

EAST SIDE WANTS GREAT PEACH PLUM TREE PARK SYSTEM

is Opposed to Purchase of Individual Pieces of Property for Park Purposes.

FIGHT FOR RECREATION GROUNDS IS GROWING

People Demand Parks at Mt. Tabor, in Mount Scott District, in Sellwood and at Several Places in Albina and Other Suburbs.

East Side Department.

Unless the proposition to purchase Hawthorne Park from the city is coupled with a scheme for a general park system, the greater part of the east side will refuse to sanction the purchase. This was made evident from a canvass of the situation on the east side made yesterday for the purpose of discovering sentiment on the subject. The central east side, in which Hawthorne Park lies, wants the city to purchase the park, but the suburbs maintain that they should have recreation facilities of their own.

The East Side Improvement association has appointed a committee to bring the question of the purchase of the park before the council. Other east side civic improvement clubs will take the matter up for discussion. The congregation at the interdenominational services held last Sunday evening unanimously adopted resolutions favoring the city acquiring the park. It is pointed out that it is the last tract of land in that portion of the city that has not been cut into lots and is therefore the only available park site.

There is a disposition on the part of the people of Mountville and the extreme eastern portion of the city to combine the purchase of this property with that of the top of Mount Tabor and submit both propositions to the people for ratification at the election next June. In a recent interview, Mayor Latta advanced the idea that the highest point at Mount Tabor ought to be secured for park purposes.

It is not unlikely that any scheme to acquire additional park sites, that does not provide for all parts of the city alike, will meet with spirited opposition. Councilman Vaughn of the tenth ward, says that he favors more parks.

INSPECTOR GETS AN ASSISTANT

Branch Four Feet Long Bears Fifty-Six Large Plums of Superior Quality.

Dr. Joseph Hickey has growing in his garden on Twentieth street on Portland Heights a number of fine fruit trees, and he takes especial pride in a peach plum that he has raised from a seedling. This morning Dr. Hickey came



Fifty-Six Plums on One Branch.

to The Journal office with a branch four feet long from this tree and the branch was laden with fruit. In its four feet of length there were 56 plums, many of them being as large as peaches and delightful to the taste. Dr. Hickey thinks he has the champion peach plum tree growing in the city.

but that he is opposed to buying park sites one at a time. He is of the opinion that such a plan would not carry, owing to the jealousy that would be aroused in other parts of the city.

Francis J. McKenna voices the sentiment of the lower peninsula in suggesting that Portland's natural landscape favors the development of an extensive system of parks. He says that he is opposed to the purchase of any park site by piecemeal, and is now endeavoring to have the question of acquiring additional parks will be the most important question to come before the election next June.

The reason the East Side High school is not going up rapidly enough to justify the expectations that it will be finished in time for the opening of the fall term of school is said to be inability to get skilled stone masons. What provision the school board will make to provide room for the large number of ninth grade graduates who will apply for admission to the high school is not known. Work on the six-room addition to the Sunnyside school was almost at standstill during last week. No lumber of any kind was to be had. The contractors complain that the mill men refuse to deliver small orders, preferring to furnish large shipments. If all necessary material is furnished promptly this addition may be finished by the opening of school in September, but it is not thought that it will be ready in time. The new schoolhouse at East Twenty-eighth and East Davis will not be ready for occupancy before November 1. This building was counted on to relieve the congestion in several of the schools in that part of the city.

The grading work on Hayes street, St. Johns, has been stopped in obedience to a temporary injunction granted by the circuit court, and it is thought now that the injunction will be made permanent when the suit comes to trial. The indications are that the improvement ordinance for this street passed by the St. Johns council will be completely invalidated on account of a regular proceeding on the part of the council. The contractor had done about \$2,500 worth of work on the street, which will probably have to be paid for by the council, and the abutting property-holders will be that much ahead. When the injunction was applied for stopping work on this street no indemnity bond was filed, hence the injunction was taken seriously by the St. Johns officials. It is probable that the entire proceeding will have to be gone through with again, a new ordinance passed, a new advertisement for bids and a new survey by the city engineer.

An effort is being made to save the row of frame buildings, including the old East side hotel on the west side of Union avenue, where the fill is being made between East Stark and East Oak streets. These houses rest on piling driven to a solid foundation and the utility is being done in order to prevent the collapse of the structure, when the weight of the fill begins to push the bottom of the piling to one side, as it did on the Grand avenue fill. These houses are now used as lodging-houses and second-hand stores, but the tenants seem not to fear the possible destruction of their dwellings and are making no preparation to move out. It is said that if this Union avenue fill settles as much as the one on Grand avenue did it will be impossible to save a single building fronting on the fill.

Work on the construction of the Healy building at Grand avenue and East Morrison street has suspended owing to the delay in getting the iron uprights and beams. The first intention

INSPECTOR GETS AN ASSISTANT

Officer of Deputy Building Inspector Created by Ways and Means Committee.

BENVIE IS NAMED FOR THE POSITION

Appointee Stands at Head of Civil Service Eligible List for Building Inspector and There is No Doubt of the Legality of His Appointment.

The councilmen who belong to the ways and means committee showed yesterday that they appreciate the foresight of Judge Gant's decision in the McDonald case by creating the office of assistant to the building inspector and naming William K. Benvie to fill the position.

While the mayor and executive board are completely ignored by this action, some attention is paid to civil service regulations, as Benvie stands at the top of the eligible list for building inspector, having passed the examination at the same time as Irving Spencer and receiving the next highest grade. Benvie will begin his duties tomorrow.

The committee recommended this to the council and in all probability it will be favorably acted upon Wednesday evening. Building Inspector Spencer has asked for two deputies, but the committee thought one would be enough, though the office will more than pay for itself out of the additional receipts through permit fees. Benvie's salary will be \$115 a month.

Some somewhat similar case to that of James McDonald, the "janitor" of the municipal court, except that McDonald was not on any civil service list of eligibles. With Benvie, there is no question, as there is absolute need of the services of another experienced man in the inspector's office.

Messrs. Masters, Gray and Rushlight were appointed to examine the ordinance providing for the office of electrical inspector. A number of men interested in the passage of such an ordinance appeared before the committee. Messrs. Townsend and Skeens, president of the Portland Electrical Workers' union, and W. E. Kennedy talked for the union. Parks protested against the appointment of Messrs. Townsend and Skeens, declaring that that councilman is dead set against electrical inspection and is now having a house wired in a manner directly opposite to the requirements of the national code.

The committee recommended acceptance of the proposition of the Northern Pacific Terminal company for a 20-year lease on a lot 50 by 100 feet back of the foot bridge, and the western approach to the steel bridge, to be used for the erection of a fire engine house.

O. F. Isakson, the deposed policeman who fought out the Bruin case, submitted his attorney fees, which he wants the city to pay. Isakson also suggested that some employment be found for him, as he has nothing to do since being dismissed from the department. The committee threw the letter back on the council without action.

was to use steel in the frame work of this building, but it was found impossible to get that material furnished on time and now difficulty is had in getting wrought iron beams from local iron works. The Joseph Paquet business block at East Water and East Morrison streets is nearing completion. The Paquet building is a substantial structure, different from the usual bridge-and-business houses.

Major Valentine, the new St. Johns postmaster, and his assistant, Willis Moxon, have their hands full learning how to run the office. The mayor says that they can just manage to keep the mails distributed, but that as soon as they get the business letters the letter mail will not be aware that a new hand is at the helm.

The St. John's Holiness association will hold a campmeeting, east Twelfth and Division streets, beginning tomorrow evening. Rev. John F. Glasco and wife will have charge of the services. A large tent is in place and preparations are being made for smaller tents and a restaurant.

C. K. Henry is having plans drawn for a two-story brick business block to be built on Russell street, east Vancouver avenue. The building will cost about \$20,000. The old frame house now on this lot is to be moved to a nearby site and repaired and made ready for occupancy.

JEERS INSTEAD OF HELP FOR DROWNING MAN

Young Men Cling to Capsized Canoe and Appeal in Vain to Others for Aid.

Clinging to an overturned canoe, Charles Miller of Pendleton and a companion drifted down the Willamette river for nearly an hour Sunday evening and in response to their cries for help heard nothing but jeers and laughter from parties in rowboats and launches as they came within a few feet of the half-drowned men, and served away into the river without offering other aid save a quip or flippant remark as they passed the capsized canoe.

Miller and his friend could not make any of the people in the boating parties believe that they were not floating in the river for pleasure and when they were finally pulled out of the water were nearly exhausted.

The two men had taken dinner at the Oregon Yacht club and had engaged a canoe to make the return trip to the city. On the way down the river Miller's friend stood up to take a photograph of a scene when the canoe capsized, throwing the occupants into the water. Both were able to reach the canoe and hold on until a party in a rowboat came along and towed them to a float, where they crawled out of the water, weak and chilled from the exposure.

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and made his way there in a cab. His companion is said to be a guest at the Portland and it is reported that he lost a pair of cuffs containing a valuable pair of cuff buttons by the overturning of the canoe.

NATIVES TORTURED BY GERMAN SOLDIERS

(Journal Special Service.) Cape Town, July 31.—Germans returning from German Africa say the German soldiers resorted to barbarous methods to subdue the rebellious natives. They say one was killed and fifty wounded because they refused to reveal the hiding place of Chief Marango.

(Journal Special Service.) Oyster Bay, July 31.—Senator Dick and Elmer Dover were in conference with President Roosevelt today. They discussed Ohio politics.

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THINK THEY HAVE THE RIGHT MAN

Police Believe J. B. Spencer is Criminal Who Robbed Several Portland Saloons.

DETECTIVES CATCH HIM AT LOCKSMITH'S SHOP

Was Trying to Induce Proprietor to Manufacture Set of Burglar Tools—Prisoner's Past Will Be Investigated by Police Department.

By the arrest of J. B. Spencer last night by Detectives Snow and Reising on a charge of having burglar's tools manufactured, the authorities believe that the highwayman responsible for a series of saloon holdups in this city has at last been captured. Both in face and stature Spencer tallies exactly with the descriptions furnished by the victims of the robber with the exception that the man under arrest is not of swarthy complexion.

Detectives Snow and Reising had had Spencer under surveillance for several days but had not been able to gather any tangible evidence that would convict him with the saloon robberies. Last night they followed the fellow to Second and Taylor streets and saw him enter a locksmith's store. As Spencer left the place he was placed under arrest and locked up in the city prison pending an investigation. The locksmith informed the police that the man had asked him to manufacture several skeleton keys and a pair of nippers. Upon this statement a charge of having burglar's tools manufactured was entered against Spencer.

It is the opinion of the detectives that the prisoner is a notorious burglar and an effort will be made to ascertain his history. All of those saloonmen who have been robbed will visit the station today to allow them an opportunity of identifying the man. The fact that Spencer is of light skin and the highwayman has been described as an Italian does not greatly worry the detectives, as they have held all along that the crook disguised himself by applying a chemical stain to his face and hands and speaking with an Italian accent. Their theory is borne out by the fact that in the last holdup the robber, although corresponding in every detail to the perpetrator of the former crimes, was light-skinned and there was nothing of the foreigner about him.

Spencer will be photographed this afternoon and the police of the principal cities will be communicated with in an endeavor to find if he is wanted in any other state or has served time in any penitentiary. By the aid of the keys and nippers which he desired made Spencer would have no difficulty in picking the lock of any door and this alone, according to the police, stamps him as a dangerous character.

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WILL SECURE OPTION ON HAWTHORNE PARK

Though the option has been withdrawn, the Hawthorne estate is apparently still trying to induce the city officials to keep a string on Hawthorne park so that it may be purchased later on. At the meeting of the judiciary committee of the council yesterday Joseph Buchtel and other east-siders asked that the city take an option on the property for one year. The committee finally decided to recommend to the council that this be done.

The price asked by the Hawthorne estate is \$150,000. After some hard things had been said about the water which flows from the springs in the park, the offer was withdrawn. Since then a number of resolutions have been adopted whose purpose evidently is to show the officials what a good thing they missed when the offer was not accepted. Also the water has been vindicated.

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