

MARKET BLOCK IS AUDITORIUM ON SITE

Commission Decides and Names E. F. Lawrence as Supervising Designer.

15 MONTHS REQUIRED

Rules of American Institute of Architects to Bar Building of Big Hall in Time for Elks' 1912 Convention.

After selecting the Market block as the site for the proposed public auditorium and engaging E. F. Lawrence, of Portland, as consulting architect yesterday, members of the commission...

It is the remotest possibility that the auditorium can be ready for occupancy by the time the Elks meet. All of the members of the commission expressed much feeling over the big convention, which the Portland lodge won for this city in the last month.

Fifteen Months Required. Consulting Architect Lawrence declared that it will require no less than three months to get the Auditorium sketches; three months to get working plans for bids, and not less than nine months after a contract is let before the Auditorium can be finished.

It is the act itself which binds the commission to so much red tape that it makes it impossible to get the Auditorium ready in time for the Elks' convention. The bill provides that all of the rules of the American Institute of Architects shall be complied with, and this, as pointed out by Mr. Lawrence, necessitates taking 15 months.

Mr. Lawrence submitted an outline of a plan, modeled on the St. Paul auditorium scheme. It provides for but one gallery, as drawn, with a seating capacity of 4000, but a second gallery probably will be installed, which will increase the seating capacity to 1300. This is but tentative at best, as architects over all the country will be asked to compete, that being with the commission's greatest desire in connection with the plans. They want to get all of the ideas they can, from which a committee will select a plan.

Site of Site Not Settled. It was not definitely settled as to whether the commission will purchase any additional property or whether it will confine the Auditorium to the 200 feet contained in the Market block and the two 20-foot strips which can be vacated on Market and Clay streets to make the building grounds 300 feet in length. It is planned to house the City Press Museum and the Oregon Historical Society, and Mr. Lawrence was free to state yesterday afternoon that if these are to be included, it will be virtually necessary to have more ground. Perhaps the north half of the block to the south of the proposed building can be had without purchase. Whether the city will be able to vacate the streets necessary for the Auditorium is said still to be a grave legal question, but the commissioners are proceeding on the assumption that it has. J. B. Ziegler, author of the act which prohibits the vacation of city streets within 3000 feet from the harbor lines, was present at the request of Chairman Wilcox. He said he believed the difficulty could be obviated by the City Council naming viewers and ordering them to check the deed in each street. He submitted a letter, in which he said he had a plan he would like to work out before any action is taken on the subject. The commission now working on the commission plan to alter the act in any way.

Site Too Far Out. But one other site was offered, Samuel Welden submitting a price of \$100,000 for the block upon which stands the North Pacific Sanitarium, at Gilliam and Twentieth streets. It is a block, however, were not favorable to this plan, believing it to be too far out of the center of the business district.

The vote to select the Market block for the location of the Auditorium was unanimous. Chairman Wilcox, immediately after the vote, named W. D. Fenton and Bill Mather as a committee on site, to look after its title and to attend to anything pertaining to this feature of the business. Commissioners W. W. C. Coffinberry and Fenton were named as a committee on plans.

Mr. Lawrence was employed at a salary of \$2000 a month, and to give advice of an expert nature whenever required. If his services are needed after the design is accepted, the city had the commission retain him at a salary of \$350 a month. The members did not act on the latter proposal, as Chairman Wilcox explained that the fee would be unnecessary at this time; that the architect can be kept later, if the occasion demands it.

There is a bond issue of \$500,000 at hand to provide funds for the construction of the Auditorium and purchase of a site. While it was generally felt that there should be more ground than will be secured by the vacation of 80 feet of the two streets, it was also shown that the cost of the building will very probably require all of the proceeds of the bond issue.

City Owns Property. The site selected is the property of the city and will not cost anything for that reason. It is considered by those who have made a study of the Auditorium plans to be almost ideal, at least as nearly so as any available location. It has streetcar lines on Second and Third streets and is within easy walking distance of the downtown section and the leading hotels. This is regarded as the chief feature of such a site, as it is argued that the Auditorium must be placed where it will be of the most convenience to visitors—not to the people of the city.

The question of whether an organ shall be installed was left to a later date for settlement. The Commissioners wish to see first how the funds hold out. Several communications from various clubs were read, voicing the sentiments of the organization that the building should be expedited. These were from the Ad Club and the Portland Press Club.

I move that the commission send a letter to these clubs, thanking them for their very keen interest and help," said Commissioner Hume.

CLUB MAY TRY CITY RULE Admen Likely to Use Commission Form of Government.

Commission form of government for the Portland Ad Club was discussed at the luncheon yesterday by a committee headed by Fred J. Larson, instead of president, secretary and other officers. It is proposed to have five commissioners, who will preside over finance, promotion, public activity, property and presiding officers for the meetings.

The commission plan met with considerable opposition from many of the members, who said it will eliminate the present list of officers and substitute new ones. Argument grew warm and many points were raised. The new plan will become effective within 30 days if passed. The attitude of most of those who attended the meeting yesterday indicates that the commission plan will be adopted.

The purpose of the new plan, as set forth in a report submitted by Mr. Larson, is to give the management of the club's affairs into the hands of five commissioners, who shall have full power to act. The first commissioners will be elected at the next meeting, and the second group of three, six, nine, twelve and fifteen months respectively. The length of term will be determined by lot after the election. A new commissioner is to be elected every three months to succeed the commissioner whose term expires at that time, changing the personnel of the board in rotation.

The meeting was presided over by Louis Ham, and O. K. Jeffrey was chosen chairman of the next meeting. Addresses were delivered by C. P. Cobb, of Chicago, and E. D. Betts, of New York. Members of the Piano Guild Minstrels from the Orpheum attended.

BOSTON STARTS ON CRUISE Relatives of Naval Militiamen at Dock to See Departure.

Leutenant Hall, U. S. N., attached to the Bremerton Navy Yard, accompanied the Oregon Naval Militia on its initial cruise, which began at 2 o'clock yesterday, to make notes of how the sailors behave at sea, their proficiency in various drills, gunnery and the like. He will assist whenever possible by advice.

While the cruiser Boston had steam up at 8 o'clock yesterday no hurry was exhibited in leaving port. As in usual cases, the crew were many details to look after that necessitated several trips ashore for officers and men. These trips were welcomed by many mothers, sisters, wives and girlfriends who crowded the public float at the foot of Stark street to wave goodby to those aboard. In charge of Captain Harry W. Brown, the cruiser will begin its cruise at 2 o'clock, alongside being the tug Onondaga, of the Port of Portland fleet, which assisted her through the narrows. The tug Wenonah, of the same fleet, had lifted the stern anchor of the cruiser earlier in the day. When the Onondaga dropped her lines National colors were dipped and the naval vessel started on a journey that will continue for 10 days. Plans are laid to leave Astoria Saturday, when the cruise will really begin, and the ship's company will meanwhile assist in the Centennial maneuvers.

SANDY MAY INCORPORATE Citizens Believe Action Will Give Better Police Protection.

ORIGON CITY, Or., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—The County Court today appointed P. B. Gray, Percy D. Shelley and Casper Junker, judges and R. Eason, Cassin Dabinger and Edward S. Stratton, clerks of the election to be held at Sandy August 24, to pass upon the question of incorporation. The polling place will be at the Commercial Club's headquarters.

Many of the citizens of Sandy favor incorporation in order to obtain better police protection. One or two new saloons will be opened in the town soon, and it is the desire to incorporate the city before they are opened. The present system of policing the town is said to be inadequate.

FOUR MISSES IN HAREM SKIRTS NEARLY CAUSE BLOCKADE OF WASHINGTON STREET.

Hobble skirts were relegated to the background yesterday when a series of the real thing, harem skirts—pantalons and all—wended their way through the business portion of Portland. The hobbles loomed up as commonplace apparel in comparison with the harems, and for once general public attention was drawn from the new Fall clips and types of hobbles to the more advanced stage of Dame Fashion's evolution.

The harems were worn by a troupe of young women taking part in the "Piano Guild" at the Orpheum this week, and were on the street as a matter of choice on the part of the wearers, but to win a bet when Manager Coffinberry, of the Orpheum dared the quartet to appear on the streets in their costumes they shied, but when he offered to wager them a square meal that they would not dare walk down Washington street, from Tenth to Sixth, he had to show them just how square the meal would be. The harem procession had not much more than started down Washington street before they were the subject of talk, and by the time they reached Sixth street they were attracting as much attention as so many brass bands. When they reached the Orpheum again they expressed themselves as pleased that they had not been arrested.

However, from the looks of Mr. Coffinberry's dinner bill the stroll was worth the trouble for the young women.



LEFT TO RIGHT—MAZIE MARTE, DIXIE CRANE, ILA GRANNON, ADRIEN KEELEY.

LAW PERIL FEARED Too Much Legislating Hurts Business, Declares Banker.

J. C. AINSWORTH IS QUOTED Portland Financier, in Eastern Publication, Says Country Will Be Prosperous if People Follow Advice of Taft.

Reciprocity, postal savings banks, good crops and less politics will make this a prosperous country, declares J. C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National Bank of Portland, in the current issue of Collier's Weekly, in which he expresses Pacific Coast sentiments on the present financial outlook.

The first three factors already have been obtained, Mr. Ainsworth points out, and law pleads for less law-making and more attention to interpreting existing laws while awaiting action by the National Monetary Commission that will result in a modern currency system.

Mr. Ainsworth's views were sought in an effort to obtain opinions on this subject from leading financiers in various parts of the country. Recently David R. Forgan, the Chicago banker, discussed the puzzles and uncertainties before the investor and E. Louis, took up the question of corporation readjustment following the recent Supreme Court decisions.

Mr. Ainsworth presents the Western judgment of the securities market as follows: Should a man with a few thousands of hard-earned dollars invest in the market today, or wait for the return of a boom market and sell at a profit? He is generally hoped for by the average business man.

An analysis of the general conditions of the country at this time will assist one to decide. Why should there not be at the present time a clear industrial outlook? There were three dark clouds on the horizon, which would have cleared away before we could have prosperous times—the railroad rate case, the Standard Oil decision and the tariff. With the decision and the tariff, the reciprocity farmer two disposed of and the reciprocity treaty agreed upon, we shall have no more serious causes for general inactivity in business, and, in my opinion, it is easily traced to politics, which, in my opinion, is affecting the tariff, most seriously menaces all lines of business.

Laws Shake Confidence. With the Congress of the United States in session and making laws half the time (think of it), how is it possible for safe foreign business to increase its capital and output when a new tariff may wipe a year's profits off its books in 24 hours? As an illustration, compare two of our standard stocks—Union Pacific and Canadian stock, selling around 100, and Canadian stock, with legislation beyond our control, also a 10 per cent stock, but selling at 24, a margin of 60 points in favor of the Canadian stock, with actual value behind the stock greatly in favor of our own stock. Crop prospects were never better.

There is nothing a steady decline in prices nearly all staples, and a consequent reduction in the cost of living. The Canadian stock, which is a sure thing, will make 150 articles absolutely free for reciprocity trade, many of which affect the cost of living.

Money for non-speculative purposes is abundant and easy, and the value of trade is on our favor of about a billion dollars makes the international situation easy also.

NEWBERG MAN APPEARS W. E. Purdy Files Instrument Showing His Possession of East Side Property Which Three Would Manage.

Complication has been injected into the controversy over the right to administer the estate of H. D. Winters, who died intestate June 28, leaving property of the annual rental value of which is \$100,000, by the filing of a deed with County Clerk Fields. The deed shows that Winters transferred to W. E. Purdy for \$1 Grand avenue property worth more than \$50,000.

Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald yesterday compared the signature with that of Winters on registration cards in the possession of Mr. Fields. The signatures are identical, he said.

The deed was executed May 1, 1909, and conveyed to Mr. Purdy lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the west half of lots 5 and 6, and block 14, East Portland. This property lies on the east side of Grand avenue between East Davis and East Everett streets, and is improved with business buildings. The deed was witnessed by M. L. Pratt and S. L. Wigie, and bears the imprint of Mr. Pratt's notarial seal. Three Would Administer.

Mr. Purdy, now living in Newberg, Or., was formerly a resident of Portland. He was a captain of the Volunteers of America, and had a store in one of the buildings belonging to Winters. He and Winters were close friends, it is said.

When Winters died Mrs. Agnes Butts, who had acted in the capacity of secretary for him for several years, applied for and was granted letters of administration. Subsequently Mrs. Lora Maxwell, who says she was a close friend of Mr. Winters, and his housekeeper for three years preceding his death, and Virgil Hinshaw, an attorney, asked the County Court to remove Mrs. Butts and substitute them. This petition has not yet come up for argument.

Transfer is Puzzling. No actual trace has been found of relatives of Mr. Winters, according to the administratrix, but published accounts of his death and the value of the estate have brought many inquiries from persons in the East. One woman, who declares she is a sister-in-law of Winters, is thought to be on her way to Portland.

What actuated Winters to transfer his property to Purdy for practically nothing is a mystery. One theory is that the old man, who was engaged in many legal entanglements, the records of the Circuit Court show, one being a suit by a woman alleging breach of promise to marry, may have wished to place his property beyond the reach of designing persons. The second is that it was a gift to Mr. Purdy.

C. M. Idleman, attorney for Mrs. Agnes Butts, declares that Winters died to Purdy was investigated before those applying for administration accept it as authentic. He pointed to the fact that the deed is signed in indelible pencil instead of ink and that it is filed two years after it is supposed to have been made and several weeks after the death of Winters, who is alleged to have died in 1909. He pointed out that the deed calls for the ownership of the property which Winters held to the time of his death, nearly two years, and which Mrs. Butts has held since, while it

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