

MAYOR ATTACKS DAVIS' WORK

HE AND COUNCILMEN FIND CONTRACT IMPROPERLY DONE.

March Payments Held Up and Work Will Be Remedied Later.

Contractor B. S. Davis laying the sewer projects now under way, came in for a warm grilling last night when Mayor A. L. Richardson announced his determination not to sign the March warrant in favor of the contractor until what is said to be inferior work on the contract from Greenwood east has been rectified. Councilman Church was hand in hand with the executive in the complaint against the quality of work done, and though 15 per cent of the contract price has been withheld, the major portion of the account will not be settled at this time. Mayor Richardson, Councilman Church and Councilman Mackey gave the work already laid a careful inspection this week and found that from Greenwood on east the sewer is now taking half or two-thirds capacity water when it should be dry. Work done by the city under supervision of the city is perfectly dry. However, the question arose as to requiring the contractor to do the work over at this time, and it has been deemed impracticable until the river drops. In the meantime, the city attorney and mayor and Contractor Davis will enter into a tentative arrangement for turning in the sewer connections with the understanding that the inferior work is to be remedied just as soon as natural conditions will permit.

Inspector Jones, who represented the city, was entirely exonerated as it was pointed out that the last council committee took the matter out of his hands and he was unable to forestall the sewers being laid wet. Contractor Davis was not present and missed the criticism of his work.

Kansas Men Here.

As a further addition to the Sunflower colony in Union and Wallowa counties, W. E. Russell and A. I. R. Hughes, of Howard, Elk county, Kansas, have arrived here. Mr. Russell at once decided to stay and is getting ready for spring work. Mr. Hughes will make a trip to the coast first but he will return shortly. He lived 29 years in Kansas and wants to find a place that suits him so he can spend 29 years more in one place.

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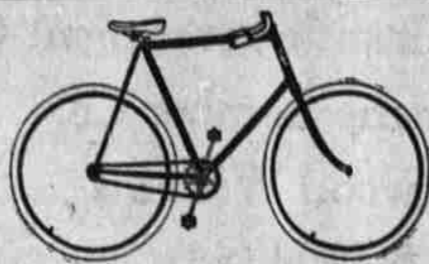
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THE FAIR

PICK BLOCK TO TRY PAVING

PENNSYLVANIA BETWEEN 4TH AND 5TH SELECTED.

Petrolitic Paving to Be Tried at the Expense of the City.

One block on Pennsylvania avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets will be treated to a process of paving known as petrolitic and if it is found that the process is as lasting and desirable as it is cheap, the property owners will be asked to pay their assessment. This particular block is chosen because the city owns half of it and the work will be done by the city. The street committee has the work in hand, and will build the block of paving as an experiment to learn its lasting qualities. If found as well adapted to the soil in this city as it has been found in California where Mayor A. L. Richardson discovered it and explained its principles to the council, then the half of the block owned by private citizens, will be paid for in the regular way.

About 80 cents is what Mayor Richardson believes it will cost to lay the material in this city. No plant is necessary particularly. The street is plowed up to a depth of nine inches after proper grading, and a composition of crude oil, 80 per cent asphaltum, is poured over the loose ground. The solution is cultivated into the loose ground and then a machine for the purpose, the only "plant" necessary, is run over the loose ground and mixes and tamps the ground so that it is perfectly smooth and very firm. A composition of fine gravel and tar, or asphaltum, is then placed on the surface and the process is completed at a cost between 80 cents and \$1.00. The system is very satisfactory in California for residence street purposes and if it can be placed for the price named, there is no doubt but what the outlying districts will adopt the method.

POSTOFFICE PROBE STARTED.

Democratic Representative Starts a Movement to Study Department.

Washington, April 6.—Representative Sheppard, democrat, today introduced a house resolution demanding an investigation of the postoffice department by the committee on expenditures by postoffices.

Johnson Nears Death.

Cleveland, April 6.—There is no improvement in the condition of Tom Johnson and it is believed that his death is but a matter of a few days.

Scarlet Fever in Elgin.

Elgin, April 6.—(Special)—One death is reported and five other cases are quarantined as a result of scarlet fever.

DARING THIEF ON TRIAL NOW

MAN WHO LED MERRY CHASE THROUGH CITY IS DEFENDANT

Disposing of Charges Against Negro, Next Case Is Resumed.

The jury hearing the case of the negro who stood trial when his alleged partner, now sentenced, plead guilty to robbing a North Powder store, retired late this afternoon and the next case on the docket was resumed.

The jurors are now wrestling with the case wherein a stranger stole some goods from the Tony & Scranton store, lead a chase through North La Grande, of more than ordinary excitement, and was finally captured near Island City that night. It is presumed this case will be finished tomorrow some time.

POWER CONCERN TAKES ACTION

APPLICATION FOR ELGIN FRANCHISE NOW FILED.

Said Company Will Eventually Work Toward La Grande.

Elgin, April 6.—(Special)—Application for a franchise to furnish light and power to Elgin, will be finally acted upon next Tuesday. The company seeking the franchise is the McCully-Rumble Power company which has an engineer on the scene to build a power plant three miles below the hatchery and run wires directly across Cricket Flat to Elgin. F. D. McCully and Ed Rumble are the promoters.

To Spread Out Over Valley.

It is said the purposes of the company are to secure a franchise in Elgin and supply that town with light and power and then to proceed into the valley proper and touch at Imbler. Ultimately it is believed the company will extend its line toward La Grande and when possible secure a franchise in that city. The company is capitalized at \$50,000 and with the engineer on the scene it is said the work of constructing the plant will proceed at once.

Summons.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Union county.

Arthur A. DeFord, Plaintiff, vs. Luella DeFord, Defendant.

To Luella DeFord, defendant: In the name of the state of Oregon. You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the 12th day of May, 1911, after the publication of this summons

for six weeks in the La Grande Evening Observer. And you will take notice, that if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will take the decree of the court, for the dissolution of the marriage contract existing between yourself and plaintiff. This summons is published by order of the Hon. J. W. Knowles,

judge of the above entitled court, dated March 30th, 1911, directing it to be published in the La Grande Evening Observer, for six consecutive weeks, first publication to be in issue of March 30th, 1911.

J. F. BAKER, Attorney for Plaintiff. DMch 30-4p-6-13-20-27-MY 4-11.

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