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The decision of Judge Eakin this week on the road tax cases means that those big companies who were seeking to evade payment of special road taxes, will find themselves in the same position as the balance of us, that the taxes must be paid, and to their sorrow they will also be compelled to pay the penalty and interest. Perhaps no decision of the Courts for a long time has met with so much favor and favorable comment by citizens in all parts of the county as has this one. The idea of the farmers, the merchants, the mill men and a majority of the timber owners having paid their taxes without a murmer and these fellows with offices in Portland Chicago and other places trying to get out of their portion because some clerk of a road district failed to dot an i or cross a t in his records, was too much for the ordinary mortal to stand. Judge Eakin was right when he said that a minor defect in such proceedings, where the intent of the voters was plain, would not be a sufficient cause in his court for the defeat of the peoples wishes, nor would it be cause for any company or person to evade the payment of its or his proportion of the taxes along with the farmer and the merchant. It was a little experiment on the part of some of these companies but it has and will prove quite an expensive one.

Shall there be created out of Houlton and St Helens on the 5th of November, the largest, most progressive, up-to-date, beautiful citiy in Columbia County or shall there remain the two municipalities with the attendant cat hauling, squabbling and petty jealousies as now? That question will be settled by the voters of the two cities on that date and there should be only one answer to the question. Putting aside some personal reasons advanced by a few people of both places why consolidation should not carry, and looking at it from a public policy standpoint, there seems to be no logical reason why there should be more than one city on the territory now covered by the two, with only one city government the expenses would be much lighter, more improvements could be made, the water system could be extended, fire protection would be afforded both places, new depot buildings and better shipping opportunities for all the citizens. In short there is every reason in favor of the proposition.

There may be some reason for the administration in delaying definite action on the Mexican situation, but if so, it is not apparent to the average citizen. Nearly every day the big papers contain the news that another crisis has been reached, and still the muderers continue to murder and the robbers continue to rob. American citizens are running for their lives; citizens of other contries are demanding protection, and John Lind remains in in Mexico with an apparent hope of adjusting the affairs some way without forcible action, while President Wilson and Sec. Bryan are holding conferences. At this distance it would seem that more definite action than hoping and conferring would be necessary before the crisis is passed.

The proposition of John Beegle to put in a cannery in St Helens should meet with the hearty approval of every citizen of the community. There is ample room and opportunity for such an enterprise. The average catch of salmon in and adjacent to this city is from 300 to 400 tons per season, and with a cannery here to care for the salmon this catch would without a doubt be increased, besides drawing from fisherman up and down the river a greater distance. It would be a good thing for the city and a better thing for the fishermen besides being a paying investment for Mr. Beegle.

REUBEN

Mrs. Jesse Shultz of Beaver Valley visited with her sister-in-law Mrs. G. W. Jordan last week.

Miss Laura Alexander is attending the High School in Portland.

J Butterworth and family have arrived in town from Ilwaco Wash. and will occupy one of Frank Welters houses for the winter.

Henry Miller and son Henry Jr. left here Sunday for a visit to their old home at Sarena, Ill.

Pearl Hill of Indianpolis, Ind. is visiting with his brother Wesly Hill of Red Town.

Mrs. M. Willoughby of Seaside arrived Sunday for a visit of a month with her mother Mrs. Jane Zenar and her sister Mrs. S. Alexander.

J. B. Kenny, G. C. Fowler, Frank Bishop and J. M. Lindsay were passengers for St Helens this morning.

Improvement Co.

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$100, with the very easy terms of $10 down and $10 per month, no savings bank can possibly bring you such returns. Lots lay well, are easily drained and are 50x100.

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Farms—We have several very good buys for the man who wants a good tract of land on which he can make a good living and at the same time see the value of his property increase steadily. In Mountain View we have several good ten acre tracts left. This land is very productive, being a part of one of the best farms in Columbia County. It is situated close to Warren, Ore., on the S. P. & S. R. R., less than an hours ride from Portland. Good schools and churches near. County road to Portland runs through the place. Good markets for all kinds of produce in St. Helens and Portland markets. We are selling these tracts at $100 per acre and up, 20 per cent. down and 20 per cent. each year with the extremely low rate of 6 per cent. interest on deferred payments. Mountain View is now thickly settled with a very desirable class of people, and is destined to be the "garden spot" of Columbia County.

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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.

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, sojourneying Patriarchs most cordially invited to meet with us.

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 we'come.
E. S. HINSON, Honorable Foreman
C. E. LAKE, Corre-pon lent.

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

Avon Lodge No 62 Knights of Py-thias, 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 3d Saturday in each month. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. U W Clark, Master; E. E. Quick, 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. Beeler, N. G.
J. W. Allen, Sec.

United Artisans, Assembly No. 80, meets first and third Saturdays of each mouth at K. of P. Hall, St. Helens, officers: M. A., Mrs. Lizzie Roberson; Sup'nt, Mrs. Isbester; Sec, Mrs Mabel Bill; Treas., J. Bill All visiting Artisans are cordially invited.

—CHURCHES—

Houlton M.E. Church—First and third Sundays—Preaching at 11 a. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. H. O. Oliver, Supt. Epworth League, Wm. H. Smith, president, meets every Sunday evening at 7:30, preceeded by a song service of twenty minutes conducted by the pastor. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30.

Yankton—Preaching on second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Leader of class, Mr. Carl K. Olsen.

Warren—Preaching at 3 p. m. on first and third Sundays of each month.

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W. T. Fairchild, Pastor.

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