

### BUILDING OF ROADS MAY BEGIN AT ONCE

Work Need Not Wait Till U. S. Money Is Available.

### CONCESSION IS GRANTED

Oregon Highway Officials Succeed in Getting Red Tape Cut So as to Expedite Construction.

Post road and forest road projects approved and for which money will not be available before July 1 can be started without delay, according to a special ruling obtained from government officials by Herber Nunn, state highway engineer, and Roy Klein, secretary of the state highway commission, while in Washington last week. Messrs. Nunn and Klein went east to attend the national convention of state highway commissioners and engineers and while in Washington succeeded in obtaining the concession.

There has been a rule of the government that contracts could not be let and work started until the money actually was available, and that any money on these co-operative projects spent by the state before the federal money was available would not be matched. Recently this rule was modified to the extent that the state highway commission was authorized to award contracts on approved projects, but that work could not start before July 1. This order secured by Engineer Nunn cuts all the red tape and enables the state highway commission to proceed without hindrance. Under the new permit, the state highway commission can let contracts and start work and any money thus expended by the state will be considered as co-operation and will be taken into consideration when federal funds become available July 1. In other words, the money spent in advance of the federal funds will not be lost for matching and the work can go on just as if the government money was in the bank and ready to be drawn on, with the exception that the state will have to finance the work until July 1.

**Co-operation Is Indorsed.**  
At the national convention three resolutions of particular importance to road work in Oregon were adopted. The first indorsed the present system of federal and state co-operation and recommended the continuance of \$100,000,000 a year for road purposes, the money to be allotted among the states the same as at present.

A second resolution requests that the present \$3,000,000 a year for forest roads be increased to \$10,000,000 and that 75 per cent of the money be expended on the main trunk systems of the state highways. The third resolution placed the convention on record for the existing federal highway system, which is this working agreement between the bureau of public roads and the state highway commissions. Following the convention the delegates returned to Washington and there appealed to their congressional delegations to support the resolutions in congress.

Mr. Nunn was one of the five members of the committee on resolutions. He said the Oregon delegation would like to have the special session of the legislature memorialize congress along the lines of the resolutions. Members of the legislature who were in Portland yesterday promised to see that this was done.

**Oregon Is Blasting Trail.**  
Speaking of the observations of his trip, Mr. Nunn said he found that Oregon is blazing the trail in constructive highway work for the nation. He declared that our road laws are more advanced, more workable and practical than those found elsewhere and that delegates from the other states were particularly anxious for information as to the Oregon system of financing road bond issues by automobile license fees and the Oregon grading tax. The convention also was interested in the market road law, which Oregon has originated, and the laws creating the state highway commission in Oregon found favor.

As for road-building, in the matter of grades, locations and construction, and also in engineering costs, Mr. Nunn says Oregon is making a record. The only thing that he found to equal Oregon work was the park system on the Hudson, in New York, where 70 miles of road is being built to develop a beautiful park system. They haven't the scenery that Oregon possesses, but they are doing their best to work out the park plan system, he said.

### TWO ACCUSED OF ARSON

Houses Declared Destroyed by Alleged I. W. W.

Charges of arson were lodged yesterday against James Lawrence Walton and William H. Kopping by Fire Marshal Roberts as the result of a fire December 13, which burned down the home of Walton at 5704 Forty-eighth street Southeast, and destroyed an adjoining residence. Kopping was already in the county jail, having been rounded up with other alleged I. W. W., and Walton was held for investigation at the city jail. He also is said to be a "wobbly."

A few hours prior to the fire, Kopping, who had just sold the house to Walton, moved his family and most of his belongings to town. Before Walton had taken possession of the premises fire broke out and destroyed this and the adjoining home. Insurance on the house had just been increased to \$1800, according to the fire marshal.

Fire Marshal Roberts asserts that he has evidence to prove that Kopping set the fire, by agreement with Walton.

### WILLIAM CURTIN BURIED

Widow and Four Children Survive Early Portland Settler.

Funeral services were held Thursday for William Curtin, 63, who was born in California and had lived in Portland more than 25 years. The services were held at the Holy Rosary church and interment was in the Catholic cemetery at Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. Curtin's parents were among the early settlers of Washington state, but he was born in Sacramento, Cal. In 1855 the parents established their residence at Vancouver, where he spent his youth. He was educated in Holy Angels' college of that city. At the age of 26 Mr. Curtin married Miss Honora O'Brien and later they established their home in Portland. For 25 years he was an employe of the Terminal company.

Besides the widow four children survive. They are John, William and Raymond Curtin and Mrs. Mona Marpert, all of Portland. Three Portland and a sister are also Portland residents. Mr. Curtin's death occurred December 13 while he was living with Mrs. Marpert at 811 Commercial street. He was stricken with paralysis a few months ago and succumbed to this disease.

### PAIR MARRIED 50 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hungate of Pullman Celebrate Anniversary.

PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Surrounded by an unbroken family circle of six children and 12 grandchildren and a host of loyal friends and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hungate celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hungate were born in Illinois and were members of large families. Mr. Hungate is one of 16 children and Mrs. Hungate one of 19. Mr. Hungate was chosen as delegate to the convention which framed the constitution of the state of Washington. He was also one of the leaders in the fight to secure the State college for Pullman.

### A NEW SEDAN

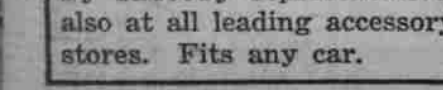
Exceptionally easy to enter and leave, the new Oakland four door Sedan is sensibly designed and most attractively furnished. The windows in all four doors are regulated by a convenient automatic controller; the side rear and back panel windows are fitted with roller curtains of grey silk; every essential convenience is included in its standard appointment. Like all Oakland models it is a thrifty and able car, suited alike to country and city driving.

Touring Car, \$1075; Roadster, \$1075; Coupe, \$1740; Four Door Sedan, \$1740. F. O. B. Pontiac, Mich. Additional for wire wheel equipment, \$75

Immediate Delivery \$2050. Portland Delivery Wire Wheel Equipment \$75 Extra.

### WILLAMETTE OAKLAND COMPANY

344 Burnside Street, Just Off Broadway. Phone Broadway 82.



OAKLAND THE MOST DESIRABLE SIX

### EXCHANGE TO REORGANIZE

### LABOR STORE TO BE OPERATED ON ROCHEDALE PLAN.

Council Officials Confident Financial Difficulties Will Be Disposed of Shortly.

Re-organization of the State Exchange, the general merchandise store operated by the Portland Central Labor council, is now under way. The business soon will be operated under the Rochedale plan, which is being adopted by labor stores up and down the coast.

The exchange recently became financially embarrassed and temporarily is operated by the credit bureau of the State Merchants' association. The council, however, had guaranteed debts contracted by the store and its officials say it will emerge from its difficulty within two weeks.

The exchange store was started less than six months ago by the Portland Central Labor council, and is incorporated under state laws. The store has no capital stock.

The store started to operate on the cost-plus basis—that is, all merchandise was to be sold at cost plus 5 per cent. Members of organized labor who patronized the store paid 25 cents a month membership fee, while persons not affiliated with the union paid 50 cents a month. During the six months of its operation it is said to have lost nearly \$2000.

The store has endeavored to sell goods under retail market prices. Under the Rochedale plan, all merchandise will be sold at prevailing market prices and the profits will be distributed among patrons.

### DAVEY BILL IS BACKED

Realty Board Calls for Passage of Anti-Sedition Measure.

Passage of the Davey sedition bill or some similar measure by congress to enable the federal officials to handle the bolshevik element with greater dispatch was urged by the Portland Realty board in a resolution adopted Friday.

The resolution, introduced by Frank McCullis, G. P. Peck and Joseph M. Healy, was prepared by the department of justice and introduced in the house of representatives by Representative Martin L. Davey of Ohio on November 17, 1919, now therefore he is resolved. That in the opinion of the Portland Realty board the disturbed and unsettled condition of the country caused by the bolshevik tendencies of a large number of radicals of European birth who are in this country, demands the immediate passage of the Davey sedition bill or some bill of a similar character, which will give the officers of our government authority adequate to deal with this question before its pernicious teachings shall further contaminate; and be it further:

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our representatives in congress of the United States as a request that they use their influence to secure the early enactment of such needed laws.

### FRIENDS PARTED 18 YEARS

OSWEGO MAN MEETS ALASKA GOLD MINER.

Ralph Harris and J. D. Leedy Recall Days When Nome Was in Its Glory.

OSWEGO, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Ralph Harris, an Oswego resident, was surprised this week when he met in Portland J. D. Leedy, an old friend of the days when Nome was in its full glory as a gold producer. Mr. Leedy is now a mining engineer in Seattle. The two men had not met for 18 years. Both Mr. Harris and Mr. Leedy were close associates of Rex Beach in Nome, the three working together during the summer of 1903 on Saturday creek and that winter on Newton gulch. Mr. Leedy is still a partner with Beach in a number of patented holdings near Nome.

Mr. Harris was in Nome when Rex Beach arrived from Chicago, bringing with him one of the many peculiar contrivances made on the outside and designed to recover where even the most experienced old-timer had failed.

Mr. Harris, who is a mechanic, undertook to help Beach in running this device, which he says resembled a threshing machine.

According to Mr. Harris, Jack Leedy was the chief inspiration of Beach. "He was a soldier of fortune," recalled Mr. Harris, "of such fine grain that no matter what the circumstances or environments, he was true, and like the gold he mined, the fire of time served to refine him more."

Mr. Harris will address the Alaska club at its annual banquet the latter part of January.

### "Y" BOYS TO GO ON HIKE

Trip to Spirit Lake Camp to Begin Christmas Night.

Christmas night will see a group of boys, members of the Portland Y. M. C. A., on their way to Spirit lake, where the association has a big camp.

## Staiger's Holiday Showing of Foot Wear

### Give the Useful Thing

Money means too much these days to frivil it away on mere trifles. Buy the essentials, the things that will spell comfort for your friends. Staiger's has a big stock of just such things for all ages.

**ALL LIKE GOOD-LOOKING HOSE**  
Have you thought of buying hose for Christmas? Drop in and see the dainty silk hose for dress-up occasions, or the new smart wool hose in various shades.

**Ladies' Hose**  
Fine silk boot hosiery, in black, cordovan, white and gray. \$1.25 pair.  
Jantzen's popular all-wool sport hose, \$2.50 pair.

**Men's Hose**  
Silk hose, in gray, black, cordovan, burgundy, white, navy, 90c pr.  
Silk plated hose, in all popular shades, 65c a pair.  
Men's Jantzen's all-wool sport hose, \$1.75 pair.

**SLIPPERS**—Just the thing for home wear.  
Men's Slippers, restful and comfy, \$2 to \$6  
Ladies' Felt Slippers . . . \$1.75 to \$2.50  
Children's Slippers, soft and warm, \$1-\$2.50

**A MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATE Makes a Splendid Gift**

### Staiger's

292 Washington Street  
Between Fourth and Fifth Streets

Open Evenings Until Christmas

### ANTI-ASIATIC PLAN WAITS

Hood River Association Not to Try to Rush Bill Through.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—It is not likely that the Hood River Anti-Asiatic association, organized by local orchardists to fight land ownership by Japanese, will support any movement toward asking the special session of the legislature for a bill to prohibit oriental aggression.

"I can only speak tentatively now," said R. E. Scott, secretary of the local organization, "but sentiment of our members is against any such move. We propose to take the matter directly before the people at the next general election. We have not sufficient time for the preparation of a comprehensive bill between now and the time of the special session. And it would not be fair to the hastily called legislators to ask them to take up our bill. We wish to give the Washington and California anti-

Asiatic bill careful study and try to obviate defects in both when we draw ours."

**Alleged Moonshiner Held.**  
Henry Hoecker, a metal worker, was bound over to the federal grand jury for alleged moonshine operations after a hearing yesterday before United States Commissioner Drake. Revenue officers testified that they located a still and a quantity of mash at his home in this city.

### KEWPIES & DOLLS

The sweetest dressed Kewpies, with or without hair, 12 in. tall, \$1.00

14-in. unbreakable head dolla, 50c. These dolls are dressed and jointed.  
A dressed 12-inch baby doll, 50c.  
A beautiful 6-in. doll, elegantly dressed. 50c.  
A three-piece tin toy set, consisting of a wagon, an auto and a roller with 14-in. handle, 50c.  
Silk Handkerchiefs, 35c, 3 for \$1.00.  
Special prices to dealers or charitable institutions.  
Mail orders, 5c extra for postage.  
Sale will continue until Wednesday night.  
PORTLAND WHOLESALE TOY AND NOTION CO.,  
Room 238 Worcester bldg., 5d and Oak Sts.

## NECKWEAR Of Novelty and Nicety

The Neckwear we offer now for holiday gifts is the sort that is found only in the smarter shops for men. We feel there should be something particularly distinctive and elegant about a holiday gift, something that makes the recipient commend both your good taste and good judgment. That's the sort of neckwear we're talking about—and displaying here now.

**\$1.00 to \$5.00**

## PHEGLEY & CAVENDER

Corner Fourth and Alder Streets

# SOLVED!

## BUY A PIANO FOR XMAS

Make It a Whole Family Gift. We Have Three or Four Very Fine Values in Used Pianos and Player-Pianos That Were Turned in as Part Payment on Bush & Lane Grands and Players. One or Two Equal to New and Will Be Sold Before Xmas on Special Prices and Terms. Shop Early!

## BUSH & LANE PIANO CO.

Broadway at Alder Portland, Oregon