

POSTAL SITE SUIT WILL BE STARTED

Government to Seek Condemnation of Block S, Jury Hearing Case.

OWNERS CONFIDENT OF END

They Assert That Suit Will Result in Showing Land to Be More Valuable Now Than Price Quoted a Year Ago.

United States Attorney McCourt will file suit in the Federal court today or tomorrow in behalf of the Government, seeking to condemn for purchase block S which is wanted as the site for the proposed new Portland Postoffice. The suit will be tried before a jury in the regular way and the jury in its verdict will determine what the owners shall receive for their property.

OWNERS ARE SATISFIED.

The east half of block S is owned by Dr. Andrew C. Smith and the Pacific Coast Trust & Investment Company, and the west half by the Espey Estate Company. The owners declare they are more gratified than otherwise by the refusal of the Government to buy at the price given last year and that they believe a fair appraisal will show it is worth much more now.

INCOME DETERMINES VALUE.

Values of realty for business purposes are based on the amount of income produced, and the rate of income depends on the amount of traffic passing the doors. The tier of blocks between Gilsan and Hoyt is made more valuable because of the traffic on both streets, one of which carries an important carline, while the other is the main thoroughfare to the railroad terminal yards.

PROPERTY VALUES TESTIFY.

Owners of the east half of block S declare their half is well worth \$250,000, and that this valuation can be sustained from an income estimate and from prices at which nearby property has been sold for or is being held at.

STATE STATUTES TO BE FOLLOWED.

United States Attorney McCourt said last night that the Oregon statutes would be followed as to procedure in the condemnation suit, except as they might be set aside in small detail by the Federal Court.

PLEA IS MADE FOR ROADS

Five Pending Bills Will Prevent Costly Errors, in Promise.

The Oregon Good Roads Association has issued an open letter to the Legislature which asks for the passage of five good roads bills before the Legislature, declaring that they are

valuable for the state's development. The letter follows: To the Legislature of Oregon: Oregon's future is in your hands. The greatness of Oregon's population, of Oregon's wealth, of Oregon's development rests with you. If you give Oregon a systematic plan for permanent good-roads making, you will insure increase in population, wealth and development. If you fail or refuse you will keep our unpopulated areas from settlement, you will hinder Oregon's growth and lessen Oregon's progress. If you fail or refuse to answer the great need for good roads you will result in making the highway bills law, will give Oregon the plan for systematic, permanent good roads.

"We plead for Oregon's people, for Oregon's development, when we ask passage of the five good roads bills framed and submitted by this association. These measures were framed to meet the Oregon need for a good roads system in every county. They will prevent disastrous experiences such as other states have had. They will end the patchwork plan of road making that is costing this state now \$2,000,000 a year.

HOUSEBOATS ARE MOVED

NEW STARK-STREET DOCK IS CAUSE OF TRANSFER.

River Homes Are Taken to Foot of Madison—Commission May Remove Structures.

Houseboats that have for a long time been moored along the west side of the river between Stark and Oak streets, have been ordered to move before February 1. They are being transferred to the foot of Madison street, to make way for the dock that the Falling Easate and the Reed Institute will build near the foot of Stark street.

At one time it was planned to build the new dock four stories high. This plan, however, was not adopted. Another plan calls for a double deck affair. The dock will be built of cement. The creation of the new Dock Commission has interfered with the building of the dock. The commission is empowered to determine the style of all docks built within the city and the material.

WIRELESS TO AID STEAMER CARLOS.

RAYMOND, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The captain of the steamer Carlos, which makes regular trips between this point and Los Angeles, has arranged to send wireless messages to this block by way of Astoria of the movements of his vessel. As the Carlos carries a good complement of passengers on each trip, this service will be greatly appreciated by the traveling public.

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A. S. BRIGGS, CITY QUARRY SUPERINTENDENT.

\$15,000,000 CHICAGO RAILWAYS COMPANY

First Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds DUE FEBRUARY 1, 1927. DENOMINATION \$1000. COUPON OR REGISTERED FORM.

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Having already sold a very substantial amount of the bonds on the Pacific Coast, we have only a limited amount remaining unreserved out of our allotment, and will receive further subscriptions for the same at the regular offering price of 98 AND INTEREST, subject to prior sale, or withdrawal of the offering at any time.

Detailed information relative to the bonds may be obtained on application at our office.

MORRIS BROTHERS 201-3 Railway Exchange Building

Public subscriptions for the bonds are being received by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and by New York and Boston bankers, with their foreign connections.

ACT IS JUSTIFIED

Testimony Will Favor Guard Who Beat Prisoner.

INQUIRY TO BEGIN TODAY

Detective Working Under Court's Direction Says Severe Measures Were Necessary to Prevent General Uprising.

CLUB ADDING PICTURES

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TRAVELER'S GUIDE

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HAMBURG-AMERICAN LONDON-PARIS-HAMBURG 'PENNSYLVANIA' Feb. 8, 1 P. M. 'RAISERNE' Feb. 11, 10 A. M.

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