

DOCK BONDS SALE NOT AUTHORIZED

Defeat Ahead, Friends of Ordinance Seize Opportunity to Refer It.

MAYOR OPPOSES ISSUANCE

Executive Declares It Poor Business Policy to Dispose of Paper and Then Be Unable to Build Dock.

Confronted with certain defeat if they proceeded further, the Councilmen favoring the immediate sale of \$500,000 dock bonds yesterday afternoon seized a coveted opportunity and asked Mayor Simon to refer the proposed ordinance authorizing the sale to the committee on commerce, landings and wharves.

At the morning session, the report of the committee, recommending the sale of the bonds, was adopted by a vote of five to seven, but in the afternoon it was a case of passing the ordinance authorizing the sale of bonds or acknowledgment of defeat.

Mayor Opposed to Sale.

Mayor Simon is opposed to the sale of these bonds at this time, as he does not believe it would be a good business proposition for the city to sell the paper and then be unable to proceed with construction of a suitable dock.

This letter of the Secretary of War is an epic of its class, well worthy of personal study. It would seem to indicate that the Secretary of War is just the man to take charge of the conservation program of the Administration.

People Ordered Dock.

"The people having ordered this, it would be incredible to think that the Council would not obey the law of the people," he said.

At this juncture, Mayor Simon rapped for order, and told Mr. Teal that "it is not your province to advise the Council, but merely to speak upon the motion under discussion."

TAME AUTO GETS MANIA

SPEED INCREASES AS HILL GROWS IN LENGTH.

Connecticut Man Wanted to Try Hand at "New-Fangled Horseless Carriage"—He Did.

GREENWICH, Conn., April 27.—Because he feared the temper of the gaudy go-devils that are advertised in the back pages of the magazines, Shadrach Augustus Brush, of East Stanwich, supplied himself with what was represented to him to be the oldest, mildest, sanest, sweetest dispositioned automobile in all Connecticut, and yet Mr. Brush is today marked up like a chowder party target.

Not only is Mr. Brush covered with contusions, but he is involved in litigation and may have to pay E. G. Wells, a neighbor, damages for destroying the handsome garage in the town and ruining the impressions of the one and splendid coachman in this section of New England.

Automobile agents are as common in the East Stanwich section of Connecticut as mosquitoes in the Hackensack meadows, and one of these was wont to hang close to Mr. Brush, and to take him every time a motor car went dashing past the farm.

"They'll do the next 10 miles along this level stretch of road in about 12 minutes," the agent would remark and Mr. Brush would say "Gosh" reverently and respectfully.

At last the agent got him. "I don't want one of those skyrocket things," said Mr. Brush. "I just want a tame, plucky, old-fashioned automobile. It was a single cylinder, had a candle-power automobile, apparently built back in the days when the 'horseless carriage' followed the circus and was regarded as an attraction only but below the baby elephant and the white, double-horned rhinoceros. It was procured by the agent from a reputable dealer in antiquities.

There was nothing about the machine to worry Mr. Brush. By giving up his mornings to Mr. Brush, he started at the rate of a mile an hour. It panted distressingly, and was given to sitting down pathetically on its hind wheels and begging for gasoline by holding up its front wheels, but these were regarded as eccentricities that endeared it to Mr. Brush.

"It certainly can never run away," said Mr. Brush.

This certain afternoon the Brush automobile coughed its way apologetically to the top of the long hill on Greenwich avenue, and then loosed over the crest, and started down the three-quarter mile of brick-paved coasters' paradise.

It was sheer perversity, of course. What else could have brought about such a combination? Nothing but gravity could ever get that car out of anything but a child's walk, but gravity and the ancient of ancients among automobiles hurtling down that hill like a shooting star.

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