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## MR. LOGSDEN AND PAVING.

Last evening there was a sensational array of the paving company by Councilman Logsden. He is convinced that the proper stone is not being used in La Grande, and to prove his assertion he produced some very inferior rock as samples. If the councilman is correct there should at once be some steps taken in the matter. But does it not seem that the time for objection is late when the amount of paving already laid is considered? If the contentions are well founded is it not reasonable to suppose such a condition of affairs has existed from the first yard of paving laid? Then, if this is true where do La Grande prop-

erty owners get off in the end?

As a matter of fact the Evening Observer believes the rock base for the paving done here is first class, for there is the best rock obtainable for paving and so far as most of us have observed good rock has been used. But there are things about paving that the layman does not understand, the most important of which is the mixing of what is termed the "hot stuff" and the spreading of the same commodity. It would seem if a company wanted to slight a piece of work it would not slight the rock base which is easily obtained but the slight would come in applying the mixture that is expensive and very costly to transport here. Understand, we are not saying such a thing has been done, for we are ignorant of the process of paving just as most of the property owners of La Grande are ignorant.

What we do contend is that the "hot stuff" would be the logical place to slight if it was intended that a slight should exist.

The essence of this whole matter might be stated in a few words: What kind of inspection has been done to this public work? Possibly, all right, but if so why is this feeling of unrest and uncertainty. As the Evening Observer has often said, the man who stands between the taxpayer and loss when an improvement era is on is the man whom the city employs to inspect and pass on the work being done. If he is capable and sincere there is no chance for cheating, even if a company was disposed to cheat.

No office in La Grande has been so important as the inspector since public work began, and no office will be as important in the future as the inspector. Councilman Logsden, nor any other member of the city council, can afford to stay on any job of city work all of the time to see it is properly done. And in most instances councilmen do not know when a job is being done right unless they have technical knowledge of the particular work in progress.

## JASPER G. STEVENS.

A tribute to the life of Jasper G. Stevens, who recently died in Portland, is paid by ex-Governor T. T. Geer in the Oregonian of Wednesday as follows:

Jasper G. Stevens, who died at his home in this city last Thursday morning, was one of the successful business men of Grande Ronde valley whose passing at the age of 54 years is what may be appropriately termed untimely. He was comparatively young, had applied himself to business affairs for 30 years so faithfully that he had amassed a comfortable fortune and had retired to a home in Portland to enjoy the fruits of his labors. He was especially happy in his domestic relations, having a devoted wife and two children, a boy who is attending the state university, and a girl, just in her teens, who is in high school.

Jasper C. Stevens was born in Silvertown, Marion county, July 1, 1857, his father moving there in 1856. About 1861 the elder Stevens located in Eugene where Jasper attended the state university, being a member of its first graduating class. In 1882 he moved to Cove, Union county, where he opened a drug store and for 25 years he followed his business closely, earning a reputation for strict attention to his duties, to the exclusion of almost every other consideration. During most

of this time he was the postmaster at that place and was known to practically every man, woman and child in the Grande Ronde valley and esteemed very highly. He established a home on Irving street, this city, about five years ago, since when he has divided his time between attending to his affairs in Union county and enjoying the change afforded by life in a large city. He and his wife have taken several auto trips over the Willamette valley, to the Walla Walla valley, and spent two months of the last winter in Lower California.

At the time of his death Mr. Stevens was president of the state bank at Cove, president of the bank at Walla Walla, Walla county, and vice president of the First National bank at Union. He also had large landed interests in Grande Ronde valley. His father, Mark Stevens, died at Cove in 1898, having been preceded by the other world by his wife, Frances (Clark) Stevens, in nine years. One of his sisters, Miss Nellie Stevens, was for several years one of the teachers in the public schools in Portland and is now the principal of the St. Johns school. For four years and a half she was superintendent of schools for Union county. Another sister, Miss May, is a teacher of music in Portland. His only brother, Earl, is living on a farm near Sherwood, a few miles west of Portland.

On behalf of his immediate family and relatives as well as his many friends at Cove, where I first made his acquaintance in the days long gone by I desire to give this testimonial to Jasper G. Stevens' worth as an upright citizen, whose conspicuous example of the value of strict application to business, is worthy of emulation by all men and whose uniform kindness of disposition won him friends wherever he was known.

The Cove, where everybody called him "Jap," will miss him, perhaps more than any other man who could have been called away, but his wife and children, brother and sisters, have the happy consolation that he lived in a well spent life, that he was active in developing business matters in his sphere, that he passed on with the respect of all who knew him and that all his acquaintances were his warm friends.

## FRUITS AND HIS HOGS.

John Frulis of Joseph was the man who shipped stock the greatest distance to the Union stock show last week. He is a breeder of the Hampshire swine and to show the large crowd of people his stock he shipped several head from Joseph to Union.

That he has a splendid strain of hogs no one questions and the general feeling expressed by those who took an interest in the pen was that John Frulis is doing a great deal for this section of country.

The hog is a wealth producer, as safe as a wheat field and a commodity that can always be cashed. The man who sticks to hogs year in and year out never goes broke, never has his credit mutilated and when a crash comes usually he is the man who can get the ready money when others fail.

## "RESPONSIBILITY."

Again the Evening Observer wishes to call attention to what the word "responsibility" means in municipal affairs. The second street pipe line was put in by men who cared nothing for the welfare of La Grande. The proper check valve of thorough inspection was not forthcoming and as a result the city paid an enormous expense.

But what we wanted to call attention to is the "responsibility" of public officials and its true meaning.

When the company that laid the second street pipe line became defunct and would not come back and make good; when La Grande was up against a water problem that was really serious a home man, a man who lives here, was called upon to make the repairs. He laid no claims to being an expert but he fully realized the "responsibility" of the work imposed upon him. He made no promises but said, "I'll do the best I can." The second street pipe line is now repaired and is carrying the water supply of La Grande. L. M. Hoyt is the man who made good without a fuss, but on the plain principle of trying to do the work right.

That is the kind of work this city needs and needs it very badly.

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KILLEDTOM BRANNON SHOOT BIG CAT  
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Is Said to be One of the Largest of Kind—Measured 9 1-2 Inches.

Tom Brannon today, brought in an immense cougar, measuring 9 feet and 6 inches, which he killed Sunday on Five Points about four miles from Hilgard.

Mr. Brannon and Louis Gasset were going through the brush near the range where J. P. McKennon has a large band of sheep when the big cat was started. Mr. Brannon said that the huckleberry brush was over waist deep where the cougar was first seen. It made long high leaps up over the brush coming all the time toward the men. When it was within five feet of Mr. Brannon he fired sending a 30-30 ball into the body of the animal. After being hit it ran about twenty-five yards before it fell.

Mr. Brannon and others who saw the cat today say that it is one of the largest ever seen. It has a mate and it is believed that there are some kittens in the brush near where the cat was killed. Mr. Brannon heard them crying but the brush was too thick and darkness was coming on so was unable to make a search for them.

He received yesterday the regular ten dollar bounty paid by the county on cougars.

## At the Isis.

In response to repeated requests from the patrons of the Isis theatre and other citizens, Mr. Sherwood, the popular manager of the Isis has again secured the beautiful song, "Those Songs My Mother Used to Sing." Mr. Ferrin, the ever popular tenor, is engaged at the Isis to sing this song and music critics and the public both join in the opinion that nothing so beautiful in melody and pathos has ever been rendered in La Grande before.

This song some two months ago filled the up-to-date picture house every performance and we are sure the public will appreciate the attention which the management gives to the people of La Grande. Some measure of credit is due Mr. King, the musical director of

the theatre, for the man in which this beautiful song has been arranged to suit Mr. Ferrin's beautiful voice.

**Notice of Annual School Meeting**  
Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School district No. One of Union county, State of Oregon, that the annual school meeting of said district will be held at the old high school building in said district to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. on the third Monday of June being the 19th day of June, A. D. 1911.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director and the transaction of the business usual at such meetings.

There will also be submitted to the legal voters at said election the following questions:

Shall school district No. One of Union county, reimburse Arthur C. Williams, clerk of said district for money, amounting to \$1,578.34, lost by him in the failure of the Farmers and Traders National bank of La Grande, Oregon, and by him forthwith paid to the

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Shall school district No. One of Union county, state of Oregon, purchase block 82 of Chaplin's addition to the town of La Grande Union county, Oregon, at the price of \$2,600.00 for a playground?

Said election shall be held from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m. and it shall be by ballot.

Dated this 8th day of June, A. D. 1911.

HENRY HENSON,  
Chairman District School Board.  
Attest:  
ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS,  
District Clerk.

6-8-19

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