

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Brookings-Harbor Pilot
Brookings, Oregon
To the Editor:

Your column on the Green River Ordinance was interesting, but I felt you were considering the matter from the wrong angle. I may be mistaken, but I don't believe that the threat to merchants is as serious as the problem for housewives and home-owners, which you pass over so lightly.

Some people can slam the door in a peddler's face, but there are plenty of us who try to be polite and find ourselves tricked into buying things we don't need or want. My Scotch blood makes it impossible for them to sell me anything that costs more than ten dollars, but other persons, not so tight-fisted, are high-pressured into ordering expensive items which could have been purchased to better advantage in local stores.

One real racket which has been worked in Brookings is that of building supplies—insulation, siding, weather-stripping etc. By the time the homeowner realizes he has an inferior job costing several times as much as necessary, the agent is long gone. The money goes out of the community, and there is no one here to make good

needed.

Everyone has met the magazine salesman who acts as though he will burst into tears if this cruel, heartless person doesn't take a subscription.—So what can you do?

Perhaps the Green River Ordinance isn't the best solution to the problem, but it does sound like it would provide some very welcome protection for homemakers.

Sincerely,
RUTH FANGER

Congratulations, for your article in last week's paper on the Green River Law. Who passed the ordinance? Not the citizens, businessmen or taxpayers, but the Mayor and the City Council, few of whom are representative of the community. There is not one representative of the largest payroll and tax paying group in the community . . . the logging and milling industry upon which 75 per cent of the people here depend for their livelihood, a fact which our city government does not seem to realize.

As a producing businessman (logger and sawmill), I am sure that most of the people involved in or working in industry are opposed to such an ordinance. If all the merchants of Brookings will give us service and competitive prices, we will be glad to purchase our needs here at home. But until they do, I shall continue to buy from out-of-town sources whenever necessary, even though I may have to make a phone call or take a trip to do it.

I am glad we have a paper that is interested in upholding the best interests of the community as a whole, and is not afraid to tell the truth.

Ted Steenberg.

Brookings Ore.
April 23, 1954

Brookings-Harbor Pilot,
Brookings, Ore.
To the Editor:

In re. your article on "The Green River Law." Enclosed is a Supreme Court ruling on the legality of this Ordinance. Many towns and even the whole States

Law.

Stayton is not the only town in Oregon that enforces it. Seaside and Gresham among many others have very stiff penalties running as high as two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars for itinerant peddlars.

Even a Moron can see the obvious advantages of such an Ordinance, enforced, for the town and its citizens. Our "Good Merchants" do deserve protection. The others will not last very long anyway.

Therefore, I strenuously disagree with your article, the last two sentences in particular.

Yours sincerely,
E. F. STRONG,
Brookings Stud'o.

Dear Mr. Editor:-

It's been ages since I've written you and besides this, I simply cannot keep any longer; Its the biggest laugh I've had in many a moon, in fact I haven't laughed so much since the day Hilda, the maid backed into the abandoned well that someone left open down by the chicken house—with an apron full of eggs too.

Now the reason I'm weeping on your shoulder Mr. Editor is because this sidesplitter emanates from your column "On The Reef" of 4-22-54. It specifically has to do with that Green River Ordinance thing you spoke about—The hypocrisy of its enforcement etc., etc.

Well it sure is something to marvel at what lengths, and to what tremendous efforts our city fathers will go to protect and defend the defenseless taxpayers.

How else, for instance can a community protect the poor harried housewife from those persistently obnoxious bums—the itinerant peddlars, than by some such method as is found in the Green River Law? It is not the ordinance, but the method of it's enforcement that seems so funny to me, as for the hypocrisy involved in this case?—Well brother, just don't get me started on that subject because it would take all the column space in this paper to deal with it properly. Hypocrisy, being what it is in all its multitudinous forms happens to be my "Pet Peeve." No doubt we shall hear more about this particular human character from time to time.

You say that the only appreciable effect from the Posting of the Green River Ordinance Signs at the limits of the town of Stayton, Ore. was to somewhat curb the speed antics of Speedsters in and around Stayton. Well, who can now honestly say that this did not serve a good and useful purpose for the town of Stayton?

So accordingly, Mr. Editor, let us examine some of the possible effects that the Posting of those signs here at Brookings (by the Sea) might be.

First, let me say that the speed limit at the approaches to Brookings is too high—even this is often violated so that no one, consistent with a minimum degree of safe driving is able to see, much less read, a sign so posted.

Secondly, what do you suppose the effect of these "Green River" Signs would be on those out-of-State Anglers that periodically visit the "Mighty Chetco" particularly on those days (and it's most of the time)?, when the water in the Chetco is of a decidedly green color? (Oh, what a revolting situation to be confronted with.) Why, in no time at all the news of this Green River Law enforcement at Brookings, would travel like wild-fire in this whole region, yes, including the entire Pacific Coast if you please, because Brookings is setting smack-dab in the middle of U.S. Hwy. 101—which as you know Traverses the entire Coast from border to border.

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not through yet.)

The news of this Green River Law would of course first be disseminated among the Sports Loving Enthusiasts of the Pacific Coast wouldn't it?—of course it would. Now certainly you should know what happens with any important Sports News on the Coast, wouldn't you?—Why of course it immediately becomes National news). Alright now you know as well as any good American knows, what a dominant role the U.S.A. plays in world affairs today, don't you? —certainly you do. So perforce U.S. News must & will become news of International significance, won't it?—course it will. So you see Mr. Editor, how we, here in Brookings, can, in a step by step subtle sort of manner become the subject of world wide notoriety (Chamber of Commerce, please note) and all because of those diabolical twins The Green River Ordinance Signs.

Now as to whether this notoriety would be good or bad for Brookings, I shall leave entirely for you & your readers to decide.

This much however, I can say with a degree of certainty, that I know the people of Brookings are Freedom Loving enough to grant the right & privilege to the person or persons who had those signs made to use them as they see fit ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY ONLY preferably over the main entrances, but certainly

to advertise to the world an extreme case of BAD TASTE to put it mildly.

Hoping this letter finds you the same. I remain, as ever

A. DePHILLIPS.

The worth of a state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it.—John Stuart Mill.

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