

Letters From The People

CITIZEN SAYS LAW HAS BEEN VIOLATED

To the Editor of the Herald:
Dear Sir:

With reference to the article in your issue of Monday, headed: "Wants probe of boxing game," the following facts may be of interest.

It is common talk around town that the boxing exhibitions as at present conducted in Klamath Falls, make no pretense at compliance, even with the spirit, much less the strict letter, of the state law governing municipal boxing commissions. Certain well defined rules, governing every step in the promotion and conduct of boxing exhibitions, are laid down by Chapter 344, pages 607 to 619 of the General Laws of Oregon, 1919.

Even a superficial investigation will demonstrate that the provisions of the law are being violated or ig-

nored. To ignore any law is to bring into discredit not only the law in question, but the administration of all similar laws, and tends to breed distrust and contempt, in the minds of the public, of those lax in enforcing the laws.

With particular reference to the case in point: On Labor Day, September 6th, a disastrous fire occurred in Klamath Falls, in which several lives were lost, and many rendered destitute, and dependent, for a time at least, upon the generosity of their fellow citizens. Subscription lists were quickly circulated, and several hundred dollars were collected and turned over to the mayor. Those in charge of the boxing matches scheduled for that day, being unwilling, as was but natural, to cancel the bouts, quickly made arrangements to hold the fights in another location, the opera house having been destroyed.

An offer was voluntarily made by the representatives of the boxing commission to donate 25 per cent of the gross proceeds of the event to the fund for the relief of the fire victims. Automobiles paraded the streets bearing large banners, stating that 25 per cent of the proceeds would be used as above. One of the most prominent business men in town requested that the same announcement be made from the speakers' platform at the court house square. So much for the promise. The performance was vastly different. The fights were held as scheduled, and it is common talk—no actual figures being procurable—that some \$1700 was taken in at the fights. Some two or three days after the fire, no evidence being forthcoming of the 25 per cent donation, diligent inquiry succeeded in locating one hundred dollars, which had been deposited in a bank. This money, eventually, was turned over to the mayor, and was all that came from the fights. A good deal of comment has been freely indulged in at this rather off-hand breach of a promise freely given.

Then, again, our health officer has been asking for funds for the furtherance of his work in the interests of the public health. Section 4 of the state law governing boxing commissions would, if lived up to, automatically provide funds that can be used for that or a similar emergency. These funds could and should be used for the purpose suggested, to the end that, in case of an unfortunate repli-

cation this winter of the influenza scourge (against which we have no assurance) the health officer could handle the situation unhampered by lack of funds. However, there is no evidence that a "sinking fund" as required by law has been established, and the further one looks into this unsavory mess, the worse it smells.

I have refrained from referring to the damage that will ensue to clean sport if this condition continues. That is something for the citizen to think about for himself. A boxing commission with but two active members, and those two not overly active, is "no business."

Yours very truly,

CITIZEN.

A Classified Ad will sell it.

BREEDERS' SALE AT FAIR SATURDAY, SEPT. 25: FAIR PROGRAM

Arrangements will be made for a sale of breeding stock the second day of the county fair, Saturday forenoon, September 25. The sale is open to all exhibitors of breeding stock. A number of choice bucks are already listed with the secretary and afford sheepmen opportunity to make some good purchases. Several breeds are represented. Some pure-bred hogs will also be entered.

Hay, and men to feed and care for the stock, will be provided for three days, September 23-24-25. The committee is anxious to have all agricultural exhibits in place by the evening of September 23. Livestock will be in better shape for exhibition if brought in Thursday, September 23, the day before the opening.

Following is the program:

Friday, September 23

10 a. m.—Livestock judging begins. The following order will be followed: Horses, Sheep, Hogs, Cattle.

1 p. m.—Boys' and Girls' Club livestock judging. The following order will be observed: Sheep, Hogs, Calves.

3 p. m.—Klamath County quarter mile derby. Free for all Klamath county horses. Purse \$150. First \$100. Second \$50. (2) Saddlehorse race. Stock saddles required. Purse \$100, split \$60 and \$40. (3) Free for all, three-eighths mile. Purse \$225, split \$150 and \$75. (4) Pony race. Purse \$15, first \$10, second \$5.

Saturday, September 25
10:30 a. m.—Sale of breeding stock.

1 p. m.—Review and parade of club members, club livestock, and other livestock exhibits on race track. 3:30 p. m.—Foot races and other field sports. Advt.



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