

MAY RACE AGAIN

Vancouver Track Likely to Be Opened This Season.

PORTLAND MEN IN DEAL

Syndicate Being Formed to Put Grounds into Good Shape Again and Both Horse and Auto Meets Will Likely Be Held.

It is stated on good authority that a syndicate is now being formed to take over the property included in the race track at Vancouver, which has been abandoned for several years, and that racing will be re-established on the course.

A prominent real estate broker in Portland is promoting the deal, and he said yesterday afternoon that while the plans of the new company are not in shape to permit publication of details he felt certain the deal would be closed in a few days and that those backing the enterprise were financially able to carry out the plan.

The laws of Washington are more lenient than Oregon statutes with reference to race meetings and there are enough men interested in the matter to insure the carrying out of the proposed rehabilitation of the old track across the river even if pool-selling is restricted. The real estate man referred to above said that he himself was much interested in fine driving horses and that he went to races with the sole purpose of seeing thoroughbreds in action.

Improvements to Be Made.

There are several improvements in the way of better transportation facilities for the garrison city now under way or in contemplation.

When the race track is reopened, the Vancouver line from this city will probably find it profitable to put on additional cars, and it may co-operate with the club by selling combination tickets covering fares to the grounds and admission to the track. The new line for which a franchise was obtained through the City of Vancouver early last week is to run past the track and will provide ample accommodations for all who desire to attend the races.

In San Francisco, for instance, the race tracks—Emeryville and Ingleside—are reached by ferry, steam and streetcar lines, and tickets of admission are sold by the railroad companies with round-trip tickets on the railroads. San Francisco "chickens" have found this plan a good one in more ways than one, for it is a common experience with some of them that if they do not provide themselves in advance with tickets they find themselves compelled to walk home after the races.

"Billy" Ayres, who is probably the best track manager in Portland, says, with reference to the proposed reopening of the Vancouver track, that while he has heard nothing definite concerning the matter he is interested in seeing the plan go through. He says, however, that he would hesitate about putting money into the scheme, not because he thought it would not be consummated, but because he had tried that sort of investment twice already with disastrous financial results. Ayres has been making books on the Northwest circuit for several years, and when told that the track at Vancouver was to be put in condition again and races started up in the Fall, he said he would be on deck when the time came and would do what he could to make the meeting attractive.

It is also believed that the railroad and streetcar companies will be willing to back up the enterprise to a considerable extent. With reference to that phase of the question, Walter H. Moore, president of the company building the line north from Vancouver, said:

Line Has Franchise.

"The carline in which I am interested secured the franchise Wednesday from the Council of Vancouver for our line in that city and we also have the right of way to the race track. I have been informed that arrangements to re-establish racing at the track north of the Government reservation have been practically closed and that a meeting is to be held there the coming Fall.

"I was also informed that an automobile meet will take place during the Summer at the track. Our company has not yet secured the right of way through the Government reservation, but we anticipate no difficulty in that direction, as our line would run along the lower river road."

Following the report that racing was to be started at the Vancouver track speculation became rife as to what would be done with the race track at Irvington.

Even before the small coteries of dealers who were informed about the movement across the Columbia gave out the meager information now announced for the first time, rumors were current that the Irvington tract was to be cut up into lots and placed on the market. The owners of the track state positively that such action is not now contemplated nor likely to be. The lease runs for some years, and it is hinted that matters may so adjust themselves that racing may be resumed on the track on the East Side.

The owners of the Irvington track recently platted two tiers of lots south of the track, which they also own, and this fact doubtless gave rise to the report that the whole tract was to be laid out and sold.

HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Activity Largely Due to Good Work by Organization.

Once a month the residents of Portland Heights meet and discuss questions affecting the betterment of that rapidly-growing section of the city.

The owners of property on the Heights have succeeded through harmonious action in getting good sewers and streets and have now up for action a plan to have the roadway on each side the car tracks from Ford-street bridge to Twentieth street laid with concrete or bitulithic. This is called the gateway of the Heights and its improvement is uppermost in the minds of the progressive residents of the section. F. E. Beach is president of the club.

On Willamette Heights there is no improvement club, though several residents think there should be one. The district is kept pretty well torn up by reason of the work being done by Lafe Pence in his filling operations at Gull's Lake and in putting in a new sewer system.

Russell & Blyth own about all the vacant land in that section and have in view the drainage of those parts that now are kept wet by reason of seepage from springs on the hillside. When this work is completed there is every reason to believe another active movement in building lots will take place. As it is, there is a fairly good demand for lots and the section is chosen by the wealthier class for building sites for a high class of residences.

NEW FACTORIES IN SIGHT

ACREAGE PROPERTY IN EAST ST. JOHNS SOLD.

Foundry and Machine Shop to Start. New Union Clubhouse for Sellwood District.

Sales of acreage property in East St. Johns for manufacturing purposes have been numerous recently and point to the establishment of a new manufacturing district on the Peninsula. It is announced that two acres have been purchased for a foundry and machine shop, affording employment to 100 men. The name of the firm has not yet been announced, but assurance is given that the purchase has been made.

Another firm has purchased two acres for a wood-working plant that will employ 15 men to begin with, the number being increased as the business demands. These two concerns will be on the O. R. & N. line to Troutdale. In addition a spur from the St. Johns electric car will be run to that section.

Clubhouse at Sellwood.

The Sellwood Board of Trade has undertaken the organization of a stock company with \$15,000 capital to erect a two-story frame clubhouse 100x100 feet to house under one roof the Board of Trade, the Sellwood Y. M. C. A., United Artisans, Modern Brotherhood of America, Branch Library and possibly the new Masonic lodge, to be organized. A. Y. W. C. A. is also to be organized at Sellwood.

The stock will be listed at \$10 per share. Several of these organizations already own lots which may be turned in for stock. The movement is very popular. A committee composed of delegates from all these organizations has perfected an organization with Dr. A. M. Webster as president and Rev. D. A. Thompson as secretary. It is proposed to erect a two-story frame, or rather one-story with a full basement. The basement will be 4 feet above the ground so as to provide good light. The athletic department of the branch Y. M. C. A. will be in this room together with the reading-room of the Sellwood Branch Library. A plan will be prepared so each of the organizations will be provided for. The general hall will be in the story above the basement. A report from the general committee will be submitted to the Board of Trade next Thursday night, when it is expected that actual steps will be taken to carry out the enterprise. Frank B. Gibson, architect, says that such union buildings are common in Eastern cities. P. Chappelle Browne, architect, who

prepared plans for the clubhouse of the Portland Cricket Association, announces that the contract for its erection has been let to Henry Isard. The clubhouse will be 44x32 feet with wide porches on each side. It will be erected on the five-acre tract recently purchased in North Mount Tabor and will be completed within 60 days. The grounds have been graded. When finished it will be a resort for members of the association and lovers of the English cricket game. The association will then be in position to

invite other cricket clubs of the Northwest to Portland.

HOW PROPERTY VALUES JUMP

Fifth-Street Realty Almost Trebles in Price in Single Year.

As an instance of how real estate values in Portland's business district rises by leaps and bounds, a Front-

street merchant bought a piece of property on Fifth street about a year ago for \$22,000. He was offered \$40,000 for the lot a short time afterward, and had about concluded to accept the offer, but the option expired, and he then decided to hold. Before the year was up values had gone up to such an extent that he closed out a deal a short time ago at \$57,500, or an advance of \$55,500 on his investment.

Councilmen Investigate Protest.

A committee of Councilmen and city officials visited Vernon yesterday morning where they investigated the recent protest made against the assessment for the Irvington district sewer. The sewer committee Monday morning will hear the protests of property-owners and the Council will hold a special meeting Wednesday afternoon to consider the recommendations of the committee. The party which visited the scene of the trouble yesterday was composed of Councilmen Kellaher, Bennett, Menefee, Willis, Sharkey and Dunning. City Engineer Taylor and Chief Draughtsman Reuter.

Weather Interferes With Sales.

While there is no apparent decrease in interest in outside lots, the sales last week were not as heavy as reported the preceding week. The delay was due to the rain that fell three days during the week. On the sunny days the sales kept up to the average of the past month. Rose City lots have gone over the 300 mark, and the other plots are selling quite as satisfactorily. Council Crest, Waverleigh, Belle Crest, McKenna Junction and the other plots recently put on the market continue to attract buyers.

ROW OVER WHITE WOMAN

Negro Doctor Says Negro Preacher Alienated Her Affections.

District Attorney Manning is investigating a complaint made by Dr. Paul Cromwell, colored, against Rev. John W. Smith, pastor of the Mount Olivet African Methodist Episcopal church, Seventh and Everett streets. The allegation is that the minister alienated the affections of Mrs. Cromwell, a white woman, who had secured a divorce from Cromwell last February. Warrants for the arrest of Rev. Mr. Smith and wife will be issued tomorrow. Mr. Manning states if the facts are such as to justify such action. The complaints will be based upon the question of law as to the right of divorced persons to remarry within six months from the date of the decree.

"I think the law on this point should be tested at once," said District Attorney

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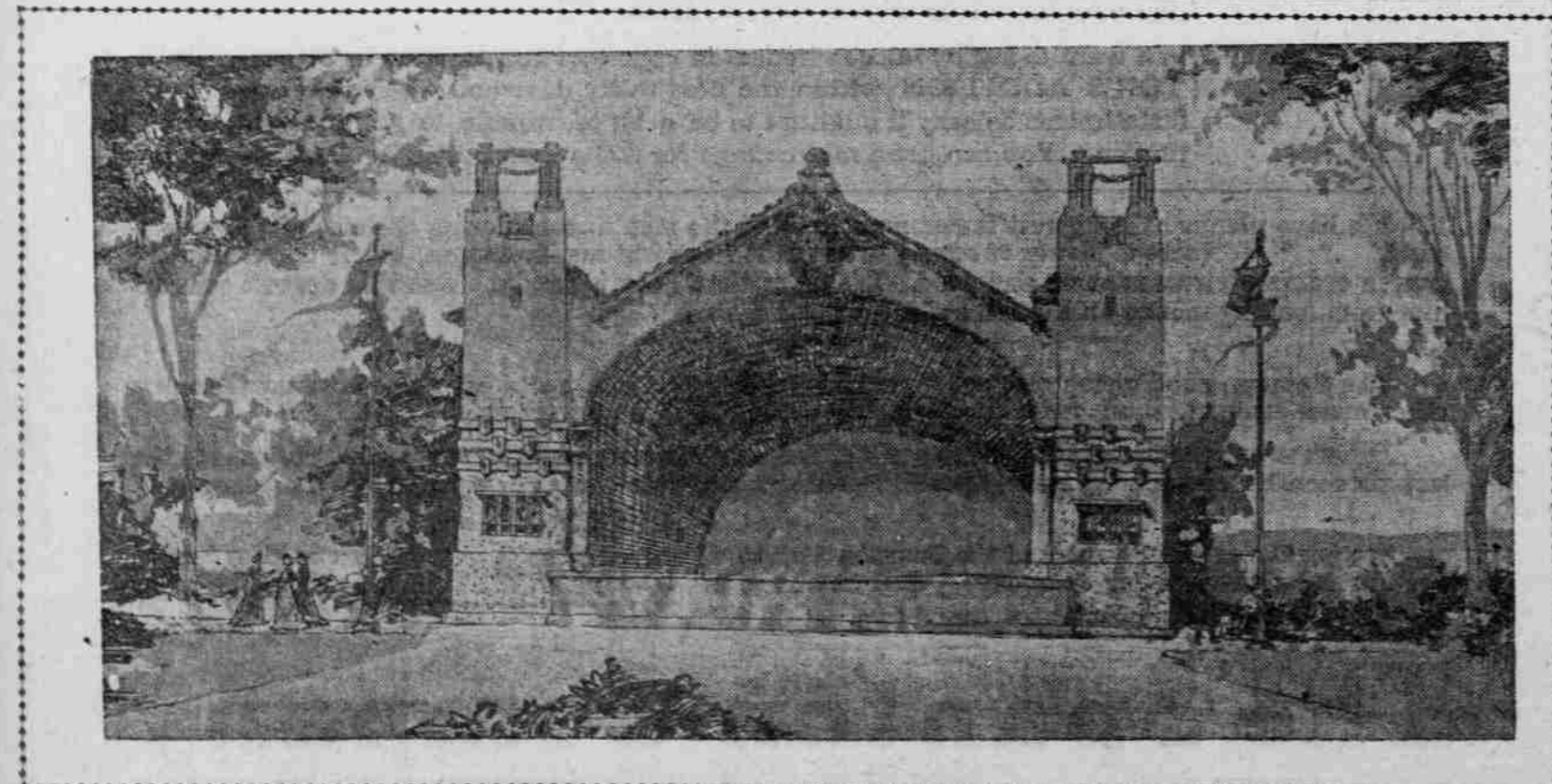
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Modern Band Shell Will Replace Old Bandstand



EXTENSIVE alterations and improvements are under way at The Oaks in anticipation of the Summer amusement season. One of the principal innovations and one of decidedly permanent character is a modern band shell which is to replace the old bandstand in the park and which is to set off with greater effect the various musical organizations which will perform at the park this season. The new band shell is designed by Architect Edgar M. Lazarus upon the latest lines and with an elaborate electrical decorative effect, will be a beautiful feature. The structure is provided with a sounding board which will preserve all the softer harmonies of the musical instruments uninterrupted by strains from the amusement avenue. It is not only a stage upon which a band of 60 pieces can be posed to great advantage but the shell building is designed to accommodate a first-class opera company. There is stage room for 300 people, if necessary, and choral works can be produced. The stage is 30 feet wide and has a depth of 25 feet. Convenient exits are provided from the stage into dressing rooms in the rear of the shell. The building presents a handsome and pleasing architectural front, adorned on either side by two massive towers having a stucco finish. The contract has been let for the work and construction has been begun by J. W. Reed. The band shell will cost about \$600.

Manning. "If the facts are as stated by Cromwell, I will issue a complaint and the law will be put to a test."

The situation, insofar as Rev. Mr. Smith and the woman known as his wife, is that, should the courts hold that default divorcees cannot remarry within six months from the date of the decree, both will be liable to prosecution.

Dr. Cromwell, who has an office at 127 Twelfth street, tells a startling story of his undoing. He declares that Rev. Mr. Smith wooed Mrs. Cromwell in the latter's own home until Cromwell learned the facts, when he "kicked" them out. It was on the ground of cruelty that Mrs. Cromwell secured her divorce, and Cromwell did not contest it. Shortly after, he declares, she and Smith went to Canada, using \$80 cash given her by Cromwell, and were married.

Since the marriage Dr. Cromwell states, the woman has been conducting a salutarium on East Alder street under the name of Edith Cromwell. Rev. Mr. Smith has been attending to his duties as pastor of the Mount Olivet Church. Four children were born to the Cromwell union, two of whom are living. The Cromwells were married in Washington nine years ago. Cromwell met the woman in an employment office, where he went to secure a domestic for his home. They fell in love and were soon wedded.

Want Walker Declared Bankrupt.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 20.—A creditors' petition has been filed in the United States District Court praying that William F. Walker, the defaulting treasurer of the Savings Bank of New Britain, be declared a bankrupt. The ground for the petition as set forth is that Walker within four months has concealed personal property in excess of \$500 with intent to deceive and defraud his creditors. The Savings Bank alleges that Walker owes it \$200,000, the Connecticut Baptist Convention \$55,000 and A. J. Sloper \$1000 on a note discounted by Walker. The order of notice is returnable April 23 and service is to be made by publication, as Walker's whereabouts are unknown.

The Times of India reports the completion of a crematorium for Europeans at Calcutta, which is the first established east of Suez.

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