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Under the ordinance just passed by the council it becomes a misdemeanor for a person to own property. That, in effect, the meaning of the ordinance providing that any owner of a dog who shall permit the dog to run on the streets shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine. The regulation of dogs is very much desired and very badly needed in this city. There are too many worthless dogs running around, barking on the streets and making a great deal of noise. The people are demanding some regulation, but not to the extreme extent as provided in the ordinance just passed. Of course there is no question as to the invalidity of that portion of the ordinance making it a misdemeanor etc. for that question has been passed upon by several of the Supreme Courts in various states and held absolutely invalid. Some of the other portions of the ordinance are questionable too, so instead of passing an ordinance that would regulate the running at large of dogs and would rid the community of some of the worthless dogs, the council has passed an ordinance, a portion of which has already been tested and found invalid, the balance of which will be just the means of some expensive litigation and a whole lot of bad feelings among the inhabitants of our peaceful little city. A dog is a piece of property, valuable to some extent and the best friend any man, woman or child ever had. People who have dogs are become attached to them and would not part with them for any price. They pay taxes on them and are willing to pay any reasonable license upon them. It is just let the dog catcher get hold of one of these dogs on which taxes have been paid and kill it and see where it will end. A candid opinion publicly expressed is that the city council has gone a little too far in this matter and had better look into the situation a little further before carrying into effect the provisions of that ordinance. Then there is the ordinance requiring business houses to close at 7:30 in the evening, which is nearly and unquestionably exceeding the powers of the council. If the ordinance is construed as drawn, the confectionery stores will be put out of business, because if they are not permitted to keep open after that hour they will have to close for all time. That is just the hour when they begin to do their principal business of the day, so that it practically puts them out of business. There is a right way and a wrong way to do these things and it seems to an outsider that the council is certainly wrong on this. If they can close up a store in the week days at 7:30 o'clock they may later on require them to close at 2 o'clock, especially during the warm weather, so that the clerks can go swimming or boating. The proposed ordinance regulating the use of the streets by autos is also dangerous and should be carefully considered by the council before it is passed. The council is to be commended for its activity and desire to do things, but seriously it would seem much better if they would allow a little more time for due consideration of the ordinances

than to rush them through at lightning speed and consider them afterwards.

Less than two months from now the Fourth of July will be upon us. What will St. Helens do on that day? Last year the town was deserted and unless some effort is made pretty soon it will be deserted again this year. For a city this size with opportunities for a successful celebration such as we have, it seems almost criminal to let pass the Fourth of July without a fitting celebration. It seems that people are so thoroughly engrossed with the matter of making money that patriotism is lost sight of. Fourth of July celebrations are necessary. It is the greatest day of all days with a true American. It should be fittingly celebrated in every community and in every home. It is up to the good citizens of St. Helens to get busy. Wake up; shake off for a day the selfishness now so predominant in the modern business man, and get up a celebration that will bring credit upon the city and the citizens.

The Yankton Grange has taken the initiative in the matter of holding fairs and has already made extensive preparations for the 1913 exhibit. They are planning on the biggest exhibit ever made in the county. The county court has appropriated \$300 and the portion of the state funds for this county is \$922, which amount the Yankton Association is planning on getting. There is no particular reason why they should not get it either, for they have been the only community in the county which has worked faithfully on the fair proposition and they are in a position to hold a good fair. They are out of the way and only a limited number of people can attend their fair, but the fact remains that they are the ones to get the support in case others ask for it. Last year the fair at Yankton was a credit to the community and was entitled to much greater support from the people than it received and immediately after it has held they made a proposition to the St. Helens and Houlton people to move their fair here, provided suitable buildings and accommodations were put up at a convenient place, such as Washington Square or the base ball park. Nothing was done by our people, although urged to do so by quite a number and the Mist has several times made mention of it. Now, however, the people are beginning to wake up. A subscription list is being circulated and several hundred dollars have been subscribed for the purpose of erecting buildings and arrangements have been made with the city council to take a long time lease on Washington square, where the buildings will be placed. Washington square is a very beautiful place for the holding of a fair. It is located midway between the river and the railroad, with plenty of good shade trees and supplied with city water. If the fair should be held there it would be visited by hundreds of people more than would attend if held at Yankton. If arrangements can be made with the Yankton association to move here it would be wise to do so, and unless too much expense has already been made for the Yankton exhibit, there seems to be no doubt that those people would join in the movement to hold the fair here. At any rate the money is being raised here and the result will probably be that the fair will be held on Washington Square, and that it will be the biggest event of the kind ever held in Columbia county.

Methodist Notices

Sunday School, 10 a. m. Subject: Joseph Made Ruler of Egypt. Morning service 11 a. m. Subject: Mother's Day. Epworth League, 6:45. Subject: Jesus' Doctrine of His Own Person. Miss Weed, leader. E. T. Luther, Pastor.

LODGES

HOULTON CIRCLE NO. 478, Women of Woodcraft, meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoon of each month at Houlton. Ore. Mrs. Elsie Wikstrom, Guardian Neighbor Squawson, Ore.; Miss A. Morley, Clerk.

Columbia Encampment No. 77, I. O. O. F. meets in the I. O. O. F. Hall, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Sojourning Patriarchs most cordially invited to meet with us. G. C. Robey, Chief Patriarch. C. W. Blakesley, Scribe.

COLUMBIA HOMESTEAD No. 2456 Fraternity of American Yeomen. meets the second and fourth Wednesday night of each month at Yankton, Ore. Visiting members welcome. E. S. Hinson, Honorable Foreman. C. E. Laker, Correspondent.

MIZPAH CHAPTER, NO. 30, O. E. S. Meets in Masonic Hall the second and fourth Saturday of each month. **MARY GEORGE W. M.** **LUCY GRAY**, Secretary.

St. Helens Lodge No. 117, I. O. O. F. meets in the I. O. O. F. building, on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Visiting members are always given a hearty welcome. Chas. B. Eler, N. G. J. W. Allen, Sec.

Avon Lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias meets every Tuesday evening in Castle Hall, St. Helens. Visiting Knights always welcome. M. E. Miller, C. C. Harold Ross, K. of R. & S.

ST. HELENS LODGE NO. A. F. & A. M. Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. U. W. Clark, Master; R. E. Quirk, Secretary.

United Artisans, Assembly No. 80, meets first and third Saturdays of each month at K. of P. Hall, St. Helens. Officers: M. A. John, Pringle; Sup't, Mrs. Lizzie Robinson; Sec, Mrs. Mahel Bill; Treas., R. H. Robinson. All visiting Artisans are cordially invited.

CHURCHES

Houlton M. E. Church
 Houlton, first and third Sundays. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. T. Fairchild at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Lord's Day at 10 a. m. Mr. David Cole, Supt.

Yankton, second and fourth Sundays. Preaching by Rev. W. T. Fairchild at 11 a. m. Union Sunday school at 11 a. m.

Warren—Preaching at 3 p. m. on first and third Sundays of each month. Trenholm and other points week nights.

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