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## TAX CASES DECIDED IN FAVOR OF THE COUNTY

### Steamer Merced is Wrecked

Popular St. Helens Vessel a Total Loss off California Coast

DRIVEN ON ROCKS BY STRONG CURRENT

The beautiful new steam schooner Merced is being taken to pieces on the rocks off the California coast, having been wrecked last Wednesday night. The boat was coming up the coast from San Francisco with 20 passengers and a cargo of cement. While running close to the shore to avoid the heavy winds and to save several hours, a strong current unexpectedly struck her and she was driven on a rock. The S. O. S. signal was flashed by wireless and before very long other boats ar-

Asplund, an old and experienced sea captain. She was one of the most popular boats on the coast run, her cabin and rooms being fitted up with the very latest and best fixtures. There was perhaps no boat on the coast with such fine furniture and so well fitted up for the convenience and comfort of the passengers.

St. Helens people were proud of the Merced, as being one of the two finest boats of the class ever



THE STEAM SCHOONER MERCED

ived and succeeded in taking off the passengers without any loss of life. Capt. and Mrs. Asplund being among the last to leave. The last reports are that there is no chance to save the ship and that it will be a total loss.

The Merced was built in St. Helens and launched only last January. She had been on the run only a short time, during which she was under the command of Captain

turned out on the Pacific coast. She was manufactured out of Columbia County fir and was a St. Helens product. The Charles R. McCormick Co. owned and operated the Merced. Another boat is almost ready to launch and the wrecking of the Merced will perhaps cause extra effort to be made to get the new Celilo in shape to take the place of the wrecked vessel.

### A FISH CANNERY

OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE GOOD CANNERY FOR ST. HELENS

While John R. Beagle of Ketchikan, Alaska, was in St. Helens last Saturday he gave out the information that he was looking over the prospects of putting in a fish cannery at St. Helens. He is now, and has been for several years, operating a cannery at his home town in Alaska, but thinks there is a chance to move his cannery here and live in Oregon, where he lived for so many years. He conferred with several fishermen and left representatives to talk with the other fellows whom he did not see, and if enough fish can be secured to warrant him in operating he will move his plant to St. Helens. There is now an average of 300 tons of fish caught and marketed

at St. Helens, so with even a goodly portion of this catch sold to a local cannery the added impetus given the business by the the location of a cannery right here, he thinks, a good business could be established. This is a good location for such an enterprise and with proper encouragement it will be here.

### Congregational Church

A church home for strangers and friends. Regular services every Sunday as announced.

Bible School 10 a. m. 11 a. m. The pastor is preaching a series of discourses of "The Teaching of Christ." Next Sunday is number two in the series, "Christ's Estimate of His Audience." 7:30 p. m. Song service and sermon. Wednesday 7:30 p. m. midweek service of song and Bible study. Everybody welcome. Rev. F. J. Meyer, Pastor.

### Who's Who In Houlton

Many of the Leading Business Men All Lines and What They are Doing

Oliver, Oliver & Plummer constitute the personnel of Houlton's leading mercantile enterprise. They are successors to the firm White & White, whom Oliver & Oliver bought out the 25th of last February. They deal in general merchandise and farm implements, flour and feed etc. They carry a splendid stock of groceries, dry goods, furniture, stoves and kitchen ware, shoes, hats, furnishings and accessories of all kinds for both sexes. The store is stocked from end to end and floor to ceiling, and the second story contains furniture, lounges, beds and bedding, and complete home furnishings of every description. They are kept as busy as bees and enjoy an excellent trade which is constantly growing. Prior to launching out in this line H. O. Oliver and Iris W. T. Oliver were farming near town. They have lived around here all their life practically, in fact, went to school together at Yankton and hence are well known and know everybody. Mrs. Oliver was a Miss Tarbel in her school girl days, and is an excellent store keeper and saleslady who enjoys a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances. They have worked hard, saved and been successful. Mr. B. I. Plummer bought in the first of last September. He likewise is well known in this part of the country and spent several years in the Yankton settlement. He was a prominent butcher in St. Helens years ago for some time. He is a man well known for his integrity and takes an active part in the M. E. church, and it might further be added that Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are also live active members and workers in the same denomination and church. T. S. White, clerk, the former proprietor, was hired for a day when they bought him and his partner out, and they have been kept on the gallop so steadily that he is still with them. It might also be noted here that Oliver, Oliver & Plummer have just had issued their fine New Year calender which consists of a very beautiful family group picture elegantly printed on a large sized card with the name of the firm printed at the top, the picture in the center, and the months of the year at the bottom. This is one of the nicest New Year's souvenirs in the form of a calender the writer has seen in his travels and after the year is past and gone the picture is still a pretty keepsake. They are buyers of farm produce and every farmer around here is pretty sure of finding a market at this store the year around for his garden truck and produce. They make deliveries when necessary all over the town and surrounding country. An item that should not be overlooked is the \$25 phonograph which this firm is now selling for \$10. They carry the latest records, and everyone can have an entertainment in the home by having one of these late models in phonographs. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are enterprising and thoroughly go-ahead business people, and their store is the busiest one the writer has been in during

his stay in this section of the country. They are liberal advertisers and scarcely will one pick up a paper when he does not see something about Oliver, Oliver & Plummer, merchants of Houlton, and what they have to sell. It is said of Wanamaker that the first day he opened up in business in Philadelphia that he took in some thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents. He kept the fifty cents for change and spent the rest in advertising to let the people know about his business. Everybody that reads this article will know that Oliver, Oliver & Plummer are in business at Houlton, and will know as well that they sell groceries, dry goods, hardware and farm implements and machinery, also furniture, in fact, everything nearly that the farmer needs and at right prices.

The "healing art" is one of the noblest and most important of callings, and those who adopt it should be at once learned, of sound judgment, energetic and philanthropic in disposition. Their reward is not always money, but the silent endeavors of charity lend an additional charm to the profession which cares for the physical well being of the whole human race. Prominent in this line is the subject of this sketch, Dr. Usher has made a deep study of magnetic healing, which is the method the Great Master and his students applied by the "laying on of hands" and speaking the words of health to the sick of their day. He has been studying at the feet of great scientific teachers just the same as the early Apostles sat at the feet of the Master for three years and were able to go out and apply the same Natural Laws for the healing of all manner of diseases the same as their Lord and Master, who said "As ye go, heal the sick," etc. The Great Master always demonstrated, exhibited power. He taught that those who should teach and preach should do as he did. Those whom God calls he qualifies, and those who are qualified as the Master and disciples are called. Mr. Usher believes in the applied laws of Nature, and in the "Gospel of the Kingdom," not in the theory, but in "Applied Christianity." He is a very prominent Odd Fellow, and a member of the Maccabees, the Beavers and the Socialists, the latter which believe like the "early disciples" of "everything in common, at least what is commonly used to be commonly (or publicly) owned, and what is privately used to be privately owned. He is a herald of the New Age that has dawned.

The Houlton Hotel, Livery and Transfer is conducted by N. O. Larabee, who has operated the enterprise since last spring. He is kept on the gallop most all the time and is a hustler. He came here three years ago and started in the timber, logging and wood business. The hotel he renovated from floor to ceiling on both the first and second stories, and added several hundred dollars worth of improvement.

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### Judge Eakin Holds that Special Levy was Regular

MEANS \$20,000 TO THE COUNTY

Last Wednesday Judge Eakin handed down a decision in the so-called tax cases. These cases, six of them, were filed during the summer to prevent the sheriff and county court from collecting the taxes levied by the various road districts as special taxes and the complaints were based on the theory and proposition that the levy was not properly certified to the clerk and that some slight mistakes were made in the records of the meetings where the levies were made. They also contended that the law authorizing the levying of special taxes was unconstitutional because in providing for the qualification of voters at these meetings the law also permitted other than the ordinary legal voter to vote; for instance, at that time, women. A second contention by them was that the returns of the meetings as sent to the clerk were so worded that it indicated that persons who owned property in the district, although they

were non-residents, might have taken part in the proceedings. The G. K. Wentworth Co., the Portland Lumber Co., Peninsula Lumber Co., Columbia Timber Co., Hammond Lumber Co., and Louis Beirl were plaintiffs, and several other companies had stipulated that they would abide the decision of the court in these cases. District Attorney Tongue filed demurrers to each and every one of these complaints and argued them about two months ago, and it was upon these demurrers that the whole question rested. Judge Eakin, after making a most exhaustive and comprehensive study of the legal questions involved sustained the demurrers, which means that these companies will have to pay their taxes, together with penalty and interest, all of which will amount to approximately \$20,000 to the county. It is not considered probable that the cases will be appealed.

### CIRCUIT COURT OPENS

GRAND JURY DRAWN AND ARE BUSY AT WORK

PENDER CASE ON OCTOBER 29

Circuit Court met here last Tuesday and the Grand Jury drawn, but no cases were on trial this week. The Grand Jury consists of C. N. Davidson, W. E. Eversaul, Albert Freeman, Harvey S. Glenn, Forbes L. Hedges, Jos. Norwood, and John Dolan. They are working on the many criminal cases held for investigation. It will perhaps be some time next week before a report is made. Next Monday the trial jury will be here again and the trial of criminal cases will start and continue for several weeks. The Pender trial, which was set for the first day of the term, was on motion of John F. Logan, attorney for Pender, continued until Oct. 29th, when it will start and will be finished before any other cases can be taken up. Civil cases will follow the criminal cases. During the week Judge Eakin has been hearing motions, demurrers, etc., and handing down decisions which he has had under advisement, principal of which was the case of several Timber Companies vs. the county to test the validity of the special road taxes levied last fall. A few divorce cases were also heard and decided by the Judge. It is probable that the court will remain almost constantly in session here until the latter part of November.

We notice some kick is being made at the length of time it takes wood to be delivered in Houlton, and we will say to our brethren that if they had Elmer Blackburn, the St. Helens delivery man, to take their orders they would be promptly filled and delivered. There is no delay when he gets an order, provided the order is O. K.

### NEW ENTERPRISE FOR ST. HELENS

EASTERN CAPITALISTS WILL ERECT BUILDING FOR AUTO BUSINESS

For several weeks a deal for St. Helens property has been pending, which this week has been consummated to such an extent that a considerable sum has been paid on it to insure the transfer. The property sold is the two lots facing the Plaza on the west side of Columbia street and known as the Ansonge lot and one of the Meeker lots. The buyers are some Portland and Eastern capitalists who have been looking over the country for a location in which to build a large garage, repair shop and sales room for Ford and Studebaker automobiles. They have selected St. Helens as the most desirable place, being close enough to Portland and on a good road and a place where rents and overhead expenses will not eat up all the profits. They will begin the erection of a two-story concrete building 85x125 on these lots within a short time and will operate a complete repair shop, garage and sales room, occupying both floors themselves. It will be the most complete automobile house in the state outside of Portland.

### Notice

Columbia County Pomona Grange will meet with Yankton Grange Nov. 1st. This meeting is of great importance to all Grangers as there will be resolutions of great interest introduced at this meeting. All come.

R. N. Lovelace, Master of Pomona.

On the 29th of October the Spooks will appear at the City Hall, accompanied by Witches, Apparitions and Goblins, so you better watch out for them. They will bring with them something good to eat for everybody that attends.