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A water system costing \$50,000 supplying St. Helens and Houlton with the purest of mountain water for household purposes and giving to St. Helens adequate fire protection is now in operation. The water commission, composed of some of the leading business men of St. Helens, has decided on some extensions for the betterment of the service, which extension depends entirely upon the result of the vote tomorrow on the question of consolidation of the two cities. The present water supply is sufficient to accommodate about 10,000 people and the present pipes are large enough to carry the water for that number. At the City Hall in this city there is an average pressure of 85 pounds, sometimes running up to considerably more. At convenient places along the streets are placed fire hydrants. There are small pipes leading to Houlton and to the fast growing suburb, South St. Helens. If the two cities are consolidated and Houlton becomes a part of this city, a main pipe line will be taken out near the Harris place above Houlton and run down along Milton Creek to Houlton, laterals will be extended around the town and fire hydrants will be placed at the street corners, thereby giving Houlton the same water service and fire protection that St. Helens now has. Fire protection is a great thing too. Since the excellent water system was installed in this city the property saved from fire alone by the use of the water, has amounted to considerably more than the cost of the entire system.

Houlton is sadly in need of some sewers. So is that portion of St. Helens lying to the south of St. Helens street and west of Winter street. The people of that district could, and no doubt would, petition for a sewer district that would drain nearly all of Houlton and a portion of St. Helens, with the outlet in Frogmore. The cost of sewerage is considerable, but the method employed in this city makes it very easy on the property owner. For instance, three lots in sewer district No. 2 were assessed \$105 for sewer improvements. The sewer is already in and connections are made. The property owner signed an agreement that he would pay one tenth of the amount each year for 10 years, with 6 per cent interest on deferred payments. Is there a property owner in the city who would not pay \$10 or \$12 a year for good sewer connection?

There is in prospect now the very best year for building and general progress for this city that was ever known. The city is going to go ahead as never before. Industries are looking this way, in fact, some of them have already secured sites, and St. Helens is going to grow very fast. A considerable portion of that growth is going toward Houlton. The imaginary line between the two cities will be lost sight of and one greater, better town will enjoy the benefits arising from a general progress and prosperity than will the two towns, divided and torn by financial and selfish grievances. There is every reason why the cities should consolidate and no

reason for not doing so. It is a case of everything to gain and nothing to lose. It means more for Houlton than it does for St. Helens, but it means enough for St. Helens to warrant all up-to-date, live, progressive citizens to go to the polls tomorrow and vote Yes.

On another page will be found a call for a mass meeting of the citizens of St. Helens to discuss the dock question. This meeting should be attended by every tax payer in St. Helens. The ultimate decision of the meeting should by all means favor the erection of a public dock, regardless of the location. The location will probably be the sticking point with a number of people, some holding that the dock should be where the Strand is, near the foot of Cowlitz street, while others want it at the foot of St. Helens street, and still others who suggest the foot of Willamette street. The Cowlitz street location is in litigation and no doubt will be for some time yet. If that litigation should finally result in favor of the city, after that it would take quite a long time to get the buildings removed and the place made suitable for docks. The St. Helens street location is only a block from Cowlitz street and when the post office is moved to its new location, would only be a trifle more than one-half a block from the post office and only a block from what is now the business portion of the city. St. Helens street is 95 feet wide, while the other streets are 80 feet wide. The bluff at the foot of St. Helens street furnishes an ideal site for a double deck dock, if necessary, or a single dock either. The Willamette street location is a little too far removed from the business part of town and would be more expensive to build. So it would seem that St. Helens street would be the logical place for the dock, but whatever the location, the building of the dock is the important question and that should be decided favorable regardless of the location.

The City of Salem was voted dry at the recent election. The City of Rainier met the same fate at the same election. At Salem the election board was appointed by the County Court. At Rainier the election board was not appointed by the County Court. The liquor men in both places have started suit to have the election declared void. At Salem one of the principal reasons assigned by them is that the County Court appointed the election board. At Rainier one of the principal reasons assigned is that the County Court did not appoint the election board. Pretty hard to please some folks.

NOTICE

To The Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Helens, Oregon:

We, the undersigned property owners of real estate in the east side of block 46 and the west side of block 45, in said City of St. Helens hereby petition your Hon. body to improve or cause to be improved all that portion of Summer street in said city lying between Wyeth street and West street to be improved by grading the same through the center thereof, 24 feet in width, and covering the grade for a width of 16 feet with crushed rock, eight inches in depth in the center and gradually reduced to 4 inches at the edges. And your petitioners will ever pray.

T. B. Lott, lots 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, block 46.
J. Skuza, lots 15, 16, block 46.
L. Dupont, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, block 45.
John Rubens, lots 8, 9, 10, 11, block 45.
Pete Felton, lots 17, 18, 19, block 46.
G. F. Robertson, lot 1, block 45.

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.

Columbia Encampment No. 77, I. O. G. F. meets in the I. O. G. 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.

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 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. 117, I. O. G. F. Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. U. W. Clark, Master; E. R. Quick, Secretary.

St. Helens Lodge No. 117, I. O. G. F. meets in the I. O. G. 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 month at I. O. G. F. Hall, St. Helens.

Officers: M. A., Mrs. Lizzie Roberson; Sup't, Mrs. Isbester; Sec, Mrs. Mabel Bill; Treas., J. Bill. All visiting Artisans are cordially invited.

Court St. Helens, No. 80, meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in K. of P. Hall.

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