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JOURNAL VOUCHER NO. _____

Roosevelt Statue
RECORD NO. _____ NAME _____
South Park Block between S. W. Madison and S. W. Jefferson Streets
ADDRESS _____

Statue
CLASSIFICATION _____ CODE _____

Donation November 12, 1922 41949 (See Remarks)
HOW ACQUIRED _____ WHEN ACQUIRED _____ ORDINANCE NO. _____

Dr. Henry Waldo Coe
FROM WHOM ACQUIRED _____

REAL PROPERTY CROSS REFERENCE:

430 Bureau of Parks
Park Blocks - South
LOCATION NO. _____ LOCATION NAME _____

DESCRIPTION: A larger than life-size equestrian statue of Theodore Roosevelt portrayed in the garb of the "Rough Rider" by the sculptor A. P. Proctor. The statue is mounted on a rectangular granite base whose measurements are 6' wide by 18' long by 9½' high. There are two (2) bronze inscription plaques located on the base; one on the north face and one on the south face.

For a description of the plaques located on the north and south faces of the statue, see the following page.

HISTORICAL DATA The bronze equestrian statue of Theodore Roosevelt by A. P. Proctor was donated to the City of Portland by Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, prominent Portland physician and life long friend of Theodore Roosevelt. First mention of this statue and base appears in Council Proceedings May 10, 1922 when Ordinance No. 41114 was passed appropriating \$4,800 out of the Park and Boulevard Construction Fund for the granite base, which was insufficient and required the Council to appropriate an additional \$165 from the same fund for completion of the task.

The decision to place the statue on the block bounded by Jefferson, Madison, Park and West Park Streets was adopted September 13, 1922 by Resolution No. 12956. This block today is formally called "Roosevelt Square". The Park Blocks were originally numbered in 1871 by Ordinance No. 1039 and this original ordinance was amended July 11, 1928 to declare this block "Roosevelt Square". The ground breaking ceremony took place August 15, 1922 with thousands of people present, according to the Oregonian article of August 16, 1922, with Vice-President Calvin Coolidge wielding the golden shovel and the donor, Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, present.

Formal acceptance of the statue by the City of Portland from Dr. Coe came October 25, 1922 (Ordinance No. 41949). Dedication and unveiling followed the next month on Armistice Day, November 11, 1922 with many dignitaries present. The article in the Oregonian November 12, 1922 does not agree entirely with the bronze plaque inscription on the south face of the base. The plaque lists Gen. John J. Pershing unveiling the statue whereas in his absence the actual unveiling was done by General Blatchford assisted by Jean Mackenzie. The picture and fine article in the Sunday Journal November 12, 1922 substantiates this statement.

REMARKS Ordinance No. 41114 (May 10, 1922) Appropriates \$4,800 from Park and Boulevard Construction Fund for granite base for "Roosevelt Statue". Resolution No. 12956 (September 13, 1922) Directing Commissioner of Finance to remove certain trees and shrubbery which interferes with the placing of the "Roosevelt Memorial Statue". Ordinance No. 41949 (October 5, 1922) Accepts the "Theodore Roosevelt Statue" in behalf of the City of Portland. Ordinance No. 54894 (July 11, 1928) Amends Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1039 relating to Park Blocks between Main and Madison Streets, changing name to "Lincoln Square" and between Madison and Jefferson as "Roosevelt Square". Original Ordinance No. 1039 (1871) merely numbered Park Blocks.

Research Sources: Council Proceedings, Book 63, Page 274, Book 72, Pages 446, 610, Book 73, Pages 245, 246, 441, Ordinance No. 41114, Resolution No. 12956, Ordinance No. 41949, Ordinance No. 54894, microfilm material at Oregon Historical Society and the Multnomah County Central Library were utilized.

SOIL FOR STATUE

Roosevelt Monument Ceremony Impressive.

GOLDEN SPADE IS USED

Thousands of Persons Attend Programme—Artillery Fires Vice-President's Salute.

Three times a golden spade held in the hands of Calvin Coolidge, vice-president of the United States, sank into the ground yesterday and on each occasion lifted out a heap of dirt—marking the spot where a few months hence will rise the Roosevelt Equestrian statue, donated to Portland by Dr. Henry Waide Coe.

Thousands of persons had gathered about the stand in the park blocks, opposite the Ladd school, to view the ground-breaking ceremony.

"Atta boy—you're a wonder!" shouted one enthusiast in the crowd and the vice-president turned and smiled—his only smile during the brief ceremonies.

Tribute Paid Roosevelt.

Before actually breaking the ground, the vice-president paid high compliment to the late Colonel Roosevelt, who, he said, though born in New York city with a physical handicap difficult to overcome, was possessed of that resourcefulness and love of humanity which enabled him in the end to come before his fellow Americans as a man sprung from the soil.

"In the accomplishment of that great experience," Vice-President Coolidge said, "he had the help training and the assistance that came to him in his residence in the great northwest."

"He loved the great outdoors, he loved the activities of life, he coined that sentence that went into the hearts of all those who were like-minded when he said 'We are to live the strenuous life.' He represented that more than anything else."

Human Sympathy Recalled.



Colonel Roosevelt was filled with the love of humanity, the vice-president added, and a broad human sympathy animated all of his actions and was the keynote of his life, his activity and his public service.

"He lived in a day that required the efforts of a strong man and his efforts did not fail America in her need," the vice-president said. "It was he more than anyone else who broke the effort at domination of our land by selfish interests. He restored to the youth of America the principle that ought always to be their heritage—he re-established the supreme authority of the public law and he wiped out of existence all domination of selfish interests—a great work, a great lesson—a great example.

"Let us remember in these days that this work is not all done, and it is for us to take up that work where he let it fall and carry it on, that the authority of law will always be supreme, that there may not be domination of any section, of any party, of any class in the carrying on of American life."

Guardmen Fire Salutes.

A battery from the Oregon National guard, stationed on the park block south of Jefferson street, prior to the ceremony, fired a salute of 19 guns in honor of the vice-president.

After Dr. William Wallace Youngman, district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church for Portland, had delivered the invocation, S. C. Pier, city commissioner and in charge of the ceremony, read a number of telegrams, one of which came from President Harding to Dr. Coe.

"You will have today a great gathering of people of the far northwest for the breaking of ground for the statue of Theodore Roosevelt," read the president's telegram. "It would have been a notable satisfaction to me to join them in honoring one of the great Americans of all time. That being impossible I am asking you to give expression to the sentiments which this occasion inspires in me.

Roosevelt Example Cited.

"Coming as it does, in a time of trial and difficulty for the nation, this ceremony will serve to remind us of the example which Roosevelt set in the crises of his career by his unflinching loyalty to that public interest which is superior to every other consideration.

"It was characteristic of his genius that he always studied and acquired with infinite patience until he unerringly recognized the comparative importance of elements involved in public problems, and then courageously dealt with them in direct and vigorous fashion. It was a method worthy the emulation of all who would serve as he served and I trust the nation may



Upper—City Commissioner Pier requesting Vice-President Coolidge and Dr. Henry Waldo Coe. Lower—Vice-President Coolidge and Dr. Henry Waldo Coe putting first shovel of dirt from statue.

when both men were young and how the friendship thus formed remained intact during the lifetime of Colonel Roosevelt.

"The statue which will rise on this spot," said Mr. McCamant, "will be a memorial to years of friendship between these two men and it will also be a fitting reminder of the civic enterprise that is possessed by Dr. Coe. It happens to know that many cities have attempted to induce Dr. Coe to place this bronze elsewhere, but he has chosen to place it in the city where he has lived and prospered."

McCamant's Speech Long.

Mr. McCamant spoke at some length on the achievements gained by Colonel Roosevelt during the days that he occupied the White House.

"The Panama canal is the greatest piece of engineering of all ages," he said, "and this project was outlined and put under way during the Roosevelt administration. Colonel Roosevelt had the ability of finding the biggest and best men for any job and when he found them he set them to work."

The stamping out of graft in official life was another of the big accomplishments of Roosevelt's administration, Mr. McCamant declared, but Colonel Roosevelt made it unpopular and unsafe for men in official life to graft.

The 59th infantry band of Vancouver Barracks, escorted by 200 troops in command of Colonel Jordan, furnished the music for the impressive services. At the opening of the services the band played "All Hail the Chief" and the Star Spangled Banner" was played in closing.

After the ceremony had come to an end there was a call for a speech by Dr. Coe, and so insistent did the demand become that Dr. Coe was forced to make acknowledgment.

NAME OF MAN CONFUSED

Truly, Not Travis, Barnhill Is Tarrred and Feathered.
LEESVILLE, La., Aug. 15.—An

MURPHY

TAMMANY BACK

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(By Chicago) NEW YORK Governor Alfred F. Murphy. Their answers. Heard regard gubernatorial. Smith broke announced his candidate. Mr. comment on decision, but is understood entire approval formed the Tammany organ.

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find that his example has not been forgotten."

Other Telegrams Read.

Telegrams from Edith Kermit Roosevelt as well as United States Senators McNary and Stanfield were also read by Commissioner Pier.

The city commissioner, who has been acting as the chairman in charge of the affairs in connection with the Roosevelt statue, then took occasion to thank the children of Ladd school who attended the ceremony. He told the assemblage that these children, when told that the statue would be located on the park block opposite the school, gave pledge always to protect it.

"We rejoice," said Commissioner Pier, turning to the children, "that we can hold you to your word and know that it is your intention and wish that this beautiful responsibility may rest upon you."

"There is no question but what Colonel Roosevelt loved the children of America, and if I could wish you what is splendid and worth while it might be that you emulate his life and example and build yourselves up to a worthy citizenship through his life."

Dr. Coe Is Complimented.

Mr. Pier complimented Dr. Coe for his enterprise in giving the city of Portland the statue. The city of Portland, Commissioner Pier said, was fortunate in having as one of its citizens a man with such high character, a man with such splendid ideals, a man who has such wonderful love of city and state that he will cause to be erected a memorial such as Dr. Coe has had created for Portland.

Wallace McCamant, who is acting as host to Vice-President Coolidge during his stay in Portland, told the crowd how Dr. Coe, who is donating the statue to Portland, met Colonel Roosevelt in North Dakota

erroneous report August 5 from here said that Travis Barnhill had been seized by masked men, taken to the country and tarred and feathered. The masked men were reported to have accused Travis Barnhill of mistreating his wife. Subsequent investigation shows that Travis Barnhill was not the man attacked and accused. It was Truly Barnhill.

The names of the two men, who are relatives, were confused in the first reports. Travis Barnhill was not involved.

Prominent

In a private at the bride's Louis J. Simpson of Oregon.

Wednesday night Gardner, Rev. of the North odist Episcopal the ceremony.

Mr. Simpson, conspicuous figure and political was a candidate years ago, but only a compar

HIGHLIGHTS OF VICE-PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S VIEW OF NATION'S PROBLEM

National finances regarded as gravest problem war debt from \$20,000,000,000 to less than \$23,000,000,000. That nation owes nobody but its own people. Ifed credits abroad are held encouraging. Attention economies effected by careful budget plan, abolition of nuisance taxes and to general reduction of taxation.

Building up and protection of American industry. Increase in revenues are predicted for tariff. measured in gold, are declared to be so low that reduction could be obtained many American business ruined. Foreign wages also said to be almost in Protection given home industries by other countries problem is viewed as one of most difficult in America.

Government expenditures reported diminishing. of economic condition of country. Liberty bond prices of agricultural products increase and industry country are declared larger as result, while bull gain 75 per cent.

Economic depression considered ended as result between business interests and government and nation's finances, which has revised taxation and tries.

Welfare of America must remain supreme in world, says vice-president in discussing restoration that follow world war. To promote a one thought of nation in association with other nations. Arms conferences called great liberal move. America has taken lead with true world vision.