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FIRST MILE OF MACADAM ROAD COST LESS THAN IS USUAL

ROAD WIDER YET CHEAPER

LESS THAN \$3,000 FOR APPROXIMATE MILE.

FIRST PIECE IS 600 FEET LONG

Compared With Willamette Roads Is Better And Cheaper

Union county has just completed its first mile of macadam road. Road Superintendent J. F. Campbell has finished construction of 4,800 feet, 4000 of which are on the county road leading toward Union and Cove from Adams avenue, and 800 feet north of the river, in Fruitdale.

This road is now 16 feet wide, built on a regular grade. To do so it required cutting and filling of no less than 600 feet. Crushed rock is used to a uniform depth of eight inches, the first 4-2 inches of coarse rock, the next two inches a little finer and the next still finer. Each course is rolled and rerolled with the big county steam roller. The road is higher in the center by eight inches than at the extreme edges and all properly drained.

The total cost of this 4,800 feet will be a little less than \$3,000, which in-

cluded the preliminary expenses of building roads to the rock pile and to the crusher. Superintendent Campbell who with the county court has given the matter of road building a great deal of careful consideration, having visited several counties in the state which have been constructing macadam roads for several years. In comparison with the roads built in the Willamette valley they are quite proud of their first attempt.

Our road is 16 feet wide, while much of the roads in the western portion of the state are only 12 feet wide and cost \$3,500 per mile. Had our road been 12 feet wide this \$3,000 would have constructed 6000 feet, at a cost of \$500 less than our Willamette friends.

Owing to the harvest season and the scarcity of labor, there will be no more macadam roads built until fall when it is expected to improve the Booth lane which has been one of the most notorious pieces of bad road in the county for years.

The initial piece of road constructed last year on Gekeler lane has stood the test and when the people begin to fully realize the difference between macadam road and mud holes public sentiment will demand permanent construction instead of a smattering all over with no practical results. This new road speaks for itself.

Refuses to Pay Board.

GENEVA, Switzerland, July 28.—Mrs. Thomas Appleton, of Seattle, Washington, was arrested today following refusal to pay a \$1000 hotel bill. Her children were placed under custody of an American preacher.

Getting Ready For Action.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Preparing for the warmest women's suffrage campaign ever waged in America, leaders of the movement are today planning for a big reception to Mrs. Emmeline Parkhurst, the leader of the English suffragettes, who will soon be here.

The Weather—Fair tonight and warmer Thursday.

SUNDAY SERVICE ON BRANCH LINE

BETTER TIME CARD
ON SUNDAY

TWO TRAINS EVERY SUNDAY

GREAT ACCOMMODATION FOR ALL CONCERNED.

MAY CARRY MAIL AND EXPRESS

Running Schedule Remains The Same as on Week Days.

Rapidly increasing passenger and freight traffic on the Joseph branch has made necessary additional service, and commencing Sunday morning, August 1st, a mixed train will be run seven days a week, on the same schedule as now.

Such are the instructions received by Local Agent J. H. Keeney, and by next Sunday, the service will be arranged to comply with the new orders. Hereafter there will be no more lay overs in La Grande or Joseph by members of the passenger, express and mail crews, as has been the rule previously.

Means a Great Deal Locally.

The new train is doomed to great patronage. Primarily, it will afford north end people, and Wallowa citizens too, an opportunity to come to La Grande Saturday, and to transact business that afternoon and return

SPANISH THRONE TOTTERS STIFLY

MARTIAL LAW IS IN ALL SPAIN

ALPHONSO CALLS CABINET

HIS SUBJECTS ANGERED AT WAR POLICIES.

FIERCE BATTLE IS RAGING TODAY

Moroccan Policies May be Undoing of Boy Ruler.

MADRID, Spain, July 28.—His throne tottering as the result of internal disorders and public displeasure of his policy in pursuing war against Moors in Morocco, King Alphonso is racing and rushing here from San Sebastian to assemble his cabinet.

Reports from Morocco say the fighting was terrific today, and casualties will be tremendous. Thousands are already killed, the last few days. Rioting at Melilla continued with increased fury today.

Martial Law Declared.

Following a conference with his cabinet, King Alphonso declared martial law throughout Spain today. Constitutional guarantees are suspended pending quelling of the revolutionary movement throughout the Kingdom.

Spanish forces were victorious over the Riff tribesmen in a battle at Melilla today. Both sides suffered heavy losses.

on Sunday, thus losing but one working day on the trip. Every attraction of public nature coming to La Grande on Saturday evenings will be liberally patronized by Elgin, Imbler, Allice and Summerville people who otherwise could not come. It will be so under many other conditions.

The new trains opens up a new avenue of Sunday pastime. The beauties and attractions of Looking Glass and other fishing streams and camping places along the line, will be meccas to a great number of instances this summer, for people who otherwise could not partake of the treats offered by nature in that section.

It is presumed the train will carry express, though this matter has not been definitely settled until Local Agent Hibberd hears from higher officials.

GROWS SEVEN FOOT OATS

W. J. HUGHES OUTDOES PLAYLE HIGH OATS STUNT.

Has Stems That Tower Seven Feet in The Air, All Good Too.

W. J. Hughes holds down stage position for producing tall oats. Today he and Mrs. Hughes brought to the Observer office a sample of heavily headed oats which was grown on the Hughes farm, and it measures an even seven feet from top to root. So far as known here this is the longest oat straw exhibited in a long time. The kernels are well filled.

This outdoes the Playle oats already on exhibit in the Observer office.

Taft Insists.

Will Insist on Reduction on Lumber And Gloves he Says. WASHINGTON, July 28.—Taft has

plainly indicated to callers today that unless the tariff on lumber and gloves is reduced he would not sanction the report of the conference committee which is considering the tariff bill. He will insist in the lumber rate to be a \$1.25.

Mrs. Collins a Maniac.

PORTLAND, July 28.—P. L. Willis and other friends battled verbally with District Attorney Cameron for six hours today to prevent appearance of Mrs. Kate Collins, who killed her husband Saturday, in the police court to answer the charge of murder in the first degree. It was a victory for her friends and she will probably not be brought into court until her mental condition is examined.

While the scene in the court was going on Mrs. Collins was lying on a cot in the sanitarium pleading wildly for her husband to come back.

JEFFRIES POST

FORFEITURE

FIVE THOUSAND NOW AND FIVE THOUSAND LATER.

Will Return And Start Training When Dates Are Set.

NEW YORK, July 28.—James J. Jeffries this afternoon posted \$5,000 with a sporting editor as his portion of his forfeit to bind a match with Johnson.

Jeffries sails August 5 for Carlsbad, where he will rest until arrangements are made for the fight. The date and location for the fight will be chosen on his return, when he will start training. The club offering the biggest purse will get the fight.

Jeffries will put another \$5000 as soon as the articles are signed. Johnson must post \$10,000.

WEDNESDAY AN IMPORTANT DAY

BAKER CITY DAY REIGNS AT SEATTLE TODAY.

W. C. T. U., Elks, And Other Orders Hold Sway This Week.

SEATTLE, July 28.—(Special)—All circus performances of the past will be eclipsed by the show and parade which the Elks will give at the stadium of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition today and Thursday, Elks days at the fair. There will be 50 floats in the parade, including two Roman chariots and a mammoth twelve horse band wagon. Seven bands and 1500 Elks will be in the line of march. A large party left Port Townsend yesterday on the steamer Iroquois to celebrate Port Townsend day at the exposition on Wednesday. They brought the Artillery band with them and will parade through the grounds in a body. The reception was held in the Washington state building at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

This is Baker City Day.

Another excursion arrived at the exposition to celebrate Baker City, Oregon, day today. There are a large number of Oregonians at the fair who will join the Baker City delegation in the exercises of the day.

The National Union will hold their annual convention in Seattle on July 29 and they have arranged an elaborate program at the exposition for that occasion.

The Seattle W. C. T. U. organization has elaborate preparations to receive the delegates who come from all points in the northwest for the official day of the union at the fair today.

THAW TESTIFIES IN OWN BEHALF

LEWD FEATURE IS REVIVED

HE ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS

NO INSANITY EVIDENT IN THE LONG TRIAL.

HE SAYS HE WAS LEGALLY INSANE

Hearing to Ascertain Thaw's Insanity Near End.

WHITE PLAINS, July 28.—Harry Kendall Thaw took the stand this morning in his own defense in the sanity query. The court room was crowded and his action betrayed his nervousness.

Attorney Morschauer, for Thaw, waived direct examination, being unwilling to have Jerome examine his client after he was tired by the questioning. District Attorney Jerome opened the examination by asking:

"Why are you here?"
"It's habeas corpus proceedings, looking toward my release from Matcatawan," was the reply.

"Why were you committed?"
"Because at the end of the second trial I was acquitted, but the Judge issued a commitment."

"Do you understand 'noblesse oblige' prevailing among gentlemen?"
"Yes."

"Would you, having committed an act which you felt called upon as a gentleman to perform, consent to subordination of lying, by your counsel, to escape the consequences of that act?"

"By no means."

Jerome then led up to the subject of the testimony of Dorman Lynch, of the Tombs prison to the effect that Thaw, while a prisoner, imagined he heard voices of little girls in the station. Thaw emphatically denied it.

When Thaw said the Lynch story was all rot, Jerome asked why he allowed to go on records. He replied he spoke to Attorney Littleton, his counsel at the time, and said Littleton thought while it was confused, it should go in evidence as long as the opposition used the testimony of Abe Hummel. This resulted in a discussion of the alleged blackmailing scheme of Hummel, which Thaw denounced. Thaw denied his wife threatened to sue him for divorce because of his flogging girls.

Jerome asked:
"Were you crazy when you shot an unarmed man with his back towards you?"

This aroused Thaw, who replied:
"I was legally crazy."

Jerome asked if he was willing to have his wife take the stand, or waive her privilege, to testify whether she threatened to sue for divorce?
"I will waive no privilege," said Thaw.

A long argument followed Jerome's attempt to introduce in evidence the lewd letter which Thaw alleged was written his wife. Justice Mills ruled that while he could not admit the question or the letter while Thaw was on the stand, the letter would be admissible if the writing was identified by a person other than the wife. Thaw then held a brief whispered conference with the Judge and left the stand.

Honors For Bleriot.

PARIS, July 28.—Flushed with triumph at being the first man to fly across the English channel, Louis Bleriot returned to Paris this morning. He was greeted by thousands at the depot. Bleriot is the most talked of man in Europe.

Tempting Prices

NEWEST SEASONABLE MERCHANDISE

WASH DRESS GOODS REDUCED

Our entire line of high grade summer dresses at great saving prices. Regular \$40.00 evening gown, beautiful creations, lace and embroidered effect, now \$29.95

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| \$9.50 Values Now | \$7.69 | \$22.50 Values Now | \$16.95 |
| \$9.00 Values Now | \$6.95 | \$14.50 Values Now | \$11.15 |
| Others Just as Cheap. | | \$11.50 Values Now | \$8.95 |

Sweeping Reduction in Millinery. All Trimmed and Pattern Hats Must Go.

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| \$10.00 Values Now | \$6.40 | \$7.50 Values Now | \$4.55 |
| \$9.00 Values Now | \$6.00 | \$6.00 Values Now | \$4.00 |
| \$8.50 Values Now | \$5.99 | \$5.00 Values Now | \$3.35 |

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR REDUCED
HEATHERBLOOM PETTICOATS AT
SAVING PRICES

SUMMER PARASOLS REDUCED
NEW SHIRT WAISTS AT GREAT
REDUCTIONS

THE FAIR