

**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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## BANK HAS NEW DEVICE

A DUPLEX ADDING MACHINE  
IN COLUMBIA COUNTY BANK

The Columbia County Bank has installed a new adding machine which is the most wonderful office device ever seen in this city. It is what is known as a rine column, duplex, shuttle carriage, counter control Burroughs adding machine, having an adding capacity of \$9,999,999.99. This machine is capable of performing a great variety of operations, all very useful in the office work of a bank. Perhaps what would be considered its most remarkable accomplishment is that it can print and add two separate columns of figures at the same time, each to within one cent of \$10,000,000.00. This is made possible by the duplex feature, which is a device placed under the keyboard that makes the machine do the work of two machines with one operator. The ordinary adding machine is said to cut the work of handling figures in the bank about one half. This machine goes still further. This means, of course, that our local bank is able to handle its figure work at less cost and can afford to give better service to its customers than ever before.

## School Notes

Anyone having garden seed to spare will be congering a favor upon the school by sending them to the principal. In answer to a letter to Congressman Hawley asking for a supply of seeds, the Congressman writes that he has sent seeds to the people of Columbia county generally. So there may be those who have more than they need. If so, and they care to send them to the principal it will increase the general supply to be distributed to pupils who care to grow gardens. Mr. Hawley will send some seeds to the school.

The classes in botany and physical geography will have a regular school garden on an ideal tract of land belonging to A. T. Laws. Seeds are desired for this class as well as for individual pupils in the grades who desire to have home gardens. Some excellent starts in this line have already been made in the grades. For instance, Miss May Farnum's pupils have some rare work in fruit tree grafting done. Prospects for practical work in St. Helens, along the lines attracting universal attention in Portland and the progressive schools of the entire country, are exceedingly bright. The Oregon Agricultural college has expressed a desire to have examples of industrial work done here, so a collection including such articles as the different grade teachers are making from time to time will be sent early in the spring.

Those directly interested in school work are looking forward to the visit of State Superintendent Alderman Saturday, February 1, to speak at the meeting of county school directors. He comes to attend this meeting at the invitation of County Superintendent J. B. Wilkerson. It was first planned to have Mr. Alderman on Friday in which event he could have seen the school in action and have addressed the pupils and high school students.

Beginning with the new semester, which opens Monday morning, a series of declamations, or interpretations of masterpieces of literature will be given by each high school student. From this series, half a dozen or more will be chosen to compete for the honor of representing the high school in the county contest in May.

The basketball season will probably be closed this Friday night when a return game is to be played with the school. A large launch

## BUSINESS FAILURE

M. SALLAN, CLOTHING MERCHANT  
MAKES ASSIGNMENT

Last Saturday, customers going into the store of M. Sallan, in the Bank building, were met with the sign on the doors, saying that Mr. Sabin of Portland was in charge and that an assignment had been made by Mr. Sallan for the benefit of his creditors. M. Sallan came to St. Helens during September and opened up a furnishing store and was apparently doing a good business. He was handling a good quality of goods and was selling at reasonable prices. He was a constant advertiser and fast gaining the confidence of the people. When the news came of the failure it was a shock to his friends and customers, who were at a loss to understand the procedure. Mr. Goldsmith of Portland is now in charge of the store for the creditors and is making arrangements to adjust matters. Just what adjustment will be made it is hard to determine, but from the best information creditors will receive about 50 cents on the dollar.

## BEN-HUR

Spectacular magnificence, dramatic splendor and religious ecstasy are the most notable concomitants of Klaw & Erlanger's international production of "Ben-Hur," which will be the offering at the Heilig Theatre, Portland, the week of Jan. 27. During the thirteen years which have passed since the original presentation of this noble drama, its owners have not only kept it up to its original grandeur, but have elaborated and developed the possibilities of the production each season, until today it stands unrivaled in its beauty and splendor of establishment; unsurpassed in dramatic significance and power. It was the "last word" of the stage craft of the nineteenth century and into the new age it brought a bigness and perfection which will remain the standard for decades to come.

"Ben-Hur" matinees are announced for Wednesday and Saturday. The prices for all the performances are 50 cents to \$2. Mail orders will receive prompt attention. Seat sale opens Thursday, Jan. 23. This is the fourth visit of "Ben-Hur" to Portland.

## SCAPPOOSE

Many of the people are suffering from the gripe these days. It has interfered greatly with the school attendance.

In the absence of Rev. J. L. Countermine the pulpit was occupied by Rev. J. L. Whirry of McMinnville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Washburn of Monticello, Minn., are making a visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Washburn.

The chief topic for conversation is the snow and what will be the result when it melts.

Miss Margaret Hobert visited here on Saturday last.

O. M. Washburn made a business trip to Coburg and Eugene last week.

Dr. S. H. Flynn has left and it is reported that he will secure a new location.

The school board, as instructed at the meeting of taxpayers in December, have taken up the buying of a piano and have placed an order for an A. R. Chase piano. This will be both pleasant and profitable for the school.

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.

## GOVERNOR OSWALD WEST

IN BITTER FIGHT WITH LEGISLATURE



The legislature of Oregon seems to be arrayed in form of battle to combat with the Governor over some legislation. From newspaper reports given out from the scene of battle it would indicate that some of the statesmen of the legislative body have thrown merit to the winds and are determined to pass legislation which is obnoxious to the Governor whether or no. On the other hand the Governor seems to be playing the same game by saying that he will veto all bills carrying appropriations and especially those bills coming from the leaders of the movement against him. The proceedings of the battle are interesting reading, but to a majority of the people rather disgusting. So far as we have heard the representatives of Columbia County are saying nothing, but they are busy attending to their duties, regardless of the fight.

## ANOTHER NEW BUILDING

COLUMBIA STREET IS FAST  
BECOMING PROSPEROUS

Negotiations are under way for the erection of a modern two or three story concrete building on the property of St. Helens Improvement Co. on Columbia street, known as the Ansoorge lot. The building will be constructed for business purposes and is only one of the several first class buildings to be erected on Columbia street the coming year. From the way things are moving it looks like Columbia street will be the principal business street of the city inside of a year or two. The Masonic Temple will be the first one, work on the excavating having already started and the building proper will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit.

The Aid Society of the M. E. church will make quilts for Mrs. L. G. Ross on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Mrs. H. E. LaBare.

The Ladies of the Episcopal Guild will hold their regular business meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Mrs. Day, Pres.

## S. A. MILES IMPROVING

AFTER SEVERE ILLNESS IS ABLE  
TO BE AROUND THE HOUSE

In a letter, from one of the immediate family of S. A. Miles of Portland, to a friend here we get the following concerning the health of Mr. Miles: "Mr. Miles is much better, although both nurses are still in attendance. His doctor, who calls on him every day, says there is no immediate danger, but that he will not be able to travel around as he has in the past, although he will no doubt be up and around again soon. It is considered no less than a miracle that a recovery could be had from such a serious illness and much credit is due to Dr. Jones and to the faithful nurses." The many friends in St. Helens and vicinity will be pleased to know of the improvement in his condition.

## EVERYBODY BUSY

MILLS AND FACTORIES RUNNING  
FULL TIME IN ST. HELENS

All the mills and factories in and around St. Helens are working full time, while the big mill of the St. Helens Lumber Co. is working time and a fourth. Several ships are at the docks loading lumber constantly which gives employment to 40 or 50 longshoremen. The work at the shipyard is going right on, the Merced rapidly nearing the stage when it will be launched. Work on the barge and tug under construction there is also progressing rapidly. The Creosoting works are busy with orders for treating poles, piling and ties. The mill of the Columbia County Lumber Co. is turning out about 100,000 feet of lumber each day, which is being taken by ships to foreign and coast points. The rock quarries are busy turning out rock products, while there are several men making blocks. Everything is prosperous in St. Helens and indications are the present conditions will continue through the year.

## Call For Warrants

All county road warrants marked as endorsed between the 16th of December, 1912, and January 10th, 1913, both dates inclusive, will be paid on presentation at the office of the County Treasurer. Interest ceases Jan. 24, 1913. R. S. Hattan, Co. Treas.

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## TENT DEPARTMENT STORE

STOCK OFFERED FOR SALE IN  
A NEW BUSINESS VENTURE

Mr. Ingles, a young man from Portland, is in St. Helens this week offering for sale stock in the Tent Department Store of Portland. This concern has been organized by Mr. Elliott, a sales manager, and it is proposed to carry on a business different from other department stores. Each year there will be men in the field looking up bankrupt forced sale stocks of goods which will be picked up at a bargain. These stocks will all be shipped into Portland where a monster tent will be set up in a good location and on the first of September each year the goods will be thrown on the market at greatly reduced prices. These sales will be kept up until the stocks are sold out, when the tent store will be closed up until a new stock has been secured in the same way. Mr. Elliott, the founder and president of the concern, is well known in St. Helens, where he conducted a sale last summer, and he has relatives here. He seems quite enthusiastic over his project and some of the St. Helens people are taking stock in his concern.

**Of Course!**  
"Judge, I ain't no vagrant. I'm in hard luck now, but I've seen better days."  
"But this officer says you have been arrested repeatedly."  
"He must be alludin' to the times when I owned me own automobile!"—Washington Herald.

**A Change of Opinion.**  
"Talk is cheap," chuckled the politician with the telephone frank in his pocket.  
After taking \$20 worth he pulled out his frank and found it had expired "By heck," he muttered ruefully, "that guy was right when he said that 'silence is golden.'"—Judge's Library.

**Diplomacy First.**  
"These suffragettes refuse to eat. Shall we feed 'em their corned beef forcibly?"  
"Employ diplomacy first," suggested the prison warden. "Try 'em with a judge sundae!"—Kansas City Journal.

**Bingles.**  
Don't swear at the peanut man. He's part of the game.  
Many a baseball has been batted out of shape in a no hit game.  
In your wildest rage try to remember the umpire is somebody's darling.  
If you were the best felder in the world and couldn't hit you'd get your release.  
Some great players started on barn lots, while others came from the college campus.  
The game offers great rewards—great players are presented at the White House and own automobiles.  
The sure lather makes as few home runs as any player, but his work swells the score.  
A sharp crack and the pale sphere soaring over the fence! What a shock it must be to the battery!  
The president of the United States is a fan, so try to be decently dignified even when there are three on bases and two out.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS

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

### PERSONAL; LOCAL; SOCIAL AND OTHERWISE

Mrs. John Popejoy was visiting in Portland early in the week.

Miss Amy George visited in Portland during the week.

Mr. F. Cooley of Gresham was visiting with his son, Ben Cooley, in St. Helens yesterday.

T. J. Flippin, Mayor of Rainier, was looking after business matters in St. Helens this week.

Arthur Blackburn and wife of Clatskanie are visiting at the home of A. T. Laws in St. Helens this week.

T. H. Ward, a Portland attorney, was looking after business matters in St. Helens Wednesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Welch of Houlton on Jan. 23rd, a girl.

Carl Steinbach, of Bourbon, Ind., is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Ross in this city.

Frank Miles came down from Portland yesterday to look after business matters. He returned in the evening.

Ed Lynch was called to Scappoose last Wednesday to attend his mother who is quite ill at her home near there. Mrs. Lynch is nearly 80 years old and has been in poor health for some time.

Hon. E. W. Conyers of Clatskanie was visiting in St. Helens a couple of days during the week. He returned to his home Tuesday evening.

Mr. Krueger and family, who have been living on the Frank Usher place near Houlton for some time, have moved back to Portland and Mr. Usher will again take charge of his place.

A consignment of flower seeds were received this week for St. Helens people from Congressman Hawley.

Don't fail to see the new ad of George's market in this issue of the Mist.

George's market is now prepared to deliver orders to all parts of the city. Phone or place your orders early, so as to insure prompt delivery.

There will be another of the enjoyable Band Dances at the City Hall on Feb. 8th, at which time the band will furnish the music. Posters announcing the dance will be out tomorrow.

John F. Johnson of the firm of Chris Johnson & Sons has returned from Clatskanie where he has been for a couple of weeks wrestling with a bad case of the grip. He has returned much improved and is again at the helm of the White machine.

Doy E. Gray of Colorado has been in St. Helens during the week, the guest of his brother, Van A. Gray. Mr. Gray has been a resident of Colorado for a number of years where he has been in the banking business. Lately he has disposed of his interests there and is looking around Oregon for a location to again engage in business.

E. A. Geare, proprietor of the St. Helens Meat Market on the Strand has a new ad in this issue. He has put on a delivery wagon and is prepared to deliver meats and produce to all parts of the city. His wagon also goes to Houlton to supply the residents of that city with fresh meats as the market at that place closed up. Read his ad in this issue.

Rev. W. T. Fairchild of Houlton Methodist Episcopal church has had the gripe, beginning December 20th and growing steadily worse. Complications were feared Jan. 19th. Some are now gratified. See his

recovery. Mrs. Fairchild has been in constant attendance and has proficiency as a nurse.

The commission appointed at a mass meeting of the citizens some time ago to consider changes in the City Charter, met with a committee from the water commission last night and talked over needed amendments. Nothing definite was accomplished but a discussion as to the manner of making assessments for street and sewer improvements. It is likely that an amendment to the charter concerning these things will be recommended and placed on the ballot for the coming election.

Ernest John has accepted a position in the drug store of Dr. McLaren at Rainier. He has already taken up the work and will continue until he comes out a registered druggist and pharmacist.

Sheriff Thompson was a Salem visitor this week, taking in the proceedings of the legislature.

Eli Lynch of Portland was in St. Helens Thursday. Upon his arrival here he was notified of the serious illness of his mother at Scappoose and immediately left for that place.

A movement was started among the merchants of St. Helens a few weeks ago looking to an early closing movement. It was proposed to close all the stores at 7:30 o'clock in the evenings except Saturdays and on pay day nights. A great majority of the merchants signed up the agreement but one or two refused to do so, resulting in the abandonment of the plan.

A meeting of the stockholders of Columbia County Bank will be held at the Bank on Monday, January 27, for the purpose of increasing the capital stock.

In a letter from George Conyers, who has been visiting with relatives in Kansas City, Mo., for a number of months, he says he is rapidly regaining his health. In fact is getting better at the rate of about one pound a day, and that he will return to his home at Clatskanie before long, entirely cured.

## PATIENT TURNS NURSE

Some weeks ago Mr. Owensby was taken with a mild form of small pox and was immediately isolated and placed in a pest house. Acting Mayor Morton at that time looked around for a nurse and came across Tom Rafferty, who claimed to have had the disease and wanted the job of nursing. Accordingly he was employed and put in charge of the pest house and patient. After about three weeks Mr. Owensby was released and Rafferty went out of his work, received his pay and came back into town for a celebration. The next day after his release and while still celebrating, he was noticed to have a breaking-out on his face and the doctor examined it and promptly pronounced it a well developed case of small pox. So Mr. Owensby was immediately employed as nurse to look after Rafferty, but Rafferty objected to come back to the pest house so strenuously that it was necessary to put him in irons to get him there. His illness was quite mild and he made the assertion that he would not stay, so the authorities, in order to hold him there, put him in irons and he has since been kept there. He is still wearing shackles and is still an inmate of the pest house, with his former patient as nurse. He now admits that he never had the disease and was in need of a good nurse.

## WESTERN COPPERAGE COMPANY PLANT AT HOULTON



The plant of the Western Copperage Company at Houlton, which was moved to Aberdeen, Wash., about a year or more ago, will again be put into working order and

parts coming from men interested are correct. It is reported that the plant will be in operation within a few months and that new machinery will be installed, which will

large tracts of timber adjacent and several miles of dune with which to get holes down to the factory so that it would not take very long to get the plant in shape to operate.