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LEGAL SUBTERFUGE

Practically every attorney in Ashland agrees that the city election held last November at which the present city administration reelected itself without giving an opportunity to others who might desire to submit their names as candidates, was absolutely illegal in at least two respects. The state constitutional amendment by which the date of election was changed provided that candidates for city offices should be nominated at primaries the same time county officers were nominated. Under that provision they should have been nominated in the last April primaries. That was not done. Another provision was to the effect that municipal administrations should enact such measures as was necessary to put the constitutional provision into action. That was not done. The constitutional amendment provided that election officers at the general election should act as officers for city elections and that city voting precincts should be the same as the county election precincts. That was not done, but tickets to be voted on city officers were to be found only at three precincts in the city.

All of these errors were vital and absolutely nullified the election. City officers are now holding on only by reason of a constitutional provision that all officers shall hold until their successors are elected and qualified. Notwithstanding the absolutely illegal status of the council Messrs. Banta and Lamkin are now maneuvering to save their political jobs by asking citizens, at a special election soon to be called to amend the city charter in the two respects attempted before, to ratify the illegal November election. The effect of which, if carried, will be to allow them to fill the offices for the next two years without affording citizens an opportunity to vote for other candidates if they desire to do so.

Shame on such peanut tactics. If these gentlemen desire to do the right thing why do they not call a special election for all city officers, at which anyone desiring to become a candidate may contest with them for election. There is no good reason why they may not be candidates to succeed themselves and if the people want them they have nothing to fear. It looks as if they do not want a fair square election. They appear to be afraid to submit their case to citizens. They appear rather to desire by legal and political subterfuge, to put the matter up in such a way that people will have to vote for them or leave the administration illegal for another two years. It is about the most brazen piece of political chicanery we have ever heard of. Why do they not file their resignations with the recorder to take effect five or ten days after a special election for city officers and take their chances in a fair open contest. They are afraid to do it.

It is our judgment that citizens will not stand for such unfair and arbitrary tactics so long as the recall provisions are in their hands thru which they may protect themselves. If we understand the temper of the people at this time, on that subject, if such unfair cramming is attempted the recall will be invoked to stop them.

As usual, the farmers claim farming does not pay, but it is noticed the automobile dealers spend a lot of time drumming their trade.

"GETTING BY."

In article IX, section 4 of the Charter of Ashland it is provided that there shall be no right of appeal from the decision of the recorder unless the fine imposed shall exceed \$20.00. Most attorneys hold that it is not constitutional to deny a defendant the right of appeal. The other day the attention of the council was called to this unconstitutional feature, whereupon it is reported Mayor Lamkin replied: "Well, we are getting by with it." Section 1 of article IX of the charter makes the Recorder the judicial officer of the city and section 9 of article VIII provides that "in case of the absence or inability of the recorder to perform his duties, or in case of a vacancy in the office of recorder, the mayor shall have power to perform his duties, to try cases, etc., but there is no legal provision of the charter that gives anyone but the Recorder power to try offenses against the ordinances of the city when the recorder is on duty at the city hall. In assuming to try city cases, unless the recorder is absent or otherwise incapacitated, the mayor does so without warrant of law and therefore has absolutely no power to assess a fine, or to force the collection of a fine. No doubt should you ask him in regard to his authority he would reply: "Well we are getting by with it aren't we?" He has a penchant for "getting by" with things. No doubt when he discovered his "police court" charter amendment was not good there run thru his mind the injunction: "Well, maybe we can 'get by' with it, at least, we will 'get by' with it until we are caught." From the experience the writer has had with the mayor we are led to think that he has a fixed motto both in politics and public life: "If it can be gotten by with it is O. K." And that is exactly why we are opposed to Mr. Lamkin as mayor. The "get by" doctrine is an exceedingly bad one to be applied in the conduct of municipal affairs. A municipality has no existence except by law. A municipal officer has no power except that properly given him by law. Whatever is attempted by a municipality, or municipal officer, beyond and outside of the powers conferred on it or him by law is absolutely without force or effect. In pretending to act as magistrate of the city court the acts of mayor Lamkin are absolutely illegal even if it be conceded that he is legally mayor of the city, which we think he is not. One of these days he will fail to "get by" with it and the city will be made liable for heavy damages for false imprisonment.

It is our opinion that Mr. Lamkin, both in politics and public matters, has "gotten by" with many more things in the past than he will likely "get by" with in the future. In attempting to act as police judge the mayor puts himself in exactly the same illegal position as Judge Brower found himself. As soon as he knew it Judge Brower resigned. That does not appear to be the attitude of the mayor.

The people who don't want to give any money to feed starving Europe, may soon be complaining because anarchy in Europe paralyzes American export trade.

With every town planning to erect a soldiers' memorial, anybody who can lay a stone wall should get a chance to sculpt a monument.

CHERRY TREE DAY

The cherry tree meeting at the city hall Saturday, under the auspices of the Horticultural committee of the commercial club was highly interesting and instructive. Mr. Dill and Mr. Joy supplied inspiration for the meeting. These gentlemen are intensely interested in helping to instruct producers that they make a success of their ranches and small acreage tracts in the city. Both of them have made decided success in handling profitably their small tracts and feel convinced that with proper knowledge and effort practically all of the small holdings can be profitably handled, especially those which have access to water for irrigation. By invitation Prof. Cate and Reimer were present, the former giving instructions in cherry culture and the latter on soil fertilizers. It was a splendid meeting. Every orchardist and rancher in this end of the valley should have been present. Such instruction as is available thru these sources should be taken advantage of, for, it is only by advanced knowledge of the culture, adaptability of soils and fertilizers, to particular crops and intelligent marketing of products can ranchers hope to get profitable results.

Many such meetings should be held and they should be largely attended.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ACTIVE

This year the Commercial Club is being put in dandy working shape under the leadership of President Clark Bush. He has placed each director at the head of a specific committee allowing each to select two helpers from the body of the club. These committees are expected to work and President Bush insists that they do so. At each directors' meeting certain specific work is given each committee to do and the president insists that the work be done and reports made at the next directors' meeting. The club is now in such working shape that citizens may expect some fine results the coming year. Thru the activities of such a working organization Ashland can be materially put forward. Every citizen should become interested in the work both with moral support and an active membership in the organization. Join the commercial club and you will see Ashland go forward with a bound this year.

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Of all the legal mixups we ever witnessed Ashland is now in the worst sort. It has no legal acting police court. Irregularities in the last city election were such that it is altogether likely that Ashland has no legal officers. It is doubtful even, if they are defacto legal enough to call an election. The election to put Ashland back on a legal basis may have to be called by initiative.

Waiving the illegality of the last city election Recorder Beide is the only person legally qualified to assess penalties for violation of Ashland's city ordinances.

The slackers who will soon lose the jobs that they took when the soldiers left now see that they made a great mistake in not enlisting and getting as far as the cantonments.

The folks who complain of the high rate of fire insurance commonly include a lot who keep their ashes in wooden barrels.

House Builder asks what is the largest building in the world heated by hot air? Far as we know, it's the Capitol at Washington.

The girls will all welcome the soldiers back by consenting to be taken out to the ice cream joints and picture shows.

The Bolshevik sympathizers who favor anarchy want the business of handing food to them to be very efficiently organized.

As soap costs more, the boys kindly consent to economize on it.

FARM BUREAU BRINGS

INESTIMABLE BENEFITS

Government Farm Bureau work is being thoroughly organized thruout Jackson county. It is a splendid move. A. C. Joy of Bellevue is county chairman of the organization and his plans are being put into action with a vim. It will no doubt prove of inestimable benefit to the ranchers of this section. The plans of organization will bring forth permanent good. It is being organized in departments to reach the different activities and products of the districts. It is practical because one of its main features is to handle the marketing problems of the farmer. For example, a hog department is established and the head of that department given to an active and interested hog producer. He established, for example, a hog marketing day. Every hog raiser connected with the organization is notified that there will be a hog shipping from a given point on a given day. Each rancher can thus pool his hog shipments with his neighbors' whether he had one hog or a dozen or more and they are shipped in car lots to the market instead of leaving the small producer with one or two hogs to the mercy of the local market. One of these shipments has already been made and on a ten thousand pound shipment the association gained for the producers three cents a pound advance over what the local market afforded.

An egg day will be established so that on the certain shipping day all local producers can bring their eggs to a common point and pool them for shipment, whether they have a dozen cases or only a dozen eggs. It is then proposed to offer all or any part of the supply to the local buyer at the market price and if they are not taken locally at that price they will be shipped away to market in bulk, thus relieving the small producer from having to accept whatever the local market cares to offer as has been necessary in the past.

Success of small ranchers in the neighborhood is important to Ashland. The more profitable the ranches can be made the better they are for the community. The Farm Bureau movement deserves encouragement.

Question is asked what all the rifle factories are going to do in peace times? Well, the kids require quite a lot of air guns to shoot at their neighbors' heps and shed windows.

If the dear girls glue down sections of hair mattresses over their ears, will they be able to hear the important questions the returning soldiers may put to them?

An increase in the number of traps is reported. Probably escaping from places where they were insulted by offers of work.

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"Following a serious accident four months ago," he continued, "which laid me up for eight or nine weeks, I lost my appetite, and my stomach got all out of order. What little I did manage to eat would sour and form gas, which would cramp and pain me until I could hardly stand it. Then my kidneys went back on me, and my back hurt so bad I couldn't find a comfortable position. They said I had rheumatism or 'lumbago', then my right leg, below the knee, got to hurting me, and at times I couldn't stand on my feet or get up when down. I was constipated all the time and suffered a great deal with headache. Nobody knows how I really did suffer, because I just can't describe it, and as nothing seemed to do me any good I had become discouraged about my condition.

"I finally sent down and got a bottle of Tanlac, as I had read so much about it, and it was about the best investment I ever made. My appetite came bounding back after my first few doses, and by the time my second bottle was gone, my stomach trouble was almost gone, too. I am now eating any and everything I want and it don't hurt me the least bit, and my kidneys and back are greatly improved. At the time I started on Tanlac I had to use crutches in order to get about, but I don't need them now at all, and have



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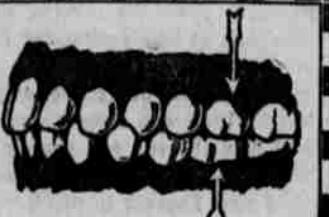
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If any of the six-year molars are allowed to be lost by decay, it is a loss which cannot be replaced. Nothing can ever be done in the future which will permanently replace the lost molar after it has been removed.

These four permanent molars do most of the chewing for a period of five years. They keep the jaws apart while other teeth mature and take their places in the jaws. Their loss is necessary and may be avoided. No other teeth are so necessary and important as the first permanent or six-year molars.

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