

COUNCIL AND CITIZENS EXAMINE WHARF SITE

Mayor and Two Councilmen Join Citizens In Convassing Situation—Ground Gone Over Carefully, Both Sites Given Personal Inspection.

In accordance with the request by Council, many business men of Oregon City met on the site of the proposed new public wharf, at the foot of Eleventh street, Sunday, and proceeded to examine into the feasibility of the proposition. Two Councilmen—Messrs. Androsen and Knapp—were there as also Mayor Caulfield, Mr. Frank Busch and a score of others who have much interest in the success of the proposition.

Those present viewed the situation from the Main street intersection of Eleventh street and talked of the feasibility of the plans under consideration from that viewpoint. The City Engineer told of the grade, which is in excess of 11 per cent. The benefits to abutting property were discussed and also the alternative of going one street further down, on Twelfth street, in case it is found that the Eleventh street site is impracticable.

The committee then crawled down over the rocks and weeds to the river level below and took up the project from an "on the spot" standpoint. Messrs. Busch and Fairclough, who are well pleased with the Eleventh street site, favored the erection of the wharf up against the rocks at the foot of the bluff that extends out into the river at that point, explaining that the bluff would serve as a protection to any steamer that may be unloading at the wharf. Here the water is always deep, at high or low stage of the river. There is also an eddy at this point which has so far always kept a channel open at this place regardless of how the sand may have drifted just above or below. All who were present to consider the subject agreed that it was an ideal spot for a wharf.

At this point the wharf could be built about 200 feet from the upper side of Water street, which runs along the river bank at this place. The wharf can be anchored to the rocks at the foot of the bluff, for these rocks project far enough into the water so that they form a part of the river and not a part of the abutting lot and private property, and no necessity would arise for the purchase of ground for the purpose of anchorage. The water would always be deep enough at that point for the landing of steamers without at any time a necessity arise for dredging. The wharf could be built so as to provide for a landing place in both high and low stages of water, and so far as could be seen all emergencies could be met at this point.

The question was then one of grade to the upper street—to Main street. Beginning at the outer or river side side of the wharf the grade would not, from this point of starting, exceed grades already established in the city. Singer Hill has a grade of over 10 per cent, and at the starting point considered by the City Engineer some days ago he figured that the grade on

this improvement would be but 11 per cent. Building this wharf as it may be built—and just about as it would be built if there was no grade to take into consideration—the grade would not exceed 10 per cent.

Regardless of the fact that certain business men disclaim any desire to discourage the building of this proposed wharf, it was easy to see from the conversation at this conference that it was a bugaboo to some for some reason or other. It is true the building of the wharf on this site, as the survey of the situation Sunday showed, will cost more money than at some other site more easily approached. But the friends of the project showed Sunday that this is the ideal site along the river for the improvement contemplated, and no other has been offered which gives promise of meeting the demands contingent on such a project.

The question of substituting Twelfth street for Eleventh was taken up and discussed. The committee followed the river down to the intersection of Water and Twelfth and examined the shore all along. The Twelfth street approaches were also passed over and the cuts and fills made necessary by substituting carefully canvassed.

The expense of building the approaches and grading the streets to the wharf, as between Twelfth and Eleventh, from the city's viewpoint, is much less. And the cost of keeping in repair will be less, it is true. But it was agreed by all conversant with the river and its ways that the building and maintaining of a wharf at Twelfth was a proposition problematical, and one that could not be figured on with any certainty.

Naturally the crowd drifted back to the Eleventh street site—after going over the Twelfth street proposition. We say naturally, for the gravitation of conditions took them back. The site acted as a lodestone to draw them to it, and the drift was as natural as the drifting of the sands along the shore under their feet, which are there today and may be miles away after the next rise in the river.

Finally the Mayor and Councilmen present asked Mr. Busch to have the site that is in his mind properly measured, stakes set, plans for the wharf completed and a blue print made of just how the improvement is to stand when completed, the cost carefully figured out, together with a list of the subscribers made and presented to Council that that body may act intelligently in the matter. This Mr. Busch agreed to do and the interested citizens dispersed.

The subscriptions for the public wharf have all been made on the proposition to build it at the foot of Eleventh street. The property holders abutting on that street are favorable to the improvement, and they are the ones who must bear the major portion of the expense. At Twelfth street

there is no desire for a wharf and consequently no desire to expend several hundred dollars in improving Twelfth street for a wharf. Friends of the Eleventh street project say the idea of switching from Eleventh to Twelfth is simply another way to kill the project without coming out and fighting it in the open. And it looks certain that such a step will kill the project, whether such is the intention or not.

Friends of the movement say that the farmers all through this section who are tributary to Oregon City want this new public wharf from the fact that it will offer them a way out for their products without the necessity of paying high tribute to the S. P. Ry. And the friends of the movement say that because of its popularity with the farmers, whose trade the business men who do not like the new wharf project want, makes it a strenuous proposition, and they dare not come out in the open and fight, but are doing it in a round about way so as not to offend these men whose business looks good to them.

On the other hand the opponents of the Eleventh street site say that their opposition is only as to the expense of building and maintaining, and not because they object to the wharf, or to its location, but simply to the expense that must be incurred. And they further add that the city has no money for the improvement, and if it is made Council must "anticipate" in order to secure funds to build it.

LITTLE GIRL LOST IN WOODS

The 7-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Blackwood of Greenwood, in the Beaver Creek section, became lost Friday. She was playing with some little boys and girls around the house when she disappeared about sundown with her little dog that was her constant playmate, and wandered away into the woods, where she lost her bearings in a deep canyon, close by her home. As soon as her loss was discovered a searching party was organized, and all Friday night the hunt was continued. Saturday morning she was found by Messrs. Osborn and T. J. Rollin, who had joined in the search. They heard a dog barking ahead and following up the sound they came upon the little girl seated upon a log. She seems to be none the worse for her experience. The little dog remained her faithful companion until found.

Woodburn Wants a Cannery.

A fruitgrowers' meeting was held in Woodburn Monday afternoon, under the auspices of the Woodburn Commercial Club. It was addressed by Colonel E. Hofer, president of the Willamette Valley Development League; George W. Weeks, a successful small fruitgrower; Professor C. I. Lewis, of Oregon Agricultural College; C. A. Malbein, Southern Pacific district freight agent; County Fruit Inspector C. E. Armstrong, and others. Fruitgrowers are to be asked to subscribe stock to a co-operative cannery company.

Killed by Falling Trees.

The remains of Chris Johnson were found on his ranch two and one-half miles south of Clatskanie Saturday. He had been crushed by a large fir tree some time during Wednesday morning. The body was discovered by a neighbor, who was looking for her cows Saturday morning. Word was sent to town and the Coroner phoned to, but it was found unnecessary to hold an inquest. Mr. Johnson was burning some slash and a couple of large trees were burning and it is supposed he was busy working and not noticing the trees and one tree about three feet through came down and crushed him, killing him instantly.

Theatrical Prices Advanced.

At a meeting of the Theatrical Managers' Association Friday it was decided to put into effect the long-proposed advance in prices of admission at the Empire, Star, Lyric, Pantages and Grand theaters. This change, which will take effect October 6, has been brought about through the recent raise in wages of the stage crews, the musicians in the orchestras and the increased cost of the acts for the vaudeville houses.

At Pantages and the Grand the prices will be 15 and 25 cents, with 50 cents for boxes. At the Empire, Lyric and Star the rates will be 15, 25 and 35 cents. At the Empire the lowest price for lower-floor seats will be 35 cents.

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HITS OUT FROM THE SHOULDER

JUDGE MCBRIDE PLANS TO GIVE THE GAMBLERS THE FULL LIMIT OF THE LAW.

Judge McBride has taken the gambling bull by the horns at Astoria and seems determined to stop the practice. The rule laid down for Astoria will in all likelihood apply to the district under his jurisdiction. Five hundred dollars, the limit allowed under the state law, will be allowed under the Judge McBride, of the Circuit Court, upon any person who in the future is found guilty in his court on a charge of gambling. That was the announcement made by him from the bench when imposing sentence in other cases.

All Seafeld and John Stephenson Astoria salmon men, pleaded guilty to charges of being proprietors of places where gambling was conducted, and eight other men pleaded guilty to a charge of gambling.

The attorney for the defense, in asking for the clemency of the court, said the proprietors of the saloons were not interested in the games and got nothing from them except what few drinks the participants might purchase; also that the men playing were in no way connected with the saloons, but were customers who were engaged in a game among themselves.

In pronouncing judgment Judge McBride said in part:

"There has been a radical change here recently in regard to gambling, as before the order was issued by the District Attorney to close all games the city had practically licensed gambling games. I realize there may be a misunderstanding as to whether the law applies to all games of chance, or merely to what are known as 'banking games,' and as these are the first arrests under the law, I am inclined to show leniency. Therefore, it is the judgment of the court that Stephenson and Seafeld pay fines of \$25 each

and the others pay \$20 each. This leniency must not, however, be understood to apply to the future. To play poker or any other game of chance in a cigar store, saloon or any other place is just as much an infraction of the law as is playing of any banking game in the lowest gambling hell. Now that this will be made public and everyone understand it, I desire to announce right here that if any of these defendants or any other person is brought before me on a charge of gambling he will be subject to a fine of \$500, which is the limit allowed under the state law."

PROSECUTOR HENEY

Says He Hopes to Complete Timber Thief Trials in November.

"I hope," Heney said Saturday, "that the graft trials in which it is necessary for me to appear will be concluded before the end of the third week in November, and at the present rate of progress I think that we shall be able to finish them before that time. The Federal Government has been pressing me to conclude the prosecution of the land fraud cases pending against Ex-United States District Attorney Hall and Ex-Congressman Binger Hermann in the United States District Court of Oregon, but I have not been able to get away from San Francisco. I visited Portland a few weeks and talked the matter over with United States Attorney Bristol. It was agreed that he should prosecute all the conspiracy cases which come up at the October term of the United States Court before Judge Hunt. I expect to be able to join Bristol about the third week in November and will personally conduct prosecutions of the trials of Hall and Hermann."

The Milwaukie Grange will terminate their three days' fair with a grand ball at the City hall on Saturday night, October 5.

RAILWAY COMMISSION IS OUT FOR BLOOD

SHIPPERS ASKED TO CO-OPERATE IN EFFORT TO BRING RAILWAY TO TIME.

The following circular is being mailed to shippers all over the State by the Railroad Commission, and Oregon City shippers have been asked to co-operate:

Dear Sir—A great many complaints are being filed daily with the Commission by shippers who are unable to get cars, and it is evident from the information we receive that shippers are going to suffer far more this fall than last from car shortage.

The Commission is investigating the matter and hearings will be held at an early date with a view of ascertaining the real cause of the shortage, placing the blame where it belongs, and securing some relief for the shippers of this State.

In conducting such an investigation it is necessary to have the co-operation of the shippers and we ask that you be prepared, when called upon, to furnish some definite information covering your experience in securing cars during the last thirty days.

You will be duly advised when the matter comes up for hearing. In the meantime would be pleased to hear from you. Yours truly,

STATE RY. COMMISSION.
By Oswald West, Commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Elliott of Powell Valley, are among the few still living, who crossed the plains in the troublesome times of 1865, six months in an ox wagon, most of the time in a fight for life with the Indians, which was indeed a strenuous time compared with the so-called strenuous life of today. They are still hale and hearty and enjoy life in Multnomah county and love Oregon and Oregon life.

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