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A law was passed in 1911 making it a misdemeanor for a person to enter a car or train in an intoxicated condition, or to drink liquors thereon. For the first time since the passage of the law, Deputy Sheriff Lake last Saturday morning arrested a man by the name of Burns at Houlton and brought him to St. Helens to answer the charge. He was placed in jail where he took a delightful sleep for the greater part of the day and was then taken before Justice of the Peace Watkins where he entered a plea of guilty and received a fine. This law is being violated nearly every day in nearly every county in the state and should be more strictly enforced. There is no more disgusting sight to be imagined than that of a drunken man or crowd of men in a crowded car where people must see them drinking and hear them using vile language. Railroad companies should instruct their conductors to see that the law is enforced so that respectable people may ride on their trains without being insulted and having to associate with drunken rowdies.

Next Monday evening there will assemble at the school house a crowd of people. A crowd consisting of perhaps 20 or 30 voters in the school district. A nomination will be made for director, perhaps two or possibly three nominations; a ballot will be taken and somebody will be elected as director for the coming three years. Then a nomination will be made for clerk, not very apt to be more than one nomination, although it is possible that two persons will be nominated, a ballot will be taken and a clerk will be elected. A motion will be made that the meeting adjourn, which motion will promptly carry and the annual school meeting is over. With the annual meeting over, a great majority of those people who attended and voted will go home with a clear conscience, nappy in thought that a full duty has been performed. That is a fair example of a school meeting in a majority of the districts, especially in this one at St. Helens. Year after year the same routine is carried out, with the possible exception of a contested election more for political effect than for any other purpose, and very few people really know anything about the school affairs of the district. Let us offer a suggestion to the school board for a programme next Monday: Open the school house at 8 o'clock in the morning and let some member of the board, or clerk or other person acting for them be at the building all day; have all the rooms open for inspection, all day; have the books of the clerk with a complete report in charge of the person there so that electors may see the exact condition of affairs; show the people through the building, let them see the library; explain to them the value of the modern sanitary heating and ventilating system; make it a point to let the people see what is being done in school matters. Then it is up to every person, or at least a representative from every family, to go there and make an inspection so that when the meeting is called to order in the evening intelligent sugges-

tions can be made. The people talk over with the directors the needs and improvements that could or should be made. By doing this a much more satisfactory meeting can be had. The officers and people will have a better understanding with each other. There will not be so many kicks without foundation, for it is a well known fact that a large majority of the kickers do not kick from any knowledge, but from a fancied grievance. There would be so much more harmony in school matters and a better school would result. Let us make the meeting next Monday a get-together-meeting and see if we can't have more harmony in matters pertaining to the school.

That flag on the St. Helens school house might easily pass for a relic of the Battle of Bull Run.

St. Helens is a progressive town. The population has increased at a rapid rate during the past few years. There is a pay roll far above the average pay rolls in towns of this size. There are industries here employing many hundreds of men. New buildings are going up; streets are being improved; sewers are being constructed, and there is an air of prosperity and progress in all lines in the city. It is just the natural advantages of location and transportation that makes us grow. The city is doing no advertising and is doing nothing to induce other industries to locate here. There is absolutely nothing like a commercial organization. The business men of the city seem to have adopted as their slogan "Root Hog or Die" and a spirit of selfishness seems to predominate. There are opportunities for getting other factories to locate here; to increase the already large pay roll; to stimulate the building of more and better homes. We have everything to offer, but nobody to offer it to. We are just drifting along allowing all these opportunities to pass while other towns are using every effort to grow. Other places are spending money, real money, to get in touch with prospective settlers and manufacturers. The Mist has harped on the necessity for the organization of a good club for several years without result. Nobody has the time nor the inclination to join a club, offer suggestions, pay 50 cents or do anything else toward boosting the city. Everything seems to be all right; everybody is making a living; we don't need anything else here. Let well enough alone. Last Sunday the Portland Press Club, a club consisting of newspaper men, arrived in St. Helens on a trip of inspection, and when they got here there was no official meeting by an organization, but just a few private citizens in a private capacity took it upon themselves to see that the Press Club was shown over the city and properly entertained. When any proposition comes up for advertising the city, attending meetings of development clubs, etc., St. Helens is never there. Nothing is ever attempted in the way of putting St. Helens on the map.

For goodness sake let us wake up so that we may be in a position to take advantage of the opportunities that come anyway, whether we go out for them or not. Let us have a live Commercial organization in the city. A meeting of the business interests once in a while. A place fitted up where visitors can be properly taken care of. Start a Booster Club consisting of every property owner and business man in the city and then boast all the time and you will see that it will be the best paying investment you have made in the city.

Have your pictures taken now at the photo tent west of court house. We will remain here till June 12. Have the farm residence photographed. We go into the country. Photographer Welch.

ODGES

HOULTON CIRCLE NO 4/8, Women of Woodcraft, meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoon of each month at Houlton, Ore. Mrs. Elva Wikstrom, Guardian Neighbor Scappoose, Ore.; Munnie 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.
G. 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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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. Clever, N. G.
J. W. Allen, Sec.

Avon Lodge No 62 Knights of Pythias meets every Tuesday Evening in the 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 3d Saturday in each month. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. U W Clark, Master; E. E. Quick, 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 Robenson; Sec, Mrs. Mabel Bill; Treas., R. H. Robenson. All visiting Artisans are cordially invited.

—CHURCHES—

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Yankton, second and fourth Sundays. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Union Sunday school at 11 a. m.

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