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THE FIRE LIMITS ORDINANCE.

CARL ALBRECHT IS making a straight forward and splendid fight for a just, equitable and fair fire limits ordinance. And Councilman Albrecht is right. What is needed and badly needed is an enforcement of the present fire ordinance or a new ordinance that can be enforced. A fire ordinance that will let half a block of frame buildings through at one time and at another will not let so much as a bird cage through is not a fair ordinance or else not a fair enforcement. City Attorney Snover says the present ordinance is defective. The representative of the United Underwriters association who recently visited Marshfield for the purpose of inspection and fixing rates said the present ordinance was all right if only enforced.

It is a strange commentary on human nature and man's common sense that he has to be protected from himself. It is a common expression that a certain man is "his own worst enemy," meaning that his individual acts are more harmful to himself than the action of any enemy could be. This statement is equally applicable to a body of men. The very men who seek to evade and violate the terms of a fire limit ordinance lose more by increased insurance rates and retarding any advance in property values than the additional expense of substantial fire proof buildings.

The locally famous Gulovson case wherein he was estopped from erecting a frame building on his lot at the corner of Central avenue and Broadway is a case in point. The value of Mr. Gulovson's property was greatly enhanced by the erection of the Chandler hotel and the First Trust and Savings Bank buildings. This value was voluntary and given without any effort on his part. By the erection of a frame building he not only detracts from the value of his property but damages the people who added to his wealth by their investment in fire proof buildings. The erection of a fire proof building on the Gulovson property would add materially to the value of his property instead of detracting therefrom and yet it requires a special law to prevent him from doing this very thing. At the same time it is not equity that he should be prevented and others permitted to do a similar thing.

The continuation of erection of frame buildings in the business section not only keeps up insurance rates but it keeps out men with capital from making investments and building substantial blocks. If the council had not taken a definite stand on this matter at the time it did, W. S. Chandler would never have authorized the erection of his new three-story brick business block. Others contemplate improvements and may be deterred by a shilly shally policy that makes it necessary to make a special fight before the council over every quarter block when someone desires to add another firetrap or rebuild one. It is time the council took permanent and definite action in this matter and firmly fix the responsibility of the officials charged with enforcing the law and insist on a strict enforcement of the same. If the present ordinance is not adequate make one that is.

Some people are inclined to criticize Mr. Taft because he doesn't do more talking. They seem to forget that there are other ways in which a President can earn his salary.

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WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

It is difficult matter to escape sorrow; everyday brings some new cause of anxiety. —POLYBIUS.

THE CALL OF THE HILLS.

I list its sound in the night, The surge song of the sea; I mark it, a welter of white Or, gray with the driven rain; I watch it broad and bright, A sapphire harmony— But the hills call and the rills call, so it's ho for the hills again!

The ships go wavering by And face on the faint sea rim; Graceful the white faint sea rim; Their cry like a far refrain; The low wind comes like a sigh From the outer dim— But the hills call and the rills call, so it's ho for the hills again!

I turn my back on the foam, On the long curved line of shore, On the dunes and the reedy loam And the murmur of the main Oh, the hill man seeks his home As the sailor the ocean roar! Hark! the hills call and the rills call, so it's ho for the hills again!

Paradoxical as it may seem, an idle rumor is always busy.

People have to learn to loaf, the same as they have to learn to work.

To the woman with that kind of a hat every "peach basket" joke must look like a whole crate of lemons.

The Illinois legislature has decided not to try to regulate women's hats by law. It is quite evident that the Illinois legislature is married.

A man was to be executed at Coolidge, and he said to the hangman: "I am not fit to be hanged; keep me until I become converted."

NORTH BEND DEATH.

Leo Murphy Succumbs Today to Lingering Illness.

Leo Murphy, the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murphy of North Bend, died at his home there today of a complication of diseases after a lingering illness. The funeral will probably be held Saturday.

Is Very Ill.—Mrs. Justin, mother of the Mesdames Sullivan of Coos River, was reported critically ill today. A son and son-in-law are en route here from Fon Du Lac, Wis., but it is feared that she will not survive until they arrive. Mrs. A. T. Haines and the Rev. Father J. A. Moran were called there this afternoon to see her.

FIRE IN SEATTLE.

Stetson-Post Sash and Door Factory Damaged.

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 4.—Fire in the Stetson-Post Sash and Door Factory today caused \$35,000 damage and Campbell Bros., agents for the Union Engine Works, lost patterns valued at \$25,000.

BILL PASSES SENATE.

Philippine Tariff Measure Now Up to President.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 4.—The conference report on the Philippine tariff bill was agreed to by the Senate today. Only the President's signature is needed to make it a law.

FOUR ARE DROWNED.

Heavy Loss of Life in Launch Near Baltimore.

(By Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 5.—It is reported that a launch crowded with passengers capsized in the Patapsco river this afternoon with a loss of life. Four bodies are said to have been recovered.

TODAY'S WHEAT MARKET.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—Wheat closed as follows: September, \$1.00 1/4; December, 98 3/8c; May, \$1.01 7/8.

(By Associated Press.)

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