

SYNDICATE AFTER RIGHT IDEAS

Unknown Persons Planning to File on Lower Columbia River Tract.

MILLIONS PROFIT IN SIGHT

Broad Acres Above Tongue Point Can Be Bought for a Song, the State Land Board Willing, and

To purchase for a mere sum 10,000 acres of tideland having a prospective value of from \$1,000,000 to \$20,000,000, is the plan being worked out by persons believed to be acting for railroad interests. The land lies along the Oregon shore of the Columbia River just above Tongue Point, near Astoria. Presumably the land is wanted for railroad terminals, mill sites and docks. The purchase must be made before May 25, if at all, for on that date a law goes into effect withdrawing all tidelands from sale for a period of 10 years. If sold at the price usually received, the state would get \$2.50 to \$5 or possibly \$10 an acre. When filled in by sluicing down the hills and dragging the river, the land will be worth \$100 an acre, and, if wanted for terminals or mill sites, it would be easily worth \$1000 an acre, or even more.

Every one who has been to Astoria on the railroad will remember a long, broad bay formed by the city of hills just this side of Tongue Point. The water in this bay has been growing shallower from year to year until now thousands of acres of tideland has been formed. While it overflows at high tide, it is out of the water enough of the time for grass to grow and to give it the character of tideland. Although narrow channels run through it in every direction, the result is that it is one body of land and can be sold by the state as such. To get title to this land now, while its real value is unknown and scarcely a year ago the plan of the unknown parties back of the scheme.

Applications Ready for Filing.

The land has been surveyed as required by law and it is understood that at the next meeting of the State Land Board the plans and notes of the survey will be filed, together with applications for purchase of the entire tract. As the law limits purchases by one person to 320 acres, it is expected that a large number of applications will be filed. The effort has been to keep the project quiet and avoid public attention until title had been secured. Now that the title has been discovered and objection will be made to the sale of the land, there is very little probability that the scheme can be carried through to completion.

Two or three days ago it was announced in public land circles that a movement was on foot to secure a large body of tideland near Astoria, but the story was not credited because the unknown parties who have taken such a cautious course in the matter, and when asked about the matter gave full confirmation.

"I am watching the matter and intend to watch it until the 25 days are passed," he remarked, by way of indicating that opposition will be made to any sale of the land. The State Land Board, under decisions of the courts, is a law unto itself and can refuse to sell any land. This it will very likely do unless it takes the view that the land is of little value or that it is the Board's duty under the law to sell the land. Efforts to compel the Board to sell land under mandamus proceedings have always failed and probably always will, but attorneys who have taken such a cautious course into court assert that the desired end can be accomplished by filing applications, tendering fees and then waiting until the Land Board makes a sale. When the title has passed out of the state subject to be brought against the purchaser to declare him a trustee for the trust applicant. It is asserted that this procedure is well established by court decisions.

Prospective Value of the Land.

The prospective value of the tidelands in question may easily be understood by anyone familiar with the locality. The city of Astoria is on a hillside, narrow and steep. There is no room for a city on land so much as there is on the piling over the water. If there is a future for a city near the mouth of the river it must be some place besides the present site of the city. And it is the belief of a great many people who have studied the situation.

The bay in which this tideland is situated could easily be made into solid land above tidewater. This could be accomplished by first building a wall in front of the tideland and then dredging in front of the wall and dumping the sediment over into the tideland, where it would form high land. In this way a channel would be dug in front while the land would be built up behind, making ideal conditions for construction of docks.

If the dredging did not secure material enough for the fill pumps could be at work sluicing down the hills surrounding the tideland. The filling would not be necessary for immediate use, for if desired terminal grounds and mill sites could be provided by driving piling as was done at Astoria. In the Columbia River the tereedo does not live, so the piling lasts for many years.

Railroad May Be Back of It.

Who the persons are who are back of this project, Mr. West said he does not know. He is of the opinion that some railroad company or mill company is engineering it, for to such a company the land would have greatest value. He does not believe the purchase can be made, notwithstanding the fact that the law withdrawing tideland from sale has not yet gone into effect.

This land has no value at present for any practical use that has been made of it. To the casual observer it would seem to have the prospect of great value in the near future. For railroads, lumbering or shipping purposes, however, it might easily grow to enormous value in a few years. At \$1000 an acre it is estimated that the tide flat would be worth \$10,000,000.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN MEET

Leading Pastors Discuss Important Church Matters.

At the men's meeting of the First Presbyterian Church last night, Rev. William H. Foulkes, the new pastor, told of the quiet strength for right which was manifested at a convention in Indianapolis which he attended. He also told of the raising of \$11,000 for a new church building, by three of the leading business men of Clinton, Ia., none of whom was a member of any church, and this after the leading members of this church had de-

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cluded that \$1500 for repairs would be more of a burden than they could lift. While the Presbyterian Brotherhood has been backward it is now going forward, he concluded.

Rev. H. A. Johnson then spoke, stating that the church in this country is not as strong as it should be, and quoted the words of Henry Drummond, "You don't need more church members such as they are, but you need a better brand." He then gave instances of the deep and far-reaching work of Rev. D. L. Moody.

The committee appointed by the Calvary Baptist Church to draft a constitution and nominate officers for the organization of Presbyterian men in Portland submitted its report, and the following officers were elected: President, Professor J. F. Ewing; vice-president, E. E. Leach; second vice-president, G. W. Vihonen; secretary, K. K. Baxter; treasurer, O. M. Scott.

Locks Up Neighbor's Cow and Horse

East Side Man Saves Lawn From Trespass by Stock — Mack Schwartz Pays \$5 For Fast Driving.

MRS. KATE CUNNINGHAM'S cow and horse, wandering in search of food, brought about the trouble that led to L. Lambert's arrest. Lambert declined to permit the animals to stroll about his grounds at Garfield and Going streets, and devised a scheme that worked pretty well to keep them off the grass, until Mrs. Cunningham stepped in and objected. Lambert's plan was to tie up the cow and the horse when they appeared on his grounds, which surely was an effective means of saving his grass.

When the cow and horse failed to return, however, Mrs. Cunningham, in her cottage at 40 Garfield street, became nervous. She declared in the Municipal Court yesterday morning, when Lambert became angry and knocked her down. Lambert denies the assault.

The case was continued for further hearing until this morning.

MR. MACK SCHWARTZ paid \$5 into the City Treasury, through the Municipal Court, yesterday morning to learn lesson in driving.

Schwartz is one of many teamsters in Portland who seemed to think he owned the streets. He was arrested last Saturday night at Fifth and Washington for

fast driving. He was making a speed that was dangerous to life and limb, and was escorted to police headquarters.

Judge Cameron explained to Schwartz that more care must be observed by teamsters in driving about the city's streets, and warned him against repeating the offense.

Mr. Schwartz Goes on a Fast Drive.

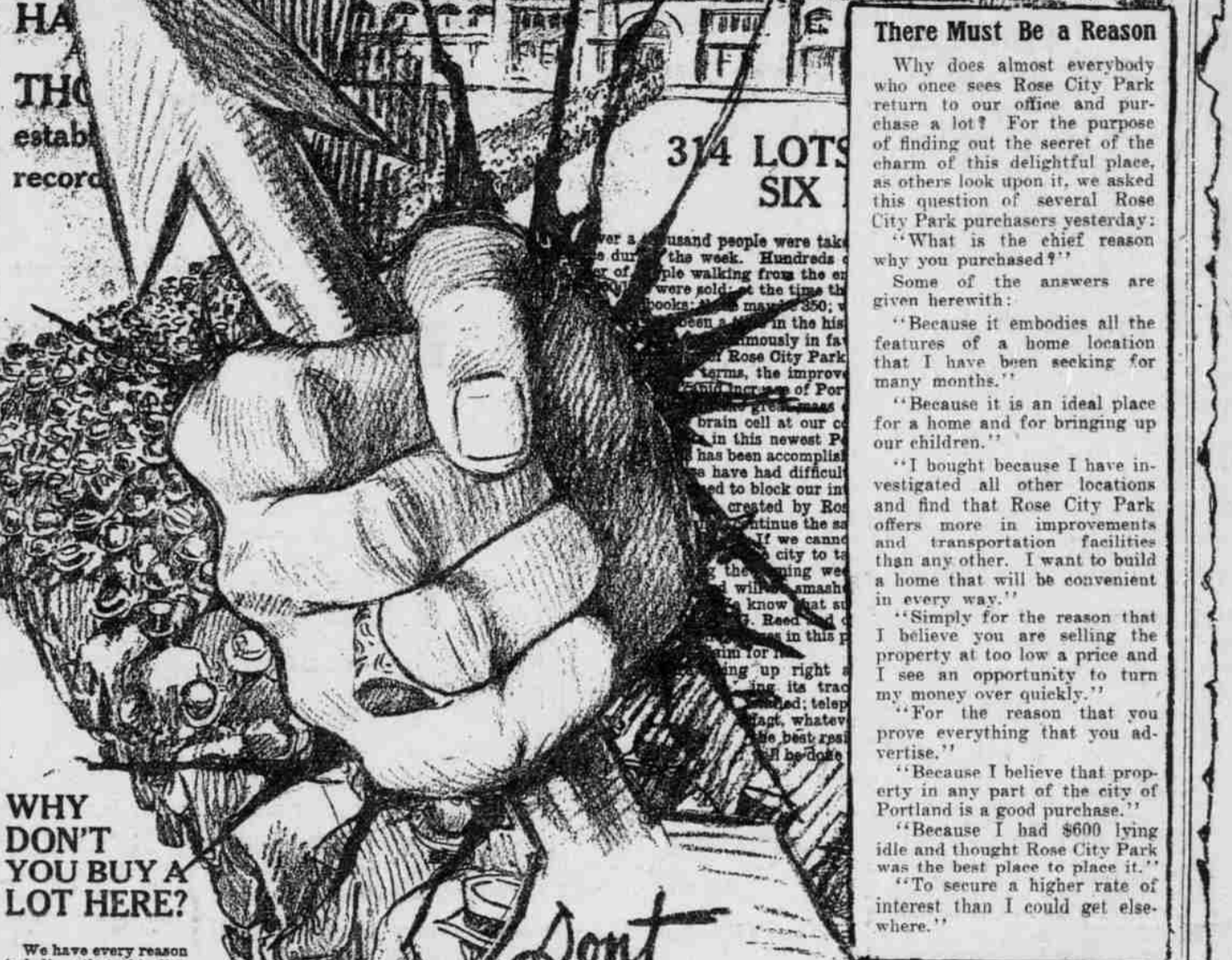
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All Real Estate Records Broken

TWENTY-NINE LOTS SOLD IN ROSE CITY PARK YESTERDAY IN SPITE OF THE RAIN AND INCONVENIENT WEATHER—PEOPLE REGARD SEEKING HOME LOCATIONS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEY DO THE DISCOMFORTS OF THE WEATHER.

LAST WEEK than were sold in Portland before the

- An \$800 Lot for Only \$400.
- All Improvements included
- Streetscars by June First
- Plenty of Good Neighbors
- Bull Run Water and Pure Air
- Small Payments, Easy Terms
- Electric Lights and Telephone
- Cement Sidewalks and Curbs
- Graded Streets and Parks
- Fifteen Minutes to City
- Magnificent Scenery on All Sides
- The Finest Drive in the City
- Natural Growth of Trees
- Natural Soil Drainage
- Streets Are All Parked
- Building Restriction \$1500
- Building Line 15 Feet Back
- Mountains in Plain Sight
- Overlooks Portland and Suburbs
- Columbia Valley in Easy View
- Constantly Changing Scenic Aspect
- Stores Limited to Certain Locations
- No Liquors Allowed for Sale
- Water Mains Are Being Laid
- Five Per Cent Cash Discount
- Has Every City Convenience
- Store Is Now Under Construction
- Many Homes to Be Built Soon
- Very High Elevation
- Ideal Site for Nice Home
- Building Streetcar Tracks Now
- Straightest Road to the City
- Sandy Road to Be Boulevarded
- Part of City Boulevard System
- Grand View of Mount Hood
- Looks Down Upon Willamette
- Free From Mud and Dust
- Building Association Planned
- Backed by Enormous Capital
- Best People Are Buying Lots
- Home Building Is Encouraged
- City's Most Favored Location
- Price Within Reach of All
- Splendid Investment Features
- City Grown Up on All Sides
- Nothing Lacking to Satisfy



WHY DON'T YOU BUY A LOT HERE?

We have every reason to believe that this list, although incomplete,

The voice of the people is usually correct. The people have spoken. They have declared in favor of Rose City Park. Many other additions to the city are good; some are better than this. But Rose City Park is the best. Tremendous enthusiasm, developed by Rose City Park itself has set people to thinking. They have studied the matter over carefully; they have thought of the streetscars, the electric lights, the telephone, the graded streets, the cement sidewalks, the building restrictions and the many other improvements we have planned, and the result has been that we have sold hundreds of lots in far less time than we expected.

The going to be remembered is that thousands of people, all attracted by Rose City Park, all having visited this beautiful spot and many having purchased from one to 25 lots there, could not possibly have acted unwisely. They could not have been mistaken. If you are a judge of the value of residence property, if you have any idea of the comparative value of property for residence purposes; if you have made up your mind to build a home; if you are seeking for a place to build; if you are a lover of Nature and natural scenery; if you are at all interested in real estate for any reason, it will be your misfortune to neglect visiting Rose City Park with us this week. The best time to go is today. Our automobiles are at your service at all hours. If you prefer to have us call at your home for you, we will be pleased to do so. See Rose City Park.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BLDG.

STRIKER-STRIKEBREAKER IS LIKE THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY

Strange Case of Thomas Robinson, Turned Out by Car Company and Blacklisted by Unions.

THOMAS ROBINSON, who participated in the recent streetcar strike, is almost a parallel to the man who spurned his own country and thereafter could find no shore where he was welcomed. The man without a country is almost outdone by this streetcar employe, who, after being thrust out by both the streetcar company and the union, cannot find work in the other Coast cities.

Robinson was accused by the company of leaving his car the night of the strike and of inducing others to leave. But he returned to work and remained at his controller's for a few days after the first strike trouble, when he was discharged by the company for aiding the walkout. Because he went back to work the union leaders read him out of that organization, but they were not satisfied with this. They read him out of their organization, too. Robinson's case was conflicting. Company officials were disposed to take him back to work on the strength of some of the evidence he produced in his own behalf, but the testimony of others was apparently irrefutable that he had helped create riot on the streets and aided the strikers. He was turned away, but clearance letters were given him and the allegation that the streetcar company uses its photograph system to blacklist employes was utterly disproved.

On the other hand, the blacklisting in Robinson's case came from the unions themselves. The man sought to re-enter the organization after he could not be reinstated in the company's service, but leaders of the union dismissed him.

building in course of erection, but was only allowed to remain at work three days. His presence there was discovered and union artisans at work notified the foreman of the construction that unless Robinson was discharged the other workmen would walk out. Robinson was again set adrift.

Not once, but many times, was this performance repeated. Whenever he secured a foothold unions drove him from it. He was buffeted from one place to another until he left the city and went to California. He tried to get a position on the Oakland streetcar system, but his unfortunate relations with the Portland union were learned and the streetcar men would not let him work.

He went to San Francisco and, to his surprise, found his name posted at the headquarters of the streetcar union on the blacklist. He could not work there. The union would not take him in and if he went to work for the company the union would secure his dismissal.

Peasants Renew Rioting. ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—With

the opening of Parliament, March 5, peasant disorders commenced in several provinces, and apparently are the result of an organized agitation. In addition to an outbreak in Vladimir Province, where 500 drunken peasants wrecked the government spirit stores before they were dispersed by volleys fired by the police, resulting in eight peasants being killed, fatal affrays between peasants and police occurred in Saratov and Kiev Provinces, where attempts to take possession by violence of private estates were renewed.

HORRIBLE DEATH IN MINE

Expert Charles Anderson Is Killed in Montana Coal Shaft.

HELENA, Mont., March 18.—Charles Anderson, a mining expert, was instantly killed in the mines of the Bridger Coal Company in Carbon County through a singular accident. The handle of the electric mining machine became charged, and, in touching it, Anderson received a shock which threw him onto a chain, and he was carried to his death between the belt and the machinery.

Case of Thought Transference.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 17.—(To the Editor)—While I do not wish to be understood as defending Mr. Trill from a charge of plagiarism, yet the circumstances attending the handling of the electric mining machine became charged, and, in touching it, Anderson received a shock which threw him onto a chain, and he was carried to his death between the belt and the machinery.

There Must Be a Reason

Why does almost everybody who once sees Rose City Park return to our office and purchase a lot? For the purpose of finding out the secret of the charm of this delightful place, as others look upon it, we asked this question of several Rose City Park purchasers yesterday:

"What is the chief reason why you purchased?"

Some of the answers are given herewith:

"Because it embodies all the features of a home location that I have been seeking for many months."

"Because it is an ideal place for a home and for bringing up our children."

"I bought because I have investigated all other locations and find that Rose City Park offers more in improvements and transportation facilities than any other. I want to build a home that will be convenient in every way."

"Simply for the reason that I believe you are selling the property at too low a price and I see an opportunity to turn my money over quickly."

"For the reason that you prove everything that you advertise."

"Because I believe that property in any part of the city of Portland is a good purchase."

"Because I had \$600 lying idle and thought Rose City Park was the best place to place it."

"To secure a higher rate of interest than I could get elsewhere."

Don't Miss the Point

for word, but with another name attached. I had never seen that poem before, and the newspaper people had never seen mine. I was completely discouraged and

said to myself: "Surely there is nothing new under the sun when I must think someone's thoughts." MRS. C. W. C.

The Cook Knows

or should know that his reputation is safe when he prepares a cup of Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate. He may be sure that its delicious fragrance will please the most exacting guest. With his own breakfast, also

he drinks a cup of

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