

DREDGING PLAN FOR COLUMBIA

Dredging of Slough Is Urged and Benefits of Plan Are Shown.

T. M. Hurlburt, city engineer of Portland, writing in the New Year Oregonian says of the proposed opening of the Columbia slough that no other proposition presented to the people of Portland possesses such immense possibilities as are offered by making of the slough a traffic highway. This idea is in accord with an article in the Outlook a few weeks ago, but Mr. Hurlburt would confine his project to the limits of the city of Portland. This is because Portland already has the authority to proceed in the work, whereas to extend the work further eastward would require an extension of the city limits or provision for the project by some other kind of legislation on the part of the state.

Mr. Hurlburt's plans extend for a distance of twelve miles eastward from the mouth of the slough in miles more would bring the project to Troutdale, and if the work is ever undertaken it will actually be extended the entire distance, but that time will be rather away. It is one of the big things that is bound to come some day for the city of Portland is growing and will cover this whole territory before it quits.

Speaking of the matter further Mr. Hurlburt says: "It is my plan first to clear the present channel of all trees, stumps, driftwood and other debris and to build up sufficiently to permit a flow of the water from the Columbia of flow through it. Starting at the confluence of the slough with the Willamette, I would dredge a channel of sufficient width and depth for ordinary river traffic, increasing the depth, and possibly the width, according to the needs and amount of traffic traversing the channel. At certain points along the channel I would dredge basins of sufficient size to permit the anchoring of vessels. The possibilities of this slough for commercial purposes are unsurpassed. The channel is 12 miles long, less to it below any of the bridges in the present harbor, and it will bring into use ground on both sides of the channel for docks. The land on each side for a mile back could be utilized for railway terminals, manufacturing sites and other industries. There are absolutely no obstacles in the way of developing this waterway as a commercial highway and its accessories, excepting the cost, as the system could be laid out without any hindrances such as now confront the city on our present waterfront. A general plan could be formulated and all desiring to avail themselves of the advantages offered by opening the stream to a great harbor could be forced to build in conformance to these plans. "In my opinion it would not be long before the great commercial forces of the city would realize the importance of the project and back up my efforts to bring it to a successful culmination. Docks, terminal yards, mills and factories could be located there. "As a secondary proposition the slough, if drained and made into a commercial highway, could be utilized as a drainage canal for all those portions of the city which slope toward the Columbia river. The sewage of this vast tract could be emptied into the channel without any insanitary results, providing there was a continuous current and sufficient water to afford proper dilution. This district needs sewers, but unless the Columbia Slough is dredged the sewage cannot be emptied into it and the property owners will be forced to construct at great expense an immense trunk sewer to drain the territory into the Willamette. "Already I have made a survey of the slough and am convinced that the proposition is feasible and that the cost will be far less than anticipated. While the cost may appear large, yet the result, in my opinion, will prove of inestimable benefit to the city as a whole and also to all who avail themselves of the shipping and manufacturing facilities offered. "I would propose that the Port of Portland Commission be given jurisdiction over the slough and perform

SILVER WEDDING AT PLEASANT VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bateman of Bell Rose celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 1st, 1913, at their pretty home on Fern Hill. Quite a large company assembled to see them renew their vows made 25 years ago. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Moore of Lents. It was a special ceremony gotten up for such occasions. The evening was spent in games and music. The wedding supper was the best of its kind.

The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. Workman, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Garlock, Mr. Moore of Lents, Mr. and Mrs. H. French, Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Kindle, Mr. J. Ambler, Mr. M. Smith of Bellrose Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Snashall of Pleasant Valley.

At a late hour all united in singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds," all said good night and departed for their several homes.

A few friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bliss dropped in on them December 31st, to watch the old year out and the new year in. The evening was spent in games and music. Watches were set by a regulator and as it neared the midnight hour all was on the "qui vive" to be the first to greet the other with the "Happy New Year." The old year went out amidst ringing of bells and tooting of horns and a jolly handshaking all around. All, then repaired to the dining room and there partook of a fine spread, prepared by the host and hostess. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bliss and sons, Cleveland, and Willard, and Master Arthur, Mr. Metcalf and son Helden, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Snashall. And in the wee sma' hours all repaired to their several homes repeating their had such a good time, and wishing New Year would come often or than once a year.

J. P. Berke, who has been very ill, is no better at the present time.

The East not only buys Oregon apples in large quantities, but is now sending to this state for fruit trees thinking in this way to grow as fine fruit is produced here. An Iowa nurseryman has recently bought a full carload of young apple trees, 10,000 in number, from a Willamette valley grower.

Pleasant Surprise Party is Given Mr. and Mrs. Pullen.

A pleasant surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. George Pullen, December 30, it being their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary. Games and a social time was enjoyed by all until midnight when a bountiful supper was served. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullen, Mr. and Mrs. Van Rossen, Mr. and Mrs. Koehner, Mr. and Mrs. Kaser, Mr. and Mrs. Whilon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brunner, Mr. and Mrs. Norby, Fred Brunner, Joseph Schantline, Reuben Kaser, Misses Mazie Schantline, Bertha Whilon, Helen Whilon, Mabel Pullen, Nora Pullen, Helen Van Rossen, Olive Norby, Violet Norby, Ewald Norby, Byron Pullen, George Pullen, Clarke Koehner, Freida Brunner, Orval Kaser.

All or a portion of the dredging of the channel. The city should take steps at once to open up the principal channel by clearing the same of all debris and steps should be taken to interest the government to the extent that surveys be made, harbor lines established and possibly an appropriation made to assist in a more thorough opening up of the channel."

Notable Events of 1912

WORLD'S EVENTS.

Balkan war, broke out. Establishment of Chinese republic. Sinking of Titanic, April 14, greatest shipwreck in history. Discovery of south pole reported by Roald Amundsen, March 7. Discovered Dec. 14, 1911. Death of Japanese emperor. Discovery of anti-tuberculosis serum. Great coal miners' strike in England. Mexican rebellion. Stockholm Olympic games. Rebellions in Santa Domingo and Nicaragua. Death of Gen. Wm. Booth. Death of Wm. T. Stead.

NATIONAL EVENTS.

Progressive party organized. Woman suffrage in three states. Election of democratic president. Parcels post law passed. Statehood granted New Mexico, January 6. Statehood granted Arizona, Feb. 14, forty-eighth state in the Union. Great strike of textile workers at Lawrence, Mass. Arrest and conviction of thirty-eight dynamiters. Police scandal in New York City. Awarding of Nobel prize to Dr. Alexis Carrel. Death of Vice President Sherman. Raising of Maine in Havana Harbor. Devastating floods in Mississippi valley.

STATE EVENTS.

Victory of women suffragists. Anti-vice crusade in state. Elks' carnival in Portland. Dr. Harry Lane elected U. S. senator.

LOCAL EVENTS.

Building of city hall. Building of Carnegie library. Installation of Bull Run Water system. Building of public fountain. Enlargement of city limits. Organization of Council of Women Voters. Building of many fine residences. Extension of electric lighting system.

What Will the Record be for 1913?

PARCEL POST WELL STARTED HERE

Gresham postoffice began the parcel post service with one package on New Year's day that was sent in the day before from route No. 3 to be forwarded. The sender is not known. Yesterday furnished the first opportunity for demonstrating the popularity of the plan, the result being 14 packages mailed under the new system. Only one of these packages was insured, the sender being Mrs. J. C. Stanley. Packages cannot be registered, as formerly, and everything that is 4th class must necessarily go by parcel post. Postmistress McColl desires to warn the public on two particular points: First—parcel post stamps must be used; other stamps on a parcel will be wasted. Second—the return of the sender must be on the package, otherwise it will not be taken for mailing.

Multnomah Grange Elects Officers.

Multnomah grange, No. 71, met in their hall December 28, with a good attendance. The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: master, C. M. Lake; overseer, P. C. Spooner; lecturer, Mrs. J. C. Duke; steward, M. H. Wheeler; assistant steward, John Sieret; chaplain, Mrs. J. Sieret; treasurer, Walter Johanson; gatekeeper, Chas. Wheeler; secretary, Miss Ellen Stone; Ceres, Mrs. M. H. Wheeler; Pomona, Mrs. Bertha Ault; Flora, Mrs. Etta Bates; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Chas. Wheeler.

Dr. Lowe's glasses are death to headaches. Ask your neighbors.

WRITES OF FRISCO'S BIG 1015 FAIR

From Dr. J. N. Powell, who is in San Francisco, the Outlook has received a lengthy boost of the Panama Pacific exposition to be held there in 1915. The article says:

"We have 800 applications for exhibits, some to cost \$200,000 and \$300,000 each, and all running into the millions," he continued: "St. Louis had so few exhibits booked a year before it opened that it had to rush twenty able men to all parts of the world to induce exhibitors to come in. "Thousands of applications for concessions have been received, and would-be concessionaires are standing in line to get their contracts. This is without precedent in the history of world expositions. We have set a pace and a standard that will live. "And let me say no state, nation, individual or corporation can hire, buy or bribe, space for anything at the Panama-Pacific exposition. All must come in a proper business manner, with the assurance of the best of treatment and courtesy. And they are all doing so and are being given their allotments according to their importance and the significance of what they wish to exhibit. "Grading is already in progress on the Fair site with 150 head of stock. About 500 head will be in service in a week or two. About the same time the force of men will jump to 2,000."

WATCH NIGHT KEPT AT PLEASANT HOME

A New Year watch meeting was held at the home of W. E. Craswell by the local chapter of the Pleasant Home Epworth League. It was voted a grand success. The meeting was opened by singing, followed by prayer and scripture reading by the president, Mrs. Lansdowne. Reports from the various committees showed the League to be doing excellent work and in a growing and prosperous condition to begin work for the coming year.

The president's report, of course, was along the lines of general interest to the League, saying she was especially pleased with the work the chapter had been doing and the interest taken. The devotional meetings each Sunday evening have been very interesting. Special music is arranged for nearly every meeting, special papers are read and the practice of using clippings has been almost abandoned, and stories told instead.

The third vice president, Miss Minnie Shiner, and her committee, solicited canned fruit enough to fill a barrel, which was sent to the Old People's Home at Salem for Christmas. There being but four ladies at the home, the rest men, the ladies replied in their own handwriting, except one, who is ninety years of age. In answer to the league's request each lady told what she most needed or would like best, and as a result the league voted to send one gingham apron and a jabot, and a pair of mittens, and a collar with the league emblem embroidered on it.

The fourth vice president's report was also good. The fact that the league has each month a good social time, shows that this committee is doing good work.

The secretary's report showed the league is being supplied with the best of literature and after all bills are met, there will still be several surplus dollars in the treasury.

The league charter, nicely framed, came as quite a surprise, but a glad one to every member.

After the necessary business had been transacted the social committee took charge, and games and music were then enjoyed by all until 12 minutes of 12. When the president gave the rollcall, which was responded to by every name with a verse of scripture, followed with prayers by Mrs. Northrup and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lansdowne. It then being just 12 o'clock, the party being well supplied with bells, tin pans and buckets, potato mashers and iron spoons, marched to the lawn to ring the old year out and the new year in. This was done in proper fashion, then the company returned to the dining room where the hostess had shown her ability, for there they found waiting them a most delicious luncheon. The meeting adjourned at an early hour, everyone having had a thoroughly good time.

The Southern Pacific company is still helping along agricultural development in this state, the latest move being the publication of a 30-page booklet on poultry raising. Its object is to encourage the growing of chickens, particularly in western Oregon. The book is to be distributed without charge to all interested.

WATER SUPPLY TOO LIMITED

Storage Reservoirs Are Recommended in Bull Run Reserve.

Portland's water supply, from the famous Bull Run river, which is also the source of Gresham's supply, is available for a population of 700,000. At present the consumers number about 230,000, but the "available supply" is not measured by the capacity of the two mains which runs through this city from the headworks to Portland.

The startling assertion is made that the entire flow of Bull Run during the hottest period of the season is not equal to the capacity of the two pipes and there is now a proposition before the water department to establish storage reservoirs in the Cascade mountains to supply any deficiency when the population of Portland reaches the number that will use all the water during the summer season.

D. D. Clarke, engineer of the water department is authority for the statement such storage reservoirs will be needed sometime in the near future, and has estimated that a storage capacity of about 1,000,000,000 gallons can be provided in the Bull Run reserve in natural reservoir sites along the river, without great expense, that will keep the supply up to the full capacity of the conduits during the dry season. As the average runoff from the Bull Run watershed is from six to eight times the flow during the low water period there will be no difficulty in filling any storage reservoirs that may be provided.

The total flow of water into Portland is now 67,000,000 gallons daily when there is an abundance of water in Bull Run. It seems surprising that there is less than that amount of water in the river during the hottest months, but such seems to be the case. The proposed storage sites are to be found in the small canyons that lead feeding streams into Bull Run river, and they are numerous enough to store practically all the water that is wasted during other seasons of the year. These canyons could easily be converted into reservoirs, but there is danger that the water would not be as good as when it came from the glacial springs that form the creeks.

The matter will present an engineering problem some day, but there is one certainty—a third Bull Run pipe line will never be needed. If Portland ever grows beyond the \$00,000 mark in population a new source of water supply will have to be found. It will be further away and present difficulties in cost and construction for another generation to worry over. For the time being, and for years to come there will be enough water for Gresham, and incidentally for Gresham, so let the future look out for itself.

Oregon's Big Trees.

Up in the forest reserve, somewhere between the headwaters of Hood River and Bull Run and lying northwest of Mt. Hood are the biggest trees in Oregon. They are just beyond Larch mountain and were discovered by L. Ferdinand Floss who lives near Corbett. The trees are several hundred feet high and stand in the flat of a hidden canyon. Steep bluffs on either hand shut in the gorge in which they grow and this reason is given for failure of anyone to find them. There are two varieties, one of which is probably the Douglas fir, the other is cedar. Both species are round and straight and have no limbs to a great height. The fir trees are described as having beautiful crowns at the top, with a smooth bark.

Better steamer service on the Upper Columbia and the Snake rivers was the subject recently taken up by a conference of commercial club representatives at Kennewick. Plans were made for the operation of boats during the coming year and resolutions adopted that the organizations represented should assist in every way the steamboat companies operating on these streams.

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