

CITIZENS PAY VISIT TO COLUMBIA SLOUGH

Prompt Action Needed to Place Sewer Measure on Ballot.

BUILDING SITES IN DEMAND

Proposed \$1,500,000 Bonding Issue to Be Topic at Realty Board Luncheon Friday.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.
Yesterday a party headed by H. H. Ward, city commissioner, and Paul Murphy, president of the Realty Board, were taken on the commodious tug Dix, Captain John Mitchell, down the Willamette river to the Columbia slough, thence through the slough to the crossing of the Portland-Vancouver highway. In addition to those mentioned were Attorney D. C. Lewis, R. L. Yoke, C. A. McKenna, Harbormaster Speier, Engineer Kratz of the city engineer's office, Harry Anderson, president of the Central Labor Council, E. J. Stack, state labor commissioner, and about a half dozen press representatives.

Readers of The Oregonian will remember that a project has been broached to supply the citizens living on the north slope of the peninsula with a sewer system. The project is in that section depend upon cesspools, and there has for many years been more or less agitation for giving to that section a trunk sewer, and recently it was suggested that a proposition be placed upon the ballot at the June election to issue bonds for \$1,500,000 for that purpose.

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This project, or rather its promoters, embraced the utilization of the Columbia slough, or about 12 1/2 miles of it from Columbia river east, as a trunk sewer, but that would still leave the district mentioned without a connection sewer system, which would cost a million or so more.

A short time ago the matter was taken up by the Realty Board, Mr. Ward, I believe, being the prime mover, and it was decided at a weekly luncheon of the board to have an investigation made as to the cost, not only of such dredging and improvement of the slough as would give a sufficient current to carry of the sewage, but to utilize the dredging in such way as to fill the adjoining land to a height which would bring it above high water mark. But first the city, it was suggested, should acquire by purchase or condemnation, about 3000 acres of this adjacent land and hold it for disposal to those wishing manufacturing sites.

The trip yesterday was in the way of a move toward publicity, for there is not any time to lose if action is to be taken by the voters on June 3.

Advocates of the scheme seem to think that by a short, sharp campaign of education the voters would stand by the proposition that, as these gentlemen think, would give us not only the sewer, and an excellent one, being the second edition of the Chicago river, but would give it to the city in such a way that the bonds would eventually be retired by the revenue created through the manufacturing sites, which could either be sold or rented.

Removal of Handicap Aim.

Mr. Ward and Commissioner Mann during the last couple of weeks have been very busy in getting statistics from the Puget sound cities, as well as the California cities, and these figures show that all of such cities have better inducements to industry than Portland has. In fact, they aver that Portland is at the present time carrying a great handicap when it comes to sites for such purposes, but this handicap can be removed for but a little more than the trunk sewer would cost, with a better sewer than if the slough were left to run through what might be called a wilderness, as it does now.

Such an improvement would not only mean manufacturing plants, its proponents declare, but the utilization of many hundreds of acres of high-lying and in every way beautiful building sites right at hand. The party yesterday visited a number of such building lands, and as building sites they certainly are grand.

It is pointed out that all of the great highways running north from Portland pass over the sites that would be created; also that the great St. Johns terminal is right on the west edge of the tract. Therefore, rail facilities would mean but the connecting with switches.

Friday at 12:30 P. M. this matter will be taken up by the realty board at its luncheon in the crystal room of the Hotel Benson. Mr. Ward will present the matter orally to the city engineer's office will have the plans to show. It would be a matter of interest to as many voters as can attend to be there and learn more about this project.

ROBBERS ARE SEEN; ESCAPE

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of the robbers from making the Columbia river and crossing to the Oregon shore.

Identifications Are Made.

Developments of the day indicate that the robber who is playing the lone

game is Edward Primrose, who has lived about the river towns of Clarke county for many years; while the other two seem to be Dolph Lawson Lewis, 21 years old, and Max Lewis, 17, of Hillsdale, Or. This identification is made from scraps of letters torn up by the robbers during their flight, and subsequently pasted together by officers. The two brothers are also identified as Walter and Mack Johnson, said to have worked about the Camas mills for several months, and later to have worked in the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation's plant in Portland.

The Jackson identification is made from a photograph on file at the "personal record" department of the shipyards, and is said to correspond with the number found on a shipyard badge discarded by the robbers in their flight.

Clarke Youth Held.

Ralph Vail, 20 years old, son of Colonel Vail, owner of a sawmill on Bear Prairie, was arrested late this afternoon by Sheriff Johnson of Clarke county and sent to the county jail at Vancouver to be held on a charge of assisting a felon to escape justice. Vail, it is declared, visited the Klinker farm last night while Primrose was taking refuge there, and provided the robber with a coat and rubber shoes. Deputies who had been combing the brush all day took Vail to Vancouver when other deputies arrived to relieve them for the night search.

The most exciting developments of the day took place near Cape Horn, where Mr. Sappington and a volunteer posse were assisting Skamania county deputies in looking for the two younger fugitives. Trail of the men showed that the robbers, after abandoning their automobile last night, had circled about and returned to the place they left the machine, where they parted company, Primrose going into the Bear Prairie hills, and the two Jacksons or Lewis brothers beating their way down to Cape Horn.

Storekeeper Gives Clue.

One of them entered the Cape Horn store just before noon and bought a worth of supplies and then walked down towards the river. The storekeeper was suspicious of his customer and notified officers.

Deputy Sheriff Sweeney of Skamania was first to hear the fresh alarm, and was following the new trail when Mr. Sappington and his aides came on the scene after having followed the route of the men down from Bear Prairie. As soon as he heard that one of the men had been at the store, he recalled a peculiar rock formation east of Cape Horn, left between the Spokane, Portland & Seattle tracks and the river, when the road was cut through, and on the river side of which was a cave, almost inaccessible save by a climbing trail.

Sappington, after a conference with Sweeney, posted guards about this rock hill, which is some 200 feet high and possibly a little more in diameter, and then started out to enter and explore the cave. While he was gone, two men crept out of the brush about 150 feet east of the rock formation, and started walking rapidly east on the tracks. Clarence Bishop, an officer of the Washington Woolen Mills company, who was standing on the track watching Sappington, noticed the men and called Sweeney's attention to them. The Skamania deputy said they were members of the posse.

Pursuit on Speeder.

A few moments later Sappington rejoined the party on the tracks, saying the cave was empty, and Sweeney then called his attention to the two men who were fast disappearing up the track. The former sheriff thought they answered the description of the two younger robbers, and with his aides hurried back to Cape Horn station where a gasoline speeder was procured, and the party started up the track after the men full speed.

Hearing the speeder the two men at once broke into a run and disappeared from sight around a sharp curve in the track. When the speeder rounded the curve a moment later there was no sign of the fugitives, nor could any trace be found to show where they had gone. The territory bordering the track at this point is extremely rugged, filled with rocky crags and steep descents, and the officers have no doubt that the two men disappeared into one of these rocky defiles and took cover. The hunt for them has been transferred to this point and will be kept up all night.

Old Camp Is Found.

After posting guards along the track where the men disappeared, Sappington and some of his party returned to the rocky butte in which the cave is located and made a thorough search of it. On its extreme top, affording a view of the country for miles around, they found a camp where it was evident the men had stayed sometime, evidently before the robbery. The \$3 worth of supplies that had been bought at the Cape Horn store were found there unwrapped, which made it evident that the fugitives had seen the approach of the posse while getting ready to make a dash and had hastily crawled away, crossing Sappington's trail as he went to the cave and later striking the track where they were seen.

Primrose, the other robber, last night eluded the pursuing posse and went into the barn at the Bear Prairie. Klinker found him there this morning, and though he suspected him of the robbery, said nothing of the subject but endeavored to draw the man into conversation and invited him to his house for breakfast. Primrose accepted the invitation, but when Klinker made an excuse to go out, so he could telephone the sheriff, the man disappeared, while he was in the barn, it is believed, that the Vail boy gave him the coat and shoes.

Radical Ideas Held.

Primrose's mother-in-law, who lives at Cape Horn, and today told officers that Primrose was not a bad man and that he had no natural daring. She was not surprised that he was suspected of the robbery, but said that she believed he committed the crime because of radical socialist tendencies that he had developed since working in the Portland shipyards. He complained much to her, she said, of the unfair distribution of wealth, and said that some day he would try to help "remedy unfair conditions."

In the bank at the time of the robbery, it was learned today, one of the men remarked to Cashier Keap: "Don't worry about us, we are doing this for the good of the order."

This remark, together with Primrose's statements to his mother-in-law, is accepted by officers as evidence that Primrose and his companions were led to the robbery by the radical teachings they absorbed from agitators in the shipyards and at Portland meetings. Some members of the posse even go so far as to say that this radicalism has unbalanced Primrose's mind; as he was for many years known in the region as a harmless and rather dull laborer of no bad habits.

AUTO TAGS ALTERED, BELIEVED

Numbers Changed. It Is Thought, to Throw Authorities Off Track.

Portland police working on the Washougal bank robbery case are convinced that the tags found on the automobile used by the robbers had been altered after the highwayman had released the stolen machine.

Inspector Ackerman learned yesterday that the Maxwell car with factory number 22306 had been sold to J. W. Maxwell, of Hillsdale, Or. The car Mr. Maxwell purchased bore the number 21760 on the motor, however, while the machine used by the highwayman had motor No. 214694.

Police believe that the automobile license, No. 65393, found under the cushion in the car used by the robbers, was one stolen from Mrs. A. Mayhew, whose



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