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City buys Benson-Chaney land for North Portland Park:

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which they started pursuing in August of 2014.

The new park, yet unnamed, will service about 800 homes in the area, which currently does not have a park within a half mile ra-

dius.

The home and the land surrounding it have significant importance to North Portland and Portland proper.

When Open Meadow School closed last year, the former Amos Benson Home and sur-

rounding grounds went up for sale for \$1.85 million, which is zoned for residential use.

Amos was the son of Simon Benson – well known throughout Portland for owning the Benson House



in downtown Portland, the water fountains named after him called the Benson Bubblers, as well as Benson Polytechnic School and the Benson Hotel.

In an article appearing in the Review's June 6, 2014 issue by Barbara Quinn titled, "St Johns History Worth Saving," she made note that the site has "three protected heritage Oregon oak trees that pre-date the 1910 house by at least 100 years." She went on to say, "In fact, the trees were here when William Clark first explored the Willamette River on April 3, 1806. They are a rare example of the mature oak that originally populated the Bluff." By turning the site into a park, these trees will now be protected from harm which could have come to them should the acres been developed with condominiums or apartments.

The house, also known as the Benson-Chaney home was originally named Haven Bridge and has

This article appeared in the May 14, 1909 St. Johns Review. Thank you to historian Gil Parton for sending it in.

To Build Fine Home

The beautiful and slightly piece of ground overlooking the dry dock which was offered to the city as a park last year has been sold. The price asked the city was \$18,000, and the Review strongly urged its purchase, but the consensus of opinion seemed to be that it was entirely too excessive in price and the proposition was turned down at the polls. A. S. Benson, of the Benson Logging Company, has purchased the greater portion of it for \$20,000 and Peter Autzen the balance for \$4,000, thus making an increase of \$6,000 in price in a very short time. Mr. Benson is now having plans prepared for a \$10,000 residence to be erected thereon, and without doubt will have the finest residence site in the city. It is certainly to be regretted that the city did not obtain this tract as a park site, as for scenic beauty and accessibility it could not be beaten.

ACROSS

1. Cavalry weapon
6. WW1 plane
10. Sexual assault
14. Wash out with a solvent
15. Puncture
16. Laugh
17. Anklebone
18. At one time (archaic)
19. God of love
20. A type of judge
22. Anagram of "Note"
23. Buffoon
24. Sarcasm
26. A "platoon" of Roman soldiers
30. He plays a role
32. Sheeplike
33. Impossible to hear
37. Seats oneself
38. Pass over
39. Masterstroke
40. Anode or cathode
42. Analyze syntactically
43. French for "Queen"
44. Erase
45. Cantillate
47. Armed conflict
48. Buddy
49. Indifferent
56. Young sheep
57. Soft drink
58. Dental filling
59. By mouth
60. Affirm
61. British biscuit
62. Unit of force
63. Gentlewoman
64. Bastes

DOWN

1. Bristle
2. Winglike
3. Electric light
4. Decorative case
5. Repair
6. Bundle

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7. Harbor
8. As well
9. Waste
10. Bombastic
11. Moses' brother
12. Fake
13. Leisure
21. Beam
25. 16 1/2 feet
26. An amount of medicine
27. Wicked
28. Give as an example
29. Make intelligible
30. Positive pole
31. Carryall
33. Weightlifters pump this
34. Drill
35. Craving
36. Type of sword
38. Vital
41. One more than nine

42. Keep going
44. One of the tribes of Israel
45. Cautious
46. What we are
47. Tired
48. LummoX
50. Exploded star
51. Sleigh
52. Ancient Peruvian
53. Coalition
54. Lean
55. Visual organs

