

HAZEL FERN LAND TO BE PURCHASED

Mayor and Board Pleased With Proposed Park Site Near Sunnyside.

LOOK OVER OTHER TRACTS

More Property Will Be Acquired at Mount Tabor, but Hawthorne Blocks Do Not Impress Favorably.

Mayor Simon and members of the Park Board, accompanied by other interested parties, spent yesterday morning viewing the Hazel Fern farm tract, near Sunnyside, the Mount Tabor property under contemplation of purchase, and the Hawthorne blocks, at Hawthorne avenue and East Twelfth street.

Every member of the party was loud in praising the beauty of the Hazel Fern tract, and the opinion seemed unanimous that it would be a shame to permit any one to cut off the large fir trees there, which will make of it a distinguishing feature of the park system.

The party left the City Hall at 10 o'clock in three large automobiles and went at once to the Hazel Fern tract on the East Lincoln street.

From the Hazel Fern tract the party went to Mount Tabor, where they were escorted around by President Laidlaw, of the improvement association, and Messrs. Perkins and Howells, members of the association's park committee.

After the Mayor and members of the party had viewed the city and other places from the various points of vantage on the Mount Tabor, they were pleasantly surprised by an invitation to partake of ice cream and watermelon, which was served by the women of the community.

At the next session of the Board the entire park project will be gone over, and it is probable that further purchases will be made.

SUBURB WANTS PLAYGROUND

Montavilla Will Lay Request Before Mayor Simon.

At the meeting of the Montavilla Home Association, Monday, August 9, (Special), W. L. Bartlett, president, it was decided to ask the city to purchase two acres in Montavilla for a playground.

It was decided at the meeting Monday night to undertake the purchase of two acres on a cooperative plan, the money to be raised by the sale of the land.

"BIG RED CAR" NOT FOUND

Censure Heaped on Detectives for Failure in Auto Murders.

Yesterday was without developments in the hunt by detectives for the two unknown occupants of the "big red touring car," which ran down and killed Mrs. May Reel, of 16 East Sixth street North, one week ago last night on the Linton road opposite the Exposition grounds.

It was stated yesterday by a person thoroughly conversant with the case that the detectives have been running down impossible clues instead of setting at the bottom of the matter by quizzing the waiters and proprietors of the Lake View and Cliff Inns on the Linton road, which were visited by the man and woman described as the occupants of the unknown car.

Albany Now Has Four Banks.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The Albany State Bank, the city's fourth banking institution, opened its doors this morning in its new building at First and Ellsworth streets.

MAYOR SIMON, MEMBERS OF THE PARK BOARD AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN PARK MATTERS, PHOTOGRAPHED JUST AFTER INSPECTING THE HAZEL FERN TRACT, NEAR SUNNYSIDE, YESTERDAY MORNING.



Heading from Left to Right, Those in the Picture Are—C. K. Henry, A. D. Murphy, Dr. E. G. Clark (Member Park Board), J. N. Davis, I. Lang (Member Park Board), Mayor Simon, City Engineer Morris, Dr. J. R. Wetherbee (Member Park Board), Ion Lewis (Member Park Board), F. J. Perkins, Dr. J. A. Pettit, W. G. Howells, W. A. Laidlaw.

TIME IS CUT DOWN

Dispatchers on Northern Route Adopt New System.

EXTRA MAKES FEW STOPS

Second Section Runs Ahead of Regular Train on Portland-Seattle Schedule and Tedious Delays Are Eliminated.

Northern Pacific train dispatchers at Tacoma, who are handling the traffic between Portland and Seattle, have devised a new method of sending out trains which is proving a great time-saver and a big convenience to through passengers.

BIG DECREASE IN THE SALMON CATCH

Secretary of the United Fishermen Puts the Blame Upon the Fishwheels in the Columbia River Narrows—Important Legislation to Prevent Destruction of a Great Industry, He Says.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 9.—(To the Editor.)—The present summer fishing season on the Columbia River, running from May to Aug. 25, is a failure for the fisherman, except those operating above tide water in the narrows of the Upper Columbia. As only three weeks' fishing is left, and the tides, the late fish of whitish and inferior color and quality, are commencing to enter the river, all indications point to a steady lessening of even the poor up-to-date catch.

This condition in the Upper Columbia accounts for the continued decrease of our Columbia salmon, for the Upper Columbia contains more than two-thirds of the natural and best spawning beds of the Columbia. And these spawning beds are deprived of spawn because the seines in the narrows of the Columbia destroy the spawn deposited, and but few salmon pass the straits of the narrows.

Ex-Master Fish Warden Van Dusen, in his report for 1908 and 1907, after seven years of close investigation, gave of the data as to the destruction caused to our salmon by fishing above head of tide, especially with wheels and seines, but he was removed from office through the influence of the wheelmen. His successor, Mr. McAllister, voices now, in and out of season, that the trouble causing the decrease of the Columbia River salmon lies with fishing at the mouth of the river, evidently entirely oblivious of the fact that in no salmon stream on the Pacific or in Europe has drifting gillnet gear at the mouth of a river been blamed for preventing the salmon from entering such river.

Mr. McAllister, in his report for July, published in part in The Oregonian of August 2, says:

practice, the second section has been made an extra following the regular train.

The regular train has made all the stops, as has the extra, and as both trains have been carrying the limit of equipment, it has been found impossible to make up lost time.

Commencing this week a new plan was adopted, and so far has proven most acceptable. This has been a simple reversal of the process, in which the second section has been run ahead of the first, and instead of being run as a part of the regular train, has been run as a special.

The result has been that the second section, running as an extra or a "special," has made fast time, kept out of the way of the regular train, and reached its destination ten minutes or more in advance of its scheduled time.

RUN TO SEATTLE OFF

Too Many Obstacles in Way of Auto Club.

FERRY FACILITIES POOR

Several Enthusiasts, However, Will Go to Seattle This Week, Although Formal Day at Exposition Is Canceled.

All plans for the run to Seattle next Sunday have been abandoned by the Portland Automobile Club.

The people of Oregon, desirous of saving this great industry, which next to lumber and grain, is Oregon's greatest wealth, in June, 1908, gave a majority of 26,000 for the bill to stop the fishwheels in the Columbia.

Now, when Mr. McAllister received his information that the big catches were on Sunday nights and the day following is of considerable interest to the lower river fishermen. The truth of the matter is, and has been for some time, that the fishwheels in the narrows of the Columbia are catching more fish than the fisherman.

That the fishwheel owners knew exactly what they were about and did not waste their work at Salem, their very much increased catches, in the face of a general failure for all other kinds of gear, fully proves, when they are compared to a funnel.

Naturally, the fishwheels are permitted to operate within these rivers. No wheels are permitted to trap and seine operators only in the open sound, and are forbidden to come within three miles of the mouth of these rivers. There the cutting of the season and the winter fishing law is of no benefit to protection like the 24-hour closing law for the Columbia. ED. ROSENBERG, Sec. United Fishermen of the Pacific.

arisen water practically disrupted all hope of making the run with comfort.

Upon investigation President Wemme ascertained it would be an impossibility to carry the electric and lighter-powered cars across the river on the Vancouver ferry, as first anticipated.

Despite the action taken by the Automobile Club, cancelled the date set aside by the exposition management, and apprised the Seattle Automobile Club, which was preparing a reception for the local motorists, of its action.

Some regret has been expressed that the run is off. After weeks of effort, President Wemme succeeded in bringing to bear upon the Portland Automobile Club and the A-Y-P Fair management which resulted in the local organization being accepted Tuesday, August 17, as the Portland Automobile Club day.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING SITE

This Writer Prefers Fourth and Jefferson, and Tells Why.

PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(To the Editor.)—It is believed that the location of a city building which shall provide room for the Municipal Court, etc., is a subject in which every citizen has, or should have, an interest, and fairly entitled to express his views with the reasons upon which his basis his conclusions, and this leads me to state a few suggestions.

First, it would seem that the grouping of the same structures could possibly be arranged and situated about the city here and there.

Second, for the convenience of all persons who have business in city affairs and especially lawyers whose duties call them to various departments of the city government, it would seem that the records should be readily accessible, and that a hall should be provided for the use of the city to the other to ascertain a fact which will be of great value to the citizen.

Third, referring to the location for such a building at Park and Everett streets, it is an excellent location, if the Park playground were to be placed on the corner of the city jail on a side of the building, and the playground should be fenced in and the playground should be used for the recreation of children.

YOUNG MAN ALLEGES ALIBI

Accused of Robbery, Mother Swears He Was at Home.

The trial of Frank Thompson, a 22-year-old youth arrested Sunday by Detective Coleman and Price on a charge of holding up and robbing John Meister, proprietor of a Division-street saloon last Friday night, which netted the robbery \$25, was commenced in Municipal Court this morning. On motion of Attorney T. B. McDevitt, Jr., for the prisoner, it was continued until tomorrow in order that further evidence, substantiating an alibi, which the young man claims for himself, might be introduced.

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