

The People's Forum

ON PARK CONDITIONS

Editor Tidings:—At the time I was in favor of turning the park over to the Park board and the mineral springs plant over to the council. I voted for both of these measures. Just before the election a friend of mine who was in favor of continuing the whole affair in the hands of a water commission composed of three members, with nothing to look after but the mineral water plant and the park, said that if the park was turned over to the Park board they would make a cow pasture of it in three years. I did not believe it, as the Park board was composed of good, conservative citizens, who I thought, had a full realization of the importance of the project to the city. So I voted for the measure.

Lately I have heard some complaint about the way the park was unkept. Sunday I took a stroll thru it to learn for myself what was going on, or rather what was NOT going on.

My idea of a typical cow pasture is a large greensward extending along a beautiful stream, with shade where the cows can contentedly graze, drink, and lie in the shade as their notion strikes them. This pasture has millions of dandelions in it that are allowed to go to seed before they are cut so that the next year there will be tens of millions where there were only millions before. Usually at the upper end of this pasture a certain plot is set aside for meadow so that the cattle can have

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hay for the winter. In such a cow pasture the cow paths are all let go to weeds and are never cleaned off until they have seeded, so the crop will be doubled the next year. That is exactly what I found in Ashland's Lithia park.

There may be some whys and wherefores that I do not understand about the management of the park. But surely something is wrong. I think the park is the best investment Ashland ever made. It cost one hundred thousand dollars and has proven well worth the money. I pay a little more taxes than the average citizen and my money is invested in that park. I am willing to pay a little more tax, if necessary to keep it up as it should be. It looks to me now as if something ought to be done to reclaim the park from a cow pasture. When I saw the grass a foot long at the upper end of the park, after having waded thru dandelions gone to seed from the entrance of the park near Pell's corner to this splendid meadow, I could not help but think of the business characteristics of one of the park members, at least, who thinks he makes money by saving on the upkeep of his property and lets them run down until none of them are rented, applying the same principle to the upkeep of the park. I imagined it was under his influence that the grass was left to grow right under the nose of those thrifty prospective settlers who drive into our auto camp ground by the hundreds every summer. No doubt he had in

mind that we would let the grass go to meadow and have it cut into hay, selling a couple of tons each year and adding the revenue to the park fund so the dandelions could be cut the next year. Well, when all the seed that has been strewn this year sprouts next spring there will need be a fund to get rid of it and I think it will cost more than the revenue derived from the sale of hay that might be raised on the children's play grounds.

It looks to me as if the Park board was letting the park degenerate into a cow pasture right. I am opposed to it and if it is being neglected as a park board policy, or if the park board think that is the way to keep up a park, then I am in favor of making some kind of a change and getting the management into the hands of somebody who has a better notion of aesthetic development.

Suppose you had a farm that cost a hundred thousand dollars and the managers let it go to the bow bows like that. How long would you keep that management? He would have to resign or you would kick him out mighty quick.

As I said there may be some reason for the neglect that I do not understand. I would like to hear from the Park board on the subject. It is not my purpose to just criticize to be heard. I want that park kept like a park of its importance should be kept, that is all.

—TAXPAYER.

Editor's Note—Ordinarily we do not open our columns to criticisms but the park matter is important.

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