

## COUNCIL ASKED TO WITHDRAW PROTEST

City Officials Inspect 8000 Acres of Land in Local Drainage Project.

RIGHT OF WAY IS PLEDGED

Opposition to Reclamation Plan Dwindles From Several Hundred Persons to Only a Handful, Says City Engineer.

The lands of the Multnomah Drainage District No. 1, comprising more than 8000 acres, were inspected by members of the City Council yesterday. The Columbia Slough inlet and outlet were also visited.

The city officials were taken to various points of the slough in automobiles and after inspecting the lands in the district were taken to the intake of the slough in a large launch. They were also shown retained lands now in cultivation that a year ago were submerged under water.

The officials of the drainage district proposed to build a dam at a point near the Union avenue approach of the Interstate bridge and another dam across the slough at the intake on the Columbia River. The Oregon bank of the Columbia River will be dyked in places where it is necessary and pumps will be installed to force the water in the slough over the dams, thus providing the same current in the slough after the dams have been constructed as is in the waterway free from obstruction.

Opposition is Dwindling. Opposition at first developed against the damming of the slough on the grounds that such a plan would block Government aid in dredging the waterway for commercial purposes. The City Council wired a protest to the War Department in Washington against the damming of the slough and has since held numerous hearings in connection with the project.

The strong opposition to the reclamation project has dwindled from hundreds of persons to only a handful, according to City Engineer Laurgaard. Should the protest in Washington remain, the War Department will call a hearing.

The drainage district officials are asking the city to withdraw its protest, and Acting Mayor Bigelow plans to call a meeting of the council immediately to finally discuss the entire proposition.

Rights of Way Costly.

"We are not fighting against a future waterway," explained J. O. Elmer, president of the drainage district, yesterday. "Our lands would increase in value far more if the slough were used for commercial purposes, but we are anxious to reclaim 8000 acres of land to be used in the production of food-stuffs."

Colonel George A. Zinn, representing the War Department in Portland, has announced that any permission granted would be temporary, and as agreed protection to the city we have agreed, on condition that the city withdraw its protest in Washington, that we will file plans giving the city the right of way along the slough. If the city is forced to purchase these rights of way, which the drainage district officials are ready to use the slough for a sewage outlet, it will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

## ATTORNEY GOLDSTEIN SUED

M. Singer Brings Action to Recover Possession of Auto.

Morris A. Goldstein, an attorney, is made defendant in a civil action filed yesterday in the Circuit Court by M. Singer, who seeks to recover possession of an automobile which he is said to have mortgaged to Goldstein. The mortgage was given to Goldstein in exchange for a fee which Goldstein asserts he earned in defending Singer on a number of bootlegging charges.

Instead of giving Goldstein a mortgage on the machine to insure payment of his legal bill, Singer alleges, in the complaint filed yesterday, that the mortgage was given to indemnify R. Ornstein, who deposited \$400 bail for the plaintiff on one of his bootlegging charges.

Several weeks ago Goldstein had Singer arrested, charging larceny of the automobile. After a preliminary hearing Singer was bound over to the grand jury, but the inquisitorial body exonerated him by returning a not true bill. It was during the preliminary hearing that Goldstein learned where Singer had the machine stored, and immediately went to a garage and got it.

## REGISTRATION JUNE 17-26

Germans Must Sign or Suffer Internment for War.

Instructions were received by Chief of Police Johnson yesterday from United States Marshal Alexander to begin registration of all women aliens, subjects of Germany, who may be living in Portland on Monday morning, June 17. Captain Harms, of the traffic department, with offices at the second floor of the Police Station, will conduct the registration.

The registration will begin at 6 o'clock Monday morning, June 17, and will terminate at 8 o'clock on the evening of June 26.

German alien women who fail to register within the prescribed period are liable to imprisonment and detention for the duration of the war.

## BUY SMITH'S MEATS, 10c UP

At Frank L. Smith's, 228 Alder street. Soup meat, 10c; Beef soup, m.t., 12c; Beef livers, 13c; Beef stew, 15c; Beef short ribs, 15c; Pot. roasts, 15c; Beef rump ribs, 15c; Corned beef, 15c; Veal stew, 15c; Roast veal, 15c; Breast veal, 15c; Calves' liver, 20c; Hamburg steak, 18c; Sausage meat, 18c; Porter's steak, 20c; Tenderloin steak, 20c; T-bone steak, 20c; Prime rib beef, 20c; Fancy pot roast, 18c; Fancy veal r.t., 20c; Sirloin, 20c; Poy Porter's steak, 25c; Veal cutlets, 25c; Pork chops, 15c; Roast pork, 25c; Pork chops, 15c; Pure lard, 30c; Compound, 25c; Fancy hams, 35c; Choice bacon, 40c; Mail and express orders filled promptly. We want the trade of camps, hotels, restaurants, etc.

Frank L. Smith, 228 Alder st.—Adv.

## Thrifty Stamps

at 25c and War Savings Stamps at \$4.17 on sale at our Accommodation Bureau, Basement, Sixth Street.

## The National League For Woman's Service

has established its permanent official headquarters on our Sixth Floor, Fifth Street. Join the ranks of worthy women who are striving to improve their war-time efficiency. Full information given at Bureau, Sixth Floor.

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