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Authorized Sale \$100,000 of Port of Siuslaw Bonds

At Annual Meeting Commissioners Vote to Sell Bonds Immediately to Provide Funds to Continue the Work of Extending the Jetties and Improving Siuslaw Harbor

The annual meeting of the commissioners of the Port of Siuslaw was held Wednesday morning and officers elected as follows. President, I. B. Cushman; vice president, P. E. Jackson; secretary, T. J. Neely; treasurer, E. R. McCornack.

At this meeting E. R. McCornack who was elected last November as a member of the commission was sworn in and became a member. The commissioners met in their rooms in the Brynd building and transacting a small amount of regular business and from there adjourned to the Commercial Club rooms where they gave the citizens of the port an opportunity to discuss port matters.

A large number of taxpayers from over the port district had gathered to urge the selling of \$100,000 bonds immediately and to use the funds secured in this manner to commence as soon as possible work on the jetties.

What the Rivers and Harbors bill was before congress last year, the appropriation for the Siuslaw, from some cause, was not an item of the bill when it was introduced into the house of representatives, and the engineers claimed because of this they

could not allow anything to this port.

The present bill before congress provides for an appropriation of \$112,500 for the Siuslaw, providing a like amount is raised by the Port of Siuslaw. Because this appropriation if passed may not be available for several months yet, many of the taxpayers have urged for months that the commissioners should sell bonds and continue the work with as little delay as possible, and by this means save thousands of dollars to the taxpayers, as well as improve the bar conditions.

At the meeting J. W. Ford Jr, president of the Siuslaw Commercial Club, addressed the commission urging the selling of bonds and presented the petitions to the commissioners bearing signature of 802 taxpayers and citizens of the port. The petition read as follows:

Florence, Oregon,
November 10, 1914.

To The Siuslaw Port Commission:
Honorable Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, voters residing in the Port District of Siuslaw, appreciating the importance of harbor improvements and the great benefit to the country

therefrom, hereby respectfully urge the Port Commission to make another bond issue at once to the amount of \$100,000 to be used to continue the jetty work at the mouth of the river.

H. P. Dutton, of the Tide Water Mill Co., then spoke representing over 60 per cent of the taxable property owners, making an urgent appeal for bonds to be sold and immediate work on the jetties. Citing conditions and possibilities Mr. Dutton's remarks were strong and convincing and before closing his appeal letters and telegrams were read from Lacey Timber Co.; Stewart & Ferguson Timber Co.; T. A. Starrett, L. E. Bean, G. X. Wendling, Geo. Melvin Miller, Senators Chamberlain and Lane, and Congressman Hawley.

The letters from Lacey Timber Co. and Geo. Melvin Miller, and the telegram from the senators are herewith published.

Portland, Oregon,
January 4, 1915.

Mr. H. P. Dutton,
Tide Water Mill Co.,
Railway Exchange Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

As representatives of the owners of 4,451.40 acres of timberland in Twp. 15 S., Rge. 7 W., tributary to Siuslaw Bay we approve and endorse the plan you have outlined to us for the issuance of additional bonds upon the district embraced by the Port of Siuslaw for the purpose of continuing the jetty work at the mouth of Siuslaw river.

It has been the history of rivers and harbors improvement in the United States that work undertaken and left in an unfinished condition, owing to uncertain and irregular appropriations, has proven to be extremely expensive. Unfinished work is usually left without protection and when resumed much of it must be replaced.

Siuslaw Bay should be harbor and the plans of the United States engineers should be carried out.

The Rivers and Harbors Bill recently passed has carried an appropriation of upwards of \$100,000 for this work, contingent upon the Port of Siuslaw appropriating a like amount. Failure to comply with the provisions of Congress in this matter may result in the loss of this Federal appropriation and a refusal upon the part of Government to resume the work now underway at such a time as it may be desired.

For these reasons we extend to you our support in urging upon the Port of Siuslaw an additional appropriation.

Very truly yours,
James D. Lacey & Company:
By H. D. Langille

Eugene, Oregon,
January 4th, 1915.

To The Port Commission of
Siuslaw, Florence, Oregon.

Dear Sirs:

Nearly Four Hundred Million dollars of our money has gone into the Panama canal construction, Five Hundred Thousand into jetty construction at the mouth of Siuslaw bay and about Five

million from Siuslaw bay to Eugene. Practically all of this will be lost to the people of Siuslaw and Lane county if we do not have enough money to finish the jetties and make complete and efficient the transportation chain mentioned above that means so much to the people of Siuslaw. As a taxpayer I would like to see the bonds voted in the usual way and the jetty work continued.

Mr. J. M. Hawkins representing eight different companies who buy bonds is ready to take the harbor bonds as soon as issued and their regularity established.

Yours truly
Geo. Melvin Miller.

Washington D. C., Jan. 4, 1915—Porter Bros. Timber Co., 524 Railway Exchange Building, Portland, Ore.—Pending River and Harbor Bill includes One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred dollars for Siuslaw conditioned upon appropriation of like amount locally this amount will probably be included in river and Harbor bill without question included in addition to above five thousand dollars is included in bill for maintenance to be paid by United States. Geo. E. Chamberlain and Harry Lane.

T. A. Yost the retiring Port commissioner, Capt. Robert Jones and Frank Knowles also addressed the commissioners on the importance of extending the jetty and improving the bar.

A resolution was then introduced authorizing the sale of \$100,000 dollars of port bonds. This resolution was killed when Mr. Cushman explained that a resolution providing for issuing a like amount of bonds was on the book at the present time and in force.

A motion was then made and passed that the secretary and treasurer be authorized to sell these bonds at once. Soon after this action the meeting adjourned.

While not officially announced Mr. Cushman says a meeting will be held in a few days at which time arrangements will be made to offer the bonds for sale.

EDWIN KYLE IS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Eddie Kyle was taken suddenly ill Tuesday night with intense pains in the region of the stomach and suffered excruciating pain until relieved by local treatment. He received temporary relief but it was thought best to take him to Eugene, and on Thursday morning the Lena took Eddie, his father and brother to Mapleton in time to take the train to Eugene for consultation with physicians there.

It is hoped by Eddie's many friends that there will be a speedy recovery.

A telegram received from Dave Friday says that Eddie was operated on at the Mercy hospital, and was resting easy.

LADIES AID ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The Ladies Aid Society of the Evangelical church met at the residence of Mrs. Schroeder last Thursday afternoon and elected the following officers: Mrs. J. U. Goude President, Mrs. L. Deveny Vice President, Mrs. Mary Sutton Secy., Mrs. Jennie Yates Treas.

CONCESSIONS TO BE MADE BY ENGLAND

Washington, Jan. 7.—Arrangements between Great Britain, Italy and The Netherlands have been completed whereby commerce to the latter two countries from the United States is expected to undergo a minimum of molestation.

The steps taken by Great Britain and announced in statements from both the British embassy and the state department, remedy some of the complaints made by the United States in its recent note to Great Britain and the plans encouraged administration officers in the hope that commerce with the Scandinavian countries and other neutrals would be improved.

PRICE OF WHEAT IS SOARING

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Two dollars a bushel for wheat, the dream that only enthusiasts ever expected to come true, was within half a cent of being a reality today on one grade of wheat if the cost of delivery to Europe might be counted as part of the price. A carload of durum wheat was sold to go to Italy on a basis that figured delivered at destination \$1.99 1-2 a bushel.

MAY FINISH TUNNELS IN FEBRUARY

That all the tunnels on the Willamette Pacific railway will be completed by February 4 was the statement of Johnson Porter, of the railway contracting firm of Porter Bros., who arrived out from the "front" Thursday night. The last tunnels to be completed are the four between Acme and Gardiner. All of the others will be completed before that date, said Mr Porter, if the work progresses as rapidly as it is at the present time.

Mr. Porter stated that the grading work will be entirely completed by the first of May and the railway company will be able to lay its rails as far as Coos Bay, but that it probably will be some time after that date before they can be laid across the bridge being built across an arm of the bay.—Register.

SCHOOL BOARD TO ORDER EQUIPMENT

The school board will send in an order for the necessary books and equipment for the high school so as to comply with the state school law. In order to draw the high school money from the state it is necessary to purchase not less than \$500.00 worth of equipment, and when this is done the school will receive approximately \$1100.00 from the state.

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