

MAN PAYS TAXES ON WRONG LOT, DEMANDS REFUND

Similarity in Site and Block Number Leads Man to Mistake; Was in Wrong Tract.

Calcho Stanchoff finds himself in the position of having paid off assessments for public work on property he thought was his own, whereas his property had a similar number for lot and block, but was in another tract. Now he is unable to get a refund from the city, and he has been unable to induce the real owner of the property to reimburse him. The excuse made to the council for non-payment by the real owner was that the statute of limitation had run.

The matter was referred to City Attorney Grant and in his report to the city council, to be formally laid before it Wednesday, he does not mince words in expressing his opinion. Grant points out that the city cannot legally refund the money to Stanchoff, as his application for bonding gave the description of the property he did not own—lot 8, block 7, Sweeney's addition, although he did own lot 8, block 7, Green's addition—and that he kept up the payments on the property he described.

The Marietta Realty company sold the property on which Stanchoff was paying assessments to Victor Blum. Had no mistake been made by Stanchoff, says the city attorney, the Realty company and Blum would have been required to have paid the assessments, and that "no contention that the statute of limitation has run against these payments and to further contend that Mr. Stanchoff is not entitled to any relief does not display that equitable spirit which should emanate from honest men."

Grant says he believes the city should do all within its power to protect Stanchoff and that Blum should be cited to appear before the council and "give such explanation as he deems proper."

NEW DELINQUENT PROPERTY SALE SET FOR JANUARY 27

Another sale of properties delinquent on assessments for public work has been announced by City Treasurer Adams for 10 o'clock of January 27. The delinquencies are on the following improvements:

For improvement of Ellis avenue, from Milwaukee to East 22d street, lots in Floral Park and Midway annex.

For improvement of Portsmouth avenue, from Willis boulevard to Columbia Blough road, lots in College Place.

For sewer in Lambert avenue, from 325 feet east of East 29th street to the east line of Eastmoreland, lots in Berkeley.

For sewer in Malden avenue, from East 29th street to the east line of Eastmoreland, lots in Berkeley.

For sewer in East 14th, East 7th, East 75th and Halsey streets, lots in Franklin, Johnson's, Katharine.

CITY TAKES STEPS TO TAKE OVER POWELL VALLEY ROAD

The first formal steps have been taken by the city council to acquire from the county the Powell Valley road from the east line of East 21st street to the west line of East 22d street, now maintained as a county highway. The council on December 12 passed resolutions declaring its intention to take over this street. At the next session the council will resolve recommendations from Commissioner Barber that City Engineer Laurgaard be instructed to make the surveys and prepare a written report on the matter of taking over the street. This is preparatory to advancing the plan for its permanent improvement, for which the county will provide the major part of the funds required. This will be a main artery leading to the new Ross Island bridge.

LICENSE IN QUESTION

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Baker, based upon reports of the police department and the city attorney, James Timms, holder of a rooming house license for No. 148 Lovensdale street, is to appear before the council to show cause why his license should not be revoked.

Portland Men Take Over Old Gold Site In Josephine County

Earl C. Stevens, J. H. Nodine and Leroy Lomas have organized the Mint & Bullion Placer Mining company and taken over the claims on Althouse creek, near Holland in Josephine county, that they say give excellent prospects of becoming good producers.

The claims are in a district that in the early days it said to have yielded \$32,000,000 from the simple process of mining with pick and shovel. During recent years, John Apple, old-time miner, installed considerable machinery, and it was from him the Portland men, a short time ago, after extensive investigations, purchased the property. Apple having met with an accident preventing his active participation in operation of his plant.

Stevens is a mining engineer, graduate of the Columbia School of Mines in 1908, and spent some time in Central America before coming to Portland. Nodine is a former Californian and Lomas was formerly circuit judge in Baker, Or.

SCHOOL HEADS GATHER

Salem, Dec. 30.—County school superintendents from all Oregon counties are gathering in Salem for the annual conference at the call of J. A. Church, ill, state superintendent, public instruction. Business sessions will open Tuesday. The superintendents will grade examination papers while here.

NEW ASTORIA CITY COMMISSION IS TO ORGANIZE MONDAY

William Dethridge, Former Chief Deputy Sheriff, Expected to Be Police Department Head.

Astoria, Dec. 30.—Astoria's first city commission, including Mayor Setters, Commissioners Seaborg, Skyles, Maunula and Arnold and City Manager C. A. Krass, formerly manager of Le Grande, will be formally inducted into office at a session of the municipal body to be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the city hall. Mayor Setters will read his message to the commission, which body will organize and tentatively outline its work for 1923. It is also expected that all appointments to be made by the new city manager and by the commission itself will be announced at this time. The new commissioners and manager have given no inkling as to whom they expect to name for municipal offices, though it is reported that William Dethridge, chief deputy under Sheriff Slinaker, who resigned the week and has been succeeded by L. M. Kleiting, former circulation manager for the Evening Budget, is to be chief of police, replacing E. L. Carlson, who has held the office for four years.

MANY TO BE NAMED

Other department appointments to be filled by the new manager and commission include that of fire chief, held by Charles E. Foster; city auditor, E. G. Gearhart, incumbent; city treasurer, G. Zeigler, incumbent; superintendent of water commission, Albert Johnson, incumbent; city engineer, Robert A. McClanathan, incumbent; city attorney, James W. Mott, incumbent; police matron, Mrs. Mattie Had-dix, incumbent; city health officer, Dr. Nellies Vernon, incumbent; street superintendent, James Kearney, incumbent.

Astoria Patients

Dr. Pittenger, Dentist will be in business at 125 1/2 Sixth Street Second Floor Between Washington and Alder Portland Until Relocated in Lovell Bldg., Astoria, about February 15 Phone Broadway 7601

MIDNIGHT DANCE TONIGHT

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PORT BODY TO MEET

Three new members of the Port of Astoria commission, elected at the general election in November, will be formally seated at the first meeting of the new commission to be held Tuesday morning. They are: W. A. Tyler, vice president of the Astoria National bank; R. W. Skaller, local drygoods merchant, and G. Clifford Barlow, merchant of Warrenton. As E. F. Stone, present chairman of the commission, is the oldest member of the new body in point of years of service, it is expected he will be re-elected chairman. The retiring members of the port body are: George W. Sanborn, local fuel dealer and steamship man; Frank Patton, cashier of the Astoria Savings bank, and George W. Warren of Warrenton.

Mayor Setters has announced that one of the first problems to be taken up by the new commission will be the matter of widening the streets in the burned business district to permit construction of permanent business blocks at the earliest possible date.

Not Enough Punch In Volstead's Law, Judge Bean Holds

Bookleggers can thank their lucky stars that Federal Judge Robert E. Bean is not a member of congress. If he were no member of the anti-saloon league would have to tag him around. The judge would be miles ahead of them.

The jurist let it be known from the bench Saturday that he is not satisfied with Mr. Volstead's law against liquor vendors. He deplored the fact Saturday that the Volstead act would not allow him to do anything more than fine M. N. Johnson and Walter

(Red) Watts. He did his best, however, under the circumstances, and gave each man the limit—a \$500 fine each.

Watts and Johnson pleaded guilty to having five cases of bonded liquor in their possession last week when arrested by federal prohibition agents. Watts had arranged to sell the liquor to the agents, but before the sale was consummated the agents got impatient and made the arrest. Assistant United

States Attorney Edward Baldwin told the court that the case was an aggravated one and deserving of severe punishment, even though the sale had not been made.

"The circumstances are such that the court would impose another penalty other than the one allowed by the law if it were possible," said the judge after hearing the evidence. "If there is any weakness in the Volstead act at all, it is that the court

is limited to but a fine in such cases as this," he continued. "It would add greatly to the efficiency of the law if the court were allowed to impose prison sentences in such cases."

After playing hide-and-seek with the coast guard cutter Guard for several days, the speed launch El-K, loaded with 35 cases of whiskey, was run down and captured near Amacortes Wednesday.



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32x3 1/2 inches..	19.25 s.s.	13.95 s.s.	10.25 s.s.
31x4 inches..	19.50 s.s.	14.75 s.s.	11.50 Clasher
32x4 inches..	20.25 s.s.	15.25 s.s.	13.25 s.s.
33x4 inches..	21.25 s.s.	15.25 s.s.	13.75 s.s.
32x4 1/2 inches..	24.25 s.s.	15.95 s.s.	13.95 s.s.
33x4 1/2 inches..	26.25 s.s.		
34x4 1/2 inches..	27.25 s.s.		
35x4 1/2 inches..	28.25 s.s.		
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Size 34x4 inches.....\$2.30
Size 32x4 1/2 inches.....\$2.60
Size 34x4 1/2 inches.....\$2.70
Size 35x4 1/2 inches.....\$2.75
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