

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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ST. HELENS DURING 1912

NEW INDUSTRIES STARTED: MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE AND POPULATION INCREASED
PROSPECTS FOR 1913 VERY BRIGHT

1912 has been a good year for St. Helens. Much improvement has been made. New industries have been started. Additional business houses have opened. Many new residences have been built and business blocks have sprung up. Miles of streets have been improved. Sewers are under construction. Prosperity and development shows on every hand. The march of progress has gone steadily forward and promises to press on during the coming year with as great or greater strides than during the past. Among the new industries that are now operating in this city is a modern shipbuilding plant; one of the largest and most complete creosoting works on the Pacific coast; a new saw mill with a capacity of 100,000 feet per day; a pole and piling yard handling thousands of poles and piling each month. These industries furnish employment to hundreds of men and it has been necessary to build houses to accommodate the new families coming in. As a result, at least 100 residences have been erected in and adjacent to St. Helens during the year. The other industries which were in operation prior to 1912 consisted of the big mill in the city, the stone quarries and fisheries. Shipping has become a great factor in the business life of the city. Millions of feet of lumber are being shipped monthly to every part of the world. The products of the creosoting plant are being shipped to ports along the coast, only this week the Klamath taking out a full cargo of treated pilings for the new municipal docks of Los Angeles, Cal.

there another city of less than 2000 population that can boast of such a pay roll? With this amount of money distributed among the working people of a small community there can be no such thing as hard times. Just so long as this kind of business keeps up it matters not whether the Democrats are in power or the Republicans, or for that matter, the Bull Mooseers.

Nearly two miles of streets have been graded and macadamized during the year. Many new sidewalks have been built and the electric light service has been extended to the outlying additions to the city. Ere many months the city limits of St. Helens will be extended to take in several suburbs and we will then be no longer a village, but a metropolis of Columbia county. The population of St. Helens proper will now easily reach 1700 people, and with the additions surrounding and adjoining the city, which should be a part and will be before long, the population will exceed 2000. Think of a growth of 1600 people in four years in a little city like this. It means that St. Helens is destined to become one of the leading manufacturing cities in the state of Oregon.

Another feature of the development of this city is the small municipal debt. Outside of the war bonds, the total indebtedness of the city will not reach \$10,000, and a considerable portion of this sum is for advances for street improvements which will be repaid to the city when the improvements are completed. Of course the water system cost approximately \$50,000, and the city is bonded for that amount, but the income from the sale of water is more than enough to pay the interest and maintenance and before the time comes to start the sinking fund considerable money will be on hand from the water income itself. Truly 1912 has been a good year for St. Helens. 1913 promises to be just as good.

School Notes

A double-header basket ball game will be played in the high school gymnasium Saturday night of this week against St. Johns high school. The visitors will come by launch and return after the game. Manager Zina Lemont has scheduled two games with St. Johns, one here this week and another at St. Johns Jan. 25th. This will be the second outside team the girls have met this season. The first against Kalamia High school was won by the St. Helens girls. The St. Johns game Saturday night will be under the girls' rules.

It is practically certain now that the interscholastic debate of the state series between Astoria, St. Johns and St. Helens will be held January 17. It was to have been held January 10, but some of the schools could not get ready by that time. The debate here will be between St. Helens and Astoria, the Misses Mildred Allen and Margaret Burns representing the home school. On the same evening St. Helens' negative team, composed of Virgil Hattan and Cecil Ross, will journey to St. Johns. St. Johns' negative will go to Astoria. So each school has two teams, one debating at home and the other away from home on the same evening.

The first half of the year's work in the school will be finished in this month. January will be given over largely to reviews. The book-keeping class has been doing unusually good work, being ahead of other neighboring high schools, and will close the half year's work next week. The remainder of the term will be put in by these students doing double time in algebra. The language, mathematics and history classes will close the semester's work on scheduled time.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 9 MONTHS

CAPT. WATTS WITH HIS GOOD SHIP RETURNS TO ST. HELENS
Makes 35000 Mile Trip

Captain Chas. A. Watts of the Bark British Yeoman has a right to feel elated over the fine passage he has just completed in the Bark British Yeoman. Leaving St. Helens on January 15, 1912, with a cargo of St. Helens lumber destined for Natal, South Africa, he sailed from the Columbia River January 20, but soon after ran into a heavy gale which carried away the steering gear and he was forced to head for San Francisco where repairs were made and the Yeoman again headed for Africa on February 17. Captain Watts states that the ill luck which he had in leaving the river was turned to good luck after leaving San Francisco, and he made the exceptionally fast passage to Natal, Africa, approximately 15,000 miles, in 81 days, his good ship averaging around 200 miles per day. Arriving in Port Natal on May 9th, he discharged his cargo of St. Helens lumber, which, by the way, his customers stated was very fine, and sailed for Newcastle, Australia, to take on a cargo of coal. The Yeoman arrived in Newcastle on August 6th, having made the trip of 7500 miles in 41 days. After taking on 3000 tons of coal, Captain Watts set sail from Newcastle on Sept. 18, arriving in San Francisco December 2, making the 9000 miles in 74 days, which is considered a very good passage and speaks well for the seamanship of Captain Watts, and to the seaworthiness of the ship he commands, although the natural modesty of the Captain gives all the credit to fair winds and the good ship which he commands. Captain Watts arrived in St. Helens on Christmas day and is now loading his ship with a cargo of Oregon fir for delivery in Australia.

In this globe encircling trip the Captain has been in many seas and oceans, and has practically encircled the globe; always, as he states, steering eastward. On leaving the Columbia river the ship was first in the North Pacific Ocean; after crossing the equator he passed into the South Pacific Ocean, and rounding Cape Horn he passed into the South Atlantic Ocean. When he sailed for Australia from South Africa he passed through the Indian Ocean and the Tasman Sea. Leaving Australia he again crossed the Tasman Sea into the South Pacific Ocean and was in the North Pacific Ocean again after crossing the equator. In all, Captain Watts has traveled on this voyage approximately 35,000 miles or a distance equivalent to 1-1/3 times around the globe. Captain Watts notes quite an improvement in St. Helens since he was last here and is contemplating making investments in St. Helens real estate.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS

NEWS NOTES CONCERNING PEOPLE AND THINGS IN AND AROUND ST. HELENS
PERSONAL; LOCAL; SOCIAL AND OTHERWISE

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price were Portland visitors on Monday.

S. C. Morton was in Portland on Monday.

Jas. D. McKay of Scappoose was a St. Helens business visitor during the week.

Walter Hunter of Goble was attending to matters before the County Court this week.

T. A. Cloninger of Scappoose was attending to business matters in St. Helens yesterday.

Mrs. Marion Hazen of Sodaville, Ore., visited with relatives in St. Helens and Warren last week.

Judge Cooper of Rainier was in St. Helens on Tuesday.

Grant Lynch of Holbrook visited with his brother, Ed Lynch, over Sunday.

Mrs. M. Sallan was a passenger for Portland on the Harvest Queen Tuesday.

Mrs. J. Popejoy returned Sunday evening from a short visit with her parents at Woodburn, Ore.

Mrs. L. R. Farris and children left Saturday for Monroe, Ore., where they expect to make their home.

For Sale—Six-hole range and some furniture for sale.
 M. Sallan.

Perry & Graham have on sale for two weeks an exceptional good line of shoes at about 50 cents on the dollar, to make room for spring stock.

Gus Lange, G. W. Ramsey, B. J. Keelan and other gentlemen who have the responsibilities of supervising the roads in their several road districts were in the city yesterday settling up their affairs with the County Court.

Louis Fluhrer, county commissioner-elect, of Mayger, was in town yesterday taking in the proceedings of the old County Court. Mr. Fluhrer will assume his duties next Monday.

E. E. Quick has opened up his office in the City Hall where all parties using city water will call on him before the 15th of each month and settle for the water.

One brown yearling heifer taken up the fore part of September. Owner can have same by paying charges and proving property.
 C. O. Dahlgren,
 Warren, Ore.

An accident happened to D. J. Switzer last week which has laid him up for some time, but he is now able to hobble around on crutches. While starting down the hill near the residence of Dr. Ross on a rainy morning his foot slipped and he fell doubling his other foot under him in such manner that it resulted in a badly sprained ankle.

Odel Bennett, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett, was taken to the hospital in Portland this week for an operation. The little fellow had an abscess in the head and a very painful operation was performed from which he has rallied very satisfactorily and will no doubt return to his home soon.

The children of the Episcopal Sunday School were given a party at the Guild Hall last Tuesday evening which was attended by all the pupils and members of the families. A fine dinner was served to the children and grown ups, after which games were played and a general good time enjoyed. Presents were given to the children.

Crandall & Roberts, expert accountants, are experting the books of all the county officers this week, preparatory to turning over to the new officers, who will take charge next Monday.

now have three cars in the service here and are contemplating getting another one. They have come here to stay and are meeting with success in their business. Read their ad on the last page.

C. H. Doncaster has a new ad in this issue telling of the bargains to be had at his store on Willamette street. It may be of interest to any one to read it and then visit the store and get the benefit of some good goods at low prices.

Mrs. J. M. Rogers of Portland, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. S. C. Morton in this city for several days, returned to her home Wednesday.

Start the New Year right—by opening an account with us, and be assured of fresh groceries, fair treatment and prompt delivery. Do it now! You won't regret it.
 The Muckle Grocery Co.

Word has been received from Portland that S. A. Miles is quite ill at his home in that city. The many friends here wish for Mr. Miles a speedy recovery.

Mrs. M. A. Stine, who has been visiting at the home of her son, A. J. Deming for several weeks, returned this week to her home in Monmouth.

Miss Mildred Allen returned yesterday from Spokane, Wash., where she spent the holidays with relatives and friends.

Jas. H. Sheldon came down from Portland today and is looking after business matters in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shinn returned yesterday from Portland, where they visited during the holidays.

The little baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Korkan of Columbia Park died last Tuesday after an illness of only three days. The little child was just one month old, but lived long enough to become very dear to the parents, who have the sympathy of many friends in their hour of sorrow. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery on the 1st.

Dr. Paddock, who was scheduled to preach the Christmas sermon at the Congregational church was unable to reach here on account of the crippled condition of the railroads. He filled an appointment at Rainier and Rev. Jopling preached the sermon in St. Helens. The music at the services in St. Helens has been largely commented upon as being the best ever heard in the city.

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A GREAT ISSUE OF A GREAT PAPER

Should any person in the far east or foreign countries get hold of a copy of the Oregonian Annual and decide therefrom to come to Portland and Oregon, he will not be disappointed. Every article is well written, without exaggeration, and every picture is an actual production. Nothing misleading in the entire edition. It is certainly a great paper and should be sent to all parts of the world as an authentic description of Portland and Oregon.

SLIGHT SMALL POX SCARE

SICK MAN PROMPTLY ISOLATED AND NO DANGER APPARENT

After an examination by a physician on Christmas day of Mr. Owenaby, a real estate operator of this city, it was decided that he had symptoms of smallpox and he was immediately isolated. The buildings at the old wireless station were fitted up as a pest house and the patient has been held there under quarantine since. He is getting all right again and whether it was smallpox or not, the disease certainly did not spread from any exposure he might have given, for the health officer and city authorities took the matter in charge before there was any danger.

LIKES THE JOB

COUNCILMAN WELL PLEASED WITH THE DUTIES OF MAYOR

S. C. Morton, President of the Council, was acting Mayor for a couple of days last week and he says he likes the job so well that he may decide to become a candidate for the office. During his short term as the chief executive of the city the pest house burned and another one had to be fitted up, and many complaints and suggestions were made to him so that his entire time was taken up in his official position. All of which goes to show that the City of St. Helens is large enough and enough work and time is necessary for the proper governing of the City of Mayor.

PYTHIAN SISTERS INSTALL

OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR QUALIFY AND BANQUET SERVED

The Pythian Sisters Lodge installed the following officers at their meeting last night: M. C. Mrs. Ella George; E. S. Mrs. Haba Hakesley; E. J. Mrs. Dixon; M. Mrs. Lucy Gray; M. of R. & C. Mrs. S. M. Quick; M. of F. Mrs. Edith Muckle; P. of T. Mrs. Sarah George; G. of T. Mrs. Bessie Popejoy. After the installation of officers the members met royally treated.

SHIPPING NOTES

The Steamer Klamath completed her cargo of 1200 M feet of lumber and piling and sailed late Saturday night for San Francisco. On account of the holiday season her passenger list was lighter than usual, she having only 40 passengers.

The Steamer Yosemite sailed Thursday night with a cargo of lumber and creosoted piling for San Pedro. She also had a fair passenger list.

The Schooner King Cyrus hauled down from the Columbia County mill and is completing her cargo here. She will sail for San Diego about Monday.

The Steamer F. H. Leggett arrived last night and will load a full cargo for Southern California points. The Leggett is one of the largest coasters on the coast and carries a cargo of 1500 thousand feet.

The Schooner Geo. E. Billings has arrived in San Francisco from Newcastle, Australia, with a cargo of coal. As soon as she has discharged her cargo she will proceed to St. Helens to load lumber for Australia. The Billings is a large five mast schooner and can carry about 1500 thousand feet of lumber. She has loaded at St. Helens twice during the last three years and Captain Birkholm, her master, is well known here.

The longshoremen have no cause for complaint this week on account of a scarcity of work. The British Yeoman is using 10 men, the Schooner Irene 8 men, the Schooner King Cyrus 8 men and the Leggett is using 20 men, making a pay roll of over \$200 per day.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many acts of assistance and sympathy extended to us during the illness of our beloved baby girl. Such kindness as was shown us will never be forgotten.
 MR. AND MRS. W. M. KORKAN.

Call for Sealed Bids

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Recorder until 7:30 p. m. Monday, Jan. 13, 1913, for improvement of Casenuu street north from "Nigger Creek" canyon as per Ordinance No. 134 as published in the Oregon Mist Dec. 13, 1912. Profiles and specifications can be seen at the Recorder's office. The council

ESTRAY NOTICE

One black colt, 3 year old, left hind foot white, small white spot in forehead, also white tip on nose. Two brown or bay colts. Horse colt has narrow white stripe in face, feet on right side white; mare colt, small white spot in forehead. Both past two years old. Taken up at Clover Farm, Deer Island, Ore.

ALLEN-YOUNG

PROMINENT COLUMBIA COUNTY EDUCATOR WEDS

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, at the M. E. church in Portland, Mr. J. W. Allen of St. Helens and Miss Charlotte Young of Portland were united in marriage by Rev. Benjamin Young. Mr. Allen is well known in this county, having been principal of the St. Helens schools for a number of years and at present is the principal of the Warren schools. He is also a member of the firm of Allen, Felton & Quick, real estate dealers in this city. The bride is a business woman who has been connected with a large wholesale millinery store in New York for a number of years, traveling throughout the United States. She has been in Columbia county a number of times and has made some acquaintances here. Mr. and Mrs. Allen were schoolmates together in Pennsylvania in their childhood days. They will make their home in St. Helens where many friends extend sincere congratulations.