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**THE CHILD IS CLAIMED.**

Elsewhere in this issue of The Observer Councilman Davis has a communication claiming the ordinance which brought forth so much comment at the last meeting of the council. Councilman Davis quotes from the charter to justify his proposed ordinance, but his stand is not consistent when the entire provision of the charter is considered. His reference to the city attorney drawing the questionable ordinance should not draw Attorney Rusk into the controversy for it is the plain duty of the city attorney to draw such ordinances as members of the council dictate, and as to their legality, that is considered in open council or by request of the council committee to watch such ordinances are referred.

In Councilman Davis's anxiety to impeach or recall Mayor Hall he has stumbled very badly and placed himself in a very awkward position.

It will be noticed Mr. Davis closes his communication by stating that he is "no anarchist," and we accept his denial with considerable satisfaction. Now, that it is understood he is not an anarchist, it is incumbent upon him to revise his ordinance so that it will not appear to set up a law of his own regardless of the charter.

**NOW WILL TAFT ACT?**

Madero has been killed against the orders of the United States. Now, will President Taft and his cabinet act? Will the "conservative" newspapers, including the Portland Journal, continue to urge no intervention? Will this country sit calmly by and witness wholesale murder and outlawry continue in Mexico? The way the United States has watched it would indicate that she admires such a moving picture show just across her border.

We were anxious to protect poor little Cuba from herself. We were doubly anxious, as a nation, to care for the Philippines on the other side of the world. Yet, here right at home there is a worse condition and our national administration sits by and says "hands off."

Here's to the governor of Texas who says there must be something done at once.

**WHY NOT RAISE MORE STOCK**

With the cowboy and his lariat rapidly disappearing from the western plains and the top of the steel market at Chicago hovering around the \$9 and \$10 mark, isn't it timely that the farmers of this community should recognize the fact that there is much money to be made growing live stock for market? Since the high cost of living become such a

vital topic for discussion and the price of beef one of the items showing the largest per cent increase in price the Chicago packers have been maintaining that the law of supply and demand has been the sole cause. In defense of their statements the packers point out that no longer are the western plains the grazing grounds for thousands of head of cattle which as soon as fattened were shipped to Chicago, Kansas City or some other packing center. They say that reclamation projects and the cutting of the prairie states into small tracts for farming have driven the cowboy and his lariat out of a job, and that beef of the future must be grown by the soil tiller and no cattle baron who is rapidly passing away.

Whether the packers are right or not in the diagnosis of the high cost of living, what they say of beef for future consumption is true. Ever Texas, the once great home of the long-horned steer and the cowboy, is undergoing such a transformation that the old-time "cowpuncher" would not recognize it. The small farm is doing away with the roundup in the Lone Star state, and what is true in Texas is also true of several of the northwest states.

Every live stock expert will say that the under production of cattle is to blame for the high standard of living costs. Agricultural experts recognize that the packers are representing facts and are urging the farmers of the middlewest to buy more feeders and go into the cattle-growing business on a larger scale. It is said the average farmer markets not more than one or two steers a year, when he could just as easily feed a dozen or so and make as much money as in any other way of disposing the crops he raises. One of the best posted live stock growers in the west recently said: "The production of live stock is going to grow, instead of going back, as the last few years have shown, because the farmer and the small ranchman finally have realized the profit there is in raising live stock—especially as contrasted against truck farming. The generous prices paid for stock in the open market combined with the work of the agricultural colleges toward this end have helped convince the farmer he would better change his tactics and reap profit in the field of growing more live stock."

What this expert says is a mighty good tip to the farmers of this community. Grow more live stock and you will make more money.

**EXPLAINS STRANGE ORDINANCE**

La Grande, Ore., Feb. 24.—To the Editor.—I note in the Observer of Thursday the 20th that you take exceptions to an ordinance of unknown origin entitled "An ordinance defining the powers of the mayor in regard to the appointment of officers of the city, providing a penalty for the neglect or refusal to appoint such officers and declaring an emergency." While you quote part of the text correctly, you are off on the title. In chapter 2 section 7 the charter says: "the mayor shall appoint certain officers subject to the confirma-

tion by the council, said officers shall serve for a period of one year unless removed by the council; and no person once rejected shall again be reappointed during any one term except by the consent of a majority of the council." The mayor claims as the charter does not prohibit, in so many words, the reappointment of a rejected appointee for the recess period, that he has that right. In his mind a recess appointment is not an appointment in the meaning of the charter, the proposed ordinance makes this disputed point clear.

Section 26 chapter 4 provides that appointive officers hold until the end of the term and until their successors are appointed and qualified, in apparent contradiction to section 7.

Section 46, page 19, provides that the power of council can only be enforced or exercised by ordinance and the council may pass any ordinance or resolution not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States or the state of Oregon necessary or convenient for carrying into effect any power or authority granted by this charter.

Section 31, chapter 4, provides that the council may declare by ordinance for what offenses city officers may be impeached. This ordinance was proposed to provide a remedy for neglect or refusal of the mayor to do his duty as laid out in section 7, chapter 2, which provides that he shall appoint. It was drafted by our City

Attorney Rusk at my request. I am not an anarchist.  
 Respectfully yours,  
 E. C. DAVIS

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