

# DOG FANCIERS OF CITY LAY PLANS TO CHANGE LAWS

Dogs in Salem are at least going to have a "fighting chance," according to the purposes of a gathering of friends of "man's best friend on earth," at the Bligh hotel last night.

The general purpose of the meeting was to concentrate action in the amendment of city ordinances which owners claim are inhumane and revolutionary in principle. For the purpose of conferring with city officials in securing these changes to the existing city statutes, the following committee was appointed: Mrs. Fred S. Stewart, H. D. Trover, Louis Lachmann, Mrs. Carrie Fowle and Lot L. Pearce.

A. W. Sefton made a plea for the dog, emphasizing the fact the city statutes as they now stand, tend to subject dogs to inhumane conditions and that such laws will ultimately deprive dog lovers of their friends, or will drive desirable residents from the city.

During the gathering at which nearly 100 persons were in attendance, it was pointed out that dog owners in this city are subject to five separate and conflicting state and city statutes.

The following memorial, indictive of the purpose of the gathering was unanimously adopted and recommended for publication:

"The undersigned citizens of Oregon at a called meeting at Salem, February 19, 1920, would respectfully represent that they are voters and taxpayers, and believe that dog owners and dogs from times immemorial had certain inalienable rights that cannot be taken away by city ordinances and acts of the legislature so long as we are living under a constitution, and that those rights have been set aside and nullified by acts that are both cruel and inhuman and will if not repealed, cause great wrong and injury to our property, and if certain features of these vicious laws are enforced will endanger the lives and safety of people and domestic animals by causing dogs to become mad during the coming summer and spread rabies among cattle and other animals. We would respectfully set forth following facts and recommendations:

I. There are a number of city ordinances of drastic character that in their practical operation virtually make it impossible for anyone to keep a dog in this city in a humane and sanitary manner. Dogs in Salem must be kept chained in virtual slavery or led on a leash as is only customary in an aristocratic country where only the rich who can employ servants can keep a dog. We ask and propose to petition the city council for a conference with dog owners, taxpayers and the officers of the humane society to amend the present ordinance so that responsible and bona fide residents of this city can keep dogs by paying a suitable license fee under the police power and home rule provisions of the city, which alone has the right to exercise such powers of regulation.

II. We uphold the two general laws

under which dogs are required to be placed on the tax rolls and assessed as other property at their true cash value to the owner and under which thousands of dogs are already so assessed and given standing as lawful property and contributors to the wealth of the state and county treasuries. Every dog in the state of any value to the owner is presumed to be on the taxrolls and as such property cannot be made subject to double taxation nor be taken and destroyed under city and state license laws without due process of law any more than other property. We uphold the other state law making the owner of any dog responsible for any damage done by that animal to live stock or to the person or property of any citizen. Any dog under our state laws (sec. 552-5523) molesting live stock can be killed by the person whose stock has been hurt.

III. We demand the repeal of chap. 186 laws of 1919, requiring a state tax from all dogs within the state in addition to their being assessable as property, and under the police power of cities already living under licensed permits in many cities, as in Portland where about \$15,000 annually is collected from dogs and the funds used to carry on the work of the state humane society in caring for all neglected, abused or abandoned animals and even in enforcing laws against cruelty to children. This new state law has unusually cruel and inhumane provisions and its strict enforcement would make it necessary to kill all the dogs within the state in any one year, besides invading the police powers and rights of home rule guaranteed to cities. The new state law requires all dogs off the owner's premises to wear a steel or metal shepherd's muzzle fastened over the nose and around the neck and a dog found without such muzzle and away from the owner's immediate care shall be shot by any officer of the county or precinct. The only exemption is named in the law as a "hound dog for legitimate protection of a flock against ravages of wolves and other wild animals." Under the strict provisions of this law the state could not train or use bloodhounds to trail prisoners and the police cannot train and use police dogs as they would have to be muzzled when off state or city property.

IV. We believe these laws seriously conflict with each other and the best cases started in Portland and in this city should be carried to the highest courts and if found constitutional should be repealed as vicious and void and infringing the rights of owners of the dumb animals who cannot speak for themselves. We pledge ourselves to support an educational campaign that shall be made state wide to defeat such unfair and unwise laws and we pledge ourselves to support only candidates who will pledge themselves to give dogs and their owners fair treatment and restore to cities absolute local control of the matter."

F. G. Bligh, E. Hofer and John McNary were named as members of a committee for the extension of publicity in behalf of the plan of action adopted.

Among the signers of the memorial, were: Mrs. Fred S. Stewart, H. D. Trover, T. J. Cronise, Louis Lachmann, S. C. Richardson, Harry M. Levy, L. J. Bayes, T. G. Bligh, J. L. Miller, Lot L. Pearce, A. D. Kibbie, B. J. Ryan, A. M. Sower, Bob Davis, A. E. Johnson, F. S. Anunson, J. G. Anunson, Lew F. Cullins, Mrs. John

H. McNary, Mrs. T. J. Cronise, Mrs. Carrie G. Fowle, Mrs. Louis Lachmann, Mrs. C. D. Trover, Hattie Williams, K. B. Palmer, Paul H. Hauser, E. Hofer, A. W. Sefton, Fred W. Joelman, Helen C. Campbell and Mrs. E. Hofer.

## 300 Fordsons to Be Released for Oregon, Report

The Valley Motor company are in receipt of advices from Ford Motor Co. to the effect that the Fordson factory has promised 300 Fordson tractors for Oregon next month.

This promise of the Fordson factory is based on their understanding that Oregon is developing and growing so rapidly that extra allotments of tractors must be allowed this state to permit its steady growth and development.


The Ford Motor company insist, however, that on the receipt of the tractors they must be delivered immediately and the Oregon agents have gone on record that they will do this.

With the wonderful soil and climate of the Willamette valley and the national advertising now being done we can at least feel that Oregon is coming into its own. Land values are steadily increasing, because of the wonderful opportunities in farming and the growing demand for Oregon products. Power farming has solved the question of our great state, and evidently the Ford Motor company has caught the vision of the future of this state and is doing their part to materialize that vision.

It now rests with the Oregon farmer to back his own project and justify the Ford Motor company's action of making these extra allotments of farm tractors. With an insistent demand for tractors from every state in the union, Oregon has been favored, and if the response of the farmer is what it should be, it may be possible to keep up the extra shipments and our great state unfold and develop beyond even our greatest expectations.

## Austria to Fulfill Terms of St. Germain Pact

Vienna, Feb. 20.—Austria will hold to the treaty of St. Germain and not enter into negotiations with Hungary with regard to a plebiscite in west Hungary to determine its nationality, Dr. Karl Renner, chancellor, told the national assembly yesterday. The allies the chancellor said, agreed with this view of the Austrian government.



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## Special Meeting of Salem High Alumni February 29

The alumni association of the Salem high school will soon be in actual existence as a result of plans perfected at a meeting of the committee recently appointed to perfect organization plans.

This committee met at the home of Miss Luella Patton, Thursday night. Committee members are: Dewey Probst, chairman; Miss Luella Patton, Miss Dorothy Buchner, Leslie Springer and Fred Aldrich.

A general meeting open to all alumni of the Salem high school will be held at the public library auditorium Thursday night, February 29. At this meeting the constitution will be adopted and special working committees named.

## Cleveland Makes Preparations to Meet Big Demand

Production figures of the Cleveland Automobile Company, of Cleveland, Or., makers of Cleveland Light Six motor cars, show that twice as many of these cars were produced during January than in the previous

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Every effort is being made to so speed up production as to double the January figures during February.

A large four-story addition to the present factory is nearing completion and it is expected this will be in operation by the middle of March increasing the capacity of the original plant, completed nearly a year ago, by one-half. When this new annex is in operation the Cleveland Automobile Company hopes to reach its originally planned production schedule of 150 cars a day.

The new addition will be 200x30 feet, four stories high and, this with the original plant will give the factory a four-story building, 800x80 feet with 250,000 square feet of floor space for manufacturing purposes. The plant is located on a 19-acre tract on the Nickle Plate railroad main line with several spur tracks running around the factory.

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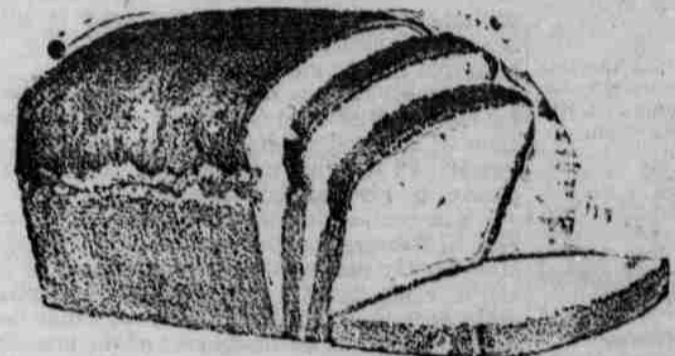
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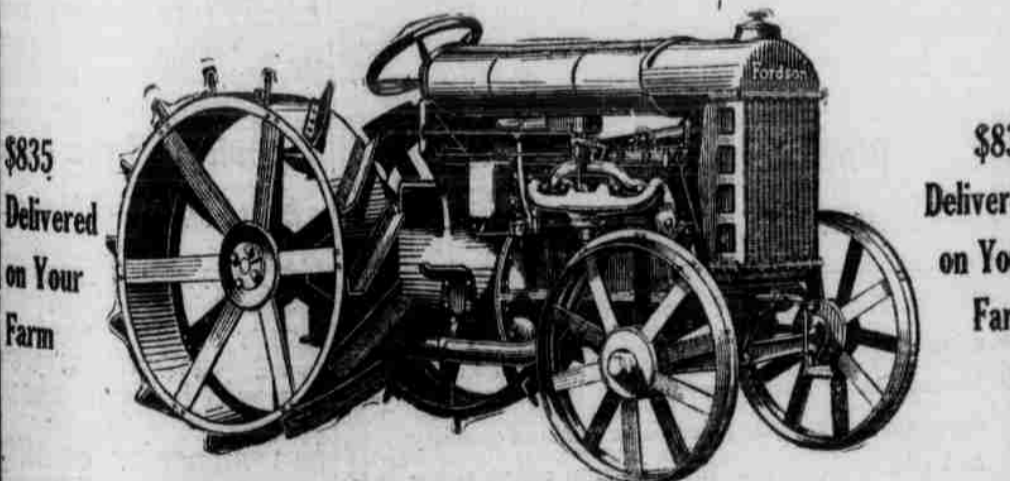
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