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Cesspool's Edge 884

To the Editor! A letter from Thomas A. Sweeney in The Oregonian, April 19, states, "The Front street improvement project is not getting the support it deserves." If this is the case, what are the reasons? Some Portlanders have asked Why vote for any new project if the present city commissioners are kept in office? Years ago Portland passed a bill instructing the city council to build a sewage plant, but the council refused to do it.

With the clear understanding that the people of Portland wanted the Willamette cleaned up, the city commissioners suggested that the people authorize a pay-as-you-go program. Portland voted again instructing city officials to collect a sewer user charge and begin installing a sewage disposal system. Nothing has been done by the present commission.

When Ed Averill was asked to get a report from the city commissioners as to their stand on the sewage project, he was told by Mayor Carson and Commissioner Clyde that the mandate of the voters should be carried out. Commissioner Riley, who is running for mayor, said he was not in favor of putting the user charge into effect because some one would file an injunction. If he opposes the will of the people, should he be elected mayor? Since Commissioners Bennett and Bowes are both blocking the commands of the voters, should they be re-elected?

What was the result years ago when city officials claimed it would cost too much money to cease polluting the Willamette? They violated laws by putting bath houses and boating clubs out of business, poisoning salmon runs, preventing the use of public waters for recreation and imperiling the lives of men, women and children by deadly sewage bacteria. Instead of logical spending to build Portland, they turned the Willamette shores into garbage dumps and filthy sights, drove residents and business interests away from the river and destroyed the value of a great river-front property. If the manager of a hotel discovered dirty rooms he would have to spend money for cleanliness or he could never make money.

According to Mr. Sweeney, Front street should be reconstructed into a beautiful embarcadero. Yes, a public flowering park for the beautification of our riverside, but does he think people would enjoy a flower garden at the edge of a cesspool?

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Benefit Planned Tuesday

A Pacific college benefit garden party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Finley at Jennings Lodge Tuesday.

Mr. Finley, Oregon naturalist, will lead a tour of his garden, showing various nesting birds, and will present still pictures of other birds.

Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, general chairman, is being assisted by the following officers of the Pacific college auxiliary: Mrs. Leith Abbott, Mrs. W. E. D. Burns, Mrs. Wilson Clark, Mrs. Harry Coleman, Mrs. Robert E. Dunway, Mrs. W. S. Dunway, Mrs. C. J. Edwards, Mrs. Frank S. Glover, Mrs. Henry E. Harris, Mrs. Kenneth Hauser, Mrs. H. W. Klein, Mrs. John Latourette, Mrs. Charles E. Runyon, Mrs. E. J. Swindells, Miss Rose Goodman, Miss Louise Gray, Miss Grace Kern and Miss Jeannette Stettler.

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Garden Party to Hear Talk by Bird Lover 884

An opportunity to hear a national authority on bird life will be afforded persons attending the Pacific college benefit garden party which is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Finley on the river at Jennings Lodge Tuesday, May 28.

Mr. Finley, who has received wide recognition for his knowledge of bird life, will conduct a tour around the garden among the nesting birds and will show indoors some of his fine specimens and still life pictures of birds.

Mrs. George T. Gerlinger is general chairman of this garden party and is being assisted by the other officers of the Pacific college Auxiliary. Among members of the Auxiliary are the following well-known friends of the pioneer Quaker college: Mesdames Leith Abbott, Burt Brown Barker, W. E. D. Burns, Wilson Clark, Harry Coleman, Robert E. Duniway, W. S. Duniway, C. J. Edwards, Frank S. Glover, Henry E. Harris, Kenneth Hauser, H. W. Klein, John Latourette, Charles E. Runyon, E. J. Swindells and the Misses Rose Goodman, Louise Gray, Grace Kern, Bertha Singer and Jeannette Stettler.