TIMELY SUGGESTION

Plan Formulated Whereby Court House May Be Built.

COUNTY TO LEASE PROPERTY

Company of Local Capitalists to Be Organized to Complete the Court House, the County Court to Lease Property and Pay Nominal Rental.

The plan suggested by The Astorian to build and complete the new county court house has excited considerable interest and a number of local capitalists have signified their willingness to put up the necessary money to complete the building on certain conditions, and in accordance with the ideas advanced by The Astorian.

A representative of The Astorian yesterday interviewed a prominent capitalist, who has sufficient means to back up any agreement he makes, the owner of considerable property, one of the heaviest tax payers in the county and who has considerable influence in financial circles and is in a position to bring capital to Astoria, who made the following suggestions:

The organization of a company to say, ten men, of whose financial standing there is no doubt, with a capital stock of $75,000. The county court to lease the present court houes property to the company, which they would have a legal right to do, for a sufficient term of years, during which time the county court is to levy an annual tax of three mills, to pay the interest and create a sinking fund to take up the indebtedness. The organization to select an architect, modify the present plans, so as not to change the building except to cut off considerable unnecessary work and decorations; finish the building in a neat and plain manner, similar to the interior finishing of the new city hall, the building completed under revised plans not to cost to exceed $75,000.

When the building is completed, the county is to pay a rental of six per cent on the cost of completion, payable annually, and the money derived from the annual tax levy to be paid to the company as a reduction of the amount invested, which would reduce the annual rental in proportion to the amount paid. Payments of $5000 or $10,000 a year to be made from the sinking fund, or the fund derived from the annual tax levy. In this manner the court houes can be completed this year. The rent paid to the company would be the same as the interest which would have to be paid on the county warrants issued for its construction, and it is believed the court houes can be completed with the additional $75,000 in addition to the amount already expended.

The lease from the county court to the building organization to provide that it can be terminated at the option of the county court upon the payment of the cost of construction. If the assessed valuation of the county is placed at $5,000,000 a levy of 3 mills annually for six years would be sufficient to pay the rent on the property and discharge the principal within that time and Clatsop county would have a court house that would be an ornament and credit to the county and would last at least as long as the present structure has lasted—50 years.

Several other prominent tax payers were interviewed on teh subject, and without a single exception, all agreed that the plan was feasable, and several signified their willingness to go into the company and take their proportionate share of the stock. If the present contractors want to go into the company, on the same terms, they can do so. The Astorian has no authority to mention names of persons that would be willing to organize a company, but it suggests the following, whom it is believed would be willing to come to the aid of the county and complete the court house, provided the plans are modified and the cost does not exceed the sum of $75,000. The names suggested are Asmus Brix, C. H. Page, S. S. Gordon, Chas. S. Brown, Geo. C. Flavel, A. C. and F. A. Fisher, Robert Carruthers, Theo. Bracker, Samuel Elmore and C. W. Fulton.

It might not be necessary for these gentlemen to advance money, but there is no doubt arrangements could be made at any of the banks to advance the necessary money, upon the guarantee of the organization to be formed, the banks to receive the 6 per cent rent each year, which would be equivalent to the interest.

This plan has been suggested by several capitalists who have signified their willingness to organize the company, and the matter is now up to the county court to signify its willingness to accept the proposition herein outlined, and it is probable that a communication will be addressed to the county court setting forth these terms for its consideration at its meeting next Wednesday. There is no doubt but the court house can be built. All that is required is a determination on the part of the enterprising citizens to use their utmost endeavors to encourage and formulate the plans herein outlined.

HAPPY RESULTS.

Have Made Many Astoria Residents Enthusiastic.

No wonder scores of Astoria citizens grow enthusiastic. It is enough to make anyone happy to find relief after years of suffering. Public statements like the following are but truthful representations of the daily work done in Astoria by Doan's Kidney Pills.

W. R. McIntosh, whose place of residence is at 593 Harrison avenue, says: "For years I suffered very much from lameness and soreness across the small of my back. To turn in bed gave me painful twinges and when I was not working, but simply standing around there was a constant aching over my hips. The kidney secretions gave me no end of trouble. I often thought I had gravel, so painful were the secretions in passing. I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and got a box at Charles Roger's drug store on Commercial street. On taking them I soon noticed an improvement in my condition and the pain across my back was soon wonderfully relieved. Though I did not take Doan's Kidney Pills as regularly as I should have done they did me a great deal of good."

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MOVE TO JERSEY

The New York Legislature Forces Wall Street to Abdicate

ANYTHING GOES IN JERSEY

Company Has Been Organized for What Is Termed a Branch of Wall Street to Operate Under the Non-Restrivtive Laws of New Jersey.

New York, April 26.—Considerable interest has been created here by the incorporation at Trenton of the New Jersey stock exchange. While the new concern admittedly has for its object the evasion of the stock transfer tax law, just passed by the New York legislature, the identity of the interests behind the scheme cannot be learned.

The incorporators' names give no clew as they are merely employes of a struct company in East Orange. It is reported, however, that persons identified with two large financial institutions in New York are prominent in the move in connection with other New York City and New Jersey financial men, whose identity will be disclosed later.

Membership in the exchange will not, according to present plans, be confined to representatives of any single board in this city, as had been suggested when the scheme was first broached. Hence the attitude of the New York stock exchange is awaited with considerable interest, as that body has strenuous rules against its members having anything to do with dealings on certain other exchanges and has vigorously enforced these rules from time to time.

There is nothing in the constitution of the stock exchange, however, to prevent its members belonging to an exchange in another state, even if there be only a river between the two boards. Members of both the New York stock exchange and the Consolidated stock exchange belong to the Philadelphia exchange and to the Chicago board of trade; so the backers of the New Jersey exchange believe that the New York stock exchange will not forbid dealings there by its members.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Edgar Quigley of Seattle was in the city yesterday .

Josiah West of Clatsop was in the city yesterday.

W. E. Potter of Cascade is registered at the Occident.

Wm. Crawford of Los Angeles is visiting in the city.

F. D. Bacon of San Francisco is in the city on business.

Mrs. E. C. Leyde is visiting with friends in Portland.

R. S. Robinson of Tacoma is registered at the Parker.

E. W. Dingman of Portland is registered at the Occident.

C. E. Palmer of Portland is registered at the Occident.

Chris Olsen of Chinook was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Bruce McDonald of Grays River is registered at the Central.

Mrs. Wilson of Grand Rapids is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Maud Stone left yesterday morning for Los Angeles.

Sam Olsen of Chinook was in the city yesterday on business.

H. Hamburger of New York was in the city yesterday on business.

W. T. Chutter of Seattle has been in the city the past two days.

A. Spence of San Francisco registered at the Occident yesterday.

Owen Mulligan returned from a business trip to Seaside yesterday.

Hon. Harrison Allen is expected to return from Oregon City tomorrow.

Dan J. Moore, mayor of West Seaside, was a passenger to Portland yesterday.

Hon. John H. Smith went over to Clatsop plains yesterday on a hunting trip.

Mr. McFadden, a prominent attorney of Cathlamet, was in the city yesterday.

M. Gorman returned from Deep River yesterday and went to Cathlamet last evening.

T. S. Barr of Grays River, county commissioner for Wahkiakum county, was in the city yesterday.

H. W. Dean, employed at the Grotto, leaves for California today, where he will in the future reside.

Samuel Schmidt has gone to Victoria on a business trip and expects to return the first of the week.

Judge Cake of Portland passed through the city yesterday en route home from Seaside, where he spent Sunday.

Library Benefit.

On Tuesday evening, May 2, at Fishers' opera house, J. Adrian Epping, assisted by the talented associates of his academy of music, will give an entertainment of unusual excellence for the benefit of the public library. Astorians generally appreciate and enjoy anything in the musical and literary line, and perhaps in no city of its size is the percentage so great of those who understand and appreciate the polite arts.

The program for this entertainment has been carefully arranged with the view to please. The vocal, instrumental and dramatic readings and selections are all of the highest order. The intention is to make it the most prominent society event of the season, with the opera house profusely decorated with choice flowers, rendering the most excellent program more interesting and entertaining.