

URGE IMMEDIATE DEVELOPMENT OF CITY PARK PLANS

City Loses by Waiting, Declare Civic Council Speakers; Boulevards Are Also Named as Important.

"I believe Portland can afford to spend \$1,000,000 a year for five years for parks and boulevards. Council Crest should be bought, should have been bought a year and a half ago. For advertising, for beauty, for convenience and for health Portland could not make a better investment."—Gay Lombard.

"The park board should be appointed by the mayor, but it should not be governed or dictated by the mayor. Portland's park board policy is bad, unsettled and should be changed by a charter amendment permitting the board to have a continuing policy of systematic improvement and development of parks and boulevards"—Isador Lang.

"The city was asked to pay \$300,000 for Council Crest. It didn't seem worth it. The maximum price should not be much over \$200,000 according to appraisal. The larger price is a 'hold-up.' We should obtain Council Crest by condemnation proceedings."—Dr. J. R. Wetherbee.

The Portland park situation was comprehensively surveyed by the speakers quoted at the Civic council meeting in the Commercial club building last night. Mr. Lang said that Portland was way to the rear of other cities in the development of parks and boulevards and mentioned Seattle's expenditure of several millions in this connection. He suggested that the Civic council ask to have placed on the ballot a charter amendment permitting the board to be "its own boss." It is now governed principally by the mayor. He said that in other cities the mayor did not have this control.

Dr. Wetherbee said that it was true Portland was behind other cities in the matter of parks, but that while this was unfortunate, much had been accomplished. Portland, he said, has 32 park areas which are being developed as rapidly as possible, yet economically, by Park Superintendent Mische.

Explains Delay in Sale. Mr. Lang said that the sale of \$500,000 park and boulevard bonds had been held up and insisted that Portland should spend not less than \$5,000,000 in parks and boulevards. Then Dr. Wetherbee explained that the sale of park bonds had been delayed largely because the amount was needed to the development of the South Portland park and boulevard plan, and that it was not therefore expedient to sell these bonds while funds for the purchase of Council Crest were not yet available.

Dr. Wetherbee had with him some beautifully made drawings of the Sellwood and Peninsula park playgrounds. Both of these plans are being developed and promise to be exceedingly attractive when completed.

Concerning the Council Crest purchase, Dr. Wetherbee said it would be necessary to buy 23.04 acres, for which the highest proper price was \$6000 an acre. But, in addition, he said, A. Duchamp had asked \$50,000 for his lease for amusement features and L. A. Thompson wanted \$10,000 for his scenic railroad lease, or \$40,000 for the outfit. In view of the prices asked Dr. Wetherbee said he believed condemnation proceedings would alone be satisfactory.

Plan for Auditorium. Before he had done speaking Dr. Wetherbee made an eloquent plea for the public auditorium plan, including the \$500,000 auditorium bond issue upon which the people are to vote in June. Four great organizations desire to bring their national conventions to Portland, he said, and each would bring not less than 10,000 delegates. The Elks and Modern Woodmen are included among these organizations. Other organizations are sending their scouts to Portland to find out what would be the quality of entertainment. A public auditorium would be sufficient in nearly every instance to bring these great conventions to Portland.

The council passed unanimously a resolution approving the auditorium and authorized a committee to promote the auditorium plan.

Gay Lombard said that if Portland would spend \$1,000,000 a year for five years in parks and boulevards, it would be an investment equal in worth to that of Kansas City, Mo., where the boulevard system is one of the city's chief beauties and attractions for conventions and tourists. All the most desirable land that property which might have been bought for \$1,000,000 two or three years ago would now cost from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, and that this rate of increase was now even more rapid than it had been.

Approve Crematory. The report of a committee appointed to investigate the new garbage crematory was heard. The members said that the crematory was of excellent construction, and with minor improvements, might give most satisfactory service.

It was particularly asked that those who are circulating petitions for redistricting the city into 15 wards should report at once and learn what progress had been made. Reports are to be made to Ben Reisinger.

The Civic council, as a last act before adjournment, adopted a resolution condemning the board of school directors for trying to secure the passage of an ordinance permitting wood extensions to buildings now already fireproofed. The city law now says that all new school buildings must be fireproof.

PEPOON MUST DIE: VERDICT AFFIRMED BY HIGHEST COURT

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Investigation, but this was not immediately granted and she made two trips to Olympia to urge Attorney General Bell to investigate. Bell directed his assistant, George P. Lee, to proceed to Stevens county and inquire into the suspicious death.

The body was exhumed and traces of strychnine found in the stomach. Pepon was arrested and placed on trial. Ray Wilcox, who was a paroled convict living with the Pepons, had previously fled and has never been apprehended. Pepon was found guilty of murder in the first degree and appealed to the supreme court, alleging technical errors in the trial court. Department of Justice attorneys, including Judges Dunbar, Chadwick, Cow and Morris, find no reason for reversing the previous opinion.

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Popular Actress Is Given an Ovation



Miss Florence Roberts.

The silent minute, repeated curtain calls and showers of applause at every breathing space last night marked the advent into stock of Miss Florence Roberts, who opened her eight weeks' engagement at the Baker with "Jim the Penman," which will run the balance of the week. She was supported by Thurlow Bergen, and her cousin, Theodore Roberts, of her company, and by J. Frank Burke, Frank Denithorne, and others of the Baker stock company. The happy selection of actors, the play and scenery made for instantaneous and well merited success.

Takes on New Life. With rapid action, and climax piled on climax, the play which has been on the boards for a score of years, took on new life, and seemed as new, and much more satisfactory, than the latest Broadway flurries.

The story of "Jim the Penman" is too well known to need recounting. It is the old tale of a forger, liar and cheat meeting his downfall when his life's ambition is within his grasp.

As James Ralston, to the world a financier, and in reality the forger "Jim the Penman," Thurlow Bergen, met with instant approval. Polished, suave and at all times master of himself, he carried through his part as though he were the man whose character he depicted. He, with Theodore Roberts, as Baron Hartfield, the grasping, sly partner of Ralston's crimes, gave Miss Roberts splendid support in her difficult role of Mrs. Ralston.

Miss Roberts' work was reality itself. In her role she was given wide latitude for her emotional acting, and no opportunity was allowed to slip. When she appeared, here last winter in "The Nigger" her score of popularity was mighty high, and today it is greater and more.

J. Frank Burke established himself more firmly in the good graces of Portland theatregoers also. He played the part of Louis Percival, to whom Mrs. Ralston is affianced.

Plenty of singing, acting and acrobatic stunts—in short a diversified bill of good quality—goes to make the offering at the Pantages pleasing this week. There is only one flaw in the whole performance and that takes place when the two young men in an act essay to sing.

The "Cadets de Gagne," a French operetta, divide honors with the headliners, the "Six Cornalles," European balancing acrobats. The cadets are splendid singers and their costumes are among the tastiest seen on the Pantages stage for many moons. The Six Cornalles prove to be very entertaining and much applause greeted their balancing and pyramid work and other skillful feats.

The bill opens with Morie and Scome, jugglers, who are good. Scome is a comedian of no mean quality.

La Salle and Starr know how to dance and they proved it. Their vocal efforts, however, offset to a degree the favorable impression given by their dances.

Will C. Matthews and Miss Lillian English took well in a short farcical sketch—"A Modern Adam." The sketch was original and witty, moving pictures and an orchestra selection mark the close of the bill.

The Lyric Musical Comedy company opened the forty-fourth week of musical comedy at the Lyric theatre yesterday afternoon in another of Dillon and King's melodious entertainments entitled "The Bachelors." It is a very funny mixture of music and dialogue that reflects credit upon the authors. Dillon and King are in the title roles and assisted by Ernest Van Pelt furnish loads

of comedy throughout the production. Miss Maude Rockwell, after an absence of a week again is seen in the prima donna parts and received a very flattering reception at her entrance. Miss Rockwell sang with good taste "When You First Kiss the Last Girl" and had to respond to a number of encores. Fred Lancaster and Buster Williams do a very neat specialty, the dancing part of the number being especially good. Frances Paon, assisted by the orchestra, renders a very mysterious number that brought forth much applause, and Jack Wise brought down the house in his clever rendition of the popular song hit, "Stop, Stop, Stop." Anna Cassel is seen this week in her favorite character part, Mrs. Ketchum, and with her son (Myrtle Howard) they cause many an uproar. The poker game played by Dillon, King, Lancaster and Van Pelt is very comical and keeps the house in a continual roar of laughter for the time being. "The Bachelors" has a well developed plot that is full of mixups from start to finish and finishes with everybody being happy. The finale, written by E. L. McKensie and Fred Lanier, entitled "Goodbye Folks," is out of the ordinary run of musical numbers and brings a very pleasing performance to an end. Same bill all week with daily matinee and the chorus girls' contest after each performance on Friday night.

Reyes on Way. Mexico City, March 28.—It was learned here today that General Bernardo Reyes had left Rome last night for Paris, and that he will be here in two weeks. Reyes will not take a seat in the cabinet, but will become active commander of the federal troops in Chihuahua.

With the exception of the ministers of foreign affairs and of the interior, the new cabinet was sworn in here today at noon.

Chehalis Plants Trout. Chehalis, Wash., March 28.—Sheriff Urquhart's deputies are planting 10,000 eastern brook trout in the streams near this city. Another consignment will be received later from the national government.

MADERO PREDICTS PEACE IN MEXICO WITHIN 30 DAYS

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The near future, if the parties can come to terms.

This afternoon the elder Madero disappeared in an automobile and it is reported he has gone to meet a representative of the Mexican government.

Army officers here believe the United States government, knowing that Diaz is about to resign, proposes to keep the army here until the new government is firmly established.

It is reported that the rebels have guaranteed safe conduct through to Mexico City for De La Barra.

DE LA BARRA DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF PEACE CHATS WITH MADERO

(United Press Special Wire.)

St. Louis, March 28.—Mexican Foreign Minister De La Barra who was ambassador to the United States here today declared he knew nothing of peace negotiations with the Maderos, and heard nothing of a report that General Bernardo Reyes was coming from Paris to command the Mexican troops. He knew nothing of Reyes' movements, he said, except what he had learned from newspaper reports.

De La Barra denied that he had ambitions to become president of Mexico. He said he would rather teach logic and mathematics in some university.

Diaz' Resignation Reported. San Antonio, March 28.—Reports are

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My house failed. I am stranded here without a dollar. I must sell the contents of my 10 big sample trunks to raise money to pay my hotel bills and get back to New York. My house, which was one of the finest on Broadway, made nothing but men's high class clothing to sell from \$15 to \$35. There are 25 high grade, custom tailored suits and 12 overcoats in the entire sample outfit, and in order to raise sufficient cash with which to defray my expenses to New York, I will sell these garments at 50 cents on the dollar of actual cost of production—a true concession. I have tried to sell the samples to merchants, but as they knew of the predicament I was in, the advantage they tried to take was outrageous. Therefore I decided to retail these high grade suits direct to the public at 50 cents on the dollar. Come, if only to look. You will profit by your trip. Following is the price. Read it carefully and come assured to get every suit as advertised: \$15 suits and overcoats for \$7.50; \$20 suits and overcoats for \$10; \$25 suits and overcoats for \$12.50. Sale begins today and will end Saturday night. Sale takes place in sample room, next to the Oregon Hotel, 85 Seventh, between Stark and Oak streets.

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FUN IN "THE BACHELORS"

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PATENT PAVERS JOLTED

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competition with private companies. Some were afraid the city expense would be greater than the cost by contract. Asked what the city would do in such a case, Kellaher tersely replied: "It won't happen."

Where the city estimates for street work come from was one of the questions propounded to Hyland. He said he did not know. Then one of the audience said he had asked the city engineer, and the engineer told him the mayor directs the estimates. A question as to where the mayor gets his information remained unanswered.

About 25 people attended the meeting. Subscriptions were taken to defray the expense of circulating the initiative petition to put the municipal plant bond issue on the ballot.

Swedish Lutheran Conference. Galesburg, Ill., March 28.—The annual meeting of the Illinois conference of the Swedish Lutheran church began in this city today with a large attendance of delegates and visitors. Considerable business is to be transacted and the sessions will probably not be concluded before next Monday.



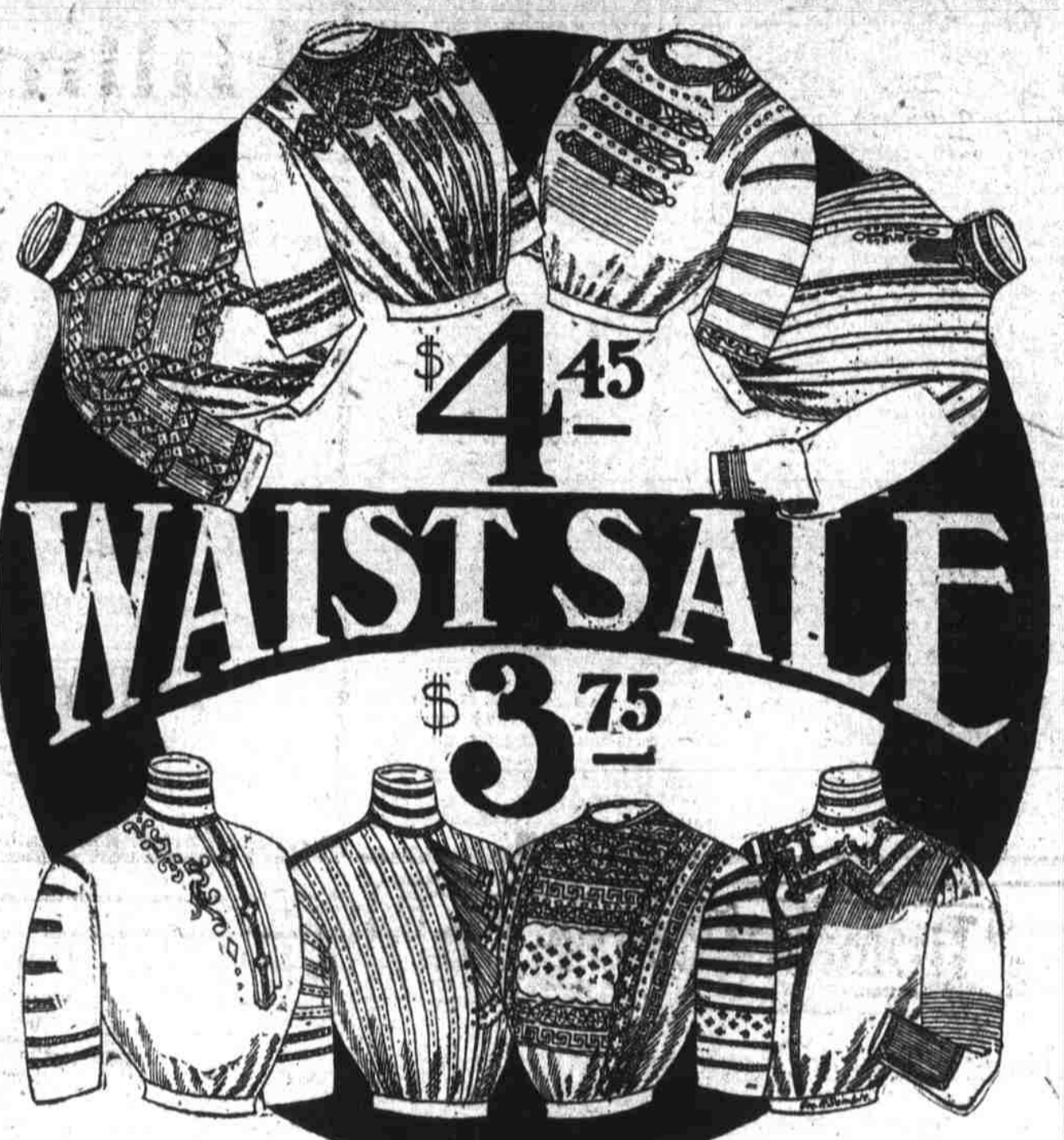
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