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## County Official Paper

A UNION HIGH SCHOOL.

There has been considerable agitation here and at Houlton during the past few days for the construction of a union high school at some point that will be convenient to the people of both towns and the matter will be voted on at the annual school meeting in June. Nothing of more importance to this neighborhood has come up for consideration since the fight for the county seat.

Neither Houlton or St. Helens has a complete high school course in the public school. Both of the two towns should have one. Each has a good school, and if the districts were consolidated the property of the two districts would of course become property of the consolidated district. The St. Helens building could be disposed of at once for a good figure and if there was no demand for the school at Houlton it could be closed until such time as there was a necessity for a graded school at that place as well as the union high school between the two towns.

The City of St. Helens owns a tract covering about two blocks just East of the baseball park and there is no question but that a high school building could be put up on it. This is about midway between the business parts of the towns, and there are not very many pupils but that could get to school very easily.

If the building is put up it should be the best in this part of the country and modern in every particular. The growth of this neighborhood will be such that a large building that can be added to as the necessity arrives is the only kind that should be put up.

With two towns and districts adjoining so closely as the Houlton and St. Helens districts are the keeping up of separate schools is nothing less than sheer folly. The facilities can never be so good as if the consolidation plan was adopted and the cost for the poor accommodation of the rising generation will always be more than if they were all taught under one roof and one administration, so let us get together and do a little that will be for the good of the general public and more particularly for the taxpayers and children of the Houlton and St. Helens school districts.

### SALMON FISHING

Probably very few people realize the enormous value of the salmon caught every year in the Columbia River. More than twice as many are caught on the Oregon side of the river as on the Washington, and the following table taken from the report of the Master Fish Warden of this State shows the amount taken on both sides of the big river, in pounds:

Chinooks	18,116,167
Bluebacks	972,349
Steelheads	3,197,591
Silversides	4,447,220
Chums	1,356,132
Sturgeon	162,371
Shad	509,707

Over eighteen million pounds of fine Chinooks taken in 1910. The price paid to the fishermen for this one kind of fish was probably an average of 6 cents per pound, or a total of over one million dollars. Then the amount of wages paid in the canneries

and to the army of other people connected with the business. Did you have any idea that there was as much money brought into circulation by this industry?

Every effort is being made by the State officials to increase the catch and they are now engaged in the work of stocking the Columbia River with Sockeye Salmon. If this is a success the catch of Sockeyes will materially increase the value of the fishing industry.

### WANTS TO DEFEND TITLE.

Attorney W. B. Dillard petitioned the council Monday night for permission to put up a dock at the foot of Willamette Street for the use of the general public. This land is very much in dispute and the work of quieting the title to it will be strenuous.

As soon as anyone commences the work of putting up a dock at that point an injunction will be served on them by the people claiming the land and there will follow a long and expensive legal battle that will go to the Supreme Court of the State. In return for a twenty-five years lease on the foot of the street, Mr. Dillard is willing to take the fight on his own shoulders. If he clears up the title of the city to this piece of property it will settle the dispute all along the front, and the use of Willamette Street by Mr. Dillard will not shut the city out from putting up a dock at any time they so desire as they will still have two better places for such a structure. It is not probable that the City will need the foot of Willamette Street for dock purposes for a long time, if ever, and it looks as though the offers made by Mr. Dillard is one we can not lose on.

### COUNTY COURT.

Wednesday, April 5, 1911, 5th Judicial Day. Court came pursuant to adjournment. Officers all present. Due proclamation being made, the following proceedings were had:

Matter of Bids for Nice Creek Bridge as advertised.

On this day bids for the construction for a bridge across Nice Creek, in the City of Rainier, were opened and examined as follows:

Coast Bridge Company:—for Steel Bridge—Superstructure, \$3078.00, 42" tubes, \$1.80 per foot; 36" tubes, \$4.20 per foot; Concrete in foundation \$9.25 per yard; 60 feet approach \$468.

Columbia Bridge Co.—for Steel Bridge—Superstructure \$4700.00 66 feet approach \$410; Bents \$7.00 per foot; 42" tubes \$20 per foot 36" tubes \$16. per foot Concrete in foundation \$12. per yard.

K. G. Lindstrom—Concrete Bridge complete for \$10,000.

J. A. Fastabend—Concrete Bridge complete for \$7975.

Newcomb and Ehrman—Concrete Bridge complete for \$7965. for Steel Bridge—\$4080. Tubes \$13. per foot; Concrete foundations and fill \$11.50 per yard.

And the court being advised in the matter, it is ordered that the bid of Newcomb and Ehrman for Concrete Viaduct, be accepted, and that a contract be entered into for the construction of same.

It is further ordered that all other bids be and the same are hereby rejected.

Matter of Improvement of G. H. Siercks Road:

On this 5th day of April, 1911, It is Ordered by the Court that the Clerk issue a warrant on the District Fund of R. D. No. 1, in favor of G. H. Siercks, in the sum of \$130.00 as balance in full for contract on said road.

Whereupon Court adjourned until April 6, 1911.

Thursday, April 6, 1911, 6th Judicial Day; Court came pursuant to adjournment; Officers all present; Due proclamation being made, the following proceedings were had:

Matter of petition for Re-view of G. H. Siercks Road:

At this time comes on for hearing the Petition of I. G. Wickstrom and eleven others, resident tax payers and owners of the land through which the county road known as the G. H. Siercks Road Survey No. 119, as of record, is located praying for a re-survey and re-location of said road as now changed and opened, and the Court after due consideration and being advised in the matter, it is ordered that the Board of County Road viewers meet at Scappoose, Oregon, on the 17th day of April, 1911, or on their failure to meet on said day, then within five days thereafter, and proceed to re-view and locate said road as prayed for in said petition.

Matter of petition of A. M. Stearns & Co to haul logs across county road.

On this day the Petition of A. M. Stearns & Co, for permission to haul logs across the county road at the foot of

Merrill's Lake, coming on regularly for consideration, and the Court being advised, it is ordered by the Court that said petition be and the same is hereby granted, with the understanding that any bridge or other necessary contrivance shall be so constructed as not to in any manner interfere with the public use of said road, and that on the completion of said logging any such bridge or other contrivance shall be removed and the road put in as good condition as the same now is, at the expense of the petitioner.

Matter of petition of John W. Foster, et. al. for a county road:

On this 6th day of April, 1911, comes on for hearing the petition of John W. Foster, et. al. freeholders residing in the road district or districts of said proposed road, praying for the establishment of a county road described as follows:— Commencing at a stake marked "R" being 105 rods East of S.E. corner of NE of Section 30, Township 6 N, range 5W. of Willamette Meridian; thence running on the most practical route up the south side of the Nehalem River to or near the S. E. corner of the NE of Section 16 of said Township; thence East across the Nehalem River to the center post of Section 15; thence North 27 rods to county road.

And it satisfactorily appearing to the court from proof filed herein, that due notice of the pendency of this proceeding has been given as by law required, and that twelve of said petitioners are legal freeholders of this of this county, residing in the road district or districts of the proposed road, and that a good and sufficient bond has been given and filed herein.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the Board of County Road Viewers meet at Mist, Oregon, on the 12th day of April, 1911, or on their failure to meet on that day, then within five days thereafter, and proceed to view, survey and locate said proposed road.

Matter of Scalp Bounty Claims:

On this day the Clerk presents to the Court the verified claims of N. J. Parker for \$12 for six wild cats; A. W. Yates for \$2 for one wild cat. G. C. Mellinger for \$4 for two wild cats; George McDonald

for \$11. for four wild cats and two coyotes together with the front feet of said wild cats and the scalps of said coyotes, and the court being advised, it is ordered that said claims be and the same are hereby approved, and said front feet and scalps are duly burned.

Matter of Petition of C. L. Parker For Remission of tax:

It appearing to the Court from the sworn petition of C. L. Parker is charged on the Tax Roll with a note in the sum of \$600 which was fully paid and satisfied prior to March 1, 1910, it is ordered by the Court that the Sheriff be and he is hereby instructed to remit the tax as charged against said note.

Matter of Petition of J. F. Loyd For Remission of tax:

It appearing to the Court from the Certificate of the Columbia County Bank that prior to March 1st, 1910 the sum of \$520, had been paid on that certain note for \$600, as assessed against J. F. Loyd. It is ordered by the Court that the tax on said valuation of \$520 be remitted.

Matter of petition of S. A. Miles for rebate of tax:

The sworn petition of S. A. Miles, for rebate of tax in the sum of \$99.48 coming on for consideration, and the Court not being fully advised. It is ordered that the same be and hereby is continued for further investigation.

Matter of Petition to open county road from Gilmore's Crossing to R. J. R. Depot in the Town of Houlton:

It appearing to the Court that the City of Houlton has appropriated the sum of \$500 to apply on said road providing the Court will appropriate a like sum, and the Court being advised it is ordered that the sum of \$500 be and the same is hereby appropriated, one half of said sum to be charged to the General road fund, and one half to the District Fund of Road District No. 3.

Matter of Aid for John Anderson:

On this 6th day of April, 1911, it is ordered by the Court that the Clerk be instructed to issue a warrant in the sum of Ten Dollars in favor of John Anderson, of Marshland, Oregon, and that a

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