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Uniform Contract For Fruit Men

The following contract embodies the principles which will be incorporated in the contract made between fruitgrowers and selling agencies and the selling agencies and the incorporated central agency as outlined by the government bureau of markets plan for marketing the fruit of the Northwest.

Every fruitgrower should study this contract carefully and talk it over with his neighbors and if possible with some one who heard Mr. Bassett's talk at the Commercial Club room Saturday.

A decision will be reached by the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association at a meeting which is to be held on Saturday, April 1, at the Commercial Club. The grower who is not connected with the association, merely requires that the shipping agency in whose hands he puts his fruit, be a member of the Fruitgrowers' Agency, incorporated, thus securing the benefits and protection of the agency.

Remember that this plan is not that of an interested shipper but of United States marketing experts sent by the government to try to relieve the conditions in the Northwest apple industry which threaten to destroy it.

Uniform contract for the growers and selling agents of fruits and produce in the Pacific Northwest:

In consideration of the mutual advantages to be derived herein, it is agreed between the parties to this contract as follows:

1. The grower shall have the exclusive right and authority to fix the price at which his products or any part thereof may be sold by the selling agent, but in event the price so fixed shall be higher than the best market price obtainable after offering the same, the selling agent shall in no wise be held responsible for failure to negotiate sales at such prices.

It shall be the duty of the agent to co-operate with the growers' resident selling agents who are members of the Fruitgrowers' Agency, Inc., for the following purposes:

(a) To secure information as to crop conditions in order to determine the economic values of varieties and grades.

(b) To work in close harmony with growers with the aim of securing uniform methods in the harvesting, grading, picking, and the physical handling of the fruit from tree to car; and to secure a standardization and enforcement of the grading and inspection rules of the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

(c) To agree upon a rate which no contracts for tonnage shall be entered into.

(d) To discuss in conference market conditions and experiences with various mediums used in the markets for the purpose of ascertaining the most efficient agencies and market outlets for the economical performance of their mutual contract.

(e) To secure improvement in transportation and storage service and conditions.

(f) To work out definite plans

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Mayor Proclaims Clean-Up Day

To the Citizens of Ashland:

Monday, April 3, is hereby designated as "Clean-up" day throughout the city. Don't forget the date. Don't fail to make preparation for it. The city provides the teams, as usual, at the city's expense. They will call for your garbage some time during that day. Have it ready. Burn everything you can, then put the remainder of garbage in boxes, bags or barrels and have them located where they can be easily reached (in the alley, or in the street if there is no alley, and by all means have it ready for delivery early.

Of all years we should make this one of special effort, along this line as well as other lines. The eyes of all visitors—and there will probably be many of them—will view our surroundings and properties critically this year. We should make everything look the best possible—besides it gives us sanitary conditions, reduces the fly pest, and leaves a good impression on visitors.

Don't forget the date and have your garbage ready.

O. H. JOHNSON, Mayor.

Phoenix Canal Stands the Test

Water was turned into the Phoenix segment of the Rogue River Canal company's irrigation system Saturday to test the substantially of its construction. The test is being made specific. The canal appears to be firmly constructed and carries a great volume of water without a break.

Only 1500 acres under that ditch have been listed in the subscription acreage for water this year. The ditch, however, will not be taxed to its capacity to carry the quantity required for that acreage.

Mrs. Metcalf Wrests Honors from Kramer

J. W. Metcalf, superintendent of the Shasta division, and wife, Trainmaster G. V. Gillette and wife of Dunsmuir and Agent G. N. Kramer went to Gold Ray Saturday in Mr. Metcalf's private car Shasta. The car was cut out at Gold Ray and the party spent Sunday fishing. About sixty pounds of fish was the total catch. Mrs. Metcalf held the center of the stage all day, falling into the river once and catching a monster carp which wrested high honors away from Agent Kramer, who up until Sunday was considered the king carp fisherman of the Rogue.

Saturday night the party played cards until a late hour. Mr. Metcalf is the champion cribbage player of the Southern Pacific, but could find no competition in the crowd, so "rummy" and "five hundred" were indulged in with honors about even.

Minor Matters and Council Routine

The council transacted a large amount of business Tuesday night in a businesslike manner and also spent a considerable time in lengthy and involved discussion. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 o'clock with all the councilmen present and the various departments represented. Following the reading of the minutes the mayor and recorder were authorized to enter into an agreement with the Southern Pacific Company regarding mineral water fountains at the station.

The next hour and fifteen minutes was spent in discussing the sign-board problem. The Granite street curb and gutter matter was disposed of. A suggestion regarding fire protection for near neighbors of the city was referred to the fire committee. A change in the water system to afford lower insurance rates was approved and several other important matters were taken care of as elsewhere reported, including the Laurel street sewer, the park lands, the Praytor orchard, and the Hotel Oregon fire escapes.

The purchase of a tank for lubricating oil for the fire department was brought up and led into a discussion of the amount of oil a car should use and finally the merits of various makes of cars. The report recommending the purchase of the tank was laid on the table, such a tank being considered unnecessary.

The request of the Ladies' Auxiliary Club that they be allowed free lights and water in their new quarters in G. A. R. hall as they have at Ivy Cottage was referred to the electric light and water committees.

The council instructed the proper officials to notify Mr. Potter to remove certain sheds, timbers and other debris from a lot on B street belonging to the city.

After resolutions covering the coming bond election were passed, the council adjourned until Thursday night, when several ordinances will be cared for. Council adjourned at 11:25 p. m.

Chance For Orchardist

The city council is looking for an ambitious orchardist who will take care of the Praytor orchard in return for the fruit. The orchard requires care, and unless someone is found who will undertake the care for the fruit, it will be cut down. This is a good chance for some enterprising young man to clean up a few dollars in his spare time this summer.

Council Calls Special Election To Effect Bond Interest Reduction

A special election will be held in Ashland on April 11, for the purpose of amending the charter so as to allow of the calling in of some \$43,500 worth of optional bonds and the issuance of the same amount of bonds. While the proposition seems rather complicated, it is really very simple.

The city now has bonds to the extent of \$43,000 outstanding, which are optional. That is they may be called in and paid at any time. The city is paying 6 per cent upon these.

J. H. Farrar, representing the Lumberman's Trust company of Portland, has been in the city for the past two weeks and submitted a proposition to take over the optional bonds and asked but 5 per cent interest.

The calling in of the 6 per cent bonds and reissuing of them at 5 per cent, means a saving of several hundred dollars a year and after carefully investigating every phase of the proposition, the city has decided to take it up. The necessary contract with the Lumberman's Trust company, the resolution calling the election and all necessary action was taken by the council at Tuesday evening's meeting.

The trust company has agreed to taking care of all the details and expenses of the deal except the election, which will cost the city about \$75.

The submission of the 5 per cent offer of the trust company speaks highly of the financial status of Ashland and of conditions in general.

Accompanying the contract which binds the Lumberman's Trust company to fulfill their part of the agreement was a certified check for \$500 which will revert to the city should the company fall down on their end of the proposition.

Fire Truck As Ranchers' Aid

If you have lived just outside of the city limits of Ashland and your house caught fire, what would you do? Under the present rules some such formula as calling up all of the councilmen and city officials and getting an order to have the fire truck leave the city, and a great deal more red tape, would be necessary. By the time the truck could legally leave the city your house, barn and most of the fence would be in ashes, cooled, dried up and blown away. In order to relieve this unnatural state of affairs, upon the suggestion of Mayor Johnson the fire committee will try to work out a feasible plan whereby neighboring ranchers and towns may get assistance from the Ashland fire department. One suggestion made was that all who wished protection should pay a small sum yearly, another that those wishing fire truck service sign up agreeing to pay the necessary expenses in case of a fire and a call. A plan will be formulated and ranchers who are interested might do well to talk it over with some of the city officials.

Ashland Springs Highly Praised

(From the Oregonian.)
That the ambition of Ashland to become the "Carlsbad of America" is by no means impossible of realization, is the judgment of Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer, who recently returned from a visit to southern Oregon. In his capacity as state health officer Dr. Roberg tested the Ashland spring waters during his visit, and says he found them to be of unusual purity.

"There is no doubt of the medicinal values they possess," added the doctor.

Court Knocks Out Roseburg R. R. Bonds

Declaring that the city of Roseburg was attempting to loan its credit to a private corporation, the Oregon supreme court Tuesday declared unconstitutional a \$300,000 bond issue voted by Roseburg taxpayers to subsidize a logging railroad into the Cascade mountains.

The contract between the Roseburg and Eastern Railroad company, the Kendall Lumber corporation, and the city of Roseburg was styled "a violation of organic law."

Notice of Redemption of Improvement Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that Improvement Bonds Nos 264 to 287, both inclusive, of the city of Ashland, Oregon, will be taken up and cancelled by said city on the first day of April, 1915, by payment of the face value thereof and accrued interest to that date. Interest will cease on same on and after said date. Holders of bonds will present same at this office for payment.

C. H. GILLETTE, Recorder.

The council finally got under way at ten minutes of eight Tuesday night.

Sewer Ordered on Helman Street

The city council has ordered a sewer put in in the Helman street district. City Engineer Walker reported establishing the levels, and the necessary notices will be posted and the sewer installed immediately. The new line will be a six-inch sewer 1,750 feet long, starting 100 feet south of the center of Ohio street on Laurel, thence north on Laurel to Ohio, east on Ohio to Helman, north on Helman to a point 142 feet north of Orange, east to a connection with the main Helman street sewer line.

The city council at Tuesday evening's meeting voted to accept a proposition made by Superintendent Metcalf of the Shasta division of the Southern Pacific regarding the lease of the fountain location at the depot. Ordinarily the Southern Pacific will lease its property only from year to year, but in this instance Ashland will have a lease for five years, after which the lease will be continued from year to year.

Lease for Fountain Location Closed

Councilman Banta stated that he thought the contract offered was as liberal as could be expected, and moved its acceptance. Mr. Root thought that a clause should be inserted binding the S. P. to pay the expenses of moving the fountains should the present land be needed for a new depot. Mr. Ashcraft said that he "gessed" the city would be more than willing to pay that expense if the company would erect a \$100,000 station and hotel.

Deal for Park Avenue Land Closed

After the council as a committee of the whole had viewed the land on Park avenue for which negotiations were opened last year by the old council, the purchase was decided advisable. One thousand dollars had been paid down on the land, and four thousand is to be paid. The land in question extends from Park avenue, on the west side of Ashland creek, back from the street line to the base of the hill with the exception of the actual land occupied by the Park garage. The strip extends from the bridge corner up to the creamery property.

The council at Tuesday's meeting ordered the land graded, earth to be taken from the hillside to fill it up to a level with the street, rubbish removed and a general clean-up. In the not distant future this avenue will be either paved or macadamized and turned from an alley into a drive sixty feet wide which will make a magnificent sweep of driveway along the side of Chautauqua park and leading up to the entrance to Lithia park.

In time this drive is bound to become lined with summer shops, and the property bought by the city is well worth the price.

Mrs. Martha Rapp Passes Away

Mrs. Martha Rapp, one of Oregon's pioneer women, died Wednesday evening at the home of her son, Fred Rapp, at Talent, at the age of 75 years. Mrs. Rapp came to Rogue River Valley in 1853 and lived in Ashland until two years ago, when she moved to her son's ranch. Her son Fred is the only direct descendant. Mrs. Charles Christensen of Ashland is her niece and cared for her at the Rapp home on Oak street here until her marriage. Evan Reames of Klamath Falls is a brother of the deceased and will come over to attend the funeral, which will be held at Jacksonville.

Cast for Umpire Is Enthusiastic

The first meeting of the cast for "The Umpire," the musical comedy which is to be staged by the Ashland Commercial Club at the Vining Theatre on April 17, was held Tuesday evening at the Commercial Club rooms. The script of the play was read over and enthusiastically received by the players. The music, both solos and choruses, is snappy and full of "pep." The cast will meet several times each week and are throwing themselves into the work with a spirit which promises the best performance ever staged by amateurs in Ashland.

About a dozen Ashlanders have recently secured employment in the northern California and Klamath county sawmills. Among the Ashlanders recently employed at Hill were W. N. Sullivan, J. W. Jarvis, Clarence Matthews and Jess Bennett. Kenneth McWilliams and Neil Shinn are still in the Klamath wilds and supposedly have landed positions.

Why Is a Barber Pole? Queries Council

Signs of all kinds, big signs, little signs, fat signs and thin signs, occupied the center of the stage for an hour and ten minutes at council meeting Tuesday night. The signs weren't there in the body but were present in spirit and pointed toward different eventualities depending on the viewers viewpoint. To some the signs pointed toward a city which was a forest of barber poles, bulletin boards and swinging signs calling attention to every kind of business from blacksmithing to real estate.

Buffalo Traveler Says "Advertise"

Chief Porter stated that the barber pole mentioned had been painted out and that the other signs which violated the ordinances had been ordered removed. The mayor stated that in his estimate the two conditions to be decided were: a matter of sightliness, and the right of people to have the unobstructed use of the sidewalks. The mayor also outlined some interesting history and family antecedents of the watch sign in front of his jewelry store and of other signs around town.

Finally Mr. Banta produced the sign posting and billboard ordinance and the recorder read it. The ordinance seemed to leave such matters to a great extent in the hands of the council.

Mr. Lamb got the floor and stated that he believed in living up to a contract and when the city had granted permission to a man to put a sign or tank on the sidewalk it should stick to its word regardless of what the individual councilman thought.

Mr. Banta spoke vehemently against "such foolishness as painting a barber pole white instead of striped when the pole would be there anyhow." Mr. Banta stated that he did

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FREE LECTURE

Prof. Allen Eaton of the University of Oregon will lecture on "Art" at the library tonight, Thursday. There will be no charge of any kind.
Mr. Eaton brings with him a beautiful collection of pottery which he will display. The lecture is given under the auspices of the C. S. L. S., and the public is cordially invited to hear Mr. Eaton.

Urges Support of Chamberlain Bill

In the matter of encouraging support of the Chamberlain land grant bill, which provides that, in the disposition of the lands of the grant, 40 per cent of the proceeds shall go to the school fund and 40 per cent to the counties of Oregon. Judge F. L. Tou Velle, for the county court of Jackson county, Saturday, wired the following message to the Oregon delegation, house of representatives, Washington, D. C.:

"The county court of Jackson county urges the Oregon delegation to use its utmost endeavor to secure the passage of the Chamberlain land grant bill and to protect the counties in the matter of delinquent taxes."

Cliff Payne makes tables.

Curbs and Gutters On Upper Granite

Granite street from the end of life pavement at Nutley street to the Holly property is to have curbs and gutters installed. Residents between Nutley street and Strawberry Lane presented a petition to the city council, which was signed by all of the property owners. George Holly and Frank Jordan wished curb and gutter put in front of their property, but the 300-foot gap of property line between had not been signed up. The council, however, ordered curb and gutter put in all along the street up as far as Mr. Holly's residence.

The city will establish grades and grade the street down on the upper side to the necessary grade. Mr. Root thought sufficient funds were not available to completely grade the street, saying that a big fill would have to be made to grade it to the required forty-foot width. However, the city will grade as much as possible and establish the curb line. Granite street is becoming one of the best residence streets in the city, and the property on the upper side of the street opposite the park has gained much in value in the past two years.