

THANKS MESSAGE TO
EFFICIENT PROPERTY

Oil Plant Condemned by the
East Side Improvement
Association.

RESOLUTIONS ARE PASSED

E. M. Brannick Leads Fight Against
Reservoirs, and G. C. Flanders,
Local Manager for Standard
Oil Company, Defends.

TO REMODEL BLOCK.

RESOLUTION PASSED.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the East Side Improvement Association that the Standard Oil plant, located on the East Side, is a menace to the growth of that portion of the city, and that it should be removed to a place where it will not be a menace to property and life.

At the meeting of the East Side Improvement Association last evening at the Information Bureau the special committee appointed to investigate the conditions surrounding the East Side, Standard Oil Company, Joseph Buchtel, commander of the Standard Oil Company, and H. H. Newhall, submitted their report and findings, which were read and placed on file. The report went over the subject in full, covering both sides of the controversy with fairness to the company and the interests involved.

First.—That the plant is as safe as long experience and scientific skill and trustworthy men can make it, and in itself is probably as safe as most dwellings.

Second.—That the Portland fire department officials believe from their experience that the presence of this plant is a constant menace and should be removed.

Third.—That insurance men say that they would not insure the oil plant.

Fourth.—That there is wide-spread apprehension of this plant among property owners and representatives of warehouse firms.

Fifth.—That some do not consider the plant a menace, including Manager Tate, of the Toy Laundry, and that a warehouse is being erected alongside the plant, the Standard Oil Company, and that Manager Flanders has a public-spirited citizen and has helped the association in its work.

E. M. Brannick, of Studebaker Bros. Company, made extended remarks, declaring that the plant was a menace to property and life. He displayed numerous photographs showing fires in plants in other cities. He made strong plea for removal of the plant, declaring that was the only solution to the problem, and that either to win out or be beaten. Mr. Brannick said that no half-way measures would do any good.

George C. Flanders, local manager for the Standard Oil Company, made a brief reply to Mr. Brannick, and said the pictures displayed were those of the reduction of the plant on any plan in this city. He said further that in five years the Standard Oil Company had but four fires, and one was in Portland.

After further discussion it was moved to be the sense of the association that the plant is a menace and should be removed.

MUSKIE MAKES DENIAL

DECLARES HE HAS NO CONNECTION WITH PORTLAND GAS CO.

Applies for Franchise in Good Faith, He Says, and Will Sell Consumers 65-Cent Gas.

PORTLAND, July 17.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to the article appearing in the Oregonian today, relative to the gas franchise asked for by me, I desire to enter an emphatic protest against the manner in which I have been treated. I do not believe for one moment that the Oregonian would deliberately misrepresent me or any other citizen of this city. The article in question is absolutely in error and a reflection on my integrity.

In the first place, I asked for this franchise some six months ago, and in showing good faith, and it has been discussed in the committee of the Council and Executive Board, and they have had ample time for investigation, and it is the first time that I have been charged with acting in bad faith, and at no time by any Councilman or member of the Board, the statement in your paper to the contrary notwithstanding, and I challenge anyone to produce a single member of the Council who has said so, for I have talked to nearly all of them, and they have never intimated anything of the kind. It is true that Mr. Wallace was under the impression that the bond was not forfeitable, but the City Attorney says it is, and also says that he will say to the Council that the franchise as published, when the bond is put up, safeguards absolutely all the interests of the city. Mr. Wallace also thought that the section referring to the appointing of arbitrators should be changed, but the City Attorney says that the city has the right to appoint same in case I should refuse to do so.

Regarding the time for completing the work, it is just possible that I will be working on it for the full 25 years, as a gas plant can never be completed in a growing city. The Portland Gas Company has been working for more than 40 years and is still working. Under section 7 it is provided that if said gas plant and works have been completed and \$250,000 expended in laying of mains, etc., in three years, then my bond may be withdrawn, as with this amount expended for laying of mains and an additional amount of \$100,000 for the plant I certainly have demonstrated my good faith, and no reasonable business man would ask me to maintain a perpetual bond in the sum of \$300,000 after that. So far as shortening the time to two years for doing this work would be to ask me to donate \$300,000 to the city, as no one with any business sense would agree to do so, as with the condition of the iron markets and labor questions to contend with, a man would be a fool to accept such conditions, and as I believe the Council to be composed of reasonable business men who will give other people's business the same consideration they would ask for themselves, I do not expect them to make any change in this matter.

No one in the city can say that I ever made any misrepresentations to the Council or public, and for that reason it is a deliberate misrepresentation to say that I am working in the interest of the Portland Gas Company; in fact, the Portland Gas Company is the only one interested in defeating my franchise, and it has very much more the appearance of some one else being in their employ for the purpose of deliberately discrediting me than the reverse. In support of this I want to cite the Councilman named by your paper, every one of whom deny absolutely that they made such statements. Mr. Willis was more than emphatic in his denial, and neither Mr. Wallace nor Mr. Gray made the statements attributed to them. This is confirmed by the City Attorney, who was present, and in fact they claim that the suggestion about the Portland Gas Company and my connection with it did not originate with them at all.

Regarding the price of 65 cents, which I propose to charge, the only criticism I have heard on that was that they did not see how I could do it if the statement of cost made by other companies was true, but they hoped that I could, as the public would welcome lower prices. I do not believe that anyone is worrying for fear I won't supply 65-cent gas, but some do doubt fear I will, and I want to say right now that we will do so. The People's Gas Company of Indianapolis charges 60 cents, and in Kansas City and Los Angeles 75 cents, and there is no reason why in this age of improvement Portland cannot have 65-cent gas, and even lower, and from what my people say I believe we should have it.

The statement that this is in the interest of the Portland Gas Company is so absurd as to need no refutation, as no one with a grain of sense would make such a statement. As your article has done me an injustice, I trust that you will give this the same publicity so that the public may know the exact facts in the matter.

THOR MUSKIE.

GRAND LODGEMEETS

A. O. U. W. Officers and Delegates at Work.

SUPREME MASTER IS HERE

W. M. Narvis, of Muscatine, Iowa, Addresses the Assembly—Officers Elected Today—Degree of Honor in Session.

Owners Plan Improvement of Marquam Building.

RESOLUTION PASSED.

Upon hearing that the appeal of P. A. Marquam had been denied by the Supreme Court, J. Thoburn Ross, manager of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, said that the consideration of plans for the improvement of the Marquam block would be immediately taken up. While stating that nothing definite has been determined upon as yet, Mr. Ross said that the interested parties would be consulted at once as to what changes should be made.

"No leases have been given upon the property, and no designs for its improvement have been adopted," said Mr. Ross. "While we have at all times felt confident of the ultimate outcome of the case, we considered that out of respect to the Supreme Court we could not pursue our plans until its final decision had been rendered."

"It is, of course, certain that extensive alterations will be made. Whether we shall add to the present building or simply remodel it, I cannot at this time say. We had an application for the lease of the building some time ago, and had sketches drawn up to see if it could be altered to suit the prospective tenants. I wanted to see if a plate glass front could be installed in place of the present stone work, and the architects assured me that it could. The negotiations for lease have now been discontinued, and there is no certainty that we will adopt the specifications prepared at that time."

The plans referred to by Mr. Ross were prepared some time ago by MacNaughton & Raymond. While the details have never been made public it is understood that the sketches prepared by the architects involved the tearing away of the present frame building and construction on the ground made vacant an eight-story addition to the present brick structure. It is known that this plan has been considered by the owners and will probably be adopted.

Lipman, Wolfe & Company is the firm which endeavored to lease the Marquam building, some time ago. At that time negotiations could not be concluded, as the Supreme Court proceedings were still hanging over the property.

The decision of the Supreme Court gives assurance of extensive alterations on the block will be taken up at an early date. The property is one of the best business locations in the city, and the fact that the owners were compelled to close their theater reduced the revenue to a figure very much below what the block is capable of paying. It is rumored that several large offers have been made by capitalists who would like to purchase the block, and it may be disposed of in this way.

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DEGREE OF HONOR IN SESSION

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Mrs. Mamie Wagley Briggs.

MOVE FOR NEW FIREBOAT

Question of Issuing Bonds for Craft May Go Before Voters.

It is probable that the voters of Portland will soon be given the opportunity of expressing their opinion upon the advisability of purchasing a new steel fireboat. Chief Campbell and other officers of the fire department have been urging the necessity of such a movement for a long time, and it will be brought before the Council at the first meeting in August.

Councilman Annand is now having prepared an ordinance providing that the people vote upon the question of issuing bonds for the new boat. It is estimated that such a boat as is desired would cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. A special election may be called for the purpose of voting upon this question, and the proposed new Bull Run pipe line, but it is more likely that both questions will be taken up at the regular election next June.

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STRONG CASE AGAINST M'CALLIG

Auto Driver Given Hearing on Charge of Running Down and Killing Boy.

TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

Defendant May Be Held for Manslaughter Unless Judge Cameron Finds Weight of Authority is Against Such Procedure.

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A TRULY IDEAL WIFE

HER HUSBAND'S BEST HELPER

ONE OF THE MOST NEEDED, SUCCESSFUL AND RICHEST MEN OF THIS CENTURY, IN A RECENT ARTICLE, HAS SAID, "WHATEVER I AM AND WHATEVER SUCCESS I HAVE ATTAINED IN THIS WORLD I OWE ALL TO MY WIFE. FROM THE DAY I FIRST MET HER SHE HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION, AND THE GREATEST HELP-MATE OF MY LIFE."

Mrs. Bessie Ansley

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If a woman finds that her energies are flagging, that she gets easily tired, dark shadows appear under her eyes, she has backache, headaches, bearing-down pains, nervousness, irregularities or the blues, she should start at once to build up her system by a tonic with specific powers, such as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made me a well woman, and I feel so grateful that I am glad to write and tell you of my marvelous recovery. It brought me health, new life and vitality. —Mrs. Bessie Ansley, 611 South 10th Street, Tacoma, Wash.

What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for Mrs. Ansley, it will do for every sick and ailing woman.

If you have symptoms you don't understand write to Mrs. Pinkham, daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free and always helpful.

of children who were playing in the street. The driver seemed to be talking to the woman before she saw the boy. The boy was in the street in front of the auto and was run down. The auto driver gave no alarm signal nor displayed any lights, and the witness testified that the boy was in the street in front of the auto and was run down. The auto driver gave no alarm signal nor displayed any lights, and the witness testified that the boy was in the street in front of the auto and was run down.

Corroborative evidence was given by two children—Joe Masouraski and Maggie Silverstein—who were playing in the street at the time of the tragedy.

Charles Dowell, a planing-mill employee, testified that he saw the McCallig automobile when it was within two blocks of the scene of the tragedy. He heard Policeman Stuart shout to the party and tell them to light their lamps, but said the automobilists kept on and seemingly paid no attention to the officer's instructions.

Stanford Evans, another millhand, gave further corroborative evidence. The state then rested.

The defense offered no testimony, Attorney Long arising at once and moving for dismissal on the grounds that no case had been made out against the defendant. He contended that the motion for dismissal was taken under advice by Judge Cameron until this morning.

BOYS IN JUVENILE COURT

One Confesses Theft of \$20; Two Others Admit Stealing Horse.

One little 11-year-old boy confessed in the Juvenile Court yesterday to having stolen nearly \$20 in coin from a neighbor. Another 11-year-old lad and his 13-year-old companion were before Judge Fraser in the same court on the charge of having stolen a pony from a dock last Tuesday, and taking the animal to an East Side shed for safekeeping. The lad admitted they took the pony, but declared that a man told them that it did not belong to any one.

The lad who confessed to stealing money was accompanied by his father, and the scene that ensued during the trial of the case was heart-breaking. Thinking all along that his boy was honest and upright, the father broke down and wept when he heard the story related to Judge Fraser by the lad. The little fellow's brothers and sisters are said to be the best young men in the neighborhood where they live, and the father, who works hard from sunrise to sunset, thought his 11-year-old just like the others. The boy did not cry until he saw his father weeping.

Of the money taken, the lad said that he had spent \$7.50 of it; the remainder was recovered from the place where it had been hidden. After talking to the boy sternly, but kindly, Judge Fraser informed him that he would be allowed to go on probation if he would promise to go to work and earn enough money to pay back the \$7.50 expended. The lad promised, and was taken home, being picked up tomorrow. He was placed under the care of Chief Probation Officer Marion R. Johnson.

The tale told by the "bronco buster" did not please the jury. He told them that, even if some one had said that the horse belonged to nobody, they did not have the right to take the animal. Their cases were continued until this afternoon.

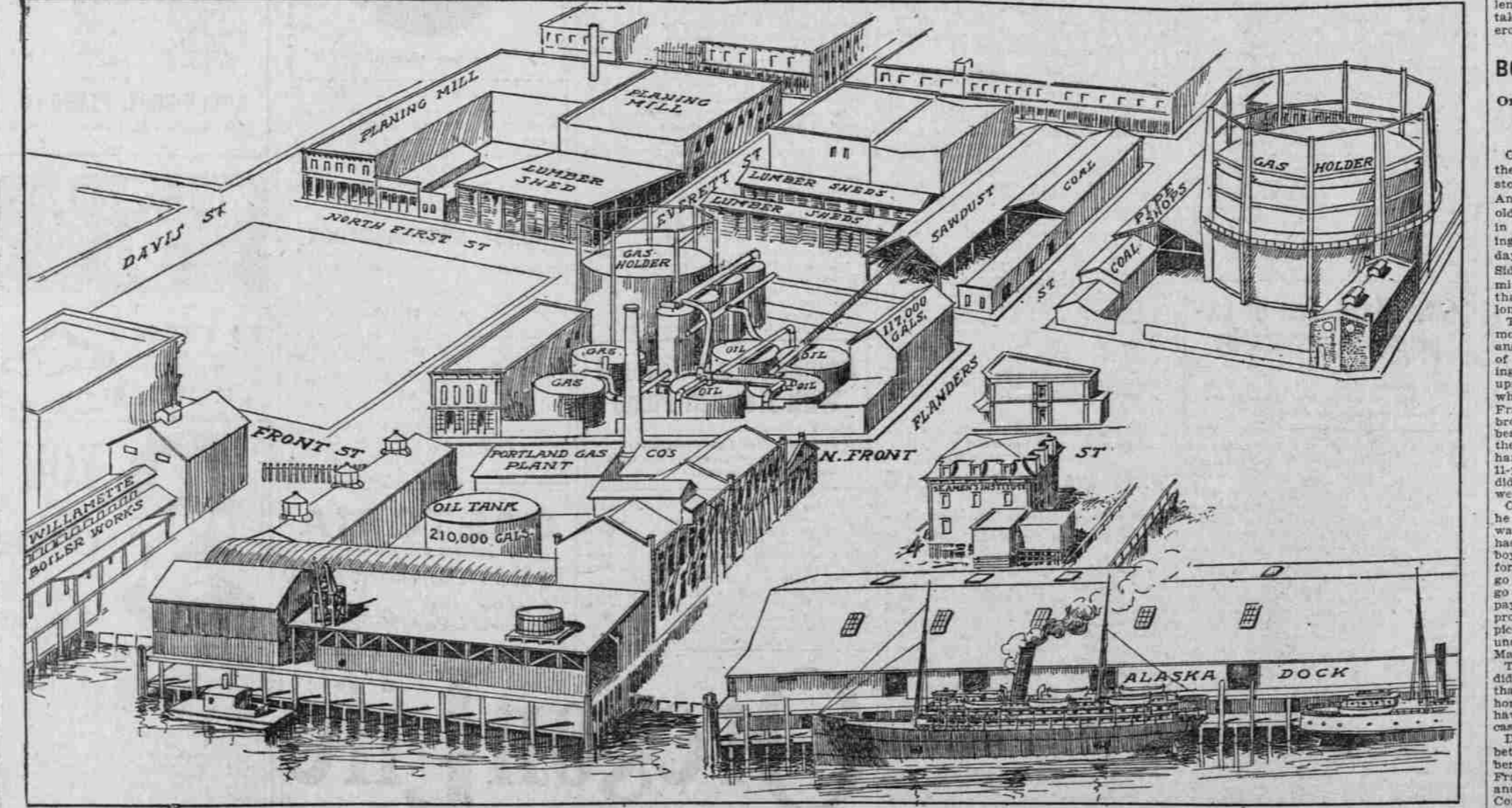
During the few minutes' intermission between the stories told by the little bricoleers and the "cowboys," Judge Fraser threw into his private chambers and wedded Edward Daniel Carlson and Corina Eola Purdy. This event caused Marion Johnson, who acts as clerk of the Juvenile Court, along with his duties as chief probation officer, to remark that it is seldom that the blind-folded goddess of justice gets shoved off her pedestal by such a little man as Dan Child.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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OIL TANKS ON WEST SIDE WATERFRONT, AT PLANT OF PORTLAND GAS COMPANY, MAKE INSURANCE RATES FROM 10 TO 25 PER CENT HIGHER FOR A DISTANCE OF NEARLY A MILE ALONG THE RIVER.



THE FRANCHISE OF THE GAS COMPANY GIVES THE CITY THE RIGHT TO ORDER THEIR REMOVAL AT THE EXPENSE OF THE GAS COMPANY. An oil tank menace on the West Side waterfront, making insurance rates nearly from 10 to 25 per cent higher than outside the danger area, is that of the Portland Gas Company's plant at the foot of Everett and Flaxey streets, where there are two oil tanks, one of 210,000 gallons capacity, the other of 117,000 gallons. The extra insurance is paid by property owners from the foot of Davis street to the foot of Quimby and Ninth streets, a distance of nearly a mile. Davis street, one block upstream from the plant, is included in the danger zone by the underwriters because, as they explain, at certain stages of the river, the water flow is upstream, on account of the tide and this flow would carry oil, burning on the surface, in that direction, should an explosion like that at St. Johns release the gas fluid into the river. Among the properties that pay the extra insurance are: Willamette Boiler Works, Portland Rice Mills, Alaska Dock, Alsworth Dock, Albers' Bros. Milling Co.'s Warehouse, Greenwich Dock No. 1, Greenwich Dock No. 2, Columbia Dock No. 1, Mercury Dock, Blue Mountain Company, Commercial Dock. The oil tanks are in the center of the West Side waterfront. Below and above them, facing the river, are wooden wharves and warehouses, which would burn fast were an oil fire to start on the surface of the river. Surrounding the tanks on the land side are lumber sheds, coal sheds, a planing mill, and inflammable wooden buildings. The oil tanks of the Standard Oil Company, on the East Side against which a campaign is waging, are really a lesser fire menace than are those of the gas company on the West Side, for the reason that the East Side tanks have little or no inflammable property in close proximity. The gas plant discharges greasy oil waste into the river, to the annoyance of boat owners, who find that the waste blackens the hulls of boats, covering them with a filthy slime. The oil floats on the river. The extra rates were established in September, 1904. Under the terms of the gas franchise as first can compel the removal of the entire plant. A clause in the franchise granted by the territorial Legislature in 1874 to Al 21st, who assigned it to the Portland Gas Company.