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BUREAU OF PROPERTY CONTROL
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

JOURNAL VOUCHER
FOUNTAINS, STATUES, & MEMORIALS

DATE February 16, 1968

JOURNAL VOUCHER NO. _____

Shemanski Fountain

RECORD NO.

NAME

South Park Block No. 7 - Bounded by S. W. Main & Salmon Streets

ADDRESS

Fountain, Drinking

CLASSIFICATION

CODE

Donation

April 7, 1926

49231

HOW ACQUIRED

WHEN ACQUIRED

ORDINANCE NO.

Joseph Shemanski

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED

REAL PROPERTY CROSS REFERENCE:

Bureau of Parks

Park Blocks - South

430

LOCATION NO.

LOCATION NAME

DESCRIPTION: A triangular shaped 3 column cupola with a tile roof. Inside the cupola stands a small bronze maiden carrying an urn. The structure is equipped with 3 inner basin type fountains and three outer basins equipped with lower overflow basins for animals. There are two steps approaching the fountain whose circumference is 48 feet and 54 feet respectively. The fountain is approximately 12 feet high.

HISTORICAL DATA A communication from Mr. Joseph Shemanski in regard to the presentation of a fountain was presented to the Council December 23, 1925. The Art Commission reviewed the plans for the fountain and approved the proposed location and design; however, they did not approve the use of cast stone in the construction of the fountain (C. P. Book 81, Page 445, March 17, 1926). The City Council overruled the objections of the Art Commission, approved the use of cast stone in the construction of the Shemanski Fountain and passed Ordinance No. 49231 on April 7, 1926 accepting the gift. The fountain was placed in South Park Block No. 7 and on September 3, 1926 an official presentation was made to the City of Portland.

The dedication program was brief with Joseph Shemanski, General Manager of the Eastern Outfitting Company, making the presentation and Commissioner Bigelow, as Acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor Baker, accepting the fountain for the City of Portland.

At the time of this inventory the concrete structure confirmed the Art Commission's original opinion of cast stone. The fountain was found to be in the worst condition of all those inventoried.

REMARKS Ordinance No. 49231 - Accepting the fountain from Mr. Joseph Shemanski and approving the location.

Research Sources: Council Proceedings Book 80, Page 870, Book 81, Pages 445, 495, 517, 608, 656, Ordinance No. 49231, letter from Art Commission and the City Attorney, and microfilm copy of dedication (Oregonian September 4, 1926) from Multnomah County Central Library.

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SHEMANSKI FOUNTAIN

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East Stone Allowed
City Attorney David Ordinance

Report of
The Art Commission

on Fountain's Mr. Shuman's
proposed to present to
the City

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March 11, 1926.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Council,
Portland, Oregon.

The Art Commission respectfully reports
the following decisions on the fountain which Mr.
Shemanski proposes to present to the City:-

That the design is acceptable;

That the use of cast stone is not approved;

That the proposed location in the park
block between Salmon and Main Streets is ap-
proved.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Holmes Gerke
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City Attorney's Law Expense*

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Communication from City Attorney
returning Calendar No. 2306,
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fountain Mr. Shemanski proposes
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To the Council,

Gentlemen:

We herewith return Calendar No. 2306, report of the Art Commission, on fountain Mr. Shemanski proposes to present to the City, which was referred to this office by the Council at a meeting held March 17th for the preparation of the necessary ordinance.

We have prepared and are enclosing a form of ordinance authorizing the acceptance of said fountain.

Respectfully yours,


City Attorney.

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Ordinance No.

An Ordinance accepting fountain from Mr. Joseph Szemanski
and approving of the location thereof.

The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The City of Portland hereby accepts the fountain generously donated to it by Mr. Joseph Szemanski and authorizes the same to be accepted in the form presented and approved by the designer of said fountain and approves of the material proposed to be used by said designer in the construction thereof, and also approves of the location of said fountain, namely, in the Park Blocks between Salmon and Main Streets in the City of Portland. The City of Portland hereby overrules the objections of the Art Commission wherein said Art Commission does not approve of the use of cast stone.

Passed by the Council APR 7 1928

GEO. L. BAKER

Mayor of the City of Portland.

Attest:

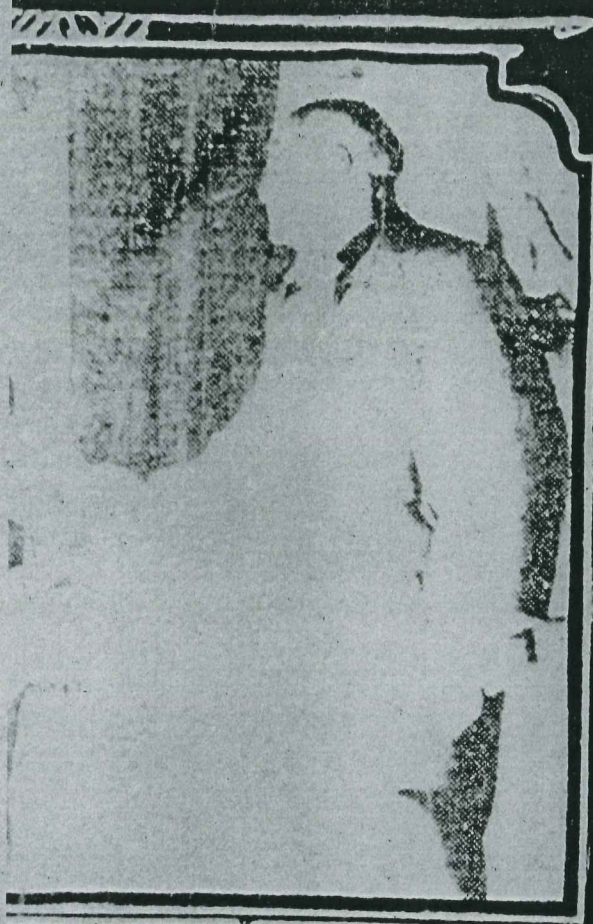


Auditor of the City of Portland.

5-19-28
Order of
Council.

By S. GRUTZE
CHIEF DEPUTY

FOUNTAIN TO CITY



CITIZEN PRESENTS ART GIFT TO CITY

Beautiful Fountain Given by
Mr. Shemanski.

SHORT PROGRAM HELD

Donor Declares Gift to Symbolize
Hospitality and Welcome
to Strangers.

Another city park block is now enhanced by a privately donated monument.

The gift of Joseph Shemanski, general manager of the Eastern Outfitting company, to the city of Portland of a recently carved stone fountain was presented by Mr. Shemanski to the city before a group of art lovers gathered about the fountain yesterday afternoon. The fountain is located in the south park block between Main and Salmon streets.

Commissioner Bigelow, as acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Baker, accepted the fountain for the city. The ceremony was extremely brief and simple, but was admirably offset by the lavishness of the fountain.

Gratitude Inspires Gift.

"In presenting this fountain to Portland and her citizens," said Mr. Shemanski, "I do so with gratitude for the many happy years that have been granted me to live here—and for the sincere friendships that it has been my privilege to enjoy because of my residence here.

"When I came to this hospitable city, alone and a stranger, I was given a warm welcome. People were kindly; friendships were made which have continued without interruption to this day. Nearly 38 years have passed since I cast my lot in beautiful Portland. It has been good to me. Now it seems to me that it is no more than right that I should contribute something to Portland, my home by choice. Small though my gift is, it will

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RUM RUNNERS WARNED

"Highly Inflammable" Liquor
Sets Auto on Fire.

Operators of rum running cars should make it a rule to see to it that the "highly inflammable" liquor they may be carrying does not spill onto the street, in case of a collision, for it is apt to ignite and burn up an innocent car.

This is alleged to have occurred, according to a complaint in a damage suit filed yesterday in the circuit court by the General Petroleum corporation seeking to recover \$500 from H. L. Christensen for a Ford coupe lost in such a manner.

The complaint alleged that the plaintiff corporation lawfully left the coupe parked on the night May 18 on Larrabee street near the

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serve to bring on added measure of
pleasure to all of us.

"We of Portland have opportuni-
ties unlimited for both pleasure and
for material rewards. Portland is
generous. She handsomely repays
those who willingly give their time
and abilities to constructive works.
Her advantages are manifold, and
it seems to me that nothing can
stop her advance to greatness, if
all of us make it a practice to think
well of our city; speak well of our
city, and work well for our city.
There is strength in such a union.
There is power in it that can
carry Portland to lasting greatness.
Through it we can multiply our
opportunities, not alone for our-
selves, but for the thousands and
tens of thousands of people that are
marching westward to join us in
our enterprises.

"I now ask you, Commissioner
Bigelow, as acting mayor of the
city, to accept this fountain for
Portland. Please receive it, not as

been in progress continuously for more than
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river from Hankow. Marshal Wu's headquar-

coming from me personally. Accept
it, rather, as a symbol of hospitality
and of welcome from our citizens
to strangers, who now and in future
years will find courage in the fine
spirit of friendliness for which
Portlanders are known wherever
knowledge of our Rose City has
spread. I dedicate it to this service.
May it serve its purpose well."

In accepting the fountain Acting
Mayor Bigelow said: "I desire to
say that as acting mayor it is with
great pleasure that I accept this
fountain in the name of the city. It
is the generosity of the citizens of
a community that bring about many
works of art for those communi-
ties. Such has been true of larger
and older cities of the east and is
coming to be true of Portland. Ex-
amples of benefactors to Portland
are Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, donor of
several statues and monuments in
the past and of another yet to come,
and Mr. Shemanski.

"Mr. Shemanski has been a good
citizen and worthy merchant dur-
ing his many years at Portland.
He has learned to regard the city
with pride and shows his pride in
presenting to the city this beauti-
ful fountain. It is a pleasure to
accept such a work."

After a round of handshakes of
the leaders at the ceremony, Com-
missioner Bigelow invited the audi-
ence to have "a drink on Mr.
Shemanski."

The fountain is about 12 feet
high and on a triangular base. Un-
der the decorative arches is a
smaller bronze statuette. Drinking
fountains for man and dog are pro-
vided in the gift.

Chamber Selects Manager.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—
R. E. Thomas, secretary of the
Marietta, O., chamber of commerce,
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