

FAIR PRICES FOR FACTORY SITES IS AIM OF CRAWFORD

Committee of Realty Men to Put Screws on Profiting Land Owners, Is One Suggestion.

PRICE ZONING IS FAVORED

Banker Suggests City and Environs Be Districted, So Prospective Buyer Make Choice.

A committee of reputable realty dealers, members of the Realty board, who will have the courage to put the screws on profiteering landowners who "stick up" the price of factory sites when a prospective buyer heaves in sight.

Price-zoning of the city and its environs, so that a prospective factory site purchaser can get a piece of land at what he believes he can afford to pay.

These are suggestions of W. H. Crawford, of the department of industries of the Chamber of Commerce to overcome the danger of losing an industry through the owner trying to drive too hard a bargain.

The problem of finding a more suitable way of handling prospective industrial site purchasers has been under consideration by the department of industries for several weeks. Mr. Crawford desires suggestions for the extension of this plan.

"In facing this problem," says Mr. Crawford, "we feel that we must start at the beginning and assume that all of Portland's industrial property is for sale and that the price will eventually be settled between the buyer and the purchaser when they get together. If the property is all for sale and the price is at a flexible standard, we have a giant task to accumulate data which will serve a useful purpose."

"If the entire matter were placed in the hands of specialists, we could institute a zoning system so that the prospective purchaser could pick the desirable location and then take the matter over with the specialist."

"In the event of a deadlock between the property owner and purchaser, the dealers, under this plan, should agree that they would submit their property to an appraisal board, consisting of the owner, prospective purchaser and an individual selected by both, and then sell for the price decided upon by this trio."

This plan would seem fair to both parties and would have the effect of testing the sincerity of the prospective purchaser and would prevent him from going away with the feeling that Portland dealers were trying to hold him up.

"This plan would mean the listing of dealers rather than the listing of property. The selection of zones might be made as follows: North Portland or peninsula district, Gresham or suburban, Linnton, St. Johns, Portland in the vicinity of the old fair grounds, Sullivan's gulch, North Portland on the east side, and North Portland on the west side."

Austrian Lunatics Are Out on Strike

London, June 24.—The very last word in strikes has come. Dispatches today stated that the lunatics in the great asylum at Voralberg, Austria, had gone on "strike" for better food and more of it.

Waldport Office Is Put in Third Class

Waldport, June 24.—The Waldport postoffice has been advanced to third class rating, effective as on April 1. Miss Arie Head is postmistress and Miss Florence Head is assistant.

Mr. Stork Alights On Auto, and All Are Doing Nicely

Hood River, June 24.—Mother and babe are doing nicely today, thank you. The babe was born to Mrs. I. U. Wilson yesterday when she and the father were out for a Sunday drive, en route to Kemp from Portland. Mrs. Wilson was removed to the Cottage hospital here. The little girl was christened Billie Dorothea. She will soon be able to accompany her parents on their interrupted journey.

PLANS MADE TO COMB PORTLAND TERRITORY FOR ARMY RECRUITS

Rival Parties Will Cover All Sections Under Jurisdiction of Office Here.

Three recruiting parties will leave the general army recruiting station at Third and Oak streets today to cover large sections under jurisdiction of the Portland district. Each party will consist of several enlisted men and one commissioned officer.

The parties will be commanded by Captain Walter B. Swackhamer, medical corps, who will visit Eastern Oregon, stopping at Pendleton, La Grande, Baker, Huntington, Union and other points en route. Captain David H. Hall, engineer corps, will cover the territory between Portland and Roseburg, taking in all cities and towns of importance in between. First Lieutenant Floyd D. Martin, veterinary corps, will conduct a party from Portland through Southwestern Washington, visiting Castlerock, Chehalis, Centralia, Aberdeen, Hoquiam and other towns and cities.

These parties will be gone for an indefinite period and will make a complete canvass of the territories assigned them with a view to putting the Portland district far "over the top" on its quota of recruits.

The fourth canvassing party will cover Central Oregon, visiting Hood River, The Dalles, Heppner, Fossil, Prineville and Bend, and will leave about Thursday. This party will be commanded by Captain Earl Harkins, ordnance department.

Captain C. W. Huntington, field artillery, will have charge of the party going away with the feeling that Portland dealers were trying to hold him up.

Maplewood Holstein Herd Will Be Sold At Public Auction

Announcement is made today that the famous herd of Holstein cows owned by J. W. Romero & Son will be disposed of by public auction within the next few weeks.

The Maplewood Farm here is one of the most noted in the Pacific Northwest and has been built up by years of hard work and search for the best Holstein blood in the country. J. W. Romero, the owner, is now general manager of the Oregon Milk Producers' association and a director of the Oregon Dairy-men's league. He says that because he is devoting the major portion of his time to the handling of milk distribution for the benefit of Portland consumers he has found it quite impossible to care for his herd any longer.

This is the first of the famous Holstein breed of cows to be offered for sale in this state. Last week the Cary herd of Jerseys was sold, 2000 people attending the sale, which broke all records for prices.

Baroness Mackey Van Ophemert, member of the Holland and Scotch peerage, is missing in San Francisco. She was last heard of on March 7, when she arrived from Batavia on the Dutch steamer Grotius.

LANE O'LAUGHTER IS ALSO SORROW

Four Dirty Park Blocks Littered With Sawdust and Confetti Must Be Cleaned Up by City.

Four blocks of dead grass, unclean sawdust, confetti and rubbish are all that remain of the Lane o' Laughter, aside from the expense the city will have in cleaning up.

Although members of the city council declare they were given to understand the Rose Festival association would clean up the park blocks after the show, that organization has done nothing, and Superintendent of Parks C. P. Keyser, under urging from Mayor Baker, has been forced to let a contract for cleaning to Nat. Stanzano. The contractor is having difficulty in getting men to do the work and the cleaning is thus delayed. Without the usual appropriation, omitted in the last budget, the superintendent does not know how the contract will be paid.

The Lane o' Laughter paid no fee to the city for the licenses under which it operated for two weeks, and as an insolvent institution cannot be held accountable for the damage it has done, according to the statement of Superintendent Keyser.

"We cannot hold the Rose Festival association accountable," he said, "because the association has no funds and while the money might go on the nuisance in the park blocks might remain indefinitely."

Mayor Baker disclaimed any knowledge of the agreement with the association or with the show company, but declared he had heard complaints of the nuisance and had ordered the cleaning of the city park.

"That the grass which appears to be absent from the blocks, leaving the surface of the once beautiful green, will reappear when water is applied is the statement of Superintendent Keyser. A few workers under the contract let by the park bureau are attempting to clean up the parks today, but will not be able to complete the job this week, as expected. The park bureau is, however, less than his employer secures considerably more help, it is said."

Appointment would be held in abeyance until after Attorney General Brown had prepared an opinion of the law, the validity of which had been questioned by District Attorney Evans of Portland and other attorneys.

VALIDITY OF NEW COURT QUESTIONED

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Declaring that the statute creating the court of domestic relations is at least of doubtful validity, the opinion continues: APPEARANCE VALID

"It must be borne in mind that this is but the expression of legal opinion based on decisions of our own supreme court, affecting the powers and duties of courts of justice and rights and privileges of immunities and welfare of children sought to be protected by a solemn and formal act of the legislature and that courts alone have the power to declare such an act of legislature invalid, so that notwithstanding this expression of opinion, the act remains in force and the appearance of valid law enacted by legislature with all of the usual formalities."

Therefore, he suggests, on account of the grave importance of matters involved and in order that all questions connected with the creating of a new court may be finally and definitely decided by the only power having authority to make such decisions, matters should be presented to the supreme court for its decision at the earliest possible moment."

OPINION HANDED DOWN BY SUPREME COURT

Salem, June 24.—The following opinion was handed down by the supreme court today:

George Devoil vs. Citizens bank, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; rehearing denied; opinion by Justice Bennett.

Mary Ward Harter, administratrix of estate of D. E. Ward, vs. Clatsop county et al., appellants; appeal from Clatsop county; rehearing denied; opinion by Justice Bennett; Judge J. A. Eakin affirmed.

Arthur M. Churchill et al. vs. Minnie M. Meade et al., appellants; appeal from Tillamook county; appeal from decree setting aside divorce by sheriff; opinion by Justice Bennett; Judge George R. Bagley reversed and case remanded.

Elsie E. Wade vs. Walter E. Wade, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; holds valid decree of divorce and holds that court was without power to vacate decree; opinion by court per curiam; Judge J. P. Kavanaugh reversed.

L. G. Raibach vs. Mattie B. Raibach, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; suit for divorce; opinion by Justice Bennett; Judge J. A. Eakin affirmed.

First National bank of Union vs. F. C. Wright et al., appellants; appeal from Union county; Union to dismiss denied by Justice Bennett.

Forty-Four Bodies Taken From Debris Of Furious Tornado

Fergus Falls, Minn., June 24.—(U. P.)—Fergus Falls cleared away the debris of Sunday night's tornado today. Forty-four bodies have been recovered from the ruins and 15 persons are reported unaccounted for. Three hospitals checked 167 injured.

The town is under martial law. Visitors are not allowed. Even residents are barred from searching the ruins. State guardsmen took the place of volunteers in cleaning up.

5 Transports With A. E. F. Men Left France on June 21

Washington, June 24.—(U. P.)—Five transports, carrying 7738 officers and men of the A. E. F., sailed from French ports on June 21, the war department announced, this afternoon. They are: The Finland, with 3881, from Brest, due at Boston, July 3; the Lancaster, with 2134, from Bordeaux, due at New York, July 4; the cruiser Montana, with 1455, from Brest, due at New York about July 1; and the Lake Silver, with one casual, from St. Nazaire, for New York.

Patrons who arrive at the bank after the hour of closing and are refused admittance should feel no worse than the ones who arrive at the bank after the train has left. Both issue time cards announcing closing and leaving.

MRS. SARAH MARQUISS, LANE PIONEER, PASSES

Eugene, June 24.—Mrs. Sarah S. Marquiss, a native of Lane county, died suddenly Monday morning, from the bursting of a blood vessel in the brain, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. D. Matlock.

Mrs. Marquiss, one of the pioneer Mulkey family, was born near Eugene August 24, 1857. She was the widow of William R. Marquiss, a veteran of the Civil war.

Mrs. Marquiss is survived by the following children: Mrs. Bertha Bromley, Portland; B. J. Marquiss, Veneta, Or.; Mrs. E. D. Matlock, Eugene; Mrs. Guy Garrett, Medford; Mrs. H. E. Hunt, Portland; Lorence, North Bend; Dr. Floyd D. Chico, Cal., and Maurice, Eugene. The children will be here for the funeral services.

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Nevertheless Joe, accompanied by the two wardens, went back to Hadleyville. Not a soul was in the town. Even the justice of the peace had gone to the ball game. The little party then went to Crow, where they found justice, J. M. Holland, nearly ready to issue a warrant for Joe himself for delaying the game.

The situation was explained to the justice and an immediate trial was decided upon. With a suitcase as the magistrate's bench and the pine needles as the prisoner's docket, the case was given a cursory hearing, at the conclusion of which Joe found himself minus \$25. The fine was paid, the game went on, and Mr. Clark says that as near as he could judge, Hadleyville was victorious.

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Mr. Clark reports that game conditions are excellent in Lane county and that the prospects are good. Mountain roads are in fair shape and the wardens had little difficulty going from Junction City to Florence on the coast.

TWO IN PLANE ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Shelley Watson and Mr. Ireland Perish in Sight of Watson's Sweetheart.

Rye, N. Y., June 24.—(U. P.)—Shelley Watson, stationed at Mineola field and his civilian mechanic, M. Ireland, were burned to death here today when their aeroplane crashed to the ground and burst into flames.

Watson was flying low over a cottage on the beach here in which his fiancée lived. His motor failed, causing the machine to fall. His fiancée witnessed the accident.

Watson had recently returned from 18 months overseas and was accounted an expert flyer.

The bodies were charred beyond recognition, but army officers from Mineola field identified the plane and occupants.

As the machine struck the ground the gasoline tank exploded and it was impossible for the few spectators to do anything to extricate the men. An adjacent cottage caught fire from the flying gasoline, but was extinguished by the fire department.

Watson had been in the habit, his brother fliers said, of flying over his fiancée's cottage every morning.

Former Residents Of Douglas County Hold Annual Picnic

About 500 former residents of Douglas county gathered in annual picnic and reunion at Peninsula park on Sunday. A business session of the association was held in the park at 11 a. m. At 1 p. m. the picnic began.

The afternoon program comprised a series of addresses, music and the annual election.

Talks were made by W. H. Brackett, aged 90, a Douglas county pioneer; George H. Himes, secretary of the State Pioneer association; Justice H. Benson of the state supreme court; G. C. Love, Judge A. M. Crawford and Judge George W. Riddle. C. Louis Barzee read an original poem and Mrs. E. J. Sutherland led the singing of "Till We Meet Again."

The association elected the following officers and committees: President, George C. Johnson; first vice president, George H. Tower; second vice president, Lafe Manning; third vice president, Mrs. Laurie Rice Castor; chairman, Mrs. Mabel Boone Peters; Mrs. Anna Smith; Mrs. Anna Cooper Stark; Mrs. Maude Sutherland; Mrs. A. C. Gardner and C. Louis Barzee. Visiting committee: Mrs. Ella White, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Dr. Myra Brown-Tyner, Mrs. Martha Oshine, Pohlner, Mrs. Anna Hunt Wakefield, Mrs. Laura Spaulding Gowdy, Mrs. E. J. Sutherland Gallagher.

Suit Over Rosenberg Estate Is Settled

Medford, Or., June 24.—The Bear Creek orchard of 240 acres, two-thirds of it in apples and the rest in pears, passed to the possession of David and Harry Rosenberg, young sheepmen of Medford, through a settlement they made last week with the executors of the estate of their father, Samuel Rosenberg, who was a wealthy Seattle man. They had brought suit against the executors for an accounting, alleging that the estate was being wrongfully administered.

And then go over to the WALKER GROCERY CO., corner 34th and Hawthorne— and buy some 'cause they sure is good.

Yours for \$5,440,000.

THE NUT

Ever time you feel like havin' a good time eat just think of—

"WHOPPERS" (Them great big peanuts what taste so good) or

"SUPREME MIXTURE" (All kinds of Salted Nuts) or

"GARNETS" (The Sugared Peanut JEWELL) or

"NUT HOUSE BRITTLE" (The Brittle what tastes like nuts)

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ANOTHER ATTEMPT IN HOUSE TO REPEAL TAX ON LUXURIES TO BEGIN

Leaders Say First Effort Failed Because Action Was Sought Only on Clothing.

Washington, June 24.—(U. P.)—Another attempt will be made soon by Republican leaders in the house to repeal the luxury taxes carried in the war revenue law passed by congress last winter.

It was expected, leaders said today, that the second effort will meet with a better reception by the house because the repealing legislation will embrace all, and not be restricted to a portion of the luxury taxes and consequently its support will be more general.

The first repealing bill, presented some weeks ago by Representative Fordney, chairman of the house ways and means committee, repealed only the taxes imposed by Section 806 of the revenue law which are confined largely to wearing apparel. It was attacked immediately by members who were receiving complaints from their constituents because of the far taxes on soda water, ice cream sodas, optical glasses, fur coats and other things and articles in general use.

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