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# Black Walnut Trees Over 80 Years Old Are Felled

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Two of the few black walnut trees remaining in the city are going before the woodmen's ax. These are at least 80 years old and likely were planted by the Hodgsons in the rear of the store and their home at the corner of Pacific avenue and Maple street.

These were among the tallest trees of the city and were the genuine black walnut.

These trees outlasted two rows of shade trees along Maple street, which have been cut down. First huge maple trees lined both sides of the street. These maples were native trees, the water maple, likely from the nearby river bottom. The trunks grew to huge size and the branches spread and canopied the street. They bordered the dirt walks and dirt street.

After these were cut down and a bitumen walk laid, dracena palms were planted in the curbing. In many other parts of the city this was done but most of the palms also are gone now.

The trees now going down means two wonderful and beautiful trees

are disappearing.

The largest black walnut tree remaining in the city is in the rear of the old Pacific Ocean House near the corner of the Vine street and Ocean House alley in the Coast Counties Gas and Electric company parking lot. This is one of the most beautiful trees remaining, a reminder of the days when trees lined streets.

The finest black walnuts in those days were on Church street. Especially fine were those in front of the Boston property, the Charles Bern place, the Samuel Drennan home and the First Congregational church which then stood where the First Methodist church stands now.