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CITY FUNDS LIKELY TO BE WASTED Opponents Of Herd Law Threaten Forcing Special Election

Despite an overwhelming vote of 92 to 34, in favor of the City of Estacada enforcing a herd-law, as a result of a straw ballot taken a few weeks ago, a few disgruntled opponents of the measure, are now preparing to force the city to call a special election, to finally settle the question.

The straw vote which was taken, brought forth one of the largest votes ever recorded in the city and was representative in every respect, with none but registered voters being allowed to vote.

This straw vote was taken by the council at the request of several of these same opponents, who firmly believed that the voters favored the running at large of all livestock, but now these men refuse to be governed by the result of said straw ballot, even insinuating dishonesty and illegal voting.

As it requires the signatures of but 10% of the voters to invoke the referendum, with its special election, the dozen or more signatures can be gotten, with the consequent cost to the taxpayers of the city, of from \$50 to \$100 for the expenses of said special election.

Even the proponents of the referendum have little hopes of other than a repetition of the overwhelming vote cast in favor of the herd-law, but apparently are forcing this expense upon the taxpayers in a spirit of revenge.

If the threatened referendum, with its consequent expensive special election is forced, it will mean a delay of from 30 to 60 days in enforcing the herd-law ordinance, passed by the City Council last week. As this ordinance was deemed necessary especially at this time to protect the unfenced vacant property within the city limits, part of which is proposed to be planted to garden and farm crops, this delay will substantially prevent the continuance of this necessary movement.

\$208.00 Remitted

In the current issue of the Literary Digest is acknowledged the receipt of \$208., sent by the Garfield Grange for the Belgian Relief Fund. The acknowledgement also shows the names of all local contributors.

COUNCIL ORDERS LEGAL ACTION City To Force Owners Of Damaged Sidewalks To Repair And Rebuild

Bright red placards will soon be in evidence in many places in Estacada, beginning this week.

To the uninitiated, these placards resemble the red posters announcing contagious diseases, but on closer inspection it will be discovered that they are legal notices to force the repair and in many instances rebuilding of the abutting sidewalks.

The City Council has for a year past exercised a full share of leniency, in hopes that the property owners would repair or rebuild these sidewalks from a sense of civic pride, but as this course was unavailing, legal action has been begun.

A competent surveyor has been engaged to establish the proper sidewalk grades and all property owners will be forced to build on said grades. The notices in each case stipulate the work to be done, whether repairs are necessary or a new sidewalk shall be constructed and in some instances sidewalks will be ordered laid, where at present nothing but a path exists.

It is hoped the property owners will cooperate in this necessary work and not take an antagonistic stand against the Council's ruling, for it is for the municipal good and safety.

The majority of the sidewalks in Estacada were built about twelve years ago and have now rotted and need rebuilding from stringers to planks. Of the new sidewalks ordered, where no walks have been, these are needed in parts of the city, where traffic to and from the school is the heaviest.

Due legal notices are also being served on all non-resident property owners and the necessary legal action has been decided upon in the cases of owners who refuse to conform to the orders.

It is furthermore a misdemeanor to tear down, or destroy said placards until the improvements have been completed.

Spraying School Begins

Weather permitting, the first demonstration of the Garfield Spraying School, in charge of Prof. Brown of the O. A. C. will occur on May 1st, commencing at 10 o'clock.

All are urged to be present and if prior weather conditions seem unpropitious, Al Stephens of Garfield can be phoned to, to ascertain if a postponement has been made.

STOCKHOLDERS ELECT DIRECTORS

Directors To Elect Officers Choose Site And Let Contract For Building

At a stockholders meeting of the Estacada Cooperative Cheese Association held in conjunction with Monday nights meeting of the Farmers' & Merchants' Club in Estacada, Frank Ewing of Springwater was unanimously elected President of the association.

The following six directors were elected, whose term of office shall be one year, or until the next annual meeting, occurring the second Monday in January: - G. E. Lawrence and Barney Schonburg of Springwater; J. A. Randolph of Viola; R. H. Currin and C. R. Lovell of Currinsville and J. C. Dues of Garfield.

Pres. Ewing, who is also a member of the Board of Directors has issued an early call for a meeting of the board, when the other officers will be elected, a site chosen for the factory and contracts let for the building and equipment.

Several locations are being considered for the industry, among them being the lot adjoining the cannery on Terrace Addition flat; the J. W. Reed property on the spur track adjoining the lumber yard and the old Gambrinus Hotel corner property at 2nd and Zobrist Sts.

Within a month or so the industry should be in operation and a full supply of milk is looked for, as over 300 cows are listed and it is rumored that a matter of a hundred or more may be forthcoming from the Eagle Creek district.

The letting of the contracts or other arrangements for the collection of the milk is an important item which will occupy the attention of the directors for a time.

The next regular dinner meeting of the Farmers' & Merchants' Club will occur at the Hotel Adams next Monday evening, with adjournment following to the Family Theatre, where the free moving picture show will be given.

School Meeting Friday

At last Fridays school meeting several important matters were discussed by the taxpayers and it was voted not to purchase the adjoining athletic field.

A similar meeting has been called by the Board for Friday, April 27th to further discuss important school matters.

CLEAN-UP-DAY POSTPONED Weather May Be Settled By May 15th

As it is not likely the streets, alleys and property generally in Estacada will be in a sufficiently dry condition by May 1st for the staging of the annual Clean-Up-Day, the Public Property Committee of the City Council has decided to postpone the work until about May 15th.

Announcement will be made later of the exact date, on which day it is hoped all will join in the work. If the soldiers of Company D. are still stationed in Estacada at that time, as is likely, their cooperation is promised, thus guaranteeing a thorough and sanitary clean-up.

A public meeting should be held prior to the day set, when the people should divide the city into sections, with captains and crews appointed to systematically handle the work.

It will be necessary that a dozen or more teams and wagons be on the job and parties willing to donate same, or who are willing to furnish same at a minimum charge, are requested to notify some member of the Street & Public Property Committee, F. Jorg, P. M. Wagner or R. M. Standish.

The Council contemplates making an appropriation sufficient to cover the cost of buying the food supplies for the noon hour dinner, which has always been an important part of the annual clean-ups, and it is hoped the ladies of the city will agree to cook and serve the dinner as formerly.

In the meantime, all property owners are urged to clean up their own premises, gathering the tin cans and unburnable rubbish in proper receptacles for expediting the handling.

Free O. A. C. Picture Show

Under the auspices of the Farmers' & Merchants' Club, a free moving picture show will be given at the family Theatre on Monday evening, April 30th.

This instructive entertainment will be presented by Prof. Barr of the O. A. C. and comprises 3,000 feet of film dealing with Boys' and Girls' Club work and the livestock industry, besides 400 slides on similar subjects.

All are invited and requested to bring the children.