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CITY SURVEYOR'S OFFICIAL REPORT

FOR PAVING OF SIXTH STREET FROM L STREET TO BRIDGE

PLANS FOR SUPERIOR JOB

Mr. Hobson Carefully Explains How the Work Will Be Done and Its Cost.

The property owners on South Sixth street from L street to the bridge are asking for full information in regard to paving that part of the street with standard macadam and the Courier has taken considerable trouble to secure reliable information. In preparing plans for the improvement of any street or roadway by grading, graveling, macadamizing or paving with any of the modern hard or waterproof surface pavements, it is necessary in every case to first take into consideration the drainage of the surface or storm water into and away from the roadway to be improved. When this question is settled, there must be a careful examination of the material which forms the natural road bed, which shall be made into a sub-foundation for the improvement. The classification of the natural road bed has to do with the slope of the sub-foundation from the sides to the center, and also the nature of the sub-foundation controls the size and mixture of the foundation material. The slope endwise of the roadway may lessen or increase the necessary slope from the center or crown to the gutter, which may again affect the size and quantity of the material used upon the bottom. These grades are to be determined in such a manner as to best conform to the adjoining property along either side of the street.

In preparing the plan and specifications for the improvement of South Sixth street from L street to the Rogue River bridge, by laying along either side a concrete curb and gutter, and along the roadway, 54 feet in width, a standard macadam, the foregoing points have been carefully considered, and the following extract of the city engineer's report to the city council is the result:

1. Curbing—There shall be constructed along either side of Sixth street from the south line of L street to the Rogue River bridge, artificial stone curbs and gutters as shown on the plan. The curb shall be not less than 14 inches high, six inches thick at the top and batter out at the rate of one-half inch to the foot, extending down to solid earth at the bottom, and shall be rounded at the upper and outer edge.

2. Gutters—The bottom of the gutter shall be extended out from a point six inches below the top of the curb, a distance of two feet into the street, with a rise of one inch toward the center of the street, and shall be six inches thick.

3. Concrete—The curbs and gutters shall be constructed of concrete and shall be made of stone, sand and gravel or crushed rock and cement, according to specifications heretofore adopted by the city of Grants Pass, Ore., for such work, and shall be done in a workmanlike manner under the supervision of the person appointed by the city council to oversee the work.

4. Macadam—The surface of the street shall first be brought to an even sub-grade, parallel with the finished surface of the improvement and thoroughly rolled with a twelve-ton steam roller, and any soft or springy places found in the ground after rolling shall be removed and filled with rock, gravel or concrete, until the same shall become solid by rolling.

5. Foundation—Upon the sub-grade thus prepared there shall be spread the foundation or bottom course, which shall be four inches thick at the gutter line, seven inches thick half-way between the gutter and the center, and ten inches thick at the center, after being thoroughly

compressed by a twelve-ton steam roller, in layers not exceeding four inches in thickness. This foundation or bottom course shall consist of hard crushed rock which will pass a three inch ring, over which shall then be spread, puddled and rolled sufficient screenings or fine stone chips to fill all the voids in the coarse rock.

6. Wearing Surface—Upon the foundation course shall then be spread the wearing surface, two inches thick, after being rolled with twelve-ton steam roller, consisting of crushed stone which will pass an inch and one quarter ring. Fine stone chips or screenings shall then be spread in thin layers over the two-inch surface, and at the same time thoroughly sprinkled and rolled until all the voids are filled and the entire surface is a solid mass.

7. Storm Sewer—There shall be laid along the center line of Sixth street, from the south line of L street to the river, a twelve-inch vitrified storm sewer pipe, to line and grade, under the directions of the city surveyor.

8. Catch Basins and Six-Inch Laterals—At the north side of the intersection of Sixth and M streets, and at a point 435 feet south of the south line of M street, on either side of Sixth street, shall be constructed catch basins of the material, size and dimensions heretofore adopted for such work, and connected with the main storm sewer by six-inch vitrified sewer pipe, which shall be laid to line and grade as given by the surveyor.

9. Quantities—There are 10,608.93 square yards of paving surface, 983 cubic yards of excavation, 4893 cubic yards of fill, 3424.6 lineal feet of straight curb, 31.4 lineal feet of curved curb, 1750 lineal feet of 12-inch storm sewer, 222 lineal feet of six-inch sewer, three monuments at street intersections, and four catch basins.

The estimated cost of the improvement completed is \$14,173.00, and there are 2280 lineal feet of property fronting upon the improvement, which makes a cost to each front foot of property of about \$4.32. With the natural subfoundation and the drainage of the ground, and the material which may be obtained for the work, this style of macadam should require no repairs for a period of at least five years, and will have sufficient surface drainage so that all filth will be carried away during the winter months, and the surface will be of such density that little dust will accumulate during the summer.

CORSET SAVES LIFE IN A PECULIAR MANNER

A most unfortunate accident occurred at Hugo last Friday morning when Mrs. W. H. Henry was accidentally shot by Clarence Chapin, a young man about 18 years of age. Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Chapin and Mrs. J. P. Kenny, of Hugo, were on their way to the old Triplett cherry orchard at about 6 o'clock in the morning, and as they came around a turn in the road a shot was fired, the bullet striking a steel in the front of Mrs. Henry's corset, which turned it in its course, the ball grazing the left side, making a flesh wound. It is alleged that the Chapin boy, who, however, is no relation to the Mrs. Chapin of the party mentioned, was shooting at a dog belonging to Mrs. Chapin, which he had said he intended to kill, but the young man avers he was shooting at a squirrel in a tree by the roadside when the ladies came around the bend in the road and Mrs. Henry received the shot intended for the animal. The wound was not thought to be dangerous, although very painful, but on Monday morning as there appeared to be symptoms of blood poisoning, Mrs. Henry was brought to this city by her daughters, Mrs. Harry Schmidt and Miss Helen Henry, and was taken to the home of the former for medical treatment. The wound was dressed and Mrs. Henry is progressing nicely and it is thought she will be able to return to her home at Hugo in a few days. The shooting was done with a 38-caliber revolver, and had it not been for the peculiar circumstance of the ball striking the corset steel, it would have passed directly through the abdomen, and undoubtedly have caused death.

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BE LET NEXT WEEK

WILL COST ABOUT \$40,000

Building Will Be Thoroughly Up-to-date and Have All Modern Equipments.

In connection with this article we publish an illustration of the new high school. The contractors are now at work making their estimates for bids for the construction of the building and in a very few days it will be determined who is the lucky man to have his name go down in history as the builder of this magnificent structure, which is to do honor to Grants Pass as an educational institution. There is general interest manifested as to just when the work on the high school building will commence and to satisfy this demand it can be said that as soon as the contract is let the builder will get the

office will also be located off this hall, and will be provided with a ante-room. Also on this main floor will be a teachers' rest room and in which the board of education will hold its meetings in future.

On the second floor, which is approached by wide stairways leading off at either end of the lower hall, will be the commercial department, domestic science room, library, several recitation rooms and the assembly room. The assembly room will have a seating capacity of 350 desks, and will thus care for the increase in the enrollment for a number of years. The cloak rooms will be back of the rostrum and separated from it by glass partitions.

J. G. Curtis Sells Jewelry Business.

J. G. Curtis last week disposed of his jewelry and watchmaking business to H. P. Tracy, formerly of Fremont, Neb. Mr. Tracy has been in Grants Pass twice during the past six months and after the second visit he went to look over the Coos Bay country and other sections but decided upon this place as the one most likely to meet his requirements as a business and residence city. He has brought with him Mrs. Tracy and their two children, a son and daughter, and they have taken up their residence in the new bungalow on D street between 7 and 8th. Mr. Tracy will make improvements in the store building, 203 South Sixth street, and will increase and add new lines to the stock. He has had many years

IRRIGATION CO. GIVES OPTION

STOCKHOLDERS RATIFY ACTION OF DIRECTORS

DAM AT SAVAGE RAPIDS

Water to Be Supplied to Grants Pass District by June 15, 1911.

There has been great activity for the past two weeks in irrigation matters. The Josephine Irrigation and Power company and the Rogue River Irrigation and Power company have been in almost constant session trying to arrange as to terms of a transfer of the property of the former company to the latter. Finally an agreement was reached and a contract entered into subject to the approval of the stockholders of the local company, and a stockholders' meeting was called for Thursday afternoon, June 23, at which the contract was submitted and passed upon. This meeting was held in the

more than a bare synopsis of the contract itself.

At the date of the maturity of the 20th installment, the system with all its appurtenances, equipment and property, real, personal and mixed of every description, shall be transferred by the company, free from all liens, encumbrances, and with good and sufficient title to all its reservoirs, reservoir sites, ditches, dams and power plants and sites therefor, altogether constituting the irrigating system, and that said transfer shall be made to such association or corporation, public or private, as may have been organized or may thereafter be organized by the irrigators of said districts and such system shall thereafter be the water users' property.

Until the above transfer is made the company reserves the right to charge each water user \$2 per acre per year maintenance fee for each acre for which water is furnished.

Whenever the new company performs its part of the contract it will have to furnish a bond in some responsible surety company in the sum of \$25,000 to run until the system is completed.

The water users' agreement provides that for the first ten years the water users will pay \$3 per acre, after that, besides the \$3 per acre they will pay interest, which the first year amounts to \$1.80, but is reduced 18 cents a year until the 20 installments are paid.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The meeting of stockholders of the Irrigation company was of deep interest and attracted the attention of a majority of those interested in irrigation. President Gilkey called the meeting to order at 2:15 p. m. and Secretary Riggs read the call, after which there was a general discussion as to the plans and purposes of those who are proposing to irrigate the 30,000 acres of agricultural lands in this valley. The discussion occupied nearly two hours and a half, when the vote was taken.

The vote was as follows: Total cast, 40,860; yes, 26,080; no, 4,780; majority, 6794 in favor of ratification.

Total subscription of stock, 43,929. Two-thirds vote required 29,286.

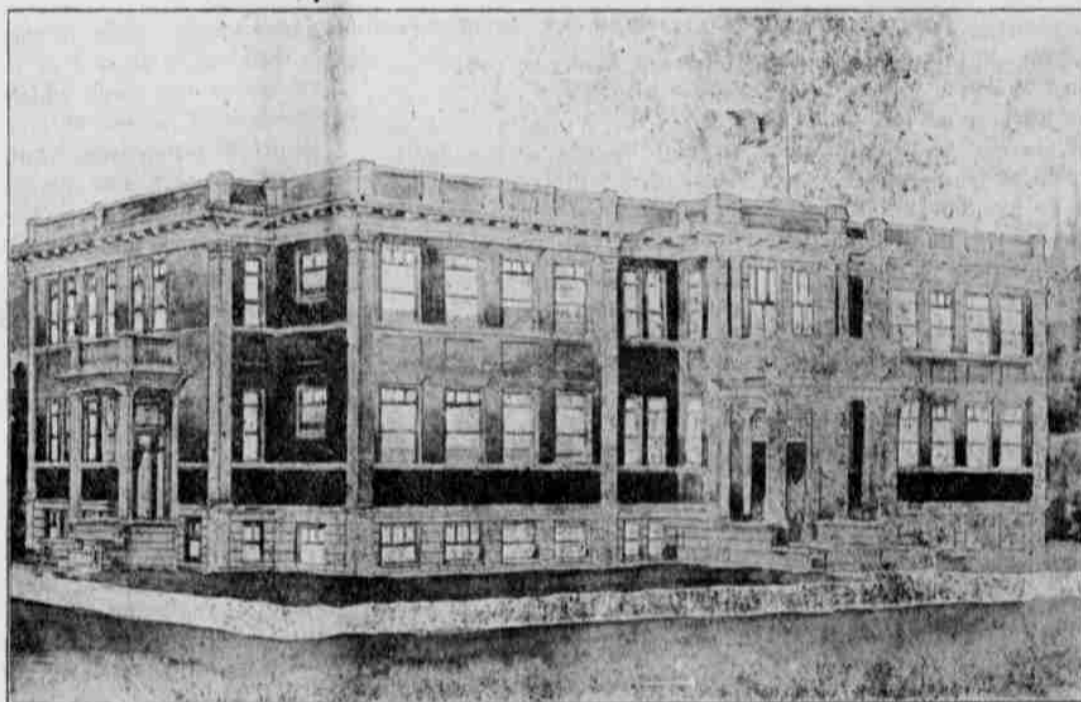
Hugh N. Herrick, son of L. L. Herrick, president of the Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co., arrived Friday night from St. Cloud, Minn., where he graduated from the Minnesota State Normal school. Mr. Herrick has spent a good part of his time the past year teaching in the department of manual training of the school, in which line he is especially proficient.

DE ARMOND RANCH PURCHASED BY LOCAL MEN

H. C. Kinney and Associates Pay \$35,000.00 for this Well Known Property.

A very important sale of real estate took place on Thursday of last week, it being the DeArmond property seven miles from town on Rogue river bottom. The farm embraces 176 acres of some of the very best land in the Rogue River valley. The purchasers were H. C. Kinney and associates, most of the capital being local. The price paid for the property was \$35,000. The deal was made through Judge H. H. Basler, who has succeeded in getting hold of some of the most desirable properties in the county.

The DeArmond farm is fairly the last of the big places on the bottom to be handled. It will be subdivided and planted to apples, pears and alfalfa. Each of the subdivisions will be so cut as to give opportunity for the purchasers to have a home site on the rolling ground on the north side of the farm. These building sites will have many advantages, as they will command a view of the river and the valley generally both up and down. There are about 25 acres suitable as building sites, all of which will be under the big gravity ditch of the Rogue River Irrigation and Power company, and every acre of the whole farm will be under irrigation. Mr. Kinney and his associates will soon transform this property and make of it some of the very finest fruit and alfalfa farms in Josephine county.



material together and undertake the construction without more delay than is absolutely necessary. It is hoped that the work will be completed this fall and it is quite certain to be ready for occupancy early in the coming school year.

The building in general will be rather of Grecian type of architecture, with flat roof, wide cornice, with pillar effect and portico entrances in front and at either side. This type of building situated on the knoll of the tract secured for the high school will make a very imposing and handsome sight, as viewed from across the wide, sloping campus to the front. It is planned that the outside shall be of red pressed brick with trimming columns, and plasters of white pressed brick.

In the basement, besides the toilets and heating and ventilating plant, will also be physical and chemical laboratories, manual training room, separate lunch rooms for boys and girls, gymnasium, shower baths and dressing rooms. The floor of the basement will be of cement, except the gymnasium, and that will be floored with hard maple. The gymnasium will be amply large for basket ball, and also have sufficient space for seats for spectators. These seats will be arranged on an inclined floor; the basket ball court will have a height of 15 feet, and will be 60 feet wide.

The shower baths will be connected with the heating system, and will be provided with hot water at no extra cost.

The entire building will be heated and ventilated by the so-called "indirect steam" system, the hot air fans being driven by means of electric motor, which also will secure the best ventilation possible.

The main entrance to the building leads into a spacious octagon hall. Leading off from this octagon hall are corridors and doors to the ten recitation rooms located on this, the main floor. The superintendent's

experience in the business and is highly recommended as a watchmaker.

Mr. Curtis, who has conducted the business for the past seven years or more, will retire from active duties and has leased the Rehkopf cottage on J street east of Sixth, where the Curtis family will be at home to their many friends.

Fire Tuesday Evening.

The fire alarm about 7 o'clock Tuesday evening brought the fire department to swift action, the blaze being on the corner of Third and H streets, in the old Everton house. One family had moved from the residence Monday and had left a lard can partly filled with gasoline in one of the bedrooms in the upper part of the house. On Tuesday afternoon another family moved into the house and in arranging the furniture in the evening the gasoline was upset. Shortly after this one of the small boys of the family was upstairs and stepped on a match, which ignited the gasoline and in a remarkably short time the upper story of the house was in flames. The fire department did good work and soon had the flames under control, although the adjoining house was in danger of burning, it having caught fire several times from the burning building, but was quickly extinguished by the firemen's hose. Most of the roof of the Everton house was burned off and the walls were damaged in a manner which leaves it in a bad shape for repairing.

The California Pine Box factory commenced operations on the 15th with a force of between 75 and 80 men and they are now busy filling orders for fruit boxes, which will be shipped to all parts of the coast. They will probably continue operations until along into December.

Ruled note paper, 2 1/2 pounds to the 500 sheets, 50 cents, at the Courier office.