

TO SEE OTHER DOCKS

Port of Portland Is Not Yet Satisfied.

COMMISSION DEFERS DECISION

May Make a Trip to Puget Sound, to Look Over Structures There—Seattle Firm Wants Time to Make a Bid.

The Port of Portland Commission did not close the contract for the construction of a drydock yesterday, as the majority of members had evidently expected. In fact, the whole matter was "called off" for the present in order to allow Moran Bros., of Seattle, time to present plans and estimates.

The change of front was caused by Commissioners Adams and Selling, who had not been present at the last few meetings, so were not so thoroughly imbued with the superiority of the Lang dock, represented by W. T. Donnelly, of New York. Mr. Adams was at Seattle last week, and investigated the drydock situation there. "The Moran Bros.," he said, "have just completed a wooden drydock at a much smaller cost than Mr. Donnelly proposes. Of course, it's a baby dock, compared with the one the Port of Portland is building, being only 20 feet long; but it can be added to. I don't believe in paying anybody \$30,000 for plans and royalties, although I think well of the Donnelly dock, and I am in favor of waiting for figures from Moran Bros. before we let the contract. I am building this dock at 75 per cent of the cost of the Donnelly dock, and if it is just as good it will pay us to wait a while longer. I am an ardent admirer of the dock, anybody, but the difference in cost, it strikes me, is of considerable importance."

Mr. Selling was opposed to building a drydock at all, "but the bill passed by the last Legislature authorizes us to build one, and the people evidently want us to go ahead with the work," he said. "I would, therefore, favor building the cheapest kind of a drydock, even though it did not last more than 10 years. By that time it would be demonstrated whether or not we would pay or not, and then a private corporation could hold of the enterprise, should it prove successful. I shall vote against the Donnelly dock, because I am opposed to paying the \$30,000 for the plan, and I am in favor of the \$20 a day salary for the engineer. The 5 per cent should cover all payments for superintendence, and this \$20 a day kept up for a year would amount to a very large sum."

Chairman Hughes explained that the \$20 a day and traveling expenses asked by Mr. Donnelly were to be only in force while the engineer was traveling between Portland and New York. "Mr. Donnelly has shown us that he has the only practical wooden drydock that has stood the test," Mr. Hughes said. "Anybody else can come before the board and make the same claim. As I understand it, but two docks have been built on this particular plan, and these have been in operation two years. I am not satisfied with Mr. Donnelly's answer to my question as to how he could bring his dock of the proposed dock within \$25,000. When I asked him that question, he said that his business, however, that would not prevent me from favoring his dock, were I of the opinion that it would be the best and cheapest for the Port of Portland."

Mr. Hughes said: "Well, we are all here together to decide on this matter. I am of the opinion that the royalty and engineering charges on this particular dock are very high, but had about about to the conclusion that it was the best thing we could do. We have spent a great deal of time over this matter, and I thought we had notified everybody interested in dock building, of what Portland wanted, but it appears that Moran Bros., of Seattle, were overlooked. I think the principal upon which the Lang dock is constructed is the best that has been presented, and I notice that two other sets of plans very nearly approach the 'best' plan, the strengthening timber in the cross-sections. If you put this thing off now, you must let everybody else have an equal show in presenting the next plan."

Mr. McCracken asked if the Seattle dock was not the one that failed in raising a ship over there, and that the prospect of docking her had not to be abandoned. Mr. Adams said yes, but extensions were being projected to obviate the danger of future failings.

Mr. Bannfield said: "We don't want to go to work and expend \$30,000 of the people's money on an experiment, and then have it fail. Mr. Donnelly has answered all our questions satisfactorily, and we are all as well posted on the drydock business as ever shall be. If we fall to bring this matter to a close now, we are likely to be three months more considering it. If we use ability and brains, we may be able to pay for the I feel assured that the Lang patent drydock will cost us one-third less to construct and operate than any other presented."

Mr. Beilly thought \$15,000 or \$20,000 looked like an enormous sum to pay for the privilege of constructing just one drydock.

Mr. Donnelly was not present during the discussion, but was waiting in a neighboring office to be called in when wanted. When told of the decision of the board as to inviting more plans he seemed disappointed, but contented himself with would return to New York immediately or remain in Portland to await the result of the next propositions.

QUESTIONS NOT TOO HARD.

So Thinks Dr. Wise, Who Conducted Chemistry Examination.

"I do not consider the chemistry examination submitted recently to applicants for licenses to practice dentistry a hard one," said Dr. W. A. Wise yesterday. Dr. Wise is the member of the State Board of Dental Examiners who was in charge of the chemistry examination, and the applicants who failed asserted that the questions were unfair to an extent which made it practically impossible for them to pass.

"The questions which Dr. Binswanger and others have called unfair and prohibitory were prepared by myself," continued Dr. Wise. "I had no assistance other than from my brother. The report that I went to an expert chemist and had him set up the questions is absolutely untrue. Four of the applicants who took the examination in chemistry passed. I want to say that I am thoroughly in favor of abolishing the existing rule of the State Board refusing information to the unsuccessful applicants as to the studies in which they were deficient and their markings therein.

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Judge Webster, in response, stated that he had resorted to the practice whenever he saw it. He said that it did not do a defendant any harm to tell the truth at any time or place, but they had been unable to get anything whatever out of Puter.

After some more discussion Judge Frazer reviewed the question at some length, saying among other things that the action of the defendant might partake somewhat of the nature of contempt. It was finally decided that the answer could be filed on payment by the defendant of \$50 penalty.

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a certificate of membership issued to him; also that the remedies of the order must be exhausted before application can be made to the courts. This means that an arbitration committee, Grand Lodge, and Supreme Lodge should first be appealed to.

William Reid, attorney for the plaintiff, argued that the answer does not constitute a defense, and does not state facts sufficient to quash the complaint. George H. Durham and William Colvig, counsel for the defendant, argued to the contrary, and Mr. Reid called attention to the fact that Mr. Reid was one of a committee of the A. O. U. W., which got up the section of the by-laws which he was now opposing.

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