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Do your Christmas shopping early and be dead sure you do it in your own home town, where your dollar will stay in circulation.

Eastern Clackamas is too small a district and we all know each other personally too well, to let the old idea of party politics stand in the way of our selection of good, honest, capable officials. A strict adherence to party lines is all right in state and national campaigns, but should be forgotten as much as possible in our purely local and neighborhood selections.

Last week's resume of the work that has been accomplished by the Estacada C. I. C. Public Library, should be an incentive for a real established public library in this city, with a fair tax voted for its support.

Who are your candidates for Eastern Clackamas' representative in the next legislature and commissionership in the county court? Think it over, talk it over with your friends and then let's all get together.

Judging from the extensiveness and growth of the "honor rolls" now being printed in the Progress each month, from the nearby schools, the average deportment and scholarship among the pupils in country schools, has greatly increased; supplementing the old tradition that a country school was made up of bad boys, saucy girls and an occasional teacher's pet.

Why should the general public sentiment towards a city council be antagonistic, especially in the cases of property owners who have been requested to comply with the municipal ordinances, the enforcement of which are for the public and individual good?

This sentiment seems to take a form similar to that existing between a policeman and a law-breaker, with the property owner apparently complying with the terms of the city's ordinances, in a way implying fear of legal authority, rather than a desire to cooperate for the common welfare.

This condition should not exist and would not, if the public stopped to consider what the Estacada

City Council is. It is a body of men, elected by the people themselves, to direct and administer the city's welfare to the best of their ability and for which services they receive no remuneration.

The present Estacada city officials are trying to administer these duties conscientiously, but they need more real support from the public and especially from the property owners.

The question is asked, why don't the council enforce the sidewalk repair ordinance? This is asked largely by the non-property owner and by the property owner whose sidewalks are in repair.

The council, at first, rather than take drastic action, tried to inspire public pride among the property owners in this repair work, by an appeal through the columns of the Progress and in other ways. This appeal has more or less failed, although some loyal citizens, with civic pride and a natural desire to keep their personal property in condition, have acceded to the wishes of the authorities, but others have not and apparently do not intend to do so, until legally forced.

There are many places in Estacada where a serious accident will result from broken sidewalks, especially where school children pass four times per day, usually running or skipping along, as a child will. The City of Estacada might be held liable for damages in such instances, but it is a safe bet that the property owner will ultimately pay the bill and then some.

Many citizens, more or less, justly complain that the council should not enforce the sidewalk repair ordinance, when grazing livestock do the damage. The council cannot be blamed in this, as the citizens of Estacada them-

selves, voted to allow livestock to roam the city during certain stipulated hours. Most of the damage to sidewalk planks is done by horses and mules, rather than cows, but until a herd law is passed by a vote of the people, the council can do nothing more than enforce the present laws and ordinances. Some property owners are hiding behind the livestock depredations as an excuse for worn out rotten sidewalks, as it is seldom an animal can break other than a rotted plank.

Other important problems are receiving daily consideration by the city council but time is consumed on all of them, in legal and other necessary delays.

The Estacada city council would like to have the citizens attend more of the council gatherings, where they are always welcome and where they will be able to more intelligently understand the problems and their solution, that are now confronting the city fathers.

The by-word of the present administration, is not to see how much can be accomplished hastily, regardless of expense, but where the most good can be done with the limited amount of money on hand to work with.

New Auto Agency Taken

S. P. Peznecker of Garfield is this week announcing his appointment as local selling agent for the new Bush automobile.

This machine is a five passenger, four cylinder, 28 horse power car, and completely equipped with electric lights and starter, sells for \$675. Mr. Peznecker's demonstration car is now on its way from the factory in Chicago.

Mr. Peznecker is forsaking the farming business to enter the selling field and has the good wishes of his friends in his new venture. He has arranged to sell his farm stock and chattels, at a public auction, to be held December 29th.

The Peznecker farm is the old Lemon place.



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