

MILLS SLOUGH PLAN TALKED

Improvement of It and Proposed City Bond Issue Are Discussed.

The project of dredging Mills slough and making it a harbor for the small crafts on Coos Bay was given an impetus at the meeting of citizens at the Chamber of Commerce last night. The almost unanimous expression was that definite action should be taken on it at once and it will be made a feature of the general meeting to be held in about two weeks to discuss the advisability of voting a \$100,000 bond issue for municipal improvements.

Col. Wm. Grimes brought the matter up last night. He said that the city council would like to have an expression on the matter. He said that he thought that the project fitted in with the proposed plan of improvement and should be taken up with it. He said he was in favor of having it dredged to a depth of six feet as far back as the electric light plant and a roadway and wharf being built on either side. He said that some thought that the slough when thus improved could be used temporarily for an open sewer.

Councilman Thomas Coke said that he was in favor of this improvement at this time especially because he thought it would afford a solution of the sewage question. He said that he was opposed to the present plan of having pumping stations for a sewage system because it would cost too much to maintain them.

J. E. Oren said that he was opposed to making an open sewer of the slough, declaring that Marshfield did not want another Chicago river.

Dr. E. Mings said that it would be a piece of foolishness to make a sewer of Mills slough. He said the only proper thing to do with the sewer would be to fill it up or cover it over.

Councilman Albrecht said that he thought it could be used temporarily for an open sewer without any ill-effects.

C. A. Johnson said that it had been figured out that it would cost about \$25,000 to dredge the slough, and fix it up properly. He said that he felt sure the people would vote a bond issue for such a purpose. He said the people were not opposed to bonds where they secured something to show for it.

J. W. Snover said that the council had instructed him to correspond with the government relative to having the slough meandered and said that he was arranging to take up the matter when he and Councilman Albrecht go to Portland next week.

Mayor Straw said that he had the city engineer make a survey of the slough about eighteen months ago upon a request from the government engineering office at Portland, and he thought the blue-prints made then were on file in the Portland office.

Upon motion by Col. Grimes, it was agreed that a general meeting should be called immediately after the return of Messrs. Snover and Albrecht from Portland to discuss the project.

Discuss Bond Issue.

F. S. Dow said that he thought it was the duty of the Chamber of Commerce to assist the city council in arranging for city improvements and especially in remedying the financial status of the city. He said that too much is being expected of the council and he thought an expression of the business men should be secured.

Dr. McCormac said that the mat-

ter had been taken up a short time ago and that it was then decided the Chamber of Commerce should take some action as soon as the council got down to business.

Councilman Sacchi said that he was glad the matter was brought up. He said that the city's finances were in such a condition that something should be done soon. He said he was in favor of having a meeting of the business men and citizens to decide what should be done. He said that he thought that the present excess of the charter limit of indebtedness should be legalized and that a bond issue of \$100,000 or so should be voted to take care of the special improvement bonds that have to be issued. He said that nearly every property owner would be in favor of improvements if arrangements could be made for him to secure the money easily. By making a market for the special improvement bonds, this could be done. A city bond issue can be floated at about four per cent, he said, and the money thus raised could be used in buying up the special improvement bonds issued for sewer or street work. The latter bear six per cent interest and the city would make something on it besides accommodating the small property owners. The special improvement bonds being short termed securities are not in demand.

Col. Grimes expressed the same opinion and said that he would like to hear the matter discussed.

Dr. McCormac said that he felt sure that the people would vote bonds for public improvements if they were shown that they were getting something to show for their money.

NORTH BEND NEWS

Mrs. Nellie Whereat was shopping in North Bend yesterday.

Dr. G. R. Gail, who has been in Portland the past two weeks, is seriously ill.

The Eureka came in at noon from Portland and will leave this afternoon for Eureka.

Miss Sophia Olson of North Bend Heights, is taking a course at the Miller-Cleaver Business College.

The Reynold's mill on Pony Inlet, has been shut down for a few days for the purpose of making repairs.

The schooner Grace Dollar is taking on her cargo of lumber at the North Bend Lumber Company mill.

The Miller-Cleaver basketball team will go to Myrtle Point tomorrow to play the team there tomorrow night.

The Redondo came down from Porter mill and will finish taking on her cargo at North Bend when she will sail for San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riebe and son, of Eastside, were the guests yesterday of Mrs. Riebe's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Corbell.

Mrs. A. Van Zile, who has been ill at her home for some time, was able to be up town the other evening for the first time in months.

The North Bend High School girls teams will go to Myrtle Point tomorrow to play tomorrow night. The members are: Misses Amelia Vogt, Lucile Greenleaf, Edith Metzler, Edith Alger and Edith Raab.

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IMPROVEMENT OF CITY FAVORED

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new reasons why Marshfield should have its low streets filled up, he called attention to the recent high water and especially to the false and damaging reports that had been circulated about the city on account of it.

Immediately upon conclusion of Dr. Straw's talk, I. S. Kaufman, Wm. Grimes, F. A. Sacchi, J. E. Oren and others representing large tracts in the section stated that they would sign up at once to have the streets improved. Dr. McCormac of the school board said that the latter would sign up for the improvement on 'A' street. Mr. Oren said that his company would sign up for all their property in the down town section.

Albrecht Is Selected.

Dr. McCormac suggested that someone should be selected to make a canvass of the property owners to secure their consent to the improvement, and said that he thought Councilman Carl Albrecht would be an excellent man to make this canvass. Upon motion, Mr. Albrecht was selected with the understanding that he would be paid for the work. Mr. Albrecht said that he did not want any pay for the work but that he would gladly give four days time this week to the work and that he felt that it could be accomplished in that time.

It was estimated that the average fill in the district will be about three feet and that the cost for each fifty-foot front lot will be about \$25 or \$35.

Other Dredge Work.

Dr. E. Mings and C. A. Johnson are advocating that the dredge be engaged to remove the debris that has filled in along the wharf on Marshfield's water front. Dr. Mings said that all of the property owners are willing to have this done now and pay for it.

Manager Allen of the North Bend shingle mill, said that he could give the dredge five days' work there along their wharf. This will be at the rate of \$200 per day while the cost of operating the dredge is only \$100 per day.

As it is necessary that the dredge contracts be paid in cash when the work is done, the private property owners will be requested to sign demand notes for the amount of the work to be done along their property and these notes will be placed in the bank and collected when the work is finished. The subscriptions for the original dredge fund were made in this way.

Claude Nasburg stated that practically all of the property owners on the flat in North Marshfield, had agreed to have the streets there filled and that he hoped to sign up more of them in a day or two.

Mills Is Enthusiastic.

C. J. Mills, manager of the Southern Pacific interests on the Bay, made an enthusiastic talk on the dredge situation. He said that it was a wonderful opportunity for Marshfield to have the dredge here and that it should by all means be taken advantage of. The possibility of having filling that is absolutely necessary to make a city, done at one-third or one-fourth what it would otherwise cost, should appeal to the selfish interests of the people. In doing this, they will be contributing to the general good of all by having the Bay improved.

J. E. Oren wanted to retire as a member of the dredge committee, saying he did not have the necessary time to devote to it. Dr. McCormac, who was presiding, would not listen to the suggestion, saying it was necessary that Mr. Oren remain as a member of the committee. The other members are Dr. Mings and C. J. Mills.

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