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Insinuations of corruption on the part of the County Court and its advisers, with editorials commenting on the apparent ignorance of the law by these officials, have been made concerning the action of the County Court in refusing to order a local option election for the City of Clatskanie last month. It was openly charged by some of the most enthusiastic friends of the "dry" side of the question that the County Court and the District Attorney's office were in collusion with the liquor men in preventing an election on the question of prohibition in that city, when as a matter of fact the court was acting solely upon its construction of the law. As to whether or not Clatskanie would be dry or wet, the County Court had no choice as a court, nor did any one else officially who acted on the matter, but the recent decision of the Supreme Court has completely vindicated these officers in the stand they took. That an election could not be held on the local option question at any other time than in November was the stand taken by the county court, while the eminent attorneys, so called by the Clatskanie Chief, were advising the people of that city that an election could be held in April. Judge Eakin of the Circuit Court took the same view as did the dry interests there, but the Supreme Court takes the opposite view. This article is not written with any intent to take sides on the liquor question at Clatskanie, for this paper is no more interested in that matter than was the county court, but just to show the people that there are always two sides to a question, especially when the question is one of the construction of a statute, and that because the court or other officers do not agree with the one side or the other that they are not necessarily corrupt and doing things at the request or paid service of any one clique or interest. That the officers were acting in entire good faith has never been questioned by the fair minded people, but a few of the over enthusiastic prohibitionists have made some unwarranted and unjust attacks which are not borne out by the facts.

It is an easy matter for one to sit back and give advice, offer suggestions and make criticisms of the action of the city council, and much of this is being done by the people of the city, including the Mist. When it comes to the actual work of planning out improvements in the city, spending the people's money and levying assessments on property to pay for the same, the office of councilman is anything but a sinecure. It is one of the impossibilities for a council to please everybody, when it is doing anything at all, and that the present council is doing something is very clearly evidenced by reading the columns of this paper this week. Nearly the entire city is to be supplied with a sewerage system, an improvement absolutely necessary for the preservation of the public health and safety. Thousands of dollars will necessarily be spent in these improvements and no doubt many people will have a kick coming over the expense. But when the work is done the kicking will all be over and instead of knocks there will be praise for the officials who ordered the work, that is, always provided that the work is done properly and the prices paid for it are just and right.

While the council is on the matter of improvements attention is called to another matter that could be done at small cost and which would be thoroughly appreciated by the public generally. The streets of the city which have been improved by grading and macadamizing should be oiled. This would preserve the macadam and prevent the dust from blowing. Some method could be and should be devised by the council so that this much needed work would be accomplished. Some arrangement could probably be made with the property owners by the city for paying at least a portion of the cost and it would certainly be a good investment for the city to purchase an oiling apparatus so that not only the roads and streets already improved could be preserved, but improvements on other streets, when made, would be made permanent.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF SEWER IMPROVEMENT

Whereas, the common council of the city of St. Helens, Oregon, did, on the 26th day of May A. D. 1913, pass an ordinance declaring its intention to improve sewer district No. 3 of said city, by constructing a sewer therein, which said sewer district No. 3 is included and entirely embraced within the following described boundaries, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the south line of Willamette street with the east line of Winter street, in St. Helens, Oregon, running thence westerly along the south line of Willamette street, 600 feet to the center of Hemlock street; thence northerly on the center line of Hemlock street, 196 feet; thence westerly 140 feet to the corner of lots 2, 3, 20 and 21, block 60; thence southerly along the center line of said block 58; thence westerly and parallel with Willamette street, 140 feet to the center of Walla Walla street; thence northerly on the center line of Walla Walla street 620 feet to the center of Wyeth street; thence easterly along the center of Wyeth street, 140 feet; thence northerly and parallel with Walla Walla street, 272 feet; thence easterly and parallel with Wyeth street 100 feet to the west line of Hemlock street; thence northerly along the west line of Hemlock street 446 feet to the center line of West street; thence westerly along the center line of West street 240 feet to the center of Walla Walla street; thence northerly on the center line of Walla Walla street 214 feet; thence easterly and parallel with West street 140 feet to the corner of lots 3, 4, 19 and 20, in Block 4 of Columbia Park, now a part of St. Helens; thence northerly and parallel with Walla-walla street, 174 feet to the corner of lots 6, 7, 16 and 17 of said block 4; thence easterly and parallel with West street, 140 feet to the center of Hemlock street; thence northerly on the center line of Hemlock street 290 feet, more or less, to the north line of Columbia Park; thence easterly on the north line thereof, 840 feet to the center line of Oak street; thence southerly along the center line of Oak street 678 feet to the center line of West street, thence westerly on the center line of West street 40 feet, thence southerly and parallel with Oak street 214 feet, thence westerly and parallel with West street, 100 feet to the common corner of lots 8, 9, 14 and 15 in block 30 of St. Helens, thence southerly and parallel with Oak street 544 feet to the south line of wyeth street, thence westerly on the south line of Wyeth street 100 feet to the northwest corner of block 31 of St. Helens, thence southerly along the west line of block 31, 718 feet to the place of beginning, containing 198 lots.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, that on Monday, June 16th, 1913, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p. m. of said day, a meeting will be held by the common council of said city, at the council chamber in the city hall of the said city of St. Helens, for the purpose of hearing any and all complaints by or on the part of any and all property owners within the limits of said sewer district, and all persons whose property is so affected shall have the right and they are hereby notified to appear at said time and place, and make and file their objections to the location of the boundaries of the said district or make other objections to such improvement.

E. E. Quick,
Recorder of the City of St. Helens, Ore.
Dated May 20th, 1913.

Ordinance No. 149

An ordinance declaring the intention of the common council of the city of St. Helens, Oregon, to establish a sewer system within sewer district No. 6 of said city and the necessity therefor; showing location of said district; the material out of which the said sewer shall be constructed; appointing appraisers

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LODGES

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

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G. C Robey, Chief Patriarch.
C. W. Blakesley, Scribe.

COLUMBIA HOMESTEAD No. 2456 Brotherhood 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 Lake, Correspondent.

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MARY GEORGE, W M.
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Chas. Beeler, N. G.
J. W. Ades, Sec.

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Harold Ross, K. of R & S

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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'nt, Mrs Lizzie Robenson; Sec, Mrs. Mabel Bill; Treas., R. H. Robenson. All visiting Artisans are cordially invited.

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