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NARROWER STREETS SOLUTION OF RESIDENCE PAVEMENTS

La Grande, Oregon, April 2.—(To John L. Mars)—I have carefully noted the recent newspaper articles treating on the subject of "Good Roads." This subject apparently is one of great interest and concern to every class of the human family. The past year I have had a strong desire to visit various cities for the purpose of studying the various phases of municipal improvement, the most important of which is that of road, street and highway improvement of various natures, and under various climatic conditions. I would have made such a trip some time ago should I have had the funds at hand which I could easily spare.

Your request of me came suddenly and as I had but an hour or two to decide, I accepted your proposition and visited Portland and St. Johns, Oregon, and Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, and Spokane, Wash. My trip lasted one week and I am enclosing data for your interest and information when I am enclosing herewith. I am indeed grateful to you for this trip as I am benefited and broadened by having given this time to the study of the practical application of the various roadway materials.

All you asked of me was to find a pavement which would meet the demands of the city of La Grande. This, however, I find is not an easy task for

I learn that all cities today are looking for a better and lower price pavement for residence sections than we now have. All agree that we have still to find such a pavement.

Portland is now having competitive bidding using the gravel bitulithic and Portland cement concrete (closely resembling the Dollariway pavement). The latter pavement is bidden at a lower cost than the gravel bitulithic. Here we have a method used wherein quality is sacrificed for lower cost.

Vancouver, Wash., and St. Johns, Ore., are employing the same means to lessen the cost of their improvements.

Tacoma, is maintaining the standard asphalt but is giving place for deep parkings and 24 foot roadway. They are also using Portland cement concrete with good results. The narrow street width with its standard pavement appealed to me strongly. I notice that it handles the traffic nicely and since returning to La Grande I notice that on Sixth street 99 per cent of the traffic is confined to within 20 foot width. This fact seems to indicate that Tacoma has gone far toward solving the problem. Keep the standard quality and place the width necessary to accommodate the business for which it is used. The less extra width is an extra expense to clean and maintain as well as to build. It also very materially affects

the size of storm sewers.

I have read much in engineering papers concerning the efficiency with which Mr. Thompson (now engineer for Port of Seattle) handled the city engineering department of the city of Seattle. His efficiency is truly reflected in and by the excellent condition and stability of the Seattle street pavements. For the residence sections they are using standard asphalt which is placed under rigid and strict inspection. These streets are in perfect condition and have stood no limit load traffic for many years. They are not broken such as we find at Portland and elsewhere.

At Seattle they are investigating for lower price pavements. Their aim, however, is to still maintain quality. With this end in view Seattle has installed a municipal asphalt plant. The resultant lowering in price of pavement is so encouraging that this season they are going to double the capacity of their plant. They are convinced that they have solved the paving question; maintain quality but place at actual cost. At this point I wish to state that Seattle and Tacoma are using standard asphalt pavements. Their streets are perfect and beautiful. The spirit of Seattle is "We are spending our people's money. We will not pay royalty to anyone. We are intending to bring profits to a smaller margin and will lighten the burden of street improvements and keep to a more or less extent this money within the city." Seattle people are proud of their municipal plant.

Spokane is experimenting and attempting to select the pavement best adapted to the needs and costs for residence sections. At this place they have installed a municipal asphalt plant. They have reduced their paving costs wonderfully and are now doing all the repair work for the various companies. This work heretofore was done by contractors by the competitive bid system. Spokane is highly satisfied with the results of its municipal plant. Their motto is "Keep the standard but get a lower price."

Medford, Oregon, I am informed, has pavements of excellent quality. They were placed under the direct instructions and laboratory tests of the city of Seattle. The town of Medford feel highly paid for their care and precaution with regard to the thorough inspection given their pavements. Asphalt is the type of the greater portion of their pavements.

In conclusion I wish to state that Seattle is now experimenting with a bituminous concrete pavement which is of a very, very low cost and is giving apparently excellent results in the outlying residence sections. Its low cost and its wearing quality may cause it to replace the standard asphalt on the streets of light traffic. This pavement, a bituminous concrete, by cutting down the street width and installing a municipal asphalt plant for placing same will give to us an excellent pavement, with deep and spacy lawns and all will come within the cost of our present macadam, and within the means of all property owners.

Heretofore I have been opposed to municipal plants, etc., also to narrow roadways but at present I am thoroughly convinced of my error.

The costs of the various pavements are tabulated and also given to you under the various heads of "Type of Pavements." Also the costs of the various materials used in the construction. Asphalt plants cost at the factory about \$12,000.00.

I feel that I can honestly advocate a pavement of less width having a road bed of asphaltic cement concrete placed from a municipal plant. If this conditions could be adopted I feel sure that La Grande would advance with street improvement beyond any present expectation.

Very respectfully yours,
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Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	439,400.00
Cash in banks and on hand	85,326.42
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission	177,787.88
Interest and rents due and accrued	5,434.07
Total assets	\$1,320,465.57
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be) \$	0
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$1,320,465.57
Liabilities	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 47,685.19
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	619,404.95
Due for commission and brokerage	35,229.24
All other liabilities	35,229.24
Total liabilities	\$ 702,329.78
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911	\$91,185,186.00
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total risks written during the year	\$1,811,312.00
Gross premiums received during the year	45,854.15
Premiums returned during the year	10,525.30
Losses paid during the year	7,983.74
Losses incurred during the year	6,763.74
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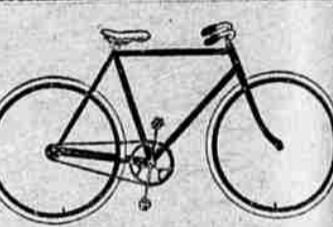
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in the State of California on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital	
Amount of capital paid up	\$ 400,000.00
Income	
Premiums received during the year in cash	\$ 750,615.15
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	65,276.35
Income from other sources received during the year	7,364.24
Total income	\$ 823,255.74
Disbursements	
Losses paid during year	\$ 276,743.59
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock ..	60,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	211,175.60
Taxes, licenses and fees	

Nature Provides.

As to the horror of death—this the spectators may have. But it is the rarest phenomenon for him who is about to die to "suffer" death. Immediately death impends, the end is almost invariably benignant and peaceful. What, indeed, is there in all the cosmos so composed and content as the face of the dead?—Medical Record

Sights Unseen.

Smith (at the club)—Yes, by Jove, there's very little you can teach me I've been everywhere, done everything, seen everything! The Scotch Member—Young man, did you ever have the D. T.'s? Smith—D. T.'s! Great Scott, no! The Scotch Member—Then you've seen nowt.—London Sketch.

A Queer Town.

"Who is the Nestor of the bar here?" "I don't believe we have one. I've never heard of any such thing hereabouts."

"What! No Nestor of the bar? Say, what kind of a town is this?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

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