

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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FALLS BY THE WAYSIDE

BILLY MORIARTY BOARDS YOSEMITE AND TAKES \$544 OF THE SHIP'S MONEY PAROLE IS ENDED; GOES BACK TO PRISON

Two years at hard labor in the penitentiary was not a sufficient lesson to Billy Moriarty to keep his hands off other people's property. In October 1910 he was sentenced to the penitentiary to serve 10 years for stealing horses, on five different indictments, and in passing the sentence Judge Eakin provided for a service of two years on the first indictment, with two years on each of the other four, but sentence on the latter four was suspended during good behavior. After serving two years he was released on the parole granted him by the judge and he immediately returned to St. Helens, secured work and gave promise of becoming a good citizen. Last Friday afternoon he fell by the wayside. The sight of \$500 in gold and about \$50 in silver, all in a pile and only secured by a drawer lock in a dresser, where he could easily gain access without detection, was too much for him and he fell.

While on board the Yosemite, which was loading lumber at the dock of the Columbia County Mill, getting his money from Captain Asplund for having helped in the loading of the ship, he saw the captain pull out the drawer of his dresser where he had placed his money to pay off the help that

evening. Billy then came back to town and waited until just about the supper hour, when he again went to the boat and with the assistance of a couple of passengers, whom Moriarty told he was an officer of the boat, he boarded the boat and thinking all the men were below at their meal he proceeded to pry open the drawer where the money was kept and deliberately helped himself to \$544 of the money. While in the act of taking the money a couple of the sailors happened to pass the captain's room, saw through the window what was going on, immediately notified the captain who came up suddenly and caught the robber before he got off the ship. He gave back all the money and was told to go, but after deliberation the captain notified the sheriff and Deputy Lake went in search and found the young man as he was leaving town. He was arrested and placed in jail. Saturday morning he had a hearing before Justice Watkins and entered a plea of guilty and expressed himself as ready to go back to Salem to finish out the term, so a commitment was issued from the County Clerk and Sheriff Thompson took him to Salem on Monday where he will stay for the full term of eight years.

ROAD SUPERVISORS GET \$2.50

REPRESENTATIVE HALL'S BILL Raising WAGES KILLED IN SENATE

The bill introduced by Representative Hall in the legislature some time ago for the changing of the salary of road supervisor from \$2.50 per day to \$3 has been defeated. It passed the House and was sent to the Senate, which for some unknown reason decided that the pay of supervisors was enough. The bill should have passed. The salary of a man competent to build roads should by all means be at least \$3 per day. It would mean better service in the matter of road building and a saving of the tax payer's money.

On Monday night, Feb. 17, the Aller Trio of Musicians will appear at the City Hall to give the last of the winter series of Lyceum numbers. The Lyceum course during the winter has been a most decided success from every view point, each number proving very entertaining. The Aller Trio comes highly recommended and should draw a record crowd.

We keep a supply of fresh vegetables in season. Muckle Grocery Co. Every sack of Yakima Best flour is guaranteed.

Mr. John Philip put ten more men to work making blocks today and will continue for an indefinite time with a full crew. He has not yet secured a contract to furnish blocks, but has every assurance of getting market for all the blocks he makes. This will give profitable employment to a number of men and will be good news to the blockmakers who have been idle for some months.

Misses Nelle and Leona Perkins entertained informally on Monday evening, in compliment to Miss Amy George who is about to leave for a visit to Panama. Those present besides the guests of honor were: Mesdames Jones, Zipperer, Rotger, W. Muckle and Misses Ada George, Beryl Muckle, Darch, Nelle and Leona Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaFare of Clatskanie are visiting at the home of his brother, H. E. LaBare.

COUNTY SALARY BILL

GOVERNOR'S PLAN TO FIX SALARIES WILL PROBABLY BE DEFEATED

Governor West's bill, in which he proposes to classify the counties so that a uniform salary will be paid to the county officers all over the state will not be able to pass the legislature if all reports are correct. A careful examination of the bill will convince anyone that it certainly should not do so in its present form. In arriving at the amounts to be paid officers the Governor has taken into consideration population, area and wealth. By this mode of figuring he has arrived at the conclusion that Harney county with less than one-third the population and less than one-fourth the wealth of Columbia county, should pay to its officers 25 per cent more than does Columbia county. Just why areas should have anything to do with the salary to be paid officers, with the possible exception of Sheriff, is hard to determine. The bill, in most instances, reduces the salaries of officers at a time when all well informed men know that most of the salaries now paid are entirely too low for the amount of work performed. For instance, the salary of the County Clerk of Columbia county is lowered \$50 per year under his bill from the amount now received by that officer. The pay of County Commissioners now is \$5 per day, while under the new bill \$3 per day is allowed in some counties, ranging from that up to \$5. Just why the time of a commissioner is worth more in a county that contains several thousand acres more of land than another county is hard to figure out. In short, the bill as proposed by the Governor to make a uniform salary for all counties is not the proper solution of the question. There should be some such bill, but as yet the proper method has not been discovered and as a result we will go on in the same way as heretofore.

J. B. Dyer has purchased the blacksmith shop of Elmer Blackburn and will conduct the business for himself hereafter.

SCAPPOOSE NOTES

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THAT THRIVING LITTLE CITY

Rev. W. H. Meyer of Portland occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church last Sunday. His many friends will be glad to learn that he will preach next Sunday morning and evening.

Portland visitors of the past week were Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. D. E. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pomeroy, Mrs. J. G. Watts.

John Stanislaw, who for some time has been working in the Farmers State Bank, has returned to his home in Nebraska to accept a position in a bank there. Mr. Stanislaw made many friends here who will extend best wishes to him.

The Northwestern Door Co.'s mill has started to cut timber. The first work is to build a road out on which teams can work at all times. The Wikstrom Lumber Co.'s mill is also in operation.

The new A. B. Chase piano has been placed in the High school room. The young people greatly enjoy and appreciate having so fine an instrument to use.

Mr. E. D. Washburn addressed the high school and upper grades in the high school room Monday morning, telling them his experiences in the Civil war and appealing to them for the need of patriotic service at the present day.

Mrs. Anna Lynch succumbed to an attack of pneumonia and other complications on Tuesday morning, Feb. 23. She had been ill for some time, but relatives and friends had hopes of her recovery until the last few days, when her strength failed and death came. Mrs. Anna Lynch was born in Tennessee on April 30, 1837. Her earlier life was spent there and in Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch came to Oregon nine years ago. After living here two years Mr. Lynch passed away. Mrs. Lynch was the mother of twelve children, eleven of whom are still living, one having died in infancy. They are: Norton, A. L., and William of Nebraska, Mrs. Esther Beebe of Warren, E. H. of Portland, Grant, J. D. and Mrs. Elizabeth McFarland of Scappoose, J. M. of Colorado, and S. E. of St. Helens. The funeral services were conducted from the Congregational church at 12 m. Thursday and interment was made in the Fairview cemetery. Mrs. Lynch was a woman of sterling worth and splendid christian character. She has been an active member of the Baptist church. She was a devoted mother and true friend to those who knew her. She will be greatly missed, not only by her relatives, but by all who knew her, for knowing Grandma Lynch meant loving her.

The 23rd day of February being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of D. W. Price and Minnie Watts Price, of Scappoose, also the birthday of Mrs. E. M. Watts, the mother of Mrs. Price. A reception and dinner was arranged for Saturday evening at that place. The Watts & Price hall was fitted up and decorated profusely with Oregon grape, ferns, carnations and cyclamen, culminating into an artistic wedding parlor in which to ring the silver wedding bells. A most excellent dinner was served in the dining room on the stage, the tables being tastefully decorated for the occasion. The children spent the evening in games and the older members of the party indulged in home folk lore and the singing of old family songs, the children interspersing with songs of today. Many beautiful wedding presents were received by Mr. and Mrs. Price, one piece having crossed the plains in 1852, it being at that time the property of Mrs. Price's grandfather, Wm. Watts. Only immediate members of the family were present.

FREE MOTION

PICTURES WEDNESDAY

"Back to the Farm" movement explained in picture lecture by C. C. Thomason next Wednesday evening Feb. 12 at the High school assembly.

Entertainment will be supplemented by first class reel of motion pictures. Miss Perkins has agreed to supply fine western "Movies."

Evening's entertainment will be free, but a silver collection will be taken to further interests of industrial work among the St. Helens school rooms.

Wednesday next, the date of this big show, has been set aside by state authorities as "Agricultural Education Day." This show is in charge of the agricultural-botany class of the high school.

Special orchestral music will be supplied.

Among the eighty fine colored slides in the illustrated lecture are those showing the old and the new in Oregon farming methods, showing Portland half a century ago and Portland today, funny cartoons drawn by a Salem convict and many pictures of Oregon boys and girls engaged in contest work.

School Officers' Meeting

The first meeting of the school officers of Columbia County was held at St. Helens last Saturday, Feb. 1, and was well attended. The officers elected for the year ensuing are: President, R. S. Hattan; vice-president, Asa Holiday; secretary, J. B. Wilkerson; assistant secretary, Mrs. Elvora Plue.

The following are the names of those who attended: T. S. White, H. McCallister, K. F. Larsen, W. R. Holmes, Ira Parcher, John E. Carlton, Omer Holmes, Paul Salmi, W. F. Rickett, G. J. Jasper, A. L. Clark, Mrs. Iva E. Dodd, Mrs. Leota Kettel, Mrs. Elvora S. Plue, Miss Leona Pinckney, Mrs. Gertrude Colwell, R. S. Hattan, Asa Holiday, N. A. Perry, W. B. Dillard, Mrs. W. B. Dillard, C. C. Thomason, Mrs. C. C. Thomason, Mrs. Effie Wilson, Mrs. Frank Brown, Miss Florence Nickerson, Fred Larson, W. H. Bumbardner, E. E. Nickerson, Supt. L. R. Alderman.

Thirty-four acting school officers attended the meeting and twenty-three school districts were represented.

It has been clearly demonstrated in other counties of the state where such conventions have been held annually for several years, that their influence upon public schools is immeasurably great.

STUDENTS TALK BASEBALL

How best to secure funds with which to purchase baseball supplies for spring use was discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the high school student body Tuesday. A committee was appointed to consider ways and means. Frank Robertson was elected baseball manager.

Notice to Bidders

Sealed bids will be received for the erection of a two-story concrete building, known as Masonic Hall, up to and including Feb. 17, 1913, according to plans and specifications on file at the office of E. E. Quick, trustee, St. Helens, Ore., and at the office of E. Kroner, architect, Worcester Bldg., Portland, Ore. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Bids to be addressed to E. E. Quick, trustee, St. Helens, Ore.

We have for sale at the Mist office all kinds of typewriter paper, carbon paper, legal blanks, legal books, etc.

HELP THE CHILDREN

SOME SUGGESTIONS TO PARENTS, TEACHERS AND CITIZENS

In every town and city there are many vacant lots growing up to weeds that might just as well be producing garden and flowers, thus adding beauty and utility to the city instead of being an eye sore. Many of these lots are owned by non-residents and others who would be glad to donate the use of them to the children. Almost every town or community has its Parent-Teacher's Circle, civic board and perhaps other organizations, and they and the school board should get together and from their membership appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to secure the use of them for the children and arrange to have them plowed and fenced, when necessary. In appointing these committees do not overlook the ladies, for in our experience we have found them adepts at such work. It would also be their duty to plan and manage the local contest, provide prizes for same and to select exhibits to be forwarded to the state fair, and to show the children how to pack, mark, enter and ship them. The teacher is not always qualified to do this work and has about all he can do beside. Then when school closes and perhaps the teacher leaves the town the children need help and encouragement which this committee can give.

In every town and city are many children who have little or nothing to do outside of school hours. No healthy child can be idle and without some direction of his activities and some provision of a proper avenue through which to vent them, they are apt to be wasted. It is not so much the fault of these children if they get into mischief and form habits of idleness, and possibly viciousness, as it is the fault of parents, guardians and others for not providing interesting and profitable employment for them. To aid in providing this employment and making it attractive and profitable is the object of the industrial contest movement inaugurated last year. To make this a perfect success it must have the co-operation of parents, teachers, school boards and all public spirited citizens, and we know of no better way in which they can help than as above suggested. Try it. Let the teacher or president of the Parent-Teachers' Circle call a meeting at once, effect an organization and report to the office of Supt. of Public Instruction, Salem, Oregon, in order that he can put you on his mailing list for bulletins, etc., and assist you in every way possible.

N. C. Maris.

REUBEN

Geo. W. Snyder and G. W. Jordan, directors of school district No. 20, attended the school officers' convention at St. Helens last Saturday.

Mrs. Clara Culp of Rhine, Wash., is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Jordan.

Miss Leslie Larson of Rainier, visited her niece, Miss Gladys Jordan, this week.

J. W. Armstrong and wife, J. M. Lindsay and wife and J. W. Patrick attended Pamona Grange at Clatskanie last Saturday.

S. T. Alexander has leased the R. R. Foster place from F. F. Knight of Dilla, Oregon, Mr. Alexander will move his family to the place soon and will begin to put in an early crop.

The entertainment at the M. E. church last Wednesday evening given by Mrs. Hawkins, of Sellwood was liberally attended and most thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Her readings were especially fine and she received hearty applause on each number.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS

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

Matt Campbell of Clatskanie was a visitor in St. Helens Tuesday.

E. E. Nickerson of Vernonia was attending the school meeting in St. Helens last Saturday.

State Superintendent L. R. Alderman of Salem was visiting in St. Helens last week and attended the school meeting.

Dr. Vie, a physician of Forest Grove, Oregon, was in St. Helens this week, looking over this city with a view of locating here.

For sale—18 fall pigs. P. C. Jacobsen, Bachelor Flat.

The Aid Society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Jeffcott, Feb. 12, to sew.

Miss Straube of Portland was the week end guest of Mrs. A. J. Peel in St. Helens last week.

Mr. Arthur Hallahan, a young man from Chicago, was visiting at the home of A. W. Mueller during the week.

State Senator J. N. Burgess of Umatilla county, and his family visited friends in St. Helens over Sunday.

W. C. Powell, formerly in the meat business at Houlton but now located at Rainier, was a business visitor in St. Helens Monday.

Sherwood & Ross have taken the agency for the Victor Victrola and will have two instruments at their store here. Also all the latest records.

The Muckle Grocery Company invites your close inspection. If you have tried Edwards Superby Dependable or M. J. B. coffee we know you are pleased. Tell others.

For Sale—Thoroughbred Wyandott cockerels, \$2.00 each. Eggs \$1.00 for setting.

R. H. Robenson, St. Helens, Ore.

For Sale—Early Rose seed potatoes.

D. Pasero, Columbia City.

Alex. Sword, Albert Woods and Ed Webster of Vernonia were in St. Helens yesterday, appearing before the county court on a school matter.

El Ball of Mayger was looking after business matters in St. Helens Thursday.

Mesdames M. J. Rutherford and L. R. Rutherford visited with friends in Portland over Sunday.

Edmund Oleen, a prominent resident of Deer Island, was transacting business in St. Helens last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lynch, mother of our townsman, S. E. Lynch, died at her home in Scappoose last Tuesday, Feb. 4th, after a protracted illness, and was buried in the Scappoose cemetery on Thursday.

Misses Alice and Anna Quick were Portland visitors during the week.

Mrs. J. George visited with friends and relatives in Portland during the week.

Little Louise Black asked six of her little friends in last Sunday to celebrate her 5th birthday. Cakes and all the good things the little folks so enjoy were served. Those present were: Alice and Elsie Blackburn, Anabel Isbister, Lewis Quam, Helen and Harry Howe.

Mrs. Rleen and children; Edgar and Helen, are visiting Mrs. Rleen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Pomeroy of Johnson Crossing, near Scappoose, visited the High school for a short

time Wednesday afternoon to confer with the agricultural-botany class regarding the school garden. He urged the careful selection of corn and potato seed and the planting of many flowers.

L. Wilson, a man about 40 years old, was arrested at Clatskanie last Sunday, charged with an attempted assault on a little 7 year old girl. A hearing was given him before Justice Snow on Monday and he was bound over and placed under \$1000 bonds, which he was unable to furnish and he is now languishing in the county jail at St. Helens.

The Oregon Traveling Library in charge of the Edworth League has been installed at the furniture store of Sherwood & Ross, and will be open each Wednesday evening. Any person unable to get there Wednesday evening may call at any other time, however, but it is the request of the management that all who can will call on Wednesdays. This is free to everyone.

The Rev. W. T. Fairchild, pastor of the M. E. church at Houlton, has recovered from his sickness and is attending to his work. There will be services at Yanpton at 11 a. m. and at Houlton at 7:30 p. m. next Sunday, Feb. 9. All are cordially invited to attend.

A very enjoyable little dancing party was given on Thursday evening at the Guild Hall by several of the High school pupils. Mr. and Mrs. Galichio furnished the music and Mrs. H. R. Cliff, Miss Niel, Mrs. C. H. John and Mrs. W. B. Dillard were patronesses.

The High school students and some other young people of St. Helens were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone at their beautiful home on the banks of the Columbia on Thursday evening, Jan. 26, the occasion being in honor of Misses Wright and McKay of Portland, who are visiting in St. Helens, also Mr. Carl Semblich of Indiana. The evening was spent in interesting games and musical numbers, after which a most dainty luncheon was served.

The tax rolls of Columbia County were turned over to the Sheriff early this week and a force of deputies is now busy receiving the money from the taxpayers. This is nearly two weeks earlier than the rolls have been turned over for years and the work of collecting the taxes will not be so strenuous in the Sheriff's office as heretofore, as much more time will be had for the work.

All kinds of job work done at the Mist office at reasonable prices. Charles Muckle, James Muckle, with his wife and daughter, and Miss Amy George will leave in a few days for a trip to Panama. They will go to New Orleans and from there to Cuba and Porto Rico, thence to the Panama Canal. After a six weeks tour among the southern countries they will return home via New York.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Alfred Peel was hostess at a thimble party at her beautiful home in St. Helens. The afternoon was spent with fancy work. Promptly at 5 o'clock a most elaborate luncheon was served. Mesdames John and Dillard presided at the tea table and Miss Straube assisted Mrs. Peel with the fees. Those present were Mesdames George, Quick, Partridge, Muckle, Over, Wm. Ross, Dillard, Wellington, Jeffcott, Thompson, Day, Rotger, Strahan, Kettel, George and Miller.