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**STREET SPEAKING TO  
BE ALLOWED IN FAR-  
GO, N. D. IS DECISION**

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO  
DESIGNATE PLACES FOR  
MEETINGS—ARGUMENTS WERE  
HEARD.

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 20.—A resolution offered by Commissioner Blake more that it be the sense of the city commissioners that the ordinance of the city in regard to holding meetings in the street was not intended to restrict freedom of speech and authorizing the commissioner of police to designate one or more streets in which such meetings could be held without unreasonably obstructing traffic, was unanimously adopted by the city commission in session yesterday morning.

**Crowd Attends the Meeting.**  
The adoption of the resolution came after a crowd of men packed the council chambers to place before the commission for consideration the question of allowing the streets and public places in the city to be used for public meetings. It in part had its inception in the ordering of Harry Rice, Socialist speaker, off one of the streets here last week.

**Meetings Held in Equity Hall.**  
At mass meetings held in a local hall, prominent people, who, while not adherents to the Socialist party, yet believe in free speech, desired the action of the commission and adopted a resolution urging that "the inalienable right of free speech" be restored to the city of Fargo. Addresses and the sentiment in favor of free speech was strong.

**Violation of Rights Believed.**  
At the session of the commission yesterday morning, some of the speakers took the position that the state and federal constitutions, giving the right of free speech and a free assembly, also secured the right to use the streets for such purposes.

**Judge Amidon Speaks.**  
Judge Charles F. Amidon was among the many present and he was asked for his views on the subject. He explained that the right of free speech and of free assembly did not compel the city to furnish a place to exercise those rights. The streets belong to the city, he said, and the city has unquestioned powers to forbid holding of public meetings in the streets entirely.

**A Question of Wise Use of Power.**  
"It is not a question of power," said Judge Amidon, "but of the wise use of power." He said that if anybody was permitted to hold meetings in the streets, then the right should be open to all upon the same terms. "It ought not to lie with the police department," said the judge. "To say to one group of people that they could hold meetings in the streets and to another group that they could not."

**Recalls Darrow Incident.**  
"It ought not be possible," he continued, "for the Salvation Army to use the streets for public meetings and to threaten a person like Clara L. Darrow that she would be arrested if she attempted to hold a meeting in the streets. Neither ought it to be possible for a political meeting to be addressed by William Jennings Bryan, and block the streets for two or three hours, and deny the same right to speakers claiming to represent the cause of labor. Nothing brings the law so into odium as its unequal administration. If you want the constitution to be respected you must respect it yourself, and secure to all equal rights under it."

**Amidon Suggests Plan.**  
Judge Amidon thought it would be better for the commissioner of police to designate one or more places where public meetings could be held and where public traffic would not be obstructed, claiming it was safer to allow these people to discuss their grievances, either actual or fancied, than to repress them.

**Not Supporting Any Group.**  
In advocating this right, Judge Amidon was very careful to state that he did not wish to be understood as supporting the doctrines of any group of people who wanted to use the streets but said it was simply a question of wise policy. He was also emphatic in his address that no person should be allowed in public speech, either in the streets or in any other place to incite others to acts of violence or crime.

**GETTING RID OF WILD OATS.**  
(By E. H. Hall, Farm Agent.)  
If any man had a sure way of cleaning up all wild oats, his secret would make a fortune for him. A wild oat seems to be rightly named. Men testify from all sides that a year ago a certain field did not have any wild oats and now it is badly infested, although sown to clean seed. An old rancher said he could lasso wild cattle and horses, but he would give up when it came to wild oats. But just as sure as it is an exceptional year for wild oats to grow, just so sure is it an exceptional year to kill them out, for nearly every seed in the ground was sprouted last spring or summer. Now, if the right methods are used in one year, or at the most two, the farms will be greatly improved from wild oat infection.

The methods used vary among different men. One thing is sure, the land where the wild oats were thick should be disced as early as possible. This discing improves the physical condition of the soil, either for the seed bed for winter rye or for fall plowing and the sowing of any of the spring crops. Land that is disced plows up mellow, working into a better seed bed for corn or grain. Part of this wild oat land can profitably be sown to winter rye, if the soil is moist enough to germinate the seed and if the field has been plowed deep recently so the rye plants will have room to develop roots properly. Cli-

matic conditions are such here that the wild oats which start in the fall will be killed and very few come up and go to seed in the spring, so that a thorough discing after the rye is removed next year will sprout any oats, or a deep plowing will prepare the ground and the wild oat seed for winter killing. This allows the owner to put in a crop of corn or wheat in the year 1917, depending upon the richness of the soil and as to how much the seasonal rainfall has helped to sprout the wild oats. If winter rye is sown, the discing should be done as soon as possible and the rye given a chance to get rooted this fall.

Another method used successfully is to plow the land deep (this fall if the season has been wet, if dry as late as possible next spring) and then sow to barley and cut on the green side, disc and sow to rye, or disc and later plow deep and sow to wheat in the year 1917.

Another method is to plow this disced land deep this fall or next spring and plant to corn, following the planter with a shovel cultivator if the wild oats are starting to grow. Then if necessary hire the corn hoed or the wild oats plowed up by hand. One farmer says he hired this done this year when the oats were unusually bad for \$1.00 per acre and has clean fields with an excellent showing for a corn crop and the best of ground for wheat next year.

Some men prefer to plow instead of disc but this allows light soils to blow more. I would say disc. Then again some attempt to burn over the land and kill the wild oat seed by the heat. This is a wasteful method as it burns off the stubble and humus which is needed in the soil to hold moisture and conserve fertility.

**A Toast to Laughter.**  
The editor of the *Intelligencer* published at Anderson, S. C., has written the following toast to laughter:

Here's to laughter, the sunshine of the soul, the happiness of the heart, the leaven of youth, the privilege of purity, the echo of innocence, the treasure of the humble, the wealth of the poor, the bead on the cup of pleasure; it dispels dejection, banishes blues and mangles melancholy; for it's the foe of woe, the destroyer of depression, the enemy of grief; it is what makes kings envy peasants, plutocrats envy the poor, the guilty envy the innocent; it's the sheen on the silver of smiles, the ripple on the water of delight; the glint of the gold of gladness; without it humor would be dumb, wit would wither, dimples would disappear, and smiles would shrivel; for it's the glow of a clean conscience, the voice of a pure soul, the birth cry of mirth, the swan song of sadness.

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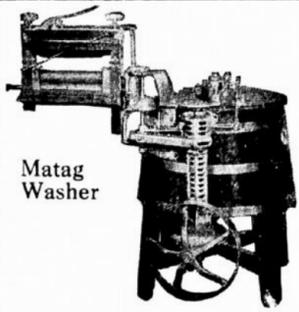
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