

NEW QUESTION UP IN COQUILLE

There to Decide
Whether She Shall Enjoy
Freedom of the Town.

COQUILLE, Ore., April 23.—The cow, the mild-eyed bovine that has contributed so much to the fame of Coos county by elevating it to the third place in all the counties of the Pacific coast in dairy production, is to be the big issue in the coming city election in Coquille. Last year, she was the issue and won a decided victory, the voters by a signal majority declaring that the cow was entitled to the freedom of the town. However, many citizens do not own cows and consequently they object to the cow being allowed the liberty, which she enjoys to the fullest extent of roaming over the streets and incidentally on unfenced gardens and lawns. In consequence, the cow and anti-cow factions are lining up solidly for the city election in May. Editor Savage in the Coquille Sentinel has the following concerning the matter:

"Cows or no cows is the query. The proposition of allowing the town cows to roam at large upon the streets by-ways, lawns and private property of the City of Coquille will be brought up at the city election which will be held next month."

"The same query was propounded to the voters last year and it was then decided that the cows were the whole thing and had the town on the run as well as having the run of the town. The writer is reasonable certain on the latter point, because from one to a dozen of the popular milk producers pass by his window on the sidewalk every day and twice on Sunday. Of course we like to see them there. That is needless to remark. It lends a pastoral air to the scene, as well as some other things."

"And we are not lonesome in the matter of our grievance. There are many others who have equal or greater grievances. Several lawns have been depredated already this spring by the festive bovine and the end is not yet. More will follow. There are many other lawns in the city, also many other cows. So we say advisedly that the end is not yet."

"Lovers of the beautiful wish the cow relegated to their proper pastures. Lovers of the cow wish them to pasture where they wish, which latter seems to be the streets of our little city. Wishing, so far, in the first instance, has not been over-productive. But again is hope resuscitated from the grace of defeat and the adversaries of the cow will go to the polls next month with the determination to defeat the

cow. And if not this time then will they try, try again.

"Personally we do not like cows over-well anyway. And when they halt in their passage by our window and look with their soulful eyes into our sanctum we feel like moving out—with the stove poker in one hand and a side stick in the other and slaying the aforementioned bovine. But now that hope has been again revived we will endeavor to restrain our natural inclinations and allow the cow to live and be transplanted to a broader field—outside the city limits."

"The spectacle of the town herd passing up Second street greets our eyes each morning and the procession is again repeated in the evening, with variations. We need not dwell further on the variations. To many the sight of the herd winding its leisurely way up the street is no doubt a pleasant one. It means that milking time is many hours hence. Not so to us. We don't have to milk anyway."

"But the sight of the grazing herd does not lend a stifled air to our streets. Far from it. We can never deceive a visitor into thinking we have a real city here on the north bank of the Coquille until the cows are barred from the streets. And it is up to the voters to put the cow where she properly belongs. No doubt that the cows of our city are a great source of comfort and profit to their respective owners. We do not wish to be party to the curtailment of the pleasures or profit of a single citizen of our little city, but it is our firm belief that the cow has her proper place and that that place is not wandering at will on our streets, sidewalks, lawns and private property within the city limits. Think it over."

TICKET IS NOMINATED.

Candidate For City Election In Coquille Chosen.

COQUILLE, April 22.—A meeting was held at the courthouse for the purpose of nominating candidates for the city election which is to take place the first Monday in May. Judge Holden was chosen chairman of the meeting and L. H. Hazard secretary. The nominations were made as follows: A. W. Kelley and J. S. Lawrence and make the race for Recorder, W. L. Kistner, J. M. Nye, D. H. Johnson, Arthur Morrison, J. C. Moomaw, C. A. Harrington were chosen as candidates for councilmen, three of whom will be elected to serve a term of two years. The retiring councilmen are: J. M. Nye, J. F. Schroeder and W. L. Kistner.

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