

Jan 10 '06

Dr Harry Lane
Mayor
Portland Ore }

Dear Mayor:

Pardon me for taking this liberty
but you stated you were always
glad to hear from the public, and
I am taking advantage of it,
desiring to mention the fact
that there are a great many
people adverse to the City
purchasing the Forestry Building
right and maintaining the building.
It is a relic of the past and has
well served its purpose, I understand,
the logs are mostly unsound and it
can be but a short time before decay
and worms will begin their work.
It looks to many like a "White Elephant"
and a bad trade for the City.
Again asking your pardon, I beg to
remain, Yours faithfully T J Hammer

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

HARRY LANE,
MAYOR

PORTLAND, OREGON, Jan. 12, 1906

Mr. Thomas J. Hammer,

616 Commercial Bldg., City.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of Jan. 10th, and I am very glad you have given me your views regarding the Forestry Building. I have advised with the Council in this matter, but as a large majority seem to favor the purchase, and only a matter of perhaps \$9000.00 for the land is involved, and the indications are that the land will always be worth at least what the City pays for it, I do not think at present it is advisable to disapprove the expenditure of this money.

There are some parties who propose to share with the City the expense of taking care of this building, and other parties propose to supply the foundation. This interest manifested by outsiders, and from the fact that I have very little influence with this Council, I believe it is unavailing to express myself in the negative.

Very truly yours,

Mayor.