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MARKET NEED FELT PROUD OF GARDEN

MANY HOMESTEADERS HAVE NO WAY OF SELLING PRODUCE

G. L. Burton Says Many Small Farmers Need Relief or Will Quit Placing—Would Be Harmful

Market for the produce they raise on their small farms is absolutely necessary, says George L. Burton, of South Coos River, in talking of several homesteaders of his acquaintance who are about on the verge of giving up their lands and hiring out to work again.

He thinks that the cannery proposition would save the day, providing the concern would take care of the vegetables and the berries that might be raised.

"There are about fifteen that I know of," he said, "who are unable to make a living now on their places, because they cannot find a market for their produce."

Along Coos River and close to other sections of the Bay, he said, there are plenty of dairy farmers who now sell their vegetables and make out of them mostly pin money. "But it is the fellows back in the hills that need the help right now. If they can't get the market, they're going to leave their places. That's a loss to themselves and to the community. They cease being producers and become consumers."

All sorts of berries can be grown in some of the homestead places, says Mr. Burton. He believes the cannery proposition ought to be pushed so as to at least open a market for the berries.

CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY

Musical Program at Noble Theatre in Afternoon

Again the Marshfield public will have an opportunity to spend Sunday afternoon at the Noble Theatre listening to good music. There will be a popular Matinee Concert next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. An unusually interesting program has been arranged. There will be piano and vocal solos, and the Scandia Male Chorus, Gerald Hunt, conductor, will also appear on this occasion. Those taking part in the concert are: Miss Mary Kruse, Henrik Gjerdrum, Gerald Hunt, and the Scandia Male Chorus of 20 voices.

The very popular "Sextet" from Donizetti's "Lucia" will be sung by Miss Mildred Ripley, Mrs. B. B. Ostlund, Benj. Ostlund, Oscar Hennings, Herbert Buserud and Gerald Hunt. This will undoubtedly prove one of the most attractive numbers on the program.

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DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

FEES ON VEHICLES

FIRST DRAFT OF LONG PROMISED ORDINANCE APPEARS.

Thereafter Follows Long Discussion—Will Net Considerable Money For the General Fund.

Minus the cobwebs, shining resplendently in a new coat and brushed spick and span, the pitney ordinance, after a year in dark corners and closets, came to life last night, and such a lueky, vigorous ordinance it is. It threw consternation into the ranks of vehicle owners of every shape and description and automatically started a new source of revenue for the city.

Horse drawn buggies and wagons, whether for pleasure or for business, "coal oil buggies," all autos that snort about the streets, must pay to the general fund an annual tax.

Jitneys, such as the Gorst and King cars, under the provision of the new measure which, by the way is not yet passed, will pay \$14 a year, motor busses \$20 annually and taxicabs, the autos for hire, \$5.00 a year.

Owners of autos and men in the transfer business were before the council to discuss the proposed measure, the first draft of which has been carefully worked out by City Attorney James T. Brand. There was some discussion but, in the main, the men acquiesced and declared there would be no fight in the rates.

"But," interrupted Dave Mussen, who does a general delivery and coal business, "in my work, I need six wagons, but can use only three of them at any one time. They are all for different things, such as hauling coal, another for lumber, another for heavy trucking and so on. Would I need a license on every one of the six wagons or only on three?"

"Sure," exclaimed Councilman Harry Kimball.

"If there is an intelligent administration of this law," City Attorney Brand explained, "I think there will be no trouble regarding this point." Later he further explained that "right along the city has made a practice of refunding certain licenses, an example being the money that is returned to a merchant who holds an auction of his own stock and pays \$5.00 under the ordinance for such an auction."

"But," he continued, "it would be unlawful to unhook the license from one wagon and put it onto another."

"There will probably be some way, in such cases, where at the end of the license period, if you come before the council and swear that you have been using only three wagons, the money collected on the extra three may be returned."

Councilman Ferguson, also in the delivery business, declared that it is absolutely necessary for a drayman to have half a dozen different sort of rigs for the conduct of his business, though he can only use a small share of them at any one time.

Mr. Mussen was fairly well satisfied at this, but he could not help adding that "it's a hard job to get money back out of the general fund," and there was a good-natured laugh.

In fact the entire discussion regarding the vehicle taxes was taken in a good-natured way and without hard feeling on either side.

"Wagon scrapers are vehicles; they are hauled by teams, will they be taxed too?" asked someone who had been studiously reading over the draft of the ordinance.

"Sure. Hook 'em," from Harry Kimball, though through the entire proceedings he stood for a liberal interpretation of the ordinance.

"That would hardly be a wise policy, I believe," was the comment of City Engineer A. B. Gidley. "If you charge the contractor for the use of his wheel scraper that he uses only seldom and for special work, he'll simply affix the cost to the property owners, for whom he may be working."

"In such cases it would be better to remit than to make exceptions," suggested Mr. Brand. "To make exceptions to the rule tends to make loopholes in the law."

Provision On Autos.
City Recorder Butler read further through the ordinance and came to the section including automobiles.

Written applications for licenses must be made out and the resulting licenses must be carried on the vehicles for which they are issued.

Licenses may be revoked in cases of careless driving and the disregarding of the ordinances.

Effective April 1st.
April 1, in all probability, will see the ordinance in effect. The licenses will be pro rated until July

1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The ordinance read last evening suggested the payment of the license money semi-annually, but it will probably be changed to an annual payment.

"If it isn't," explained V. C. Gorst, of the Gorst and King lines, "during celebrations or times of excessive traffic, outside fellows could jump in with their cars, pay a six months' license and take the cream of the business for a few days."

"Of course, if there are cases wherein we can not handle the people, I think that we are not small enough to try to keep others out. We only want protection because we are here regularly and serving the people the whole year around."

To Raise Rates.

But during this discussion, A. Hansen, also a drayman, had conceived a brilliant idea, inasmuch as it had been suggested that the granting of licenses in April would clutter the books.

"I would suggest, gentlemen, that you wait until July 1," he volunteered, and there was a roar of laughter.

"Ah, my good boy, you're hooked," exclaimed Councilman Kimball, and he howled with delight.

"You bet you have now," answered Hansen, "but we'll get even with you. I'll charge you a dollar to get your trunk hauled, you see," which only added to the merriment.

In cases where the fare of the autos on regular runs is more than five cents, the price must be painted somewhere on the car or advertised on the car by sign.

Keep Off Running Boards.
No one will be allowed on the running boards.

Auto men taking out licenses may appeal from the decision of the City Recorder, in cases of difficulty, to the city council.

A chauffeur may be debarred from driving on the streets for a period of one year if found guilty or negligent motoring. No chauffeur may be under 18 years of age.

City Attorney Brand pointed out that some cities have regular boards for the examination of drivers, but the opinion was that Marshfield is too small for this, yet, and also that no inspection of vehicles is necessary.

Fines for violation of the ordinance range from \$5.00 up to \$100, with a maximum of 50 days in jail.

Mr. Brand explained that he had taken great care in making out the ordinance to confer with the owners of autos and the men doing a jitney and taxicab business. He had gone over the matter thoroughly with Mr. Gorst and they were well agreed regarding the ordinance.

"Mr. Gorst has been very good in this matter," he said, "and has aided me in many ways."

To Collect Fares.

D. L. Foote believed there should be a section in the ordinance allowing chauffeurs to turn over to the police any passenger that refused to pay his taxicab fare.

The fight of Sunday between Phil Emery and Harry Weger was caused over this very thing," he explained.

But the council took the stand that such a procedure would tend to make them a "collection agency," and took no action on the matter.

"How about trailers?" asked Mr. Gorst.

This was one feature not touched in the ordinance and Mr. Brand said it would at once be added.

NEED ROAD MONEY

FERGUSON SAYS STRETCH NEAR HIS HOME DANGEROUS

Harry Kimball Reports to Council County Court Refuses Road Tax Money for City Use

Refusal of the county court to spend the 70 per cent of the road tax within the Marshfield district was under discussion last evening by the Council, but action was deferred pending the adjourned meeting of the county commissioners on March 20.

Harry Kimball reported that he had presented the resolution passed by the council a week ago to the county court and that the body had refused the petition.

"They told us they intended to improve Lockhart avenue, the South Broadway bridge and the ferry. The last two are county property," said Mr. Kimball.

Road Is Now Dangerous

"Well, they have a bridge out near my place that has to be fixed," put in Councilman Ferguson. "There are slides in the road and it is becoming dangerous."

Street Commissioner Albrecht declared that unless the city goes ahead with the improvement of North Front street that very shortly his crew will have the whole thing reworked.

"Planks are breaking out there every week," he said, "and we have to fix them, putting in new ones."

It was this movement that was being held up, on the petition of the concerned property owners, awaiting the action of the county court on the road tax matter. They had hoped to have a share of the road tax money expended on this roadway.

Rusk Case Appeal

City Attorney Brand reported receiving notice of the appeal in the Anna Rusk damage case against the city, which is now in the state Supreme court.

"The appeal is perfected," he said, "the briefs are filed and all is in readiness for the final argument." The council gave him permission to go to Salem, taking the necessary steps to defend the city.

Trouble for Port

There is a manhole under the office of McLain and McLean on Broadway that has been reported to be in an unsanitary condition, was the statement of Street Commissioner Albrecht.

"That belongs to the Port and not to the city" put in a councilman and this was the view taken of the matter.

A. B. Gidley said it would not be advisable to fill the hole as it might become very necessary at some later time.

Theatre to Open

C. E. Powers, of the fire and water committee, stated that the body had inspected the Royal Theatre and the council agreed to let G. J. Lemanski open up as soon as the provisions of the committee have been complied with. This was a matter of putting the wiring the lamp room in conduits and also to strengthen the balcony with two stringers underneath.

EPISCOPAL MEETINGS

Vestry Board Tonight and Services at Gardiner and Empire.

The Vestry of Emmanuel Parish will meet this evening at 7:30 at the office of Bennett & Swanton.

There will be a service in St. Mary's Mission, Gardiner, Friday evening of this week.

There will be a service in St. Luke's Episcopal church, Empire, tomorrow evening at 7:30.

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Oregon University Man to Appear Under Auspices of Mothers' and Teachers' Club.

Prof. E. S. Conklin, head of the University of Oregon Psychological Department, will speak tonight at the North Bend high school, under the auspices of the Mothers' and Teachers' club.

"The Psychology of the Crowd," will be his subject and the lecture will begin at 8 o'clock. He is said to be a fine speaker. No admission will be charged.

OPENING DANCE AT SIMPSON'S PAVILION

The first of a series of dances to be given at Simpson's pavilion will be held next Sunday night, March 12. Arrangements have been made with the Gorst and King line for the cars to run to and from the pavilion without changing cars at North Bend. Martin's orchestra will furnish the music.

CREAMERY STATEMENT
To the Patrons of the Coos Bay Creamery:

Dear Sirs:
There seems to be an impression with some of the patrons of the Coos Bay Creamery that three per cent has been taken off the amount their milk and cream produced last year. This is not correct. The bookkeeper erroneously credited each customer three per cent more than he was entitled to receive and when the books were expeted, this mistake was discovered and the error corrected. The Coos Bay Creamery takes the product of its patrons, makes it into butter and cheese, or sells the same to what it considers to the best advantage of its patrons and disposes of the product to the best advantage of all concerned. It then deducts from the gross receipts the expenses of operation and divides the balance prorata among the patrons. In making up these figures last year the error occurred and that error has simply been corrected, nothing has been taken from any body except an error in bookkeeping corrected.

It was also understood that the stockholders in the creamery for allowing the use of the building in which their money was invested was to be allowed six per cent per annum on the paid up capital stock, in addition to the up-keep of the creamery, which by the way I am sorry to say has not been fulfilled, and that charge of six per cent was not made the patrons of the creamery

Date of Celebration
It was decided that the date of the celebration be fixed according to the official announcement of the Southern Pacific as to the time of the inauguration of the first through train service and the arrival of the first through train will be the first day of the celebration.

The meeting developed a fine spirit of harmony between the two towns and a desire that the celebration be made one of the biggest and best ever held in Southwestern Oregon. Hoping his explanation will make the situation clear to you, I am,
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