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To Build Big Dry Dock

Harbor development work, including the construction of a big floating drydock, and the erection of one pier and extension of another, at the St. Johns terminal, costing in the aggregate more than \$1,000,000, and releasing a large sum of money to local employes, was launched formally by the Portland public dock commission Monday.

The decision to rush construction of the drydock came after months of preliminary consideration and the conclusion to make the improvement was actuated by a desire to place Portland in the front rank of Pacific coast ports in the matter of marine facilities. In general it is the plan of the commission to provide docking facilities which will meet the demands of ocean-going vessels, in order that nothing will be left undone to make this port attractive and valuable to ships making the Columbia river. The approval of plans for the construction of Pier No. 2, which will have a length of 1500 feet and the extension of Pier No. 1, from 1200 to 1500 feet, is a part of the proposed improvements at deep sea wharves which may discharge and load the St. Johns municipal terminal, where cargoes of a general character, including grain and flour. In furtherance of its harbor improvement plans the dock commission also decided at the morning's session to issue and sell harbor development bonds in the sum of \$1,250,000. The bond project was authorized by the vote of the people at the last election. Bids will be opened May 1 and the bonds will bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent. It was decided to insure the Pier No. 1 at 90 per cent of its insurable value. Consideration of the creation of a traffic bureau for the port, in conjunction with the port of Portland, and the selection of a manager for the new bureau, will be taken up later with the port commission.

Making Investigation

Howard C. Holmes, chief engineer of the San Francisco Drydock company and consulting engineer of the Union Iron works of San Francisco, last Friday was appointed the fifth member by the board of engineers who are making an investigation into the cause of the subsidence of the 1,000,000-bushel grain elevator of the St. Johns terminal and who will recommend plans for repairing the damage if repair work is deemed necessary. He will come to Portland Monday to confer with Robert Cummings, eminent engineer of Pittsburg, and George C. Mason, George W. Boschke and J. R. Phillips, local engineers, who are the other members of the board.

The three local men have been conducting a preliminary investigation of the elevator and the nature of the ground on which the foundations were built, since they were appointed two weeks ago. Borings have been made, the amount of subsidence of the building noted and all other preliminary matters given thorough attention so that when the two outside engineers arrive full particulars for guidance will be available. It is said the board of engineers will be in Portland nearly one week.

The three local engineers reported to the dock commission Friday that the proposed dredging for pier No. 2 and for the extension of pier and slip No. 1 for a distance of 300 feet will in no manner affect the other buildings in the terminal or interfere with their work of investigation.

—Telegram.

Shortly after the death of the district attorney of Montgomery county, Governor Smith of New York received so many applications for the appointment of a successor that he was reminded of a story told about the late Senator McCarren of Brooklyn, says the Buffalo News. In the district in which the senator was leader the death of a man who held a minor position occurred.

The deceased had not been buried when aspirants for the job started the political wheels in motion. One of them hunted up Senator McCarren, who was located in the evening in a restaurant.

"Senator," said the applicant, "I would like to be in Smith's place."

"Very well," the senator answered without looking up. "Go see the undertaker. I have nothing to do with the case."

—Ex.

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Shadows where the sun should be?
Dreary rain a-falling?
Moaning winds across the hills?
Brooklets sadly calling?
Life's not always bright, I know,
Grief on grief comes piling.
But grief like rain is bound to go,
So—keep a-smiling!

Work that never seems quite done?
Always something waiting?
Tasks that come with every sun
Far from animating?
Toil is hard, but peace crowns not
Days of idle shirking;
And joy ends toil with toil forgot
So—keep a-working!

Now and then, we question, too,
If a God be living,
Thoughtful of his children here,
Gentle and forgiving;
Doubts like these come to us all
In our times of grieving—
Just remember what He said
And—keep believing!—Ex.

Placed Under Arrest

Charles V. Cooper, wholesale lumber dealer, has been arrested on a federal indictment charging him with conspiring with Jerome S. Mann, J. Al Pattison and one other, to misapply the funds of the First National bank of Linton. Mr. Mann was arrested and released on \$10,000 bail Saturday. Mr. Pattison has been under arrest for some time.

The indictment against Mr. Cooper, according to United States Attorney Haney, mentions four specific instances where the four conspired to misapply funds. Mr. Haney says he has information of 125 other instances, but chose those, he says, where most apparent. Mr. Haney said last night that the funds in question amounted to approximately \$123,000. The greater part of the charges, Mr. Haney asserted, were jointly against the four defendants. Some applied only to Mr. Pattison and Mr. Mann, it is said. Mr. Haney said all the funds in question had been restored to the bank.

Mr. Cooper obtained his liberty on \$10,000 bail immediately after his arrest. The case arose through the operations of Mr. Pattison, who, operating as J. Al Pattison Lumber company, is alleged to have forged trade acceptances which Mr. Mann, as cashier of the bank, cashed with the institution's funds.—Oregonian.

Old Booze is Dead

Old Booze is dead, so toll the knell for this old maudlin knave; the mourners raise a joyful yell as they stand by the grave. Old Booze hung on with teeth and nails, he tried to dodge the tomb; he hoped to sell his gins and ales until the crack of doom. He hoped to do his ancient task till Father time is gone; but we've outgrown the jug and flask, outgrown the demijohn. Old Booze is dead, at rest he lies, cashed in beyond recall; he never helped a man to rise, but made a million fall. Old Booze will sleep beneath the loam until the bright sun pales; he never built a toiler's home, but he filled many jails. Old Booze has crossed the great divide to see what's doing there; and we'll see less of women's tears, of children needing bread, of wages gone for foaming beers, since Old Man Booze is dead. He'll dish no more the poison drink to knock the good man down; his funeral would make you think a circus is in town. The sextons chortle as they work and dig the clammy clay, and in the shadow of the kirk the pastor yells "Ho, ray." The undertaker is on hand, with festive lilt and ruses, and by the fence the village band is playing ragtime tunes.—Walt Mason.

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Died of Starvation

After having sent money to his family in Syria so it could come to the United States five years ago, Frank Thomas Francis of Vancouver has just received a letter from his sister telling of the death of his wife and two children due to starvation. Of 20 relatives he left there in Beirut, Syria, five years ago, a sister and cousin survive—the sister may die and the cousin is an invalid in a wheel chair.

Five years ago Frank Thomas Francis came to this country from Syria, joining his father, who has been in the United States 28 years. Mr. Francis wrote many letters to his family, but received no replies. The family had a small farm in Syria, raising olives and figs. The Turks ravaged the country, cut down the fig and olive trees for fuel, drove off all of the stock and burned the house. Mr. Francis and his father sent many donations. Here they bought liberty bonds and were members of the War Stamp Limit club. The letter from Mr. Francis' sister said that an average of only one person in four had survived. How the letter came to the United States is not known, but it is presumed a traveler brought it from Syria and mailed it in the United States.

Instructions were received by the San Francisco postmaster from Washington to dispose of his stocks of 3-cent stamped envelopes, 2-cent postal cards and 3-cent adhesive stamps, preparatory to a return on July 1 of pre-war postage rates. Three cent stamps will be used after June 30 on third and fourth-class mail. After July 1 letters will require a 2-cent stamp, postal cards 1-cent stamps.

City Hall Doings

On account of the explosion in the Corbett building a survey of all heating plants will be made by the prevention bureau at the suggestion of Fire Marshal Grenfell. The idea is to prevent similar accidents in the future.

The City Planning Commission, recently authorized by the City Council, will be the medium of receiving permits to erect garages, stores and other buildings in strictly residential districts. The Commission surveys the situation covered in the petition and holds neighborhood meetings, to which all interested property holders are requested to attend.

State Commissioner Gram and W. E. Plummer, chief of the city building bureau, will bring before the City Council this week an ordinance to keep window cleaners from accidentally falling from buildings. The school board is in the market for several thousands of dollars worth of the devices and it is a question as to the safest kind to purchase. Test of the different kinds will be demonstrated at the meeting.

R. S. Delin, superintendent of the municipal paving repair plant, has drawn up specifications for eliminating patent and non-patent pavements. The specifications have been submitted to Commissioner Barbur, and are to standardize the requisites of the city in connection with pavement and pavement mixtures. Bituminous pavements have a thickness of two feet, and concrete six inches. The idea is to create greater competition among paving contractors, and in return receive better results.

Owing to a lack of desk room and proper accommodations for the number of clerks employed

High School Notes

The five lettermen of the last year's baseball team met one evening after school last week, to elect a captain. John Ohm was elected.

Wednesday noon, at twelve ten, meetings were held in the different registration rooms for the purpose of electing an Art Editor for the Tualum staff, to take the place of Denby Coon, who is now attending Jefferson High School. Donald Shaffer was elected.

Several members of the History IV class have been giving interesting character sketches of the leading men of the French Revolution. Some of the men thus discussed were Voltaire and Rousseau, and their champions, Harry Crow and Blanche Poe.

Friday evening after school Miss Bushnell met about twenty-five members of the Boy's Glee Club, in room eleven. The evening was given over to the election of officers. The following officers were elected: John Wolf, president, and Lawrence Johnson, secretary.

A St. Patrick's day program was given toward the close of school on Monday. Several Irish songs were sung, the singing being led by Nana Seely, music commissioner. Stanley O'Conner read a poem, concerning the birth of St. Patrick, and afterwards told why St. Patrick's day is observed.

The closing game of the Inter-scholastic Basketball Season was played last Tuesday, March 11, between James John and Benson Polytechnic, in the Washington High School gymnasium. The game ended with a score of 76 to 7, in favor of James John; John Wolf, James John center, scoring 46 points, the largest score ever made by any one member of the Inter-scholastic League.

Professor Meyers, director of the School for the Blind, in Portland, lectured Monday to the Sociology class. He gave a thorough review of the history and problems of the blind, and urged the establishment of an industrial home so the blind could earn a living for themselves, and not have to beg. He said there are five hundred blind people in Oregon alone. He is a blind man, which added interest to his discussion of the subject.

The Latin Club, the Sodality Latina, met Friday night, March 14th, in the school gymnasium. The executive board of the club, presented the "Burning of Rome," as a farcical play. This followed by a vocabulary contest, in which Eliza Vinson won first place, Jack Vinson second place, and Hazel Greene third place. Another feature of the evening was a derivation contest. The first place in this contest was won by Hazel Greene, second place by Gordon Avery, and third place by Fay Smith. After the serving of refreshments, the rest of the evening was given over to the playing of games.

Monday, the period from 12:15 to 12:40 was given over to a Universal Test. The test, which was composed of questions bearing upon the war, was taken by all pupils. The papers were corrected by the faculty and are to be kept in the office on file. Among the questions were those demanding a knowledge of the importance of the following men: Haig, Trotsky, Ludendorff, Hindenburg, Baker, Lansing, Foch, Albert and Clemenceau, and of the personnel of America's representation at the Peace Conference.

The sandwich sale, given by the seventh termers Wednesday, for the benefit of the Belgian Babies, proved a success. The sale was continued Thursday and the profits were about ten dollars. To help the sale of buns and "hot dogs" our jingler, Stanley O'Conner, composed the following parody:

Oh where, oh where, has my little dog gone?
Oh where, oh where, can he be?
He lies all roasted and toasted and brown
'Tween two buttered halves of a bun.
He lies in state on a snowy white plate
At the Sandwich Sale in the hall.
So come, buy your eats
From the seventh term class
And answer the Orphans' call.

The James John Basketball five have ended a most successful season. According to the fans who follow the game closely, the "dope" is that our team could, in its present form, play the Lincoln team, now state

Old Wars Also Deadly

In spite of the long casualty lists of the present war, fought with all the fiendish contrivances of modern science, the destruction of life is not so great proportion to earlier wars when soldiers fought hand to hand. The most deadly of all weapons was the Roman short sword, Caesar reported that, at the battle he fought near Namur, his soldiers slew 60,000 of the Nervii. There were no wounded when the weapon was the short sword. As men began to fight at longer range, the death list grew shorter. It is an axiom of modern war that it costs a marksman his own weight in lead to kill one of the enemy.—People's Home Journal.

champions, and beat them by twelve (12) marks. The James John team was going on four wheels at the last of the season, which landed them second place in the interscholastic league.

"Long" John Wolf, as he is known to league followers, was unanimously chosen Captain of the mythical all star team. John played a ripping game at center and handled his opponents to perfection. He always got the "tip off" and was away with the ball like lightning. The highest individual score ever registered in the interscholastic circle, which was 46 points, was made by John against Benson.

"Strangle Hold" Dick Girt played a stellar game at forward the last half of the season. Dick played guard, the first of the season, but he could not resist "messing up" the forward on the opponent's team. Consequently Coach Campbell placed him at forward. At no time during the season did Dick's name register more than two field baskets. Because of this he is not on the all star five.

Clarence Edward "Scrap Iron" O'Toole played the other forward. During the season nobody handed the Irishman anything for he has an eye like an eagle and is as fast as a coyote. When Clarence took it into his head to shoot baskets all of the opponents could not stop him. If he could not shoot standing up he would lie down and shoot them. Clarence was mentioned for the all stars.

"Wobbie" Johnson played a guard position. His favorite stunt was to be at the wrong end of the field and let his man get half way down the floor. He would then charge at him like a hound and as fast as a coyote, he was ready to shoot he would grab the ball, dribble through the opponents to about the middle of the hall, then make everybody hold their breath by a great big rainbow shot which would fall through the iron ring never touching a string. "Wobbie" loomed up like the proverbial "ton of bricks."

"Hungry Huck" Hiatt, the other guard, could play a whole team by himself. "Hungry" would play two forwards at once and hold them down. When he had a fast forward to handle he made him look like a "plug nickle." Not many points were made against Huck and he always had a great comeback in the second half.

Whistler and Willickson were "spare" and, although they did not play much, when they did play they had the old fight and held up their end.

James John was defeated by Lincoln 20-16 and by Christian Brothers 17-16. In the "Brothers" game three of our men were out. James John defeated Washington 44-17, Commerce 28-15, Jefferson 26-20, Benson 76-7, and Franklin 27-11. The Columbia game was thrown out because of a technicality.

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The origin of the well known hymn, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform," was a curious incident in the life of its author, William Cowper, the English poet. Cowper, a deeply religious man, was subject to attacks of the blackest melancholy. During one of these attacks he determined to end his life by throwing himself into the Thames River. He hired a cab to take him to the river, but a dense fog so confused the cabman that, after driving about for an hour, he admitted to his passenger that he was lost. Cowper, alighting from the cab in order to give driver more careful directions for reaching the bridge, found that his wanderings had brought him back to his own door. Strongly affected by what seemed to him almost a divine interposition, Cowper dismissed the cab, hurried to his room and wrote his famous hymn.

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