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## Property Holders On Spring Street Ask For Concrete Pavement

### TEN BLOCKS ON SPRING WILL BE BUILT AT ONCE

The discussion arose as to the grade of paving wanted, it was an out-and-out fight for and against the bond that guarantees the paving for a period of five years. It was pointed out by experts that if there is weakness or de-

fects in concrete paving it will develop the first five years—the first five months some say—and that as maturity increases, quality increases.

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### QUESTION OF A MAINTENANCE BOND BECOMES SOLE ISSUE WITH COUNCIL.

### PROBLEM BOTHERS MANY

After Hours of Discussion Council Finally Closes With Geiger Company of Salem With no Guarantee Other Than 10 Per Cent for Six Months—Will Rush to completion.

For the first time in paving history of La Grande a contract has been let to a company other than the Warren Construction company and for the first time in the same period a contract has been let for paving without a five-year guarantee bond, when, last night, on recommendation of about two-thirds of the property holders on Spring street, ten blocks of paving were let to the E. W. Geiger Construction company of Salem. The bid of that company was the lowest—one dollar per yard—and the contract that will likely be entered into at once, introduces concrete pavement to La Grande.

The council may or may not have acted indiscretely; the property owners may or may not have overlooked a needed requirement and may or may not be sorry in the future; concrete paving may or may not be suitable for La Grande; The Warren people may or may not be out of business in this city, but the fact remains just the same that concrete pavement is headed for La Grande and furthermore is cheap paving.

For two hours the legality of putting in or striking out a maintenance bond in the contract held the attention of the council and property owners. No vote was taken by the property owners, but two petitions were presented with names of property owners expressing their desires for bitulithic or for Geiger concrete, no other paving having a look in. Lit-

## WILSON WORKS OWN 'MACHINE'

### IS HAMMERING OUT HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

### Detests Dictation and Therefore Uses Typewriter Himself.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The president today shut himself in his study and personally began the typewriting of the message he will send to congress on the Mexican situation. The president dislikes to dictate and will do all the work himself. It is believed that the president will make additional recommendations to congress concerning America's attitude and it is possible that a new Mexico policy will be obtained. The message will be the longest the president has yet written.

## FIRE RAGES AT QUINCY ILL.

Quincy, Ills., Aug. 22.—Fire threatens the destruction of Quincy's business district, this afternoon. One block in the heart of the retail district is

in ruins. The entire fire department is battling with the flames, but the fire is gaining headway. Twenty-five horses were burned in the livery stable where the fire started.

## PROTECTION DEMANDED OF HUERTA

Washington, Aug. 22.—Secretary of State Bryan has warned President Huerta and General Garranza the rebel leader, and the local officials at Loboquillo that they were held respons-

ible for the safety of Shirley C. Hulse, son-in-law of Lieutenant Governor Reynolds of Pennsylvania, who was captured by Mexican rebels two weeks ago. No news has been received from Hulse in 10 days.

## NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AGENT REACHES LA GRANDE ON TOUR OF CLOSE PHYSICAL INSPECTION

A. L. Westgard, vice president and director of the transcontinental Highways association and representative of the National Highway association, who is blazing the trail for the proposed national trunk highways, was in La Grande today, leaving at 3 o'clock this afternoon for his trip eastward. He will have traveled 17,000 miles in picking these routes when he has finished, having already been to San Francisco, north to Seattle, then down through Washington and is now on his way to Ogden, where he joins the Midland trail already inspected and physically tested. He has three specimens of routes main highways, trunk and ling highways. The city of La Grande will be on the trunk highway if the present recommendations are carried out.

With Mr. Westgard is his wife and his driver, Mr. Perkins, of San Francisco. They arrived after midnight in their Premier car, and spent the day here quietly, the committee appointed by the Automobile club some time ago to meet and entertain the inspector having not been apprised of his presence until just before he left the city. He stayed at the Foley all day and did not call on any of the automobile men while here. While in the city, however, he met Dr. McCally of Boise, who is president of the International Highway association and the two conferred for some time as to the plans of the national highway schemes. The Boise man is on his way west in an auto.

No accident of any consequence had befallen the party up to date and good roads are always muchly welcome. After touching Ogden they have to go west again and then cross the continent on the southern border.

"There has been nothing finally done in the matter, but at the present time your city will be on the trunk road. The plans for these trunk roads is for the government to appropriate sums of money for a bureau of highway commissioners," said Mr. Westgard this afternoon while hastily lunching to get out of town.

"The National Highway association estimates that more than \$25,000,000,000 will be spent in the next twenty-five years on the 2,300,000 miles of highways in the United States. The wise expenditure of this vast sum is of paramount importance to the 100,000,000 people of this nation. The purpose of the association is to promote discussion, disseminate knowledge, and assist as to the best development of these highways. The association be-

lieves the most beneficial results will be obtained by first securing the creation of a "National Highway commission" by the passage by congress of "a bill" as advocated in the belief that a proper investigation by a properly constituted commission will result in the building and permanent maintenance by the national government of approximately 50,000 miles of highways throughout the United States as a great system of National highways; and as a result thereof the nation, through the states, will secure at the earliest possible date the building of "good roads everywhere" is the distributing and collecting medium for the traffic of national highways and for the use and benefit of all the people of the nation.

For thirteen years (1892 to 1905) he had charge, as chief of the work, of a large corps of engineers, making state, county, and town maps and atlases throughout all the states east of the Rockies. In these travels Mr. Westgard became thoroughly familiar with almost all usable roads, and was particularly identified with obtaining and disseminating information regarding bicycle tours—information which became of the greatest value when the automobile usurped the bicycle's place in popular favor.

This was so well recognized that the first automobile maps of the eastern states published for the benefit of the motorists were compiled by Mr. Westgard. The success of these maps was so immediate, and the demand for them so great, that Mr. Westgard's services were immediately required to continue the work, and for a year he made maps for the Automobile Blue book, the first of such to be published.

In 1907 and 1908, as chief of the touring bureau of the Automobile Club of America, this much road-traveled gentleman covered 50,000 miles in motor cars.

Nineteen hundred and twelve saw him surveying no less than three transcontinental automobile routes, as field representative of the American Automobile association. In surveying these routes, the pass near Goldfield, Nevada, across the White mountains into Owens valley, was given Mr. Westgard's name and is now and always to be known as Westgard Pass. Considering the location of the pass, and that it actually does stand at the frontier of the eastern trip from the

## THAW'S FATE BRIGHTER; IS DECLARED SANE

### GOVERNMENT FINDS IT CANNOT ORDER CANADIANS TO DEPORT HIM.

## VIRGINIA IS A HARBOR

### Several Courses Open for Final Disposal of Case, But Return to New York Is Not Deemed to Be One of Them—Extradition From Vermont Is to Be Attempted by Glynn.

By JOHN NEVIN. Sherbrooke, Aug. 22.—With the assurance that New York's request for the extradition of Harry Thaw will not be granted by the Canadian officials, George Carnegie, Thaw's brother-in-law, is reported to be arranging for having a yacht in Canadian waters where Stanford White's slayer will sail for Virginia. There he will have the benefit of the court's decision in the case of John Chaloner, who has lived unmolested in Virginia for years, although he escaped from an insane prison in New York.

Thaw's Sherbrooke counsel, Attorney Schurtiffe, returned today from Ottawa, where he interviewed Higgs, of the immigration service. Schurtiffe told Thaw that it was probable he would have to leave Canada but that he positively would not be returned to New York state. Whether Thaw will be rejected as an undesirable or as an alien, or be returned to the United States by the same route over which he entered Canada, or be given 48 hours to leave the country, and allowed to choose his own route, is as yet uncertain.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today telegraphed acting Governor Glynn of New York, that he was unable to find any law under which the United States government can ask Canada to deport Harry Thaw. He said: "I am advised that steps have already been taken to bring the matter to Canada's attention through the ordinary diplomatic channels.

Vermont Authorities to Act. Albany, New York, Aug. 22.—Governor Glynn telegraphed the following to the governor of Vermont: "I am advised that the Canadian authorities will deport Thaw to Vermont about Wednesday next, and request you to have him apprehended immediately and held awaiting requisition.

Says Thaw Is Sane. Sherbrooke, Aug. 22.—"Harry K. Thaw is perfectly sane." This is the dictum of Dr. Joseph O'Neil, the jail physician, after an exhaustive examination of Thaw in his cell. For 45 minutes Noel put Thaw through all the tests. The verdict is expected to be a vitally important factor in his fight for freedom.

## Protecting Against the Shrimp.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The French government today began the work of fortifying its submarine cables to protect them from deep sea shrimps and other destructive fish. It will take a vast outlay of money to do the work. In the Mediterranean several cable lines at a depth of from 2,500 to 12,000 feet have had their insulations destroyed by shrimps. The cables between the ports of Naples and Palermo have been armored with supplementary casings of copper at great expense.

far west, "West Guard" seems peculiarly appropriate.

The routes surveyed by Mr. Westgard are as follows: New York to Seattle via Chicago, through Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington.

New York to San Francisco via Chicago, through Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada.

New York to Los Angeles, through Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, and Nevada.

He is now routing from Ogden to Seattle, through Idaho, Eastern Oregon and Washington.

## Cops Ordered To Speedway

### SPECIAL EFFORT TO STOP ALL SPEEDING ORDERED.

## BEAT TO ALTERNATE

### Various Streets to Be Patrolled—Council Business Short.

Chief of Police McLachlin was last night ordered to place a policeman on so-called speedways of the city for two hours or thereabouts, each evening for a while, in an effort to run down motorcycle and automobile speeders. The order followed a discussion of the situation by Councilman Davis, at an adjourned meeting of the council last night. It was also suggested that the policeman be made a special police, but the council agreed that the present force could do the work. North Fir, South Fourth East and West Adams and other streets or which motorcycle and auto owners have little regard for life or law, will be patrolled according to the order, for about two hours each evening, the policeman going from one to another alternating each day.

Sewer Deeds Sought. Efforts to obtain deeds to rights of way for the proposed sewer from Jefferson to Pennsylvania in the alley off Alder, were ordered last night. It will be put up to Attorney H. E. Dixon who offers to do the work for not less than \$35 there being about 35 deeds to obtain. This work is to be rushed so that the paving can be built before the paving goes in on Spring street.

That general warrants are likely to depreciate and sink in value unless the finances of the city are recouped, was pointed out by F. L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National bank, a buyer of local warrants. The first and greatest remedy suggested was that improvement district be required to pay their assessments promptly so that the interest on improvement warrants can be paid from the improvement fund, without drawing from other funds that should not be required to pay, for it depletes these funds and keeps the outstanding warrants away from liquidation that much longer. It developed during the discussion that followed, that the Denver bank's bid on the \$50,000 time warrants which is up in the air, is not the only one available, but that a Seattle bank will buy them if the 95 cents figure is used. This was deemed to be good business as it would recoup the market materially. Unless something is done to care for improvement district warrants interest without drawing on the water or general fund or a time-warrant bond issue floated, the warrant market is likely to fall and that soon too.

Superintendent Hoyt and the water department will take into consideration the laying of ample water mains on Spring before the paving is placed on that street.

If Fire Chief Benham goes to Tacoma to attend the fire chiefs' convention it will be at his own expense, but his time here is to go on, according to the final disposition of the application of Rescue Hose company No. 1 to send the chief to the convention as has been done in years past.

## Jefferson Refugee In Port.

Seattle, Aug. 22.—The steamer Jefferson with the survivors from the wreck of the California, which went down off Juneau, Alaska on August 17, with an estimated loss of 34 lives, arrived here early this morning. They say that the ship sank within three minutes allowing little time for escape.

## Falls 5,000 Feet.

Hallerstadt, Germany, Aug. 22.—Lieutenant Schmidt, an army aviator, was killed here today, when the aeroplane he was driving, collapsed near the end of a six mile flight. The aviator dropped more than 5,000 feet.

## CANADIAN RATS INVADING CITY

That Canadian rats of the brush tail species are to gain a foothold in this valley, heretofore practically ratless, is believed by some to be likely following the capture in a steel trap set for a skunk, of a Canadian brushtail rat in this city. To Canadians the rodent is familiar but few have ever seen a similar animal in the west and none, that can be found, have seen one in La Grande. Rats have always been

## CURRENCY BILL OBJECTED TO BY LEADING BANKS

### BIG REPRESENTATION AT CHICAGO MEETING HEARS BITTER ATTACKS.

## ZONE CLAUSE OPPOSED

### Banking Interests of the Country Opposed to Proposed Currency Bill on Many Grounds, Three Principal Ones Being Advanced—Reserve Board Is Given Immense Powers.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Bitter denunciation of the democratic currency bill was voiced by A. Barton Hepburn, president of the Chase National bank at New York, and chairman of the currency committee of the American Bankers' association, at a conference of the representatives of the banking and clearing associations called by the currency committee to discuss the Owen-Glass bill.

Their opposition was based on the following grounds:

Domination Is Feared. That the government could dominate the proposed federal reserve board because seven of the nine members are appointed by the government and two selected by banks having stock in the board and could in that way coerce the banks and that the matter would ultimately end in such coercion:

Because the bankers don't like the plans of dividing the country into 12 zones because western institutions would be made to suffer in view of the fact there are more than 12 money zones of power in the country, and the bill does not provide for geographical division and:

Because the government is held responsible for notes issued by the banks.

These reasons were elaborated upon by the representatives of 47 states in attendance at the meeting.

## Power of Press Discussed at Hague.

The Hague, Aug. 22.—"What the Press Might do for the Cause of Peace," was the main question under consideration at today's sessions of the 20th annual meeting of the Universal Peace congress which has been in convention since Monday. Herr Fried and M. Le Foyer were today's chief speakers. Both emphasized the power newspapers have in promoting peace among nations. Both strongly condemned those newspapers "which are continually clamoring for war or warlike demonstrations behind a mask of false patriotism." Herr Fried declared "the jingo press the greatest menace of the present day to commercial advancement."

He argued that the "jingo" press by continually grasping every opportunity for calling for war could not help but stir up a certain amount of unsettledness in business circles. The congress will adjourn tomorrow.

## Heat Wave Broken.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—The heat wave which has held the middle west in its grasp for weeks, has been broken and there is a general drop in temperatures. At Lincoln, Nebraska, the mercury fell 40 degrees over night.