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MY REASONS FOR OPPOSING THE ADOPTION OF
CALENDAR NO. 1953
SAME BEING A RESOLUTION IN RE PUBLIC MARKET.

Resolution 20649, 1933, Apr. 13.

In voting against this resolution, I do so because in my judgment the contract is ambiguous as to whether or not this market should be paid for by utility certificates or whether it should be paid for by cash that must come out of the General Fund. I am voting against it for the further reason that a request was made that this resolution be laid over until tomorrow, during which time it might be possible to iron out the contract and eliminate ambiguous and unfair provisions.

My vote against this is not a vote against the public market at any place, although my guess is that this public market will prove to be, one of the biggest money losers that the City of Portland has ever had hung on to it and will be far worse than the golf courses or any other private venture that the City has engaged in.

This public market proposition as now being considered puts the City farther into the public market business for the reason that the building which the City agrees to purchase will be occupied by other lines of industry rather than that of the farmers, for as I understand it, this building is to be occupied by private merchants of all descriptions.

This latter reason, however, is not the primary reason for my voting against the resolution, but is merely added for whatever enlightenment it may show on my attitude in this matter. Therefore, I vote No.

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