

# EVERYBODY IS IN FAVOR OF NEW HOTEL FOR CITY

**Hustling Committee Meets With Encouragement on Every Hand and Success of Venture Is Assured.**

**Men Who Enter Into Detailed Discussion of Proposition Agree That Location of Site Is One of Most Important Considerations Involved—List of Proposals to Be Submitted at Meeting to Be Held Tuesday Night.**

The committee of three—hotel hustlers—are making a reputation that bids fair to rival the record made by the famous committee of 21. When Messrs. A. M. Smith, Harrison Allen and W. E. Schimpff were appointed Thursday night to canvass sentiment they lost no time, and Friday evening were able to report, after a progress, owing to the absence from the city of a few property holders, the committee was unable to make a complete report, and therefore asked further time. This was granted, upon the promise of the committee to make a detailed statement Tuesday night. Yesterday the committeemen were at it bright and early and the hotel hustlers reported excellent progress.

"Why, there's nothing to it!" exclaimed Mr. Allen, greeting a press representative. "Everybody is in favor of the hotel, and everybody is willing to lend his financial support now and his moral support after the hotel is built. It's the same old story of Astoria getting what it wants."

#### The Question of Location.

When the report of the committee was presented at the mass meeting Friday night Mr. Allen explained what had transpired during the canvass. Almost everyone with whom the committeemen talked asked about the location of the hotel. "Naturally, it was the first question," Mr. Allen explained. "We did not encounter one man who was antagonistic to the enterprise—indeed, we did not encounter one man who did not agree to lend his financial assistance. Some favored a different plan than the one originally suggested, and nearly everyone had some suggestion to offer, showing that the people had given the matter thorough consideration. Several large property holders offered sites, agreeing to put in their land on a stock basis. These offers come from different sections of the city, and it is quite evident to me that the various interests would be anxious to have the hotel located in their respective parts of town. The hotel spirit is prevalent and there is no reason in the world why we should not be successful. I have much more faith in the scheme now than when we started out."

#### Hotels Make Money.

"Just to give you an idea of the money-making propensities of modern hotels, let me state a few facts concerning the Hotel Portland. For many years this hotel did not pay. Within the last year, however, it has paid 3 per cent dividend on \$500,000, paid off a mortgage of \$250,000 and expended \$125,000 for improvements. The cafe and bar netted \$60,000 in the year. Now, if the Hotel Portland can net such returns as these, will not the Hotel Astoria net 4 or 8 per cent on an investment of \$100,000? Why, the proposition is just as safe as government bonds. The venture here is

recognized as the best now open on the Pacific coast."

#### Mr. Smith's Suggestions.

A. M. Smith, another hotel hustler who has taken a decidedly active interest in the proposal, favored the bonding plan for building the structure. He said it was the means of building up many cities, and that capital was always available for long-time loans. He was confident ample funds could be secured if interest were to be guaranteed for 20 years instead of 10, as originally recommended.

"Location will prove a controlling factor in influencing the man with money to invest," said Mr. Smith. "First we must decide upon our location. We can get all of our propositions from proper holders, then meet, select the men who are to incorporate and decide upon the location. Perhaps it would be best to have the majority decide upon the location. Immediately after organizing we can open our stock books, and I venture the assertion the stock will be snapped up with alacrity. The committee does not desire to influence the people toward any location, but wants to submit as many proposals as possible, that the best may be selected. Mr. Lazarus has kindly consented to assist us in preparing plans, and he will do all in his power to further the movement."

#### Many Promises of Help.

Mr. Whipple—Mr. President, I have been around during the day in my usual capacity as a committee of one. I will say that I have conferred with one of Astoria's largest property holders, whose name I am not now at liberty to divulge. This property holder assured me that he was heartily in favor of the proposition and would lend all possible assistance. He will submit a definite plan later, when business associates return to the city. Several others have expressed themselves to me in a similar vein, and everywhere I found the utmost enthusiasm.

#### Mr. Lazarus' Offer.

Architect Lazarus—Is it gratifying to observe the enthusiasm with which the people of Astoria have gone about this matter. I believe I am safe in stating that there will be very little risk taken by those who invest their money in the hotel, especially if the plan is backed by a dozen of Astoria's representative men. Portland's hotels are veritable gold mines, to my knowledge, and if Astoria builds a modern hotel it will pay from the start. If I were to be the architect for the new hotel, I would prefer to accept my fee in stock.

#### Will Lend Their Aid.

C. H. Cooper—We need the hotel and I am pleased to note the energetic start. You may count upon me for my share.

Ex-Mayor Bergman—I am not at all anxious to be a stockholder in the

new hotel, but I am willing to do everything within my power to further the plan. So far as I am concerned, I will make a donation outright. I have done so before and I am willing to do so again. (Applause.)

E. Z. Ferguson—We all recognize the need of a modern hotel. Personally, I believe it should be located in the business district, and I am willing to assist financially.

C. M. Celler—You may depend upon it that my firm will do its full share. We are interested in Astoria and we want to see a good hotel here.

F. L. Parker—You may count me in to the extent of my ability. I favor a downtown location.

Dr. Ball—The hotel, I believe, should be located in the business district. I am ready to assist as much as I possibly can.

F. D. Keuttner—I was one of the original hotel agitators. The first thing to do is to incorporate. I believe the hotel should be attractive and built on terra firma. If there is anything I can do you know where to find me. I will help, and I know Mr. Hammond will do likewise.

W. J. Barry—If a good location can be secured, the proposition can be financed without trouble.

James W. Welch—I believe we ought to go out and \$100,000 in hard, cold cash from the people of Astoria. They have the money and I am confident they will put it up. If we can't find 200 men who will put up \$500 each, I am mistaken in the people.

#### Offers Hotel Site.

D. H. Welch—I am prepared to offer one of two good hotel sites. One is 100x125 feet, and the other is 150x125. I will agree to let this meeting select three men to appraise the value of either site. After the value is fixed I will cut it in two and give the site for stock to the amount of one-half the appraised value.

#### Location Is Important.

Mr. Keuttner said he believed the location was the most important matter to be considered, and his view was shared by F. L. Parker. Both gentlemen expressed the belief that it would be far better to pay \$10,000 or \$15,000 for a good location than to accept a poor location as a donation. This opinion seemed to prevail pretty generally.

J. S. Dellinger, who is also manifesting commendable interest, was willing to put up his money and let the incorporators select the site. He said he did business in 250 towns and cities on the coast and that none was worse off than Astoria in the matter of hotel accommodations. He was positive the scheme could be financed, and that, too, without going out of the city.

Mr. Schimpff explained that it had been utterly impossible to see some of the heaviest property holders, as they were out of the city, so he asked that the committee be given further time. "Give us a few days, and we'll make a report that will suit you," said Mr. Schimpff, and the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

When this final report is made the committee will state matters just exactly as it has found them. "The various proposals will be submitted and it will be up to the people to select the best. There will be nothing of a secret nature about the organization of the company, for the people are looked upon to advance the money. Therefore, they will be kept thoroughly posted."

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#### HARD GAME IS WON BY MULTNOMAH

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gains through him, but he applied himself in a diligent manner.

Stockton's work at times was brilliant, but he fumbled yesterday more than has been his custom. This was due to the condition of the field. The back line—Graham, Abercrombie and Tallant—made its 145-pound average felt. Abercrombie hammered the Multnomah line like a battering ram, and Graham and Tallant played the game as it should be played.

On account of the hard field the ground had been covered with sawdust, to the depth of two inches or more, and all the players suffered as a result. The water was altogether too warm for football, and the hard work told, especially upon the Multnomah men. Horan was injured and retired before the second half was 10 minutes old.

#### Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for 12 years." If you want a reliable medicine for liver and kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers. Only 50c.

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