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## Disastrous Fire

### Horses, Cattle, Hay, Potatoes and Other Things Burn

A disastrous fire occurred last night at the farm of William Skuzie on Bachelor Flat when a large barn, filled with potatoes, grain, horses, cattle, farming implements and tools all burned. At midnight Mr. Skuzie was awakened by a noise as of fire and going to the door found that the barn was in flames; without taking time to dress he hurried to the barn and opened the door of the shed when a number of calves, one or two cows ran out of the burning barn; going to the horse shed he opened the door and was unable to reach the first horse and got out but was unable to go in; two fine horses were left and burned to death as were also a head of cattle, 700 sacks of potatoes, 30 tons of hay together with a large quantity of oats and plows, harrows, mowers and other implements and tools in the barn. There was no insurance on any of the property. Nothing is known as to the origin of the fire several theories are advanced; that it was the work of an incendiary; another that it was caused by an explosion of the potatoes, of this probably nothing will be known. The total loss to Mr. Skuzie will be several thousand dollars and will be a severe set back to him.

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| Methodist Episcopal Church |       |
| Sunday School              | 10:00 |
| Worship                    | 11:00 |
| Worship League             | 6:30  |
| Worship                    | 7:30  |
| Week service Thursday      | 7:30  |

**FOR SALE**—A span of horses weighing about 1100 pounds each; also heavy harness and wagon. Also a heavy wagon in good condition. A. Johnson, Warren, Ore.

**FOR SALE**—Rhode Island Cockrels, W. Bangardner, Warren, Oregon.

**FOR SALE**—Spits Pups, Apply, H. Hens, Houlton, Oregon.

100,000 Fruit trees., Write for prices. A. Holaday Scappoose.

**FOR SALE**—Confectionery and cigar store, with rooming house above, all furnished. Will sell for half value. Call at the HALF WAY HOUSE. Between St. Helens and Houlton.

## REEVES PHOTO STUDIO

A Photo studio will be opened here about October 8th in the Dr. Montgomery Building on Willamette Street, where the best class photo work of all kinds can be had at reasonable prices. We kindly request the people of St. Helens and Houlton to give us a trial. Open Sundays 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. C. S. Reeves.

Two fresh milk cows for sale. Inquire Frank Glinleck, St. Helens, Ore.

## REMOVAL NOTICE

We have moved our transfer business to our new barn just across from the school house where we will be glad to have you call on us when you wish a nice driving rig, transfer or drayage work. We carry in stock, brick, cement, sand, shingles and feed and will be glad to fill your orders promptly. Phone 15 or leave orders at Fred Watkins and your work will be promptly attended to. St. Helens Transfer Company.

**FOR SALE**—Stock farm, 160 acres, with stock and farm implements. Enquire at this office.

Partner wanted for dairy and stock business with \$1000 to \$3000 capital. Fine opportunity, for particulars enquire at this office, liberal terms. 25

## DYNAMITERS CONFESS

### James B. and John J. McNamara Admit Their Guilt

## GREAT TRIAL ABRUPTLY ENDS

### One Gets Life Sentence, Other 15 Years

James B. McNamara, who has been on trial at Los Angeles, Cal; for the past two months for murder in connection with the blowing up of the Times Building in that city on October 1st 1910, on last Friday morning changed his plea of "not guilty" to "guilty" of murder in the first degree, thus bringing to an abrupt end the most famous criminal trial of the age. On the same day his brother, John J. McNamara, changed his plea of "not guilty" to that of "guilty" of blowing up the Llewellyn Iron Works Building in the same city. On the night of September 30th James B. McNamara placed a suit case containing 16 sticks of 80 per cent dynamite under the Times Building which worked with a clock movement and was set to explode at 1 o'clock A. M. which it did and caused the death of twenty-one people employed in the building. Rewards of thousands of dollars were offered for the arrest and conviction of the murderers and Detective Wm J. Buras went to work on the matter. After several months the McNamaras and Ortie Mc Manigal were arrested in Indianapolis, Indiana, charged with the crimes. McManigal confessed shortly after his arrest but the McNamaras held out their innocence. Clarence Darrow, the greatest criminal lawyer in the United States, was employed to defend and he has spent the past two months in an apparent attempt to secure a jury. All the labor organizations of the county have made donations to the fund to defend them and it had developed into a fight between capital and labor. Attempts to bribe the jury by the defense were discovered and then the defendants, in order to save their necks, confessed to their guilt.

James B. McNamara was sentenced to imprisonment for life at San Quinton prison and John J. McNamara was sentenced to 15 years in the same prison.

## Epworth League Social

The first social given under the auspices of the Epworth League was held at Guild Hall last Friday evening. A fine lot of the young people of the city were present, and all enjoyed a good time.

The fourth department of the League, Mrs. Cronkite chairman, plans to hold socials regularly on the first Friday of each month. A business meeting of twenty to thirty minutes will usually be held after which King Mirth will rule until not later than 10:00

A telephone message to James Spence Wednesday morning from Portland informed him that his son, who had been in a hospital in Portland for some time was very low and was not expected to live through the day. Mr. Spence took the train immediately and went to his bedside. Up to the time of going to press we have not learned anything more concerning the condition of the boy.

## Congress Convenes

### Oregon Delegation Gets Busy Early

The regular session of Congress convened last Monday and President Taft submitted his message, covering the subject of Trust Regulation. The regular business was taken up, principally that of reports of investigating committees. Representative Lafferty of Oregon introduced a resolution calling for an investigation of the conduct of the Department of Justice in handling the land grant cases in Oregon.

Senator Bourne has introduced a bill for a new Post Office building in Portland and appropriating \$1,000,000 for same. He also introduced a bill to establish post roads etc.

The Oregon delegation, is getting busy early.

## TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Columbia County will hold the regular examination for applicants for State and county papers at St. Helens, as follows:

**FOR STATE PAPERS**  
Commencing Wednesday, December 30 at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, December 23 at 4 o'clock p. m.

**WEDNESDAY FORENOON**  
Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**  
Physical Geography, Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

**THURSDAY FORENOON**  
Arithmetic, Civil Government, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**  
Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

**FRIDAY FORENOON**  
Theory and Practice, Orthography English Literature.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**  
School Law, Botany, Algebra.

**SATURDAY FORENOON**  
Geometry, Geology.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**  
General History, Bookkeeping.

Subject for Thesis for Primary Certificate: Busy Work, Nature Study, and Reading in primary Grades.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 8th day of Dec., 1911.

J. H. COLLINS  
County School Superintendent.

## Weed—Kaufman

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Judson Weed near Vernonia on Thanksgiving morning, when Miss Ethel Weed was united in marriage to Riley Kaufman of Newberg, Rev. Mauer officiating.

The wedding march was played by Gertrude Weed, sister of the bride. After the impressive ring ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served, immediately after which the young couple left for Los Angeles where they will make their home.

The bride has been for the past three years a teacher in Columbia County.

The groom is a graduate of Pacific College and for the past two years has been connected with one of the leading business houses of Newberg.

**BUSINESS HOUSE FOR RENT:** The store building known as the Half Way House near the Wireless Station; also have some beds, rugs, commodes, a show case and few other articles for sale cheap. Inquire of M. F. Hazen.

## La Follette Men Busy

LaFollette Headquarters have been opened in Portland with Thomas McCusker as manager. Offices have been secured in the Lumberman's Building and activity for the Wisconsin candidate for President will commence and continue up to the time of the time of the primaries in April. Senator Jonathan Bourne is directing the movement and it is hoped by him, and other progressives, to elect LaFollette delegates to the National Convention.

## Mrs. N. A. Perry Ill

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Perry of Houlton left on Tuesday evening for Kansas City, Missouri where Mrs. Perry goes to undergo a very serious operation. She has been under the care of different physicians in Portland for over a year and after a consultation by a number of the most prominent of them it was decided to be necessary to take her to a specialist, so they have gone to Kansas City, where one of the most eminent men of the medical profession resides. The large number of friends of Mrs. Perry earnestly hope that she will stand the operation successfully and return fully recovered.

## Newell Day

On December 5, 1911, Mr. Newell Day, of Shelton, Wash., died after an illness extending over a period of five years. About three years ago Mr. Day was operated upon but never fully recovered and since then has been an invalid most of the time. Mr. Day was 63 years old and leaves a wife and seven children. Mr. J. W. Day of St. Helens, a brother of the deceased, was called to his bedside early last week and spent several days with the sick man before his death.

## Eastman vs. Eastman

Judge Eakin held an adjourned term of Circuit Court in St. Helens this week when the divorce case of Eastman vs. Eastman was tried before the Court. This case has been pending for about two years and after disposing of motions, demurrers and other dilatory pleas for that length of time and a change of attorneys for both sides about three or four different times, the issue was finally made up and tried at this time. About thirty witnesses were examined on both sides and took up the time of the Court for three days. No decision was made at this time, the matter having been taken under advisement by the Judge. Claude M. Johns was attorney for Plaintiff and Jas. P. Stapleton of Vancouver, Wash., for the defendant.

## Socialist Defeated

The fight between Job Harriman, the socialist candidate and George Alexander the Good Government candidate, for Mayor at Los Angeles last Tuesday resulted in a landslide for the Good Government Ticket. Harriman was defeated by over 35,000 votes and every other socialist candidate was defeated by about the same majority. The wets were victorious by a large majority.

## Trenholm School Seriously Injured

The third month of school at Trenholm closed Wednesday; and Thursday, about fifty people including pupils, parents, neighbors and friends met at the Cooperage Camp where they partook of an excellent Thanksgiving dinner, after which they repaired to the new school building across the street, where a fine program was rendered by the pupils of the school; the school house having been previously decorated with all kinds of Thanksgiving decorations. The pupils are worthy of the highest praise for the manner in which each rendered their part, the music and singing being exceptionally good. After arranging for a Christmas tree, and entertainment to be held at the school house on Christmas Eve, all repaired to their homes wishing (with the little girl in the poem) that Thanksgiving day come at least twice each year.

Effie Willson, Teacher.

## Ladies Aid Bazaar

The Congregationalist Ladies Aid will hold a sale of Colonial rag rugs, Irish crochet, Neckwear, Pillow slips, Aprons and other handmade articles, candy, jellies etc, at the Guild Hall on Thursday 14th of Dec. beginning at 2:30 P. M. and continuing until 9:00 P. M. Assorted sandwiches, cakes and coffee will be served cafeteria style. Sandwiches 5c cake 5c and coffee 5c. Come and have a social time and select your Christmas gifts.

## Xmas Dance

The St. Helens Orchestra, composed of Merle Wilson, Fred Morgus, Oswald Deming and Iva Wilson, have advertised a big Christmas dance in the City Hall for Saturday Dec. 23, 1911. If there is any one independent organization in the city that is deserving of the support of the people it is this orchestra. Every member of the orchestra is a student in the St. Helen High School and they have made wonderful progress in their music during the past year. In fact the class of music which they furnish is equal to most any dance orchestra that has ever played in the city. Don't forget them when their dance date comes.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Somebody left two rugs in the Mist office during the past week, presumably lost or found. However the owner can have same by calling and paying charges.

Mrs. Briggs, of Yankton, spent several days in town during the week, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Day. On Tuesday she was one of the hostesses at the Guild Tea.

Wm. M. Ross made a business trip to Salem, during the week.

The Bazaar and Chicken Pie Supper given by the Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church is in full swing as we go to press and from the looks of the crowd there wont be much chicken pie left in a short time.

Jack Black was stricken early in the week with heart and stomach troubles and has been a very sick man ever since. At present he seems to be some better but still quite sick.

B. L. Kneirien and wife of Latourelle Falls, are visiting with friends in the Warren neighborhood.

Mr. H. Van Tassel, the superintendent of the St. Helens Mill, met with a painful accident early in the week. He was walking over the dock and fell, striking his knee on a bolt, causing a bad bruise. He went on with his work for a couple of days without suffering much and thought it would not amount to anything, but swelling started in and before long blood poisoning developed and he is now confined to his bed. Arrangements were made to take him to the Hospital in Portland on Wednesday, but after a consultation between Drs. Ross and Sabin, it was found to be unnecessary and he is now being treated at home. Last reports are that his condition is much better.

Later; This, Friday, morning it was found necessary to remove Mr. Van Tassel to the hospital at Portland and he was taken up on the early train.

## Houlton Items

Wm. Mellinger is building an addition to his dwelling house.

L. H. Combs has raised his house one story.

Frank Kelly is erecting a nice little six room bungalow.

Another old sailor has answered the last call. Mr. Peter C. Steward died at the home of his son E. O. Steward Friday Dec. 1st at the age of 82 years 10 mo. and 17 days. Mr. Steward had suffered for quite a while with a tumor or growth on his side but bore the pain uncomplainingly.

The entertainment given Friday night Dec. 1st by the Houlton school was a decided success in every respect. Spences Hall was filled, even the standing room being filled, Houlton is proud of her teachers and the patrons are anxious to co-operate with them in every way they can to make this the best school we've ever had.

Wm. Skuzies barn and all its contents burned last Friday night. After he returned from the school entertainment at Houlton. This is a hard blow to Mr. Skuzie as he had nearly everything he owned in the barn and carried no insurance.

Mrs. Belford is visiting in Aberdeen, Washington this week.

The Editor of "The Mist" called attention to the lack of light at the Houlton depot, in a recent issue, which must have met with the hearty approval of all who patronize the road. We not only need better light but should have a new depot. The public toilet room is an abomination and should be a discarded public nuisance.

The residents of Trenholm and vicinity met at the old bolt camp of the Western Cooperage Co. and had a public Thanksgiving dinner, after which they all attended the exercises of the Trenholm school. Mrs. Wilson is giving splendid satisfaction as teacher.

James Edward Bayolen of Oregon City, brother in law of Joe Sobeski, is visiting his relatives in this vicinity.

From the looks of the store windows in Houlton, Santa Claus and Christmas are not very far away.

The Yankton Lodge of Red Men had their regular Thanksgiving services Sunday afternoon. Rev. Dark, of Houlton preached a sermon for them.