

# SWAN ISLAND PORT PLAN IS BACKED BY DOCK COMMISSION

Unanimous approval of the Swan Island basin improvement project as outlined by the committee of 15 to the city council last week, was made this morning by the commission of public docks at a regular meeting held in its offices at the foot of Stark street.

Careful consideration had been given the development plans by the various members of the commission, and their approval was given as a result of a resolution presented by the city council for an expression of opinion. Authority was granted the city attorney to draft a suitable resolution making clear the stand of the dock commission.

## PIER BIDS OPENED

Bids on work of constructing pier No. 4 at municipal terminal No. 2 and No. 3, which were opened and the contract was awarded A. Guthrie & Co., the lowest bidder.

Pier No. 5 is to be used for the phosphate rock movement, which will begin in May. Piling has been purchased for the pier by the dock commission and work is to be started immediately by the contractor.

An offer was received by the commission from C. H. Hamilton of Seattle to sell the new Seattle drydock to the local commission for \$90,000. The offer was placed on file. The local commission has approved the building of a five pontoon drydock to supplement the Port of Portland drydock and plans have been completed by G. B. Hegardt, engineer for the commission.

Refusals were received from the Regal, Pittcock and Fallig estates for permission to allow the dock commission to expand their quarters at the foot of Stark street. These estates are owners of the adjoining property at the foot of Stark street.

Permission was granted the operators of the river steamer Gramham to use municipal dock No. 2 as a landing place. Permission was granted to Peerless Pacific company to erect several small temporary buildings on their property at this dock. The city engineer has approved the building of a five pontoon drydock for permission to erect a small building on their property was referred to the engineer for consideration.

## NON-UNION CREW SPEEDS UP IN LOADING STEAMER

Loading of the steel steamer Elbebeck at Montgomery dock No. 2 was proceeding more rapidly this morning, with three gangs of non-union longshoremen on duty. The waterfront employers' union expects to place a fourth gang at work this evening so that the full cargo of grain may be loaded by the end of this week. The steamer is intended for Alexandria, Egypt, and is being shipped by the Pacific Grain corporation.

Trouble has been encountered with members of the local Longshoremen's union who refused Saturday to work aboard the ship and handle grain put in the ship's slings by non-union grain handlers. The waterfront employers' union is inclined to let this incident slip by peaceably, according to expressions made by union officials this morning.

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