

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MIX ON APPOINTMENTS

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"It certainly is," the mayor shot back.

Kelly's Little Petition

"Then I have a little resolution to offer the public at the special election called to vote on armory bonds," replied Mr. Kelly. "It may save you a lot of trouble and will make it clear sailing. If you want to cut out horse play and scrapping over officials, and if you wish to really take the public in your confidence you will not oppose this petition."

The petition, which was laid over until later in the evening and finally adopted by the unanimous vote of the council, is coupled with the bond issue ordinance and changes the date of that election to Mar. 6. It provides, in brief, that the mayor may appoint one city attorney, one city engineer, chief of police, street commissioner, market master, and other employees as are required subject to the approval of the majority of the council. At any meeting of the council, by a majority vote, may remove any official except the mayor. The mayor's power to suspend is limited to one time for any one officer unless written charges are made and submitted to the council.

Mayor Asks Explanation

The council's refusal to confirm Mayor Eifer's appointment of Harry Stockman as city engineer brought out the real intense feeling of the session. In turn as each voted against the confirmation, his honor asked explanations from Councilmen Campbell, Miller, Stewart and Summerville, Mitchell and Porter voted for the appointment, after explaining that personally they favored Arnsperger but did not wish to oppose the mayor.

Councilman Campbell replied, "Whether I have any objection to Mr. Stockman has nothing to do with the matter. I believe the city loses money if you remove a good engineer even if you appoint one just as good, as it takes time to become familiar with the work. I have no objection to Stockman. The trouble is you think that the council is bound to confirm every appointment. If that is true why do we have the confirming power? Better take it away and make it a one man government if we are not to be allowed to exercise our judgments."

The other councilmen who were asked to explain, stated they did not believe it would be good business policy to remove a good engineer for personal, political or other reasons, and Summerville, in turn, demanded to know why the mayor wished to appoint Stockman.

"Because I believe he is a better man," was the answer.

The Market Reports

The finance committee, Mitchell, and Porter, submitted their report on the Mail Tribune petition. They found many had signed because they wished to. Others because they had been asked to, and still others who "thought it a fight between Runyard and Damon."

Some names represented people without the city limits but the signatures were conceded to be genuine. They also stated that they found many people in favor of the market as run and others opposed it. Quite a contrary report came from the committee which was asked to investigate the market for the past year. It exhaustively covered the year's work and concluded that the market had been run successfully and well, and that it would be a piece of mal-administration to remove the market master. The idea that Mr. Runyard has kept no books and has shown no receipts for money was silenced when the committee reported that Runyard has receipts from the city treasurer for all money turned over and has all money accounted for. After this report had been read the mayor asked the committee if it had found out whether Mr. Runyard had ever taken the oath of office, a technicality which seems to be the only one left for investigation.

Summerville Appoints Committee

That the market master of the future, whoever he may be, will have a council committee to work with, Councilman Summerville made the motion that a committee of three, Millar as chairman, Campbell and Porter be named as market committee. When the mayor refused to put the motion Mr. Summerville put it himself, as president of the council, and received a majority vote. Later the mayor repudiated the motion and it was again passed by the familiar four to two vote.

After this motion was put Mayor Eifer declared, pointing his finger at Summerville: "I'll tell you something. That market is to be run according to

Gardener's Calendar and Planting Table

OFFICE OF PATHOLOGIST AND ENTOMOLOGIST, ROGUE RIVER VALLEY, MEDFORD, OREGON

P. J. O'GARA, PATHOLOGIST IN CHARGE

CIRCULAR NO. 2

FEB. 15, 1913

Table with columns: VEGETABLES, Seeds or plants required for 100 feet of row, PLANTING DISTANCES (Horse cultivation, Hand cultivation, Distance between plants in row), Depth of Planting, Planting time in the open (not in hotbed), Time required to mature, Ready for use.

Because of the many requests which have come to this office, this calendar has been prepared. It has been compiled from the best sources, taking into consideration the soil and climatic conditions of the Rogue River valley. The time of planting does not take into consideration the growing of plants in hotbeds or cold frames, but rather, the dates when it will be safe to put the seeds or plants in the open ground.

For early potatoes, planting should be at the earliest date possible; for late potatoes, the latter part of May. For such plants as mature in a short time, several crops may be grown during the season. It is to be understood that irrigation is absolutely necessary to secure profitable crops.

Send for Farmers' Bulletins Nos. 255 and 256, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. They are free. These are bulletins on "The Home Vegetable Garden" and "Preparation of Vegetables for the Table." Also, send for the catalogues of the various seed companies. There is very valuable information in them, especially along the line of new or little known varieties of vegetables.

Where Arnsperger Stands

According to the charter when Mayor Eifer suspended Arnsperger Tuesday afternoon, he remained suspended only until the meeting Tuesday night. For the time being he was again city engineer. The mayor declared after the session that he would appoint Mr. Stockman Wednesday and that Arnsperger was out. The council's refusal to confirm Stockman's appointment puts the matter in a tangle which may only be straightened in the courts or until after the special election Mar. 6, when, if the appointment passes, the council will have the removal power and the mayor may suspend but once, the man suspended to stay suspended only until the next meeting.

NOTED HARPISIT COMING.

In engaging the justly famous Schubert company of Chicago to give one of their delightful entertainments here the Odd Fellows can congratulate themselves upon securing an additional and entirely unexpected feature of the greatest excellence. For it so happens that Miss Frances Rinehart, the eminent harp soloist, is making a srot concert tour of the United States in company with the Schuberts and will positively be heard here with them on February 29 at the Natatorium. Keep this in mind for, although she is not advertised on the Schuberts programs or printing, she will be here with them and add two great solos to their program. It is our good luck that she is visiting her musical friends at the time they happen to be engaged to appear in Medford.

Lovie Zent Purcell, the contralto, has a voice of great depth of beauty, being far lower than the majority of so-called contraltos, who are usually only Mezzo sopranos under another title. She sang "When You're Away" by Purcell, and responded to an encore, "All That I Ask Is Love," with violin obligato, giving a beautiful rendition of each.

During 1912, 452 employees of railroads were killed and 9020 injured in Pennsylvania.

PRaise THE WORK OF RUNYARD IN PUBLIC MARKET

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copied from the Des Moines ordinance and was adopted before any steps had been taken toward the erection of the market building or the opening of the market. When the public market was placed in the direct charge of the market committee of the council, the members of the committee, realizing the great value and help that a successful market would prove to the people of this city, took hold of the work assigned them with an earnest desire and determination to make the market a successful one. They found early that to do this it would be necessary to study the conditions existing in this locality and be guided accordingly in the operation of the market. They also discovered that the rules laid down in the ordinance, which were suitable to a city the size of Des Moines, in an agricultural section of the middle west would not in all respects be suitable to the conditions existing here.

Guided by Results

Moreover they became convinced that the only way in which to determine the best rules and methods for conducting our local market would be to carefully watch the operation and effect of different regulations and to experiment and make frequent changes until such time as the whole mechanism was properly adjusted to meet local conditions. It was not deemed advisable to attempt any change in the market ordinance until sufficient opportunity had been had to demonstrate that the changes which might be made were suitable and best calculated to make the market a success. Accordingly the period through which the market has so far gone has been largely one of experiment and of adapting the market to meet the local situation.

We believe that this course pursued by the market committee will meet with the hearty approval of every real friend of our public market and that criticism and objection there will come only from those who are either secretly hostile to the success of the market or those who place more importance on red tape and technicalities than the success of the object aimed at.

Success Crowns Policy

Certain it is that this policy has been marked with singular success. The public market has undoubtedly proved the greatest stimulus to local producers that this valley has ever had. It has resulted in materially lessening the cost of living to every resident of this city and vicinity and it has been patronized by a large and ever increasing portion of our people.

Before the institution of this market, there was an ever-increasing balance of trade against the community; the products of the valley were being apparently discriminated against in favor of inferior products from California and in many cases home grown were threatening a boycott on Medford business concerns because of what they regarded as unreasonable discrimination. The institution of this market has done much to dissipate the growing prejudice outside of the city against its business concerns and to establish an era of good will toward the city.

Praise for Runyard

We believe the exceptional success of the market has been due largely to the ability, judgment and foresight of the present market master and that the city has been exceedingly fortunate in being able to secure his services. He has brought to the work a wide experience gained in a lifetime of successful merchandising and we believe that he has fully demonstrated his peculiar fitness and capacity for this position. We believe it would be exceedingly difficult to find, among our citizens, any man as well qualified for the work. In addition the experience he has gained in watching the practical operation of the market during the past eight months has been almost invaluable. To make a change at this time, while the market is in the midst of its formative period, would be largely throwing away and losing the results of eight months valuable experience and we deliberately state that in our judgment such action would be a glaring instance of mal-administration and we take this opportunity of stating that we consider it our duty, not only as a committee, but as individual members of the council to resist any such action in every possible way within our power and we hereby pledge ourselves to the people of the city of Medford, who are the beneficiaries of this market, that we will do so.

What Runyard Has Done We find that the market master has devoted practically his entire time to the work of this market. He has advised and consulted with producers as to what they should grow and in what quantities. He has by such advice and assistance done a great deal to avoid over-production in any one line and under production in others. He has been diligent to discover the names of the producers of different articles and products demanded by the people and where there has developed a shortage in any line of produce, has advised those having the same of such shortage and has in many cases succeeded in having the market properly supplied. This has been necessary to the success of the market because only a market where all goods can be supplied will prove attractive to the consumers of the city and it is needless to say that without the presence of purchasers any market must necessarily prove a failure.

We find that the market master has every month paid over to the treasurer of the city the amount collected by him the previous month and has received his receipt therefor. Advised by Committee The market master has kept in communication constantly with the market committee of the council and has at all times kept them advised as to conditions and all problems arising but has never made any formal report to the city council. We find that the market master has used his best efforts to prevent the market being used by speculators and we believe that he has been exceptionally successful in this respect. We do not believe that the time has yet arrived for amending the ordinance but believe that the present market master and a committee of the council should be placed in charge of the market and should continue their investigations until they are satisfied as to what the rules and regulations governing the market should be and then that a suitable ordinance should be enacted. Respectfully, G. H. MILLAR, J. T. SUMMERVILLE, W. N. CAMPBELL.

We, the undersigned former members of the market committee of the city council of the city of Medford approve and concur in the foregoing report.

J. A. WATT, G. H. MILLAR, V. J. EMERICK.

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