

DOCK MEN DO NOT WANT TO INSTALL SPRINKLER DEVICE

Protests Against System Made Before Public Docks Commission; Claim It Would Endanger Freight.

Strongest objection was made yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the commission of public docks to the section of the proposed waterfront ordinance which deals with the question of sprinkler systems on the docks. Several of the large number of waterfront property owners, who were present, talked against being compelled to install such systems on old docks, not only because of expense, but because of probable damage it might cause to certain classes of freight.

The meeting called by the commission lasted from 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon until nearly 4 o'clock, during which time the members listened to the comments and objections to each section of the proposed ordinance as it was read by the clerk. As the commission wishes to look into the criticisms of the dock owners and waterfront property owners at length, a stenographer took down all the proceedings of the meeting and Chairman Mulkey will have a copy presented to each member of the commission that they may be considered at length.

Would Damage Freight.

In connection with the installation of automatic sprinkling systems on the old docks, it was pointed out that on some classes of property it would be dangerous to use them as in the case of places where electrical machinery is in use, while on docks where cement, plaster, grain and flour is stored, and the sprinklers should be started by a small fire in another section of the dock, that class of freight would be damaged, although the fire might not be near enough or large enough to hurt it.

It was suggested as an alternative that the old docks be piped in sections and that hose connections be made on the outside of the dock for the use of fireboats or engines.

When the section governing repairs to old property was read, the question arose as to whether a provision compelling the filling of plans would include the reworking of one level of a dock and other minor repairs that might not exceed \$500. It was explained that while plans were not necessary, a formal application would have to be filed for permission. On the assertion of L. A. Lewis, of Allen & Lewis, that as the proposed ordinance prescribed non-combustible material being used there could be no repairs made to existing wooden docks, R. L. Gilean said that he represented two waterfront structures that could be repaired with incombustible material and that for this reason the structures, which otherwise might stand for years, would be rendered useless.

Criticism Proposed Measure.

Criticism was made to a section of the proposed measure in which certain structures are to be prohibited within 100 feet of the harbor line. It was pointed out by A. C. Spencer, of the O. W. R. & N. legal department, that this would interfere with the construction of the proposed mill and elevators of the Globe Milling company, while W. R. Baggot, the Portland representative of the milling company, said that to remove the mill and elevators beyond 75 feet from the harbor line would make the expense of conveying prohibitive.

It was suggested by G. W. Boschke, chief engineer of the O. W. R. & N. that the fronts of the different docks be covered by heavy planks spaced a few inches apart to prevent the collection of drift under the docks and thus do away with a big fire danger. The spacing between the planks would also give plenty of ventilation, he said.

Raised Question of Title.

Perhaps the tenuous point in this very earnest consideration was the question of title below high water line, raised by Attorney Wood, representing waterfront owners he declined to name. The ordinance provides that where there is sea wall construction, it must be put at least 50 feet in rear of harbor line, and if filled in behind, a disclaimer of title would be required as to the land now below high water line.

The port commission has offered, where sea wall construction is used, to fill in behind, in some case gratuitously.

Mr. Swigert said no owner would consent to such disclaimer and suggested that a disclaimer be required only of title that might accrue from such filling. Chairman Mulkey made it plain that the object was to require the riparian owner to quit claim below high water line as to title and to be contented with a wharf right regulated by the dock commission.

Mr. Spencer asked if the provision that sea walls must be 100 feet back of harbor line, between Morrison and Broadway bridges on both both sides of the river, was inserted for the purpose of preserving the public title below high water line.

By section 53, the structures which may be erected below the ordinary high water line, are limited to docks, wharves, piers, warehouses and dock terminal facilities.

Section 53, provides for condemnation of dangerous buildings. These also met with objections.

That the meeting was successful from the point of view of the criticism afforded there can be no doubt as the rooms of the commission were filled and those who did not join in the criticism at least took a deep interest in the proceedings.

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TEACHERS WONT TAKE THE REMOTE SCHOOLS

(Special to The Journal.)
Florence, Or., Dec. 5.—County Superintendent H. C. Baughman and Supervisor A. J. O'Reilly returned to Eugene Monday after conducting the institute at Florence for the coast division of Lane county teachers. While here Superintendent Baughman visited the district at Heceta Head, which makes the second time a superintendent has ever visited that remote district.

One important feature of the institute was a school board meeting which was attended by directors from most of the districts. The question of consolidation of districts was discussed and it was pointed out that especially along the rivers where pupils could be transported easily and cheaply in launches, a half dozen or more districts could with advantage be combined.

Superintendent Baughman was pleased to find most of the schools provided with teachers. Last year many districts went a-begging, Heceta school started Monday, Heceta Lake, eight miles north of Florence, with families so far apart that the pupils stay at home and a peripatetic teacher instructs them by turns; this district has also secured a teacher. District No. 143, north of Heceta, however, is still without a teacher. This district, however, was only recently reorganized. It has had only about two weeks of school in four years.

SENDING OUT TEACHERS' EXAMINATION QUERIES

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 5.—State School Superintendent Alderman is today sending out the questions for the state teachers' examinations which will be held in every county in the state December 13 to 21, inclusive. The various subjects will be given as follows:

Wednesday forenoon—Writing, United States history, physiology. Wednesday afternoon—Physical geography, reading, composition, methods in reading, methods in arithmetic. Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, civil government, history of education, psychology, methods in geography. Thursday afternoon—Grammar, geography, American literature, physics, methods in language, thesis for primary certificate. Friday forenoon—Theory and practice, orthography, English literature. Friday afternoon—School law, botany, algebra. Saturday forenoon—Geometry, geology. Saturday afternoon—General history, bookkeeping.

MAN LIES ALL NIGHT WITH HIS LEG BROKEN

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
A man giving the name of A. L. Pickett laid all Wednesday night along the Southern Pacific tracks near Brooklyn with his leg broken. A train crew yesterday morning discovered him. They notified the dispatcher, who sent word to the police. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital.

While the man is unwilling to talk, the best information gained is that he was stealing a ride on a passenger train to California. In some way, it is supposed, he lost his hold as the train rounded a curve south of the Brooklyn carshops and was pitched headlong down a steep grade. After lying unconscious for two hours he crawled to the top of the grade, but was unable to signal help until yesterday morning.

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RELATIVES LIKE LEAR'S DAUGHTERS

Albany Man Says He Was Thrown Out After Deeding His Property.

(Special to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., Dec. 5.—King Lear and his family's troubles were recalled here yesterday when Joseph B. Godwin filed a complaint in the circuit court of Lane county asking that deeds to 340 acres of land in this county be set aside and the property be declared to belong to him.

In the complaint he says he became seriously ill and badly paralyzed in 1909, and believing that he was about to die, he deeded the property to his relatives with the understanding that he should be taken care of and given a decent burial in case of his death.

After he had deeded the property away, he says, his beneficiaries commenced a course of cruel and inhuman treatment and finally ejected him forcibly from the land that had belonged to him, and for the last two years or more have not even furnished him with clothes nor has anyone else.

The defendants to whom he alleges he deeded his land and the amount deeded is as follows: Pearl O. Godwin, 40 acres; Nettie M. Scott, 40 acres; Jennie V. Junky, 40 acres; William L. Godwin, 40 acres; George W. Godwin, 40 acres; Cassia, Joseph L., Etta M., Laura A. and Minnie M. Godwin, 140 acres.

He says that after he had deeded the land he became much stronger and recovered much of his former health and then began the cruel and inhuman treatment which resulted in his finally being ejected from the land that he had deeded. He asks the court to set aside the deeds and declare the land to be his property again. The consideration in each of the deeds, a copy of which is attached to the complaint, is one (love and affection) dollar.

ESCAPED PRISONER LEFT WATCH, WRITES BACK TO ASK FOR IT

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 5.—Henry Bangert, the convict at the state penitentiary who was adjudged insane and sent to the asylum, from where he escaped November 2, wants his watch. A couple of days ago the superintendent of the penitentiary received a letter saying that Bangert desired his watch sent to him in care of A. J. Zueber of Springfield, in Lane county.

Superintendent Steiner of the asylum sent a man to Springfield to return Bangert to the asylum, but some of his friends informed him that the attendant was looking for him and he disappeared.

He is presumably headed south, and the asylum authorities ask the cooperation of southern Oregon officials in apprehending him. He is about 40 years old, bald headed, gray eyes, weight 185 pounds, stoops, and talks broken English.

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