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CITY COUNCIL OVER SITE SURVEYS

Determination of City's Industrial Needs at Issue.

DOCK HIGHWAY HELD VITAL

Mayor Baker and Commissioner Mann Clash Over Extent of Work of Committee of Fifteen.

While representatives of the committee of 15 business men appointed by Mayor Baker to make surveys of the commercial and industrial needs of Portland awaited authorization from the city council to proceed with the committee plans and assurance that its expenses would be met by the city, members of the city council argued, wrangled and played the gentle game of "passing the buck" at the regular meeting of the city council yesterday.

The committee of 15 was appointed by Mayor Baker about a month ago, having been decided upon by the city council following Commissioner Mann's proposal for the development of industrial sites on the Columbia river slough. The committee which appeared yesterday was composed of E. C. Knapp, acting chairman; Nathan Strauss, E. J. Jaeger and J. B. Kerr. The committee outlined its tentative plans and requested the city council to authorize an appropriation of \$5000 for expenses of the committee.

Council Members Disagree.

No sooner had the request been made when members of the council entered into a barrage of talk. Commissioner Mann and Mayor Baker consumed at least 30 minutes in personal arguments between themselves over the proposition. At times the session became fairly calm but little time was spent in consideration of the proposition on its merits, and when the conference had ended the council was not unanimous for the appropriation. Commissioner Bigelow proved to be the principal holdout, saying that he did not know where the money was coming from and, until he did, he would not vote for it.

"Just remember this, Commissioner Bigelow," said Mayor Baker, "that New Orleans spent \$50,000,000 to develop its ports. Seattle moved its hills to build a city, but Portland stands still. I'm sorry, but if the people in this city cannot see beyond their noses, Portland will be a village 50 years from now."

Complete Survey Proposed.

"We must get rid of the tightwad in this city and must drive the pikers out of the town or it will be a village forever. I will say to the members of this committee that regardless of the position taken by one member, the money will be forthcoming. We cannot stop this work and we will get the money if we have to use the sandbags to go to it."

The plan of the committee of 15, as outlined by Acting Chairman Knapp, is to make a complete survey for the development of the water front for industrial and commercial purposes; to obtain data showing procedure adopted by other ports; to determine the necessary rail and water facilities required in the handling of lumber; to determine transportation and dock facilities for other industries; to survey industrial sites of all kinds including those on and off the water front, and to gather data covering the necessity and feasibility of a belt-line railroad and a belt-line highway to provide intra-city transportation and access to the water front.

City's Needs to Be Determined.

It was explained that the Port of Portland and the Portland Dock Commission were represented on the committee and that much of the preliminary data necessary would be procured from these two bodies, as well as from the city engineer and engineers of the various companies operating in and out of Portland.

"The purpose of this committee," explained Mr. Knapp, "is to ascertain Portland's needs for future industrial and commercial growth. It has been accused of being backward in Portland, but the secret of this condition is that there has never been any head to a body which had for its purpose to learn what Portland needed."

Proper connections between rail and water carriers to handle lumber in Portland are vital to the future of the lumber industry in Portland, according to J. B. Kerr, who followed Mr. Knapp in outlining the plans of the committee. He said that a large distributing dock is required where lumber could be removed from cars to ocean vessels at a minimum cost.

Docks Highway Held Vital.

A belt-line railroad in Portland, Mr. Kerr said, had been just talked of for a long time, but it was not until the committee, in outlining the scope of work to be accomplished, were inclined to believe that a belt highway around the docks of Portland is a matter of vital importance to Portland.

"Under the present arrangements the docks are on the water front," he said, "but they are cut off from the land. Railroad terminal yards are between the docks and the city and it is difficult to bring the shippers' consignments to the docks under the present arrangement. Many of the docks are without adequate fire protection and, in all, this committee feels that an investigation should be made into this phase of the subject to ascertain what should be done."

It was at this juncture, immediately following a request for \$5000 expense money, that Commissioner Mann began a little talk which started an argument between Mayor Baker, and himself and kept the council chamber in a uproar for a considerable length of time.

Council's Jurisdiction Questioned.

"It was not the idea of this council that a body of busy business men should go into this matter and touch on everything," began Commissioner Mann. "The Port of Portland and the dock commission are vested with authority to do this work. This council was interested in cheap industrial sites. Too many cooks will spoil the broth."

"You are mistaken, Mr. Mann," said Mayor Baker. "It may have been your idea that this committee should investigate a fixed proposition, but it was the idea of the council that it should make a thorough investigation of the industrial, port and commercial needs of the city. I know that the Columbia river slough proposition, but I am interested in the development of the city. I don't know that you own any property down there, but you certainly have an unusual interest."

Personal Interests Denied.

"Do you mean to intimate, sir," came back Commissioner Mann hotly. "That I am personally interested in the Columbia slough proposition or that I am acting as agent for someone who is? I'll tell you, your honor, that there are men on your committee who are interested in certain property."

"Who?" demanded the mayor.

"Why, Joe Bowles owns a large amount of property on the slough. The

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Interned Allied Prisoners

Under the auspices of the Red Cross

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city is trying now to buy it for right way for the proposed channel from the slough to the river."

"Well understand, Mr. Mann, that I took special care in the selection of this committee and I believe that they are 15 men who have no personal interest other than the future welfare and prosperity of the city as a whole." Commissioner Mann then assured the mayor that he was not accusing Mr. Bowles or any other member of the committee of having interests which would serve to prejudice them in this work, but told the mayor that he didn't want to be put in a "hole" constantly.

Cheap Sites Wanted.

"If you want to start something, come ahead," said the mayor. "I can talk just as loud as you can. What do you want me to do, turn this thing over to you?"

"No," replied Mann, "but if you do, there would have been more done up-

day on the matter than has been done. Why, look at this proposition, with belt lines costing millions and a load of other propositions. What we want is cheap industrial sites where industries can afford to locate. I don't care where they are located, in Sellwood, on the west side or any place. But anyone who has been in Portland for ten years knows that the Columbia slough holds the only available cheap industrial sites. And I venture to say that 80, 90, per cent of the freight coming into or leaving Portland passes or goes over this section."

Mr. Barber Demands Action.

Commissioner Barber attempted to pour oil on the troubled waters by saying that this was no time to air personal differences among members of the council.

"What we want is some action. Nothing has been done on industrial sites or the expansion of Portland in a com-

mercial way since 1851. I am glad to see a committee, which has membership from various organizations, which is in a position to make the necessary surveys, correlate its work and bring a report back to the various interested bodies which will enable comprehensive accomplishments without further delay. I favor this plan, although I think that a budget should be presented to show how much money will be necessary before the investigation and work of the committee has been completed."

"With talks that I have had with members of the Port of Portland and the Dock commission," said Mr. Knapp, "I know that they will receive our reports with pleasure and be ready to act upon them. I am in sympathy with Commissioner Mann's proposal to locate cheap industrial sites, but that alone is not sufficient. Industrial sites without adequate port facilities are of no value."

New Tilt Is Precipitated.

Another effort to have the committee of 15 devote its entire time to an investigation of the Columbia river slough simply led to another tilt between Commissioner Mann and the mayor.

"What is your idea, or have you any?" sought Mayor Baker.

"No," retorted Commissioner Mann, slipping down into his chair.

"That's the trouble with you, never any ideas come from you," decided the mayor.

"Now look here, sir," fairly shouted the now fully aroused commissioner, "you snatched this idea away from me several months ago and went ahead and appointed your committee. It was my idea."

"Sit down," ordered the mayor as he recognized Mr. Jaeger, a member of the

committee. Mr. Jaeger proposed that if the members of the council felt that the committee had assumed too great a task, a meeting be held and the work of the committee outlined.

This suggestion did not meet with the approval of Mayor Baker, who said that if the committee was given a fixed plan to work out all the value and force to its recommendations would be lost.

"Mayor Baker has hit it right on the head," said Mr. Strauss. "If this committee must work to some prearranged or fixed plan, I'm through. Mr. Jaeger is not talking for this committee when he makes such a proposal."

No Appropriation Made.

Mayor Baker then made a canvass of the opinions held by the members of the council on the expenditure of funds by the committee and found that with the exception of Commissioner Bigelow all were in favor of having the work proceed and were willing to expend the money as soon as the council was shown how it was to be spent.

No appropriation was made at the meeting of the council yesterday, it having been decided that all members of the council attend a meeting of the committee of 15 in the great room of the chamber of commerce tomorrow night when a full discussion of the plans of the committee will be made.

"This council will support your committee," was the final parting given the committee by Mayor Baker, "so just go ahead and plan your work."

Yakima Proposes to Bond.

YAKIMA, Wash., June 24.—(Special.)—The Yakima city commission has fixed August 14 for the date for a special election on extension of the city's sewers, issuance of \$50,000 bonds to pay the cost, and measures necessary to install the two-platoon system in the Yakima fire department.