

COUNCIL INSPECTS TERMINAL PROPOSAL

Railway Land Is Asked for Vacating Streets.

LONG STRIP IS WANTED

Number of Changes in Project Are Suggested by Officials, One an Overhead Crossing.

Members of the city council yesterday accompanied railroad officials on an inspection trip in the terminal yards here in an investigation of the applications for the lines for vacations of streets to expand the freight terminal.

With the inspection were conceived a number of changes in the project which will be placed in the hands of the city engineering forces for consideration.

The first of these proposals calls for the donation to the city by the railroad of a strip of land along Front street for about one and one-half miles to widen this street to 120 feet.

Commissioner Mann suggested the erection of an overhead crossing to connect the Broadway bridge with Ninth street.

Overhead crossings throughout the terminal yards were proposed by City Engineer Laugrand to enable traffic to reach Front street by various routes in the event that the city decides to grant the vacation sought by the railroads.

The city engineer declared that under the plans as submitted by the railroad engineers, vehicular traffic would be forced to more than a mile out of its way to reach important industries on Front street.

The inspection trip created some sentiment among city officials to "go slow" on the vacation proceedings.

Problem after problem bobbed up. True, many of the problems were minor ones, but the city officials seemed determined to solve each one, looking well into the future.

The council will have authority to deal with the railroads direct, after May 26, on the subject of street vacations, by virtue of the terms of the Kubit bill passed by the last legislature.

Should the city officials come to terms with the railroad officials, and in the event that the city engineers encounter no serious obstacles, it will be possible to submit the vacations of the 40-odd street portions to the people at the special election on June 9.

Carefulness Is Favored. On the other hand, special difficulties arise, it seemed practically certain that the city officials would prefer to work out the project gradually and without any rush, even if such action eliminates the opportunity of submitting the proposals to the electorate.

While all members of the council were disposed to give the railroads all co-operation possible in developing a new freight terminal, it was made plain that the city would expect some concessions for the 116 lots sought under the street vacation proposal.

It was pointed out that, at the prevailing market price for warehouse property, the street area would cost not less than \$100,000.

A new central passenger terminal station was desired by the council members, but attorneys for the railroads, who are working for the issuance of bonds for the construction of a new station so long as the present passenger terminal is adequate to handle the business.

City Commissioner Mann proposed that the railroads pay the terminal company the amount of money the bond would be worth at the time the railroads are seeking from the city in the event the vacations are granted, and thus give the terminal company the opportunity to use such funds in the construction of a new passenger depot.

This suggestion was made informally, but possibly will be broached again by Commissioner Mann.

1,000,000 BONDS SOLD Highway Commission Sancies Deal With Portland Firm.

SALEM, Or., April 12.—(Special).—The state highway commission, in a telegram received today by the highway secretary, advised the board of control, sanctioned the sale of \$1,000,000 of state highway bonds to the Ralph Schenckel company, with headquarters in Portland.

The money derived from the sale of these bonds will be used for the construction of post roads in co-operation with federal funds. Bonds issued by the state up to this time to match federal aid aggregate \$4,700,000. The money will be used to June 30 of this year total \$5,567,817.27, of which sum \$4,322,178.27 is for the construction of post roads and \$1,245,639 for forest roads.

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Another aspect of the oil question was brought out in a letter written by Secretary Fall and read by Mr. Lodge. In the Fall message, British oil interests are giving every assurance to Oregon and Mexican officials in their support and friendly co-operation in seeking advantage against our other American companies, while the British government owning this oil company (the Agula company) is ostentatiously standing by the United States in its protest against obnoxious Mexican decrees.

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It was announced that the change is in furtherance of a policy of retrenchment, adopted by the company since the two new gravel pits on the freight train between Lyle and Goldendale that formerly had been operated in addition to the passenger train. There is no Sunday service on the Goldendale branch. After the change the train crew will lay over at Goldendale instead of at Lyle.

The depot at Goldendale has been cut down to two men. Connections with the main line at Maryhill by auto stage for passenger service will remain the same.

FAIR BOARD APPOINTED Tillamook County Court Names Directors for This Year.

TILLAMOOK, Or., April 12.—(Special).—The county court appointed W. H. Christensen of Oretown and Bert Folks of Fairview to the board. They, with R. C. Margarell and County School Superintendent Lamb, will have charge of the county fair this year. Two new members are progressive dairymen and breeders of blooded stock, and they are considered a valuable addition to the board.

The new board will be called together immediately, when it will organize and plan for the fair, which will be held in Fairview around the new depot. The county fair last year had an unusually fine display of purebred dairy stock, composed of the best of the county, and in all probability this will be the principal feature of this year's fair.

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