St. Helens Monday looking over the various lumbering enterprises in this city. These gentlemen are quite heavily interested in Oregon timber in Coos and Lane Counties.

See Sherwood & Ross' ad in this issue.

The best thing for a Xmas present for your horse is one of those curry combs and brushes at the Central Grocery, for 40 cents.

Paul Morton, brother of S. C. Morton of this city, returned to his home in Portland last Tuesday after having been under the care of Doctor Mayo, the celebrated surgeon at Rochester, Minn., for several months. Mr. Morton is much improved in health.

Thos. Basse, the merchant prince of Quincy is attending to business affairs in St. Helens today.

Mrs. A. L. Stone is quite ill this week.

No Toys over 10 cents see window display. A. S. Harrison

Mrs. R. H. Roberson has so far recovered from her recent operation at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland that she will be returned to her home in this city tomorrow.

Mrs. E. A. Crouse is reported as getting along very well with every prospect of complete recovery.

Today Mrs. Gus Seidel of Deer Island was taken before Judge Dart for examination as to her sanity. The report of the examining physician was that she was suffering from a severe nervous breakdown caused from exposure and other ills and that she should be committed to the asylum for the treatment. She will be taken to Salem tomorrow.

Freddie
The man threw out his clutch and pulled in his horns, or he threw in his clutch and threw out his horns, whichever is technically correct. For the thousandth time he proposed to the sweet young thing who was sitting beside him in the automobile. And for the thousandth time she answered him thus:

"No, Lionel. I love you dearly, but I shall never marry a man who has a shameful burden of debt upon his shoulders. Free yourself and I will be only too glad to be yours."

A happy smile illuminated the features of the driver, and he manipulated the do-dad that makes the car run at third speed.

"Darling," he cried, "you are mine at last! Yes, the debts are no more. Once again I can face the world as a honest man. My debts are—"

"Paid!"

"Better—onward!"

She would have fallen into his arms had they not just then been negotiating a perilous hairpin turn.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



No Use For a Corpse.

Bill—Fair dinkum, I love yer, Mag. I love yer well enough ter bloom'n' well die fer yer!
Mag—No good ter me, Bill. I want some one who'll love me well enough ter bloom'n' well work fer me!—Sydney Bulletin.

Twice.
"Captain, you told me this boat would reach the dock by 9 o'clock."
"Did I, madam? Well, I must have lied to you. We'll be there in about twenty minutes."
"But the land isn't in sight yet!"
"So I see. Madam, you have caught me in another lie."—Chicago Tribune.