

SIXTY MILLION IN PUBLIC PROPERTY BEING SACRIFICED

J. B. Zeigler Calls Attention to Vast Amount Involved in Fight to Save Waterfront for People.

By J. B. Zeigler.

As I have already stated, the public property in the area of harbor at stake at this juncture involving all the wharf sites, and of a value of \$60,000,000 or more, is of sufficient concern to suggest some other policy than that of filling it in for the acquisition of the abutting owners.

Had Portland an unlimited harbor area, like the Sound ports, where they have three harbor lines it would not be so bad, but the area is insufficient for the great port, she is entitled to be acknowledged as, for there has been much talk of dredging out Swan Island. But Swan Island will have to be bought, being unoccupied, while the fore shore, being public property, is available without purchase. Can that be the reason that Swan Island is preferred? Swan Island would require double the amount of dredging beside the purchase price.

Can it be that the purchase of private properties out of public funds is the real weighty fact which turns the balance in favor of the more expensive policy? Evidently the filling in of submerged lands down to the wharf line—a deep water contour—and buying uplands in lieu thereof to dredge out is a foolish and wasteful policy.

Are Waterfront Owners.

Most of the members of the Port Commission, in whom is vested the administrative rights of the state, for the public, are extensive waterfront owners. Dan J. Phayer, the leading spirit in the slaughter of the dock bill to save these lands, and member and appointer of a committee to draw a substitute bill for the action of the next legislature, is attorney for the Eastern & Western Lumber company to defend its claims against the public title. Another suggestion unavoidably presents itself here: That under such delegation of authority to settle the question, it is not likely to be settled justly and impartially.

It must be remembered that the wharf act was passed in 1862 when the port commerce had been handled without wharves, and when private wharves offered ample facilities, and none other was thought of. Yet the act called the wharf right a privilege, and the granting away of the public title was not contemplated. Indeed, the private greed of waterfront owners at that date was glad to content itself with the public title for 10 years' battle and hard earned victory over the public levee (throughout the whole waterfront). The acquisition of the river area down to the wharf line is a modern enterprise.

Wasted Their Time

It was useless anyway to think about it, with the men formerly on the bench of the state supreme court, such as Judges Lord and Phayer, and even Judge Williams, had written too many learned, clear and decisive judgments on the question to make any litigation attacking the public title of any avail at that time.

The wharf line "harbor line" was located by Major Hanbury of the government Engineers in 1892. It was located strictly as a wharf line, and had nothing to do with boundary or titles. It is subject to change, by the federal, port or city authorities, and has since 1892 been advanced further into the harbor. Even granting the wharf line as property line, in 1892 the area was sufficient then. While now it is not. Against just such contingencies, and that of floods, is the title to the whole bed of navigable rivers necessarily public. The territory needed for public commerce and passage of waters of rivers at ordinary full stage are not in their nature the fit subject of private ownership.

But, as the old O. S. & N. company claimed a monopoly of the waters of the Willamette and Columbia, and as the old Swansite claimants claimed the public levee, so yet we have the riparian proprietors on the waterfront claiming exclusive rights in the river down to the deep water wharf-line.

It is not alone the money loss to the public, vast as it is, but the hampering, obstruction, injury, curtailment, the possible defeat of any efficient harbor improvements, that is the most grave feature of the prevailing policy.

Other Cities Protect Rights.

San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tacoma, Seattle, are all conserving their public harbor properties and bending their financial strength in port construction.

As stated, though their harbor areas are more ample than Portland's they have been better guarded, both by legislation and policy.

The fact is that in Oregon (and it is rebellion against this fact that gave birth to the Oregon system) individual and corporate power is too great, and the public power too weak in its execution. The public interest lacks in some way the authority it obtains elsewhere. Despite our liberal views and advanced legislation, private power is

SECRETARY BRYAN BREAKS GROUND FOR FAIR BUILDING



Secretary of State Bryan and Colonel Cornilius Gardner, U. S. A., reviewing troops from The Presidio upon the occasion of the dedication of the agricultural building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

San Francisco, May 13.—The fifth of the great exhibit palaces to be started at San Francisco was formally begun when Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan turned the first spadeful of dirt for the palace of agriculture, during his recent visit to the Pacific coast.

The ground breaking exercises were the most impressive that have been held upon the site of the Panama-Pacific International exposition. Officials of the exposition company, military officers, visiting diplomats and dignitaries and a great crowd of people witnessed the exercises.

Secretary Bryan pointed out the vast markets to be created through the opening of the Panama canal. It will be 400 years this fall since Balboa climbed the western slope and looked down upon the Pacific," said Mr. Bryan. "The dream of commerce which men

had then is about to be realized, for the time is near when ships shall pass from sea to sea and take the short passage to the great markets of the Orient.

"The completion of the Panama canal will mark the completion of man's greatest engineering feat. There is nothing in the material progress of the world so deserving of celebration as this. Our joy in this accomplishment is so great that we must share it with the nations of the world, and I know of no place where such an event could be more exultantly celebrated than in this city by the Golden Gate.

More than 100 members have been added to the Toronto, Ont., Machinists' union since January 1 of this year, and it is probable that a renewed effort will be made in the near future to establish the eight-hour day in that trade in Toronto.

too much in evidence and public power too little.

It is as if in rebellion against an autocratic oligarchy, the people had despaired of all organized authority and lost confidence in law itself; forgetting the fact that abuse of law and untrammeled individual strength breeds waste, tyranny and eventual anarchy. Public interests can only be protected by law and the confidence of the people to enforce it.

The law, however, is not to be confused with courts and decisions. In corrupt times, the courts evade rather than express the law, and there must be concern and intelligence enough on the part of the people to hold these to the true course of the law, which is nothing but justice and order, and is based upon and does not transcend common sense.

In the present juncture Oregon law unfortunately permits, at the discretion of officials, the possibility of the establishment of the policy of fills down to the wharf line, with its incidental passage of title of area on the land side of those lines into private ownership, and the tremendous financial loss to the public.

Have Narrow Policy. If there were any compensating advantages, we might reconcile ourselves. If private waterfront owners promised us better dock facilities in lieu of the loss of harbor area? If they felt a personal responsibility for efficient terminals and the securing to Portland of friendly railroad "rate structures" that we might transship our own cargoes instead of sending them to Seattle and San Francisco; if they guaranteed the loss.

But they do not. They remain merely selfish throughout, thinking in a narrow way of their own fortunes without a thought of the fortunes or the destiny of the port.

Instead of a modern dock system with the modern equipment to invite ocean commerce, they hulk at a sea wall or even a sufficient bulkhead, and fire-proof construction. Instead of a liberal system of inter-connection of private terminals, they think constantly of excluding their competitors.

And that is why the public should arouse, claim its own, and give its own engineers the job of planning its own terminal system. Doubtless there are many ambitious young engineers pining for an opportunity and freedom to work on so noble a subject.

Private aggression has ruined the harbor in the center of the city; let not the lower harbor go the same way.

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GOVERNOR GOES TO TUMALO PROJECT

J. N. Teal and Engineer Lauergaard Accompany Him to Meet Settlers.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., May 13.—Governor West, J. N. Teal and Engineer O. Lauergaard left today for the Tumalo irrigation project, formerly called the Columbia Southern, in Crook county, and will spend a week meeting settlers and making arrangements for the state to begin active work on the project just as soon as the \$450,000 appropriation becomes available, June 3. Governor West has announced that he is preparing to spend much of his time giving personal attention to the work of completing the project.

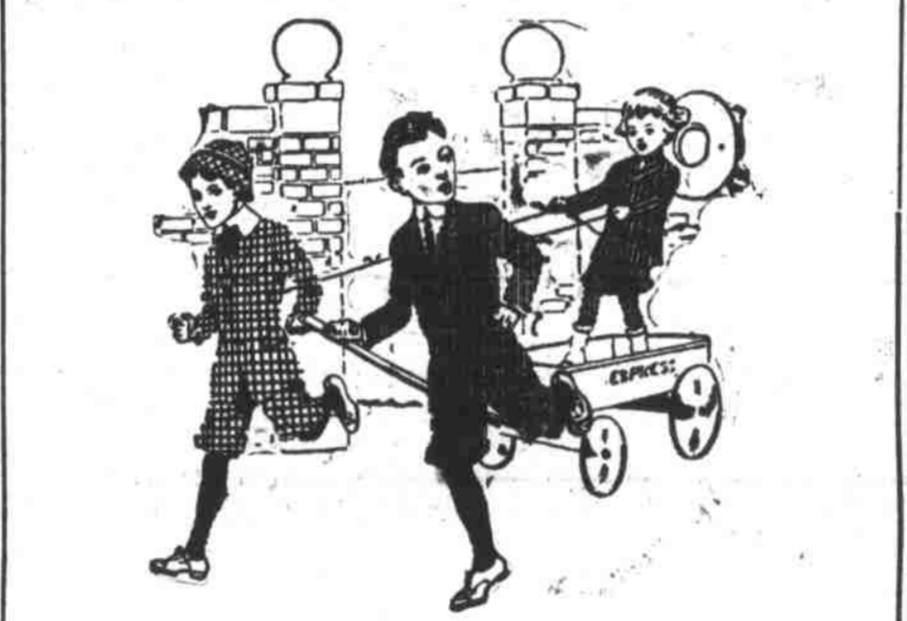
John Day River Is Mapped. (Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., May 13.—State Engineer Lewis has received advance sheets of maps prepared by the state and the United States geological survey showing the profile of the John Day river, from its mouth to the junction of the middle fork, a distance of 180 miles. The finished maps will soon be ready for distribution by the government. The state engineer has also received advance sheets of topographical maps covering the territory about Albany and Jefferson, showing all five foot contours.

Inheritance Funds \$400 Greater. Salem, Or., May 13.—T. F. Ryan, head of the inheritance tax department in the state treasury office, spent last Saturday in Portland going over the appraisements of three estates. By stipulation with the representatives of the estates the appraisements were raised enough to add \$400 to the inheritance tax that will be collected by the state.

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