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OBJECTIONS TO PAVING ON SPRING OUSTED

HUGE MAJORITY ON WHOLE STREET ANXIOUS FOR PAVING THIS YEAR.

CONCRETE TAKES SPURT

Addition of Voting Strength on East Spring Is Said to Mean Big Vote for Cement Paving—Bitulithic and Dollarway Hope to Win on Three Corner Fight That Is Due.

Remonstrances against paving of Spring street filed by a big majority of 3 blocks of the entire 10, were overruled by the city council last evening because it was impossible to segregate the improvement district which calls for all of Spring street to Alder. The remonstrances were a very small percentage of the whole street and the proceedings went on, the councilmen expressing their reticence at forcing paving on the district, but the overwhelming majority wanted it and, therefore, the minority had to take it.

The remonstrators were overruled before the bids were opened, and today it develops that there has been a wonderful shakeup in the matter of sentiment. Those residents living west of Fourth on Spring, are generally believed to be favorable to black-top stuff, but those who remonstrated against any paving are said today to favor concrete. Friends of bitulithic believe the split spells success for them, when the test comes tonight at a meeting of the taxpayers before the council called for 7:30. At that time the council will act as a committee of the whole and talk will be free and unlimited to those interested. Cement friends are certain of carrying the day with the addition of East Spring street to their voting power and black-top stuff friends other than bitulithic see victory in the same split that the bitulithic people pin faith on. Many of the contractors have returned to their homes but there is one of each "brand" left in town, save El-Oso which at the last minute refused to put in a bid, though he was in the city for that purpose.

While there is plenty of rumors of "fireworks" talk tonight such will probably not develop, yet an immense amount of interest centers in the meeting as it will decide if paving other than bitulithic shall gain a foothold. That is the issue on one side; on another is which of the so-called new pavings shall be that fortunate one, if it is to be a new one. The council will aim to ratify the vote taken tonight, at once that the paving may proceed with all possible haste.

Comparison Shows Big Cut.

Bids presented to the council last evening show nine specifications of the eleven were used. Six bidders presented bids. Comparative data can be obtained from the bids published today by remembering that at present La Grande is paying 50 cents for excavation, 36 cents for fill, \$1.47 1/2 for paving, 50 cents for straight curb, 68 cents for circular curb, \$25 for catch basins, 50 cents for six inch pipe and 45 for headers.

PEACE MESSAGE COMING.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The president will shortly send a special message to congress giving the exact status of the peace negotiations which this country is now attempting with Mexico. It will carry the text of the message that John Lind carried to Mexico City and also Huerta's answer.

READ THE CHARTER.

In this issue of the Observer is a section of the proposed city government by commission charter. Sections of it will be run from time to time to fully converse each reader with the salient facts of the new government scheme. A section is printed today on another page.

Nine Bids Presented Last Night For Spring Street

Warren Construction Company.			
4507 cu. yds. excavation	at 50c		\$ 2,253.50
1090 cu. yds. fill	at 42c		109.00
5282 lin. ft. of straight curb	at 42c		2,218.44
437.38 lin. ft. of circular curb	at 55c		240.56
13338.5 sq. yds. pavement	at \$1.90		25,343.15
590 lin. ft. header	at 43c		253.70
2790 lin. ft. six inch sewer pipe	at 50c		1,395.00
15 catch basins	at \$22.50		337.00
Total cost			\$21,550.38

(Heavy Gravel Bitulithic, 5 inch.)			
4507 cu. yds. excavation	at 50c		\$ 2,253.50
1090 cu. yds. fill	at 10c		109.00
5282 lin. ft. of straight curb	at 42c		2,218.44
437.38 lin. ft. of circular curb	at 55c		240.56
13338.5 sq. yds. pavement	at \$1.47		19,607.60
590 lin. ft. header	at 43c		253.70
2790 lin. ft. six inch sewer pipe	at 50c		1,395.00
15 catch basins	at \$22.50		337.00
Total cost			\$26,414.80

(Light Gravel Bitulithic Pavement, 4 inch.)			
4507 cu. yds. excavation	at 50c		\$ 2,253.50
1090 cu. yds. fill	at 10c		109.00
5282 lin. ft. of straight curb	at 42c		2,218.44
437.38 lin. ft. of circular curb	at 55c		240.56
13338.5 sq. yds. pavement	at \$1.39		18,540.51
590 lin. ft. header	at 43c		253.70
2790 lin. ft. six inch sewer pipe	at 50c		1,395.00
15 catch basins	at \$22.50		337.50
Total cost			\$25,348.21

Geiger Construction Company.			
4507 cu. yds. excavation	at 39c		\$ 1,757.73
1090 cu. yds. fill	at 10c		109.00
5282 lin. ft. of straight curb	at 35c		1,848.70
437.38 lin. ft. of circular curb	at 40c		174.95
13338.5 sq. yds. pavement	at \$1.00		13,338.50
590 lin. ft. header	at 23c		641.70
2790 lin. ft. six inch sewer pipe	at 12c		70.80
15 catch basins	at \$25.00		375.00
Total cost			\$18,316.38

Wheelright & Landrith.			
4507 cu. yds. excavation	at 40c		\$ 1,802.80
1090 cu. yds. fill	at 25c		272.50
5282 lin. ft. of straight curb	at 40c		2,112.80
437.38 lin. ft. of circular curb	at 50c		218.69
13338.5 sq. yds. pavement	at \$1.09		14,538.96
590 lin. ft. header	at 25c		147.50
2790 lin. ft. six inch sewer pipe	at 40c		1,116.00
15 catch basins	at \$17.50		262.50
Total cost			\$20,471.75

Parrot Brothers' Company.			
4507 cu. yds. excavation	at 60c		\$ 2,704.20
1090 cu. yds. fill	at 60c		654.00
5282 lin. ft. of straight curb	at 40c		2,112.80
437.38 lin. ft. of circular curb	at 70c		306.17
13338.5 sq. yds. pavement	at \$1.00		13,338.50
590 lin. ft. header	at 50c		275.00
2790 lin. ft. six inch sewer pipe	at 40c		1,116.00
15 catch basins	at \$33.00		495.00
Total cost			\$21,001.67

Morrison-Knudson & Company.			
4507 cu. yds. excavation	at 50c		\$ 2,253.50
1090 cu. yds. fill	at 30c		327.00
5282 lin. ft. of straight curb	at 35c		1,743.06
437.38 lin. ft. of circular curb	at 40c		174.95
13338.5 sq. yds. pavement	at \$1.12 1/2		15,005.81
590 lin. ft. header	at 25c		147.50
2790 lin. ft. six inch sewer pipe	at 50c		1,395.00
15 catch basins	at \$24.00		360.00
Total cost			\$21,406.82

(Dollarway.)			
4507 cu. yds. excavation	at 50c		\$ 2,253.50
1090 cu. yds. fill	at 30c		327.00
5282 lin. ft. of straight curb	at 35c		1,743.06
437.38 lin. ft. of circular curb	at 40c		174.95
13338.5 sq. yds. pavement	at \$1.25		16,673.12
590 lin. ft. header	at 25c		147.50
2790 lin. ft. six inch sewer pipe	at 50c		1,395.00
15 catch basins	at \$24.00		360.00
Total cost			\$23,074.13

Linden-Kibbe Construction Company.			
(Bitucrore Pavement.)			
4507 cu. yds. excavation	at 50c		\$ 2,253.50
1090 cu. yds. fill	at 10c		109.00
5282 lin. ft. of straight curb	at 42c		2,218.44
437.38 lin. ft. of circular curb	at 55c		240.56
13338.5 sq. yds. pavement	at \$1.48		19,740.98
590 lin. ft. header	at 40c		236.00
2790 lin. ft. six inch sewer pipe	at 50c		1,395.00
15 catch basins	at \$22.00		330.00
Total cost			\$26,523.48

BUFFALO BILL'S SHOW FOR SALE

Denver, Colo., Aug. 21.—Today marked the end of the greatest show on earth, for by order of the United States district court, the Wild West and Far East show of Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill is being sold "in piece lots" to satisfy creditors. A large number of circus and show men from all over the country were here today when the auction began. An effort had been made by Gordon Lillie, Pawnee Bill, to have the show property transferred to New Jersey and handed under receivers but Judge Robert E. Lewis ruled otherwise. The show was sold in lots to attract the largest possible number of bidders. The show went to the wall here a few weeks ago when it was attacked by a Chicago lithographing firm for a \$66,000 debt.

GLYNN DEMANDS THAW'S RETURN TO HIS STATE

CANADIANS REPLY BY SAYING LEGAL PROCEDURE MUST BE HEARD.

RUNAWAY AUTO IS FOUND

Proceedings That Will Show First Test of Rights Will Not Come Until Tomorrow It Is Said—Thaw Deems Himself Already Winner of the Fight—Thaw's Machine Located.

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—Telegraphing from Albany, Acting Governor Glynn, formally demanded the Canadian immigration authorities to surrender H. K. Thaw to the New York authorities. The immigration authorities answered that such action was impossible until the proceedings pending at Sherbrook were finished.

Proceedings Postponed.

Sherbrooke, Aug. 21.—The writ of habeas corpus proceedings in the Thaw case has been postponed until ten tomorrow morning. Thaw's attorney told the United Press that Harry's case was already won and that his freedom was assured. He also said that the issuance of the warrant for the fugitive's arrest under the immigration law was but a defensive move to keep Thaw in Canada indefinitely.

Auto Is Found.

New York, Aug. 21.—Chief of Police Adams of New York, has found an automobile in a barn belonging to John Rankin, which they believe is the car in which Thaw escaped. Two men left the car in the custody of Rankin's daughter, Hazel, promising to pay her the amount of storage. Hazel identified the picture of Thaw as one of the men who left the automobile. The police traced the automobile by its number and the description given by John Collins, owner of the Broadway garage. Collins says that he believes the car the one rented on Friday by former Assemblyman Richard Butler.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT DALLAS.

Dallas, Ore., Aug. 21.—Charles Black, aged 4, was killed and four other men were injured today when the automobile in which they were riding skidded and overturned on the road between here and Salem.

Modesty Wave Sweeps St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 21.—Little Old St. Louis today is engulfed to the neck in a wave of modesty. Ordered to display no paintings, pictures or statues in the nude, proprietors and managers of cafes and restaurants have dressed them, and weird sights meet the eye of the patron of these places.

In one down town cafe Venus wears a pair of diaphanous trouserettes, and the Lady with the Goose is garbed in a slit skirt, the slit extending perilously close to the Lady's neck. In another cafe where the proprietor boasted a really handsome group depicting Pan piping to a bevy of "altogether" woodland nymphs, Pan has been forced to don a specially made pair of overalls and the girls are dressed up in pajamas, nighties and mother Hubbard's. "The Sleeping Beauty," who has for years reposed on a slab in another cafe unclothed, now wears a made-to-order policeman's uniform. The proprietor said he could think of no more fitting garb for a sleeping figure.

Still another cafe manager in whose place was a bronze figure taken from the now famous "September Morn," has dressed the figure up in a short, white linen garment that comes in pairs. A statue of Bachante, the original of which was refused by the Puritanically inclined of Boston, and now disports herself in the Metropolitan of New York, now wears a complete motoring outfit including goggles and veil. The infant she holds in her arm wears that one garment which has come to be a badge of babyhood.

JUROR ASSERTS INFLUENCE WAS AIMED AT JURY

MILLIONAIRE WIDOW CITED TO ANSWER CHARGES BY JUROR BLISS.

GUILTY VERDICT PROMPT

Diggs Found Guilty After Five Hours' Deliberation—Citation Cannot Be Served as Woman Accused Has Left the City—Friends of Convicted Man See Retrial Chances.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—A citation was issued today for Mrs. Charles D. Lane, widow of the late Alaskan mining millionaire, to appear in the federal court and answer the allegations by Juror Bliss, of the Diggs trial, that Mrs. Lane had attempted to discuss the Diggs case with him before the jury returned its verdict.

At the home of Mrs. Lane the process servers were told that she had gone to San Diego. Bliss yesterday informed Judge Van Fleet that Mrs. Lane had called at his office and after discussing mining stocks had told him that Mrs. Caminetti was stopping at her home. Then, Bliss alleges, she attempted to discuss the Diggs case.

The twelve men who found Diggs guilty of white slavery in four out of six counts, were out just five hours to the minute. Diggs' friends see in the pending investigation an excuse to have a retrial and are jubilant at the developments though of course feel the sting of the verdict returned last night.

NO LIGHT IN MEXICAN DEALS

CONSTABULARY MAY BE PLACED AT ONCE.

Such a Move Would Not Portend War Declares State Officials.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The Mexican situation is practically deadlocked according to representations of the Washington officials. The president is firm in his determination not to recognize Huerta and considers the proposals technically not submitted to him because he has not been recognized by the United States. The situation, the officials say, is difficult to deal with, but it is not regarded as critical. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan are considering another conference with the senate committee on foreign affairs with the purpose of breaking the dead lock.

The placing of sufficient troops in Mexico to act as constabulary and protect American lives and property is provided in a resolution introduced in the senate by Senator Penrose.

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SUBWAY PLANS ADOPTED; CITY TANK CERTAIN

OUTLAY OF THIRTY THOUSAND TO BE MADE AT NORTH SECOND CROSSING

LIGHT CONTRACT CLOSED

Council Will Distribute 21 Lights In Addition to Those Already Here—Plans for Subway Adopted—Bids for Reservoir Ordered—Many Matters Hold Body's Attention.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

- Steps taken to make La Grande the best lighted city in Northwest.
- Bids for construction of 2,250,000 gallon reservoir wanted.
- Final estimator on Fourth street have 10 per cent retained.
- Construction of Second street subway ordered at cost of over \$31,000.

To make La Grande the best lighted city in the Northwest with very little additional expense over present rates, to insure construction of the Second street subway at a joint cost of considerably over \$30,000 and to rush the construction of the big two and a quarter million gallon reservoir were three improvement transactions of the city council at its regular session last evening. The reservoir and the subway must be built at once and not a minute will be lost in starting work on either. The lighting contract, explained by the Observer yesterday was ratified and the contract will be signed at once. It calls for 100 arc lights at a cost of \$550 a month instead of \$474 for the 71 lights now used.

Subway to Be Hurried.

The street committee brought in tentative plans that had already been passed favorably on by the O. W. railroad which takes the big load of expense, and the council adopted the plans practically as they stood. It was a compromise arrangement where in the city escaped an expense of \$20,000, approximately by presenting different plans to cost less than \$3,000, but had to give in a few hundred in the compromise. The city's share is now \$3,922. The railroad company will build a 180-foot subway under the railroad track at North Second, 18 feet wide, 14 feet clearance and equipped with a sidewalk on the west side, five and a half feet wide and elevated from the bottom of the subway to insure dry footpassage even if slush and water do accumulate. The city is to build the approaches and buy and maintain an automatic electric pump for the purpose of keeping the water out of the subway in the winter time. The railroad company will

PROFITABLE RETURNS HAS MADE CHERRY PRIZE FRUIT

(By John A. Hadaller.)

Growers of cherries, and others indirectly concerned in this product, will be interested to learn the facts and figures, as far as they are available, of this year's cherry crop. A little reasoning and a bit of sound speculation on the facts detailed in this resume will further aid those whose good judgment has suffered on account of this year's returns. There are many ill-considered plans afloat to turn a big portion of this valley over to the raising of Royal Anns and all varieties of blacks. The contracts between last year's failure in apples with this year's success in cherries has been

the incentive for many a man to lay the axe to producing apple trees, and plant the same acreage in cherries. The question on this point will depend on a thorough balancing of the whole situation. The answer may be discouraging or at any rate capable of no definite terms.

It should further be stated, in an introductory way, that any kind of a product is a loss if there is no market. The market depends upon supply, demand and transportation. When all of the possibilities arising out of these factors are considered the whole business

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