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There is a general tendency and desire on the part of all officers and tax payers to reduce taxes. The levies are so high that it is really a burden on a great many people, in fact all of them, to pay the taxes. There must be some way to effect a reduction, but just how is a question that is as yet unsolved. That a material reduction could be made in several instances is quite apparent. As an instance of leakage in Columbia County there is the game law enforcement which is a source of expense to the county with no chance of getting even. The laws are so framed that the county pays the expenses and gets none of the income from these violations. If a man is arrested for game violations and brought before a Court for trial and is convicted the fines collected go to the State game fund, and is used principally to pay the salaries of several high priced wardens, hatchery superintendents, biological or some other official mythical office, political debts etc., while if the man is acquitted, which is the result in a great majority of cases, the county is left to foot the bill of Justice fees, Constable fees, witness fees, jurors fees, and all costs.

The inequality of the game laws and the peculiar manner in which the county is placed, makes the necessary expenditure of a good many dollars during the year for Columbia County and, while this one little item does not amount to such as would cause a very decided decrease in the taxes, it is one of several matters that would help materially along this line and should by all means be remedied.

Every few days there is seen on the streets of St. Helens some "drummer" soliciting printing business from the local business men, county and city officers for some big Portland printing house. Every time we see one of these fellows it makes us mad and we take this means of letting the business men of St. Helens, as well as the officers of the county and city, know that there is a printing office in St. Helens that can turn out any kind of work from a business card to the largest book. If there is a job of printing that we cannot do here, we can at least do part of it and have the balance done on some of the big presses of Portland and still make a few cents on the job and deliver it to the customer cheaper and of equal quality to the Portland houses. The next time one of those fellows comes to your place of business just tell him that you believe in patronizing home industry and that there is a home plant that will do your work just as cheap, and ninety cases out of every hundred, a little cheaper, and that there will be nothing doing for him.

In the selection of a site for the Auditorium, the commissioners of Portland played a pretty nifty game of politics. For the information of the people it was given out that the East Side location had been chosen and this information was printed in the daily papers with big heads on the front page. Of course a protest was sent in and many

were the expressions of approval and disapproval so that a thorough airing of the proposition has been made through the papers and otherwise. Now comes the Commissioners with the information that the site has not been definitely settled upon, so the council has now the benefit of the public expression of the people in the choice of a location and will no doubt select one which suits the most people of the city.

An eastern editor froze to death, according to news reports. What an awful feeling those delinquent subscribers must have for not paying up their subscriptions, so the poor editor might have secured some wood or coal.

King George says hard work is good for a man. What does a King know about work?

TRENHOLM

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wallace of Happy Hollow, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ackley came down from Portland Sunday to visit their ranch at Trenholm.

Mrs. J. Christensen who has been visiting her parents in Portland, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Hattie McNabb left Monday for Prosser, Wash., where she is engaged in the millinery business.

G. E. Hein has purchased the residence formerly owned and occupied by Colon Crouse, and moved his family therein, while Mr. Luman has moved into the Hein residence.

Mrs. Fred Floater and son who have been visiting in Portland passed through town Saturday on their way to their home on Bunker Hill.

Mrs. D. R. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fowler spent the week end visiting at Yankton.

Mrs. Mary McAbey returned home Monday after a visit with friends at Houlton and Yankton.

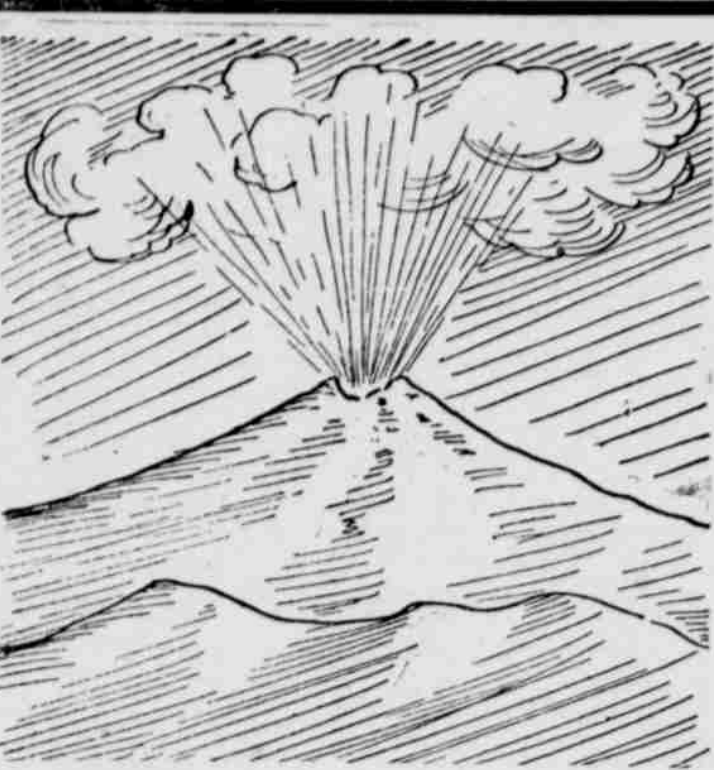
The stove mill has been closed down for several weeks, and now the belt cutting has stopped for several months which necessarily throws a great many men out of employment, making it especially bad for those who have been to the expense of building houses. However the mill will start the first of March and that will help some.

At the annual meeting of the Library and Literary Association last Saturday night the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sam Churchill; vice president, C. A. Bramble; secretary and treasurer, E. R. Tappen; finance committee, O. T. Foster, Mrs. C. Bramble and Arthur Fowler. Entertainment committee: Mrs. Effie Wilson, chairman; Mrs. Jack Lamber-son, Mrs. Nina McIntire and Earl R. Tappen. A Washington-Longfellow program will be the order of the evening, Saturday, Feb. 28, and two weeks from that evening the principal features will be refreshments and a debate. Let us all be sociable at least once in two weeks.

YANKTON NEWS

The school children will give a Washington birthday program in the school house Friday afternoon, Feb. 20.

Mr. Sommerville, Pastor in charge



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of the Yankton church, is visiting relatives in Chicago. The pulpit will be filled by others during his absence.

George Barney, a small boy, fractured his shoulder playing in the school yard.

The Red Men will give a dance on Saturday, February, Feb. 21, 1914.

Revival services are being held in the Yankton church this week, in charge of brother Nation of the Baptist denomination.

A man was hurt in the St. Helens logging camp on last Saturday afternoon.

Methodist Notes

Notices of First Methodist Episcopal Church:

Preaching services will be held at the hours of 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The subject of the morning sermon, "Our Country," and of the evening sermon, "Man—the Animal."

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Classes are arranged for all, from the little children to the adults.

Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Miss Weed will handle the subject of "God's Gift of Great Men and How He Develops Them."

Unclaimed Letters

Letters unclaimed at the St. Helens, Oregon post office for week ending February 7th, 1914:

Mr. Earl Bard
Mr. Fred Briggs
Mr. Patsy Blackwell
Mr. Art Christensen
Mrs. R. C. Russell
Leslie Stewart
J. T. Bennett
Mr. John Doran
Miss Mary Smith
Letters unclaimed by February 21, 1914, will be sent to the dead letter office. IVA E. DODD, P. M.

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—CHURCHES—

Houlton M.E. Church—First and third Sundays—Preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:30 every Sunday evening except fifth Sunday of the month. 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.

Yankton—Preaching on second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Warren—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. every fifth Sunday. D. T. Summerville, Pastor.

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