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ELECTING A RECORDER AND MARSHAL

The proposed charter amendment that provides for the election of the city recorder and the marshal instead of appointment by the mayor with the consent of the council deserves careful attention.

The plan of electing the recorder is in conformity with common practice and seems to be successful. There is no more reason why the city treasurer should be elected, as now provided, than there is in case of the recorder. The duties of both are in many respects similar, and both should be responsible to the people rather than to the mayor and council. In his judicial capacity, in particular, the recorder is logically not answerable to the mayor and council any more than to any other five citizens of the community.

With reference to the marshal, however, the situation is different. In this case common practice makes the marshal an appointive, not an elective office, and rightfully so. Unless the marshal is responsible to it, the council has no power to enforce its decisions. It may resolve and legislate, but it cannot command because the cooperation of a marshal, the enforcing officer, is purely voluntary if he is not dependent upon the mayor and councilmen for his job. If laws are laxly enforced the council can only sit idly by and watch. While Earl Smith, present marshal, would no doubt be willing to cooperate, no matter by what method he gets his office, there might be in the future many a marshal who would ignore completely any behests that the council might make. The only way of removing from office an elective marshal that fails to do his duty is by recalling him—and recalls, experience has proved again and again, always engender strife and bitterness, and leave a heritage of hard feelings. A dismissal for the good of the city is usually nothing but an incident, a sometimes unpleasant but wholly necessary business, and is looked upon as such.

It is unfortunate, this newspaper believes, that the offices of both recorder and marshal were included in the same resolution. The one, which conforms with sound practice, could then be adopted, and the other, which is unusual and generally unsatisfactory, could be rejected.

The departure of Rev. G. W. Plumer to another field is to be regretted, for he has been an excellent pastor to his flock and a valuable citizen during his six years here. The best wishes of his Vernonia friends will go with him to his new charge.

The government is now ferreting out the gold hoarders, the daily press announces. Our own attitude is like that of the man who used to operate an old-style electric-driven coupe—he was aware that the speed cops would never bother him.

Here's a new one. Many a baseball game has had to be postponed because of falling rain or wet grounds, but the Beaver-Seal engagement last Tuesday night was called off because the fuse blew out.

305 FAMILIES ARE ENROLLED IN PROJECT FOR GARDEN GROWING

There are 305 Columbia county farm families enrolled in the vegetable garden project, records in the county agent's office show. To each of those enrolled goes a monthly letter carrying timely garden information along with helpful available literature.

A bulletin of particular interest just now is that which deals with the control of insect pests ("Vegetable Crop Insect Pest Control," Ext. Bul. 459) and another describing the fall garden ("Growing Fall and Early Winter Vegetables," Ext. Bul. 444) both of which can be obtained at the county agent's office. More and more Columbia coun-

ty families are recognizing the value of the garden in contributing to the family living. Mrs. Ed Lewis of Beaver homes, who was one of those enrolled in the garden project last year stated "our garden supplies nearly all of our

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living during the summer and much of it in the winter." Records last year show that many gardens in the county of an acre or less in size contributed a hundred dollars worth of produce or more.

Mist and Wilark To Have Camps of Two Hundred Each

(Clatskanie Chief)
Mist and Wilark are to have camps of 200 men each of the Civilian Conservation corps and work is now being begun on the clearing of camp sites. The Mist camp will adjoin the Bert Eastman place.

J. J. Russell, field inspector of the state forestry department, and Paul Thompson of Vernonia who will be Mist camp superintendent, were in Clatskanie Wednesday making preliminary plans. James Moran will be superintendent of the Wilark camp.

The men for the camps are expected to arrive within the next week and in a day or two the first contingent is expected to arrive to begin work erecting the camps. Clatskanie will be the headquarters for the Mist camp, it is certain and may be for the Wilark camp. Supplies of staples are furnished on bids and will probably come from Portland but fresh fruits, vegetables, milk, etc., will be bought locally.

The work of the men will not be re-forestation in this region but largely fire control or prevention work in the building of roads and trails and the falling of snags that are a menace to spreading fire.

A captain of the army, a first or second lieutenant and possibly both, a supply sergeant and two cooks will make up the army personnel of each camp. An army doctor will also be on hand but as the two camps are close together, will probably care for both.

The army officers will have as their duties the camp life, the feeding, discipline, recreation, etc. of the men, in fact, the men in the corps are in the army.

The actual work will be under the civilians with a superintendent in charge of each camp and under him 10 foremen who will be chosen locally, these 10 will be experienced in fire fighting and in woods work. In the personnel of each camp will be 30 youths who are more or less experienced in the woods. These 30 will probably come from those who have enlisted from Columbia and Washington counties.

The work day will be short, probably only six hours a day. The camps are now scheduled to be here for six months or until about the first of December.

Civilians with trucks are wanted to care for the hauling of the men to and from work and other necessary trucking work. Ten and a half trucks are necessary.

Bids for this work are to be forwarded to the State Forester, Salem. Bids may be for man and truck or truck alone and also with gasoline and oil furnished or to be supplied by the camp. Bids for this work should be forwarded at once.

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LODGES

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Order of Eastern Star

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What Other Editors . . . Think

New Source Revenue Tapped

Oregon's sales tax is tapping a source of revenue for state and local purposes that has been fortunate in escaping the burdens of taxation, but is nevertheless always present to enjoy all the benefits of society and government—schools, police protection, etc. Thousands of Oregon people with incomes are not on the tax roll.

In view of these facts one must recognize that there is bound to be plenty of objection to the sales tax and considerable effort to hoodwink those who now bear the burden. The property tax has grown so burdensome that coupled with lenient collection laws, has provided a fifty per cent delinquency. Men have gone out all over the state to carry on their battle against the so-called "vicious" sales tax. They make extended trips from the metropolises and tell the people in the country about the iniquity of the sales tax, proposed by a majority of the Oregon legislature after months of study as the best method offered to reduce the property tax burden.

In commenting on the "viciousness" of the sales tax, Edward Schulmerich rightly points out that in contrast to the property tax the sales levy has never deprived a man of his home and never drove his children out into the streets to become public charges.

People buy to a great extent in proportion to their ability or their incomes. The person with a small income wouldn't buy nearly as much and the tax paid would be slight, while the person with the larger income and larger purchases would pay much more. The farmer grows much for his own use that the city man must buy.

Every cent received from the sales tax is to replace the property tax. No one has offered us any convincing evidence that with the tapping of a large source of untaxed population that the burden of the property taxpayer will not be decreased.

If we don't get the sales tax

(which by the way is impossible of creating tax delinquency) what will our schools, road districts, cities and county governments do? Who can offer the solution that will keep these government subdivisions from bogging down under the huge tax delinquencies and result in eventual greater cost to the property taxpayer?—Hillsboro Argus.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rose and Frank went to Portland Sunday to get Glenda, who returned with them that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Claude Stephens were dinner guests at the James Brady home Sunday.

Miss Thelma Stephens, teacher in the Woodburn high school, is home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Claude Stephens.

The "Pollyanna club", a group of women from the Evangelical church Missionary society, will meet at the home of Mrs. Dan Cason Wednesday afternoon.

Cass Bergerson, who was brought home from Good Samaritan hospital Sunday after having recovered nicely from an operation for appendicitis, is suffering from a bad cold.

Mrs. Cris Nicar of Burns is spending the week here as the house-guest of Mrs. H. V. Holcomb.

Mrs. Jack Britton and Mrs. Shamburger spent Wednesday with Mrs. Chas. Justice.

Sid Baker of Treharne had

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quite a time capturing a swarm of bees Friday but finally hived them with the help of Geo. Baslington, who is experienced with bees.

Ten Years Ago

Vernonia Eagle June 11, 1923. Albert Childs, who is opening a new butcher shop in Vernonia, has rented the Messing home.

Davis and Sauer are opening a market in the new Pringle building.

A. L. Fenner is doubling the capacity of his pool room.

Mrs. C. S. Hoffman visited last week end in Vernonia. The family is preparing to move to Vernonia in the near future.

Aunt Sallie's epigrams: "The side to take in a family row is the outside." "Some of the idiots

are behind tall iron fences and some are behind steering wheels." "The date of a woman's birth has nothing to do with her age."

Dr. M. D. Cole is attending the dentists' convention in Portland.

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Appearance. This is woman's contribution. The motor car must not only be useful, but also good-looking. View the Ford V-8 and you will not need our comment on its fine appearance.

Comfort. This also is woman's concern. In 30 years she changed the motor car from a wagon to a coach. Comfort is a quality made up of numerous ingredients. There is no comfort without a quiet, smooth-running engine. We have all the other ingredients too,—color, good taste, quality, ease, safety, roominess and convenience.

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