

EAGLE EDITORIALS

ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE RESPONSIBLE—

CITY COUNCILMEN recently voted to law the bicycle ordinance which since its enactment and since the enforcement of its rules has proven of value in the regulation of the uses of bicycles in Vernonia. Some means of regulation was needed and was mentioned several times with the result that the act now in effect is one that is proving of value in making for a more safe city.

Since several bicycle riders have been apprehended through violation of the ordinance and have been punished, an improvement is noted on streets and sidewalks where formerly there was danger of injury either to the cyclist himself or to pedestrians. Bicycles are used with more care and more respect for others than has been the case for some time. It is noteworthy that greater responsibility means greater safety for everyone.

CITY COUNCILMEN are also responsible for another action taken even more recently—enactment of an ordinance regarding the licensing of dogs. Licenses formerly paid to the county dog control board are now payable to the city. Non-payment will result in action towards the removal of those dogs which have become a decided nuisance on the streets. Formerly the dog-control board was responsible for those dogs not licensed but little effort under that responsibility was evident here so that the time came when some other action was a necessity.

That action has been taken and although it may lead to the loss of a pet that loss will come only if the pet is not properly cared for by its owner. Proper care by its owner will not bring the necessity of action.

JUST A SUGGESTION FOR A VACANT LOT—

TO NEWCOMERS in a city, the number of vacant lots is often an indication of the prosperity of that city. Should those newcomers be of the mind to seek a location for some form of business then the number of those vacant lots, should that number be quite large, might be the cause of people with those intentions to move on to some community of more prosperous aspect.

In Vernonia there is a portion of one lot in the center of the business section that is unused for a great part of the year. That section is located at the corner of Bridge and Second Streets where its vacancy is doubly evident due to the many people who daily pass that way.

It is probably true that the lot is vacant due to no need for the space for the erection of a building but other worthwhile use could easily be made thereof.

In the fall the lot is used for the staging of a number of events of Vernonia Host Days. The band stand remains there unused for the remainder of the year—other space on the lot is never used. But the space is there to be used should the proper incentive arise.

Complaints are heard in summer that children have no place to amuse themselves in constructive activity. The lot could be made into a playground and with little effort an instructor or supervisor could be engaged to devote a few hours of the day to the grounds.

The lot is certainly far from well-kept. Grass grows in profusion with little if any care. A lawn, planted and maintained, would immensely improve the space if no other development was made.

Perhaps the remark will be made: "The city owns a park already. Why undertake a new venture?" That is true but that park is used principally for athletic ventures, softball, football, track. It has no turf.

Development of the lot on Bridge street would serve as an appearance improvement as well as a development for other purposes than that to which the city park is devoted. A few pieces of playground equipment, a larger, improved band stand and a lawn would provide a center for summer entertainment and amusement. These suggestions comprise only a few of the many purposes to which the lot would be suitable. And a notable eyesore would be erased.

PARENTS CAN BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE—

A DECISION by school authorities and health authorities led to the closing of schools here for this week as is known by every resident of the valley. The purpose of that closure is also evident—the number of cases of illness had increased since last week to an extent making necessary the action. School authorities have thereby done everything in their power to attempt a decrease in the number of those cases but the parents still have a duty to discharge.

Should children, who may possibly spread germs due to insufficient recovery from their illness, be allowed their freedom to associate with others, then the number of cases may not decrease. But should caution be exercised in allowing children their freedom only when they are completely recovered, then the wave of sickness in all likelihood will cease its spread so that schools may soon again be opened.

will be held here on February 10th at the Odd Fellows hall, according to notices from the hydroelectric commission.

DINNER TO AID FINNS—

To aid the Finnish Relief Fund a chicken dinner will be given by the Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Association of Peace at their church in Quincy January 28. Serving will begin at 10 a. m. Fifty cents will be the charge per meal. A Finnish sermon will be conducted in the afternoon by Tapani Ojalehto.

CONTRACT LET FOR OILING MARKET ROAD—

Tidepoint Co. of Astoria was awarded the contract for surfacing and oiling 5.48 miles of Summit-Mist section of Mist-Clatskanie secondary highway. The contract calls for \$26,506.

Seven state highway jobs were opened this week in Portland by the highway commission and totaled \$375,000.

LIVER WORK FUND SOUGHT—

Improvement for the Clatskanie liver was recommended for the orthochromic fiscal year beginning next June 30th in the annual report of the army engineers to Congress, made public this week.

Engineers were in Clatskanie Sunday and they said they were going to make a survey of the Clatskanie liver in the near future.

News of the Theatre

THRILLS ON LAND, WATER AND SKY!

Twenty different modern planes, a fast cruiser, a police boat, an airplane factory, fast automobiles and other devices used mechanical marvels in the interest of thrills in the bringing to the screen of Nick Carter, celebrated detective of fiction. Walter Pidgeon plays the character in a drama in which thrills and suspense thrill. "Nick Carter, Master Detective," coming Saturday to the Joy Theatre. Rita Johnson is the heroine. Trailing an auto by plane, a battle between cruiser, police boat and plane, and a battle between plane and attackers in the desert, are a few of the thrills in the picture which Jacques Tourneur directed.

IN OLD CALIENTE, AT JOY SATURDAY—

As the trusted employee of Don Jose Vargas, wealthy landowner of California in 1853, Roy Rogers is sent to Sacramento to sell the Don's cattle. On the return journey, he is carrying \$40,000.

Within a few miles of the Vargas Hacienda, Roy rides ahead and leaves the money for Carlos, Don Jose's son, to bring in. As soon as he disappears from sight, a group of bandits attack and steal the money. Carlos, badly wounded, manages to ride to his father with the news.

Manuel Delgado, major-domo of the ranch and secret head of the bandit ring, in order to avert suspicion from himself, convinces Don Jose that the members of an American wagon train camped nearby are guilty. He gets permission to search their possessions. Roy discovers they are emigrants led by his old friend and teacher, Scout Gabby Whittaker, and rides in hot pursuit to stop Delgado. This action causes Don Jose to think Roy has taken sides against the Spanish, and he orders him never to set foot in the Hacienda again.

"THE SHOP AROUND THE CORNER" WITH JAMES STEWART—

James Stewart, who is co-starred with Margaret Sullivan in "The Shop Around the Corner" playing Sunday and Monday at the Joy Theatre, has made his fourth year on the screen his biggest. After scoring hits in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" and "Destry Rides Again," Stewart was the choice of Ernst Lubitsch for the starring male role. A favorite story of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer producer-director. "The Shop Around the Corner" is a delightful romantic comedy woven around two clerks in a little leather goods and novelty shop. Miss Sullivan is a girl hired "over the head" of the chief clerk. Stewart is the chief clerk, who represents the girl and she him. They quarrel constantly until they discover that they are really quarreling because they are in love.

NEWCASTING SECRETS IN "SUED FOR LIBEL"—

An expose of what goes on behind the walls of radio stations, especially in connection with news

broadcasts, is the basis of RKO Radio's "Sued for Libel."

Featuring Kent Taylor and Linda Hayes, the story presents Taylor as a news reporter who dramatizes the news of the day on the radio. How his program involves him in a murder mystery and how he eventually solves the crime through the use of radio broadcasting facilities, provide the drama of the story.

CHILDHOOD LISP A CAREER BOON—

A childhood "handicap" was turned to a good purpose in the case of Helen Lynd, comedienne appearing in Republic's "Flight At Midnight," showing at the Joy Theatre Tuesday.

Helen's lisp was the despair of her parents throughout her childhood. They took her to specialists who at length effected a cure—but a few years later Helen was lisping again, before the cameras!

Helen's cute baby stare and her amusing lisp have made her constantly in demand for "sweet-but-dumb" roles. In "Flight At Midnight," she portrays one of the contenders for the heart and hand of Phil Regan, who plays the lead.

KAY KYSER'S DEBUT FILM INTRODUCES 5 SONG HITS—

Five melodic dance tunes of hit-parade calibre are the musical features of "That's Right—You're Wrong," delightfully served by Kay Kyser who is co-starred with Adolphe Menjou in this sprightly song-and-laugh entertainment.

The songs are "The Answer Is Love," by Sam S. Stept and Charles Newman; and "Happy Birthday to Love," by Dave Franklin; "Fit to Be Tied," by Walter Donaldson; "Chatterbox," by Jerome Brainin and Allan Roberts; and "The Little Red Fox," by James V. Kern, Lew Carter, Johnny Lange and Hy Heath. "That's Right—You're Wrong" revolves around the hectic Hollywood adventures of a band leader.

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COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens--

POSTAL PROFITS SHOW BIG GAIN—

Postal receipts in St. Helens during 1939 set a new record, with an increase of \$1,234.17 over 1938. Receipts for 1939 were \$19,314.00 as compared with \$18,079.83.

Receipts for the last quarter ending in December were \$5,615.45, which was \$550.45 over that of the similar period in 1938.

Money orders issued in 1939 totaled \$19,317, as against \$18,352 in 1938, and money orders paid were \$5,404 in 1939 and \$5,371 in 1938.

C. N. ROGERS NEW PRESIDENT LOCAL CHAMBER—

Election of Charles N. Rogers as president of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce at the annual

meeting followed the dinner in the dining room of the Orcadia hotel last Monday evening. Walter Ormandy, local furniture dealer, is the retiring president.

Other officers elected were: Vice President, William L. Coldwell; treasurer, C. G. Whitlock; secretary, R. R. Hankins; chairman of directors, Fred G. Starrett, and directors, Wales Wood and A. A. Webber.

BURNS FATAL TO MRS. M. HARRIS—

Third degree burns suffered by Mrs. Myrtle Harris in an accident in her West St. Helens home last Monday morning resulted in her death in St. Helens General hospital shortly after noon Thursday. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Rogers Funeral Home. Mrs. Harris suffered the burns

when her clothing caught fire while she was working about the kitchen range in her home. A daughter, Mrs. Nellie Roberts, was severely burned about the hands in extinguishing the flaming garments.

CHARLES N. ROGERS FILES FOR COUNTY CORONER'S JOB—

Charles N. Rogers, St. Helens mortician, this week filed his candidacy for the nomination of Columbia county coroner at the primary election on May 17. The office at present is held by J. O. Elbon of Rainier.

CIRCUIT JURY GIVES JENNINGS VOUGE \$5,000—

A circuit jury, sitting in Judge Howard K. Zimmerman's court in St. Helens, last Wednesday afternoon returned a verdict awarding \$5,000.00 to Jennings Vouge in his case against Gerald MacAuley and P. J. MacAuley for injuries received in an automobile accident near Prescott on August 9, 1939.

Clatskanie--

PETITIONS ARE FINED FOR UTILITY DISTRICT—

Petitions were filed at Salem this week with the state hydroelectric commission for a public utility district in Columbia county which took in most of the thickly settled portions of Columbia county with the exception of the cities and the Scappoose drainage district.

Local residents feel that the newly petitioned Clatskanie community district and the proposed Vernonia district were also omitted from the petitions filed. Hearing on the Clatskanie district

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