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BLACK TOP OR CONCRETE IS PUZZLE FOR COUNCIL

Awarding of Paving Contract Is Delayed to Give Property Owners Opportunity to Speak.

Although the city council has received what are considered splendid bids for the construction of about two miles of paving, it is having a heck of a time letting the contract. The figures show that concrete can be had at about the price that many had expected to pay for black top and at its meeting last night, held for the purpose of awarding the contract, the members of the council found themselves into a quandary as to the wishes of those who will pay the bills. A majority of the members were ready to award the contract for black top until petitions were presented from a number of property owners asking for the higher priced pavement. In view of the unusual situation, with the council ready to award the contract for one kind of paving and the possibility that a majority of property owners might want the other, the matter was put over until Friday night to permit of a full expression from property owners on all the streets to be improved. There is not likely to be any hard feelings, however, regardless of which paving the council orders. Those who petitioned for the improvements left the choice to the council and are still willing to do so but the council wishes to know what their preferences are. To get the bid prices all the streets must be of one kind of paving.

The low bid on black top is that of J. C. Compton, of McMinnville. His total is \$52,538.70. This is for five-inch bitulithic, with the exception of east Main, where a two-inch top coat would be laid on top of the present macadam.

The low concrete bid is that of the Head Construction company, of Eugene. Their total is \$57,325 and is for 6-inch concrete on all streets.

Included in both of these bids is the macadamizing of Chestnut avenue.

To these prices is to be added the expense to the city for engineering and incidental expenses. It has been estimated that it may cost \$750 to \$900 more for inspection on black top than on concrete.

The average prices per foot shown by the low bids are \$4.09 for the concrete and \$3.74 for the black top, a difference of 35 cents the foot. With east Main eliminated the difference in price is 23 cents. This variation is brought about by the decision that two inches of black top would be sufficient on this street if that type should be used.

NEW BRIDGE COMPLETED

County Saves Over Thousand Dollars by Doing Own Work.

The cost of the new Currin bridge over Row river, built by the county bridge crew, was more than \$1100 less than the lowest bid on the work, according to a report submitted to the county court by the bridge superintendent. The lowest bid was \$6200 and the total cost as computed by the superintendent was \$4029.13. The estimate of the cost made by the county forces prior to the time of the bids were opened was \$4264.86.

CHEERRIES TO YIELD BIG

Fruit Inspector Finds That Pollination Is Success.

After an inspection of the cherry trees of the county where pollination has been practiced County Fruit Inspector Stewart is more than ever convinced of the success of this method. "Some trees that I have inspected will bear the largest crop ever recorded and this is due to expert cross pollination by the aid of bees," Stewart states.

Spanish War Veterans to Organize.

A number of Spanish war veterans met Monday evening in the Homer Galloway office to form an organization in Cottage Grove. There will be between 15 and 20 charter members.

Stores to Close Memorial Day.

The stores of the city have reached an agreement to remain closed all day Memorial day, Saturday, May 30. They will remain open the night before.

Woodson Sells Cars While on Run

O. E. Woodson doesn't discontinue his philanthropic business of selling Ford flivvers merely because he may be away from home looking after a big cattle ranch. He left here a week ago for Medical Springs, he and T. C. Wheeler making the trip in one of Woodson's little stepbrothers to the Lincoln. Wheeler returned two days ago by train, reporting that Woodson had disposed of the flivver and had left him (Wheeler) to shift for himself in the matter of transportation.

Girl's Arm Is Cut on Glass and Artery Is Severed

Miss Leita Finch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Finch, sustained a severed artery at the wrist of the left arm yesterday noon when the arm came in contact with the ragged edge of glass in the door of the postoffice which had given away when she and a companion ran against it in play trying to beat each other into the building. A stream of blood spurted from the wound for a distance of probably 15 feet and but for the prompt aid of L. C. Michener, who chanced to witness the accident, the girl might easily have bled to death. He applied pressure to the wrist in such a manner as to stop the flow of blood and retained the hold while the girl was taken to the office of Dr. Frost. The gritty girl did not take an anesthetic and did not flinch during the operation of sewing up the wound.

SCHOOL TAXES LISTED

Education Takes 50 Per Cent of Public Revenues.

The statement has been several times made by The Sentinel that 50 per cent or more of all tax monies go for education in one form or another. A table compiled by the Oregon Voter shows that in Lane county the tax for high and grade schools alone is 41.08 per cent of the total tax. Wallonia county has the highest percentage for these purposes with 47.05 per cent, while Crook county is the lowest with 18.61 per cent.

To the above cost for schools there is yet to be added the support of the university and college, the expense of county school superintendents, the cost of the state department of education, the expense of county agents and of other offices and departments whose duties or functions are educational or connected with education, so that no doubt remains that the cost of education takes more than half of our tax money without giving consideration to the amount spent for the purpose by the national government.

The same compilation shows that the school levy for Cottage Grove in 1923 produced \$18,552, in 1924 it produced \$18,527, while \$20,260 was levied for this year. These amounts are approximately half the amounts expended for the schools.

C. G. Boys in Military Drills.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, May 9.—Dorrell Rex Wheeler, of Cottage Grove, is one of the entrants in the machine gun contest and Norval Arnes, also of Cottage Grove, is an entrant in the platoon drill, both to be features of the annual military tournament to be held here Decoration day, May 30.

P. O. Petition Reaches Washington.

Application made by Postmaster Elbert Smith for the advancement of Cottage Grove postoffice from the village delivery class to the city delivery class has been received at Washington and the members of congress from Oregon are urging the postoffice department to grant the petition.

Local Men Are Officers.

L. R. Long, of this city, was elected third vice president and Ray Nelson, also of this city, was elected a member of the board of directors at a meeting of the recently-organized Pacific Northwest Radio Trades association held Tuesday night in Eugene.

Dorena Church Holds Revival.

Dorena, May 19.—(Special.)—Revival meetings started Sunday night at the Dorena church. Evangelist Archer is the preacher and is being assisted by Pastor Jim Starke, of this place, and Miles Pitcher, of Star.

Sales books. The Sentinel. x

Storm Hits Others But Not Here

Newspaper stories indicate that there have been severe storms to both the north and south of Cottage Grove, but Cottage Grove, as usual, escaped anything approaching a demonstration of the elements. There has been no lack of moisture, but there has been no damage by wind or lightning, the frosts that have visited sections to the north and south.

On the Lorane road out from Eugene the home of G. W. Wallace was struck by lightning and Mr. Wallace was stunned but has fully recovered. A tourist from the south drove into Cottage Grove with a wrecked top that he said resulted from a heavy wind.

In Eugene the downpour Tuesday was so heavy that it drove pedestrians from the streets. Street drains became clogged at several places about the city and sidewalks were temporarily flooded.

LEGION DRIVE TO START

Quota for City Is \$750; Legion Members to Give \$250.

The American Legion drive for the national endowment fund and for a fund for one year's maintenance of the Doernbecher children's hospital at Portland will start Monday and continue throughout the week. The quota for Cottage Grove is \$750. It is anticipated that \$250 of that amount will be contributed by members of the local post. Ninety dollars was raised from 22 members present at the Monday night meeting.

F. L. Grannis is chairman of the post committee and he has appointed a committee of 10. C. A. Bartell is chairman for the business interests of the city will appoint a committee of assistants.

Rubber stamps. The Sentinel. x

Logging vs. Hogs.

Culp Creek, May 12.—(Special.)—The great logging industry on Row river is in a bad way to be eclipsed by the hog industry. In fact the woods seem to be full of 'em.

This feature of industrial activity has just now become conspicuous by reason of consignment of the first shipment from Rujada.

It has been known for a long time that the Washington clam diggers, who prevail in numerous and unnumbered quantities in the top-of-the-mountain camp, are wide awake and chuck-up on high finance; but not until now has it dawned upon the common people of Row river that their energies have been divided between the task of getting out "gloms" and "gloms" of the "big sticks" and flooding the marts of the world with razor-backs.

Salem has her cherry day, Portland has her rose day, Roseburg has her strawberry day; but without fear of successful contradiction it can be said that Rujada has, at least had, her hog day.

It is not definitely known that other operations were entirely suspended in the gigantic effort to round up the vast aggregation of hogs, but it is certain that they were rounded up, loaded and routed over the O. P. & E. to Culp Creek under the master hand of Foreman Hackett, who, in the full realization of the responsibility thrust upon him, calmly manipulated the throttle on the big logging locomotive.

At Culp Creek, owing to some slight misunderstanding in the matter of train orders, a short delay was occasioned; but not for long. The hog business is of such gigantic proportions that delay cannot be contemplated, therefore little old 4-spot was ordered to run special from Cottage Grove to Culp Creek, where she hooked to the hog train and buff-bang the aforesaid hogs were rushed on to thrust their several pigships into markets of the world.

It has not been definitely announced that Swift & company nor Armour & company contemplate going out of business on account of this attempted corner on the hog business, but it is confidently expected that a pronounced drop in pork will result.

Solution of Puzzle No. 39.

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Solution will appear in next issue.

TELEPHONE COMPANY TO BUILD Dead Oak Tree Is Growing Again

Four New Toll Lines to Go in to the North and Six to Go in to the South.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has completed the engineering work and the purchase of right-of-way for changing the route of its toll lines north from here. The object is to get the wires away from Pacific highway and away from the high power wires of the California-Oregon Power company and Mountain States Power company.

The main leads will leave the city on north Sixth street, crossing the river at the Christian church, will be strung along old Pacific highway to the bend in the river and through the W. B. Cooper, King and E. C. Conner places and then on a straight line to Walker. There being a piece of new construction north from Walker, the present wires will be used to a point south of Creswell, when the line will swing off to the west and make a straight shoot over the hills for Eugene.

Four new leads will be strung north from here, making a total of 20. Six new leads will be strung south from here, making a total of 16.

The present route south from here, out the London road and over the mountains to the Shoestring valley, will be retained.

Considerable new construction work inside the city is contemplated for next year. All new work in the business section of the city will be put into the alleys, with the object of removing all poles from Main street. The poles of the Mountain States Power have been removed within the past few months.

Car Upsets on Hill.

London, May 19.—(Special.)—While going down Boyd hill on his way to Cottage Grove Sunday afternoon, Thomas Brasher lost control of the car in which he and Mrs. Jack Hopman and three children were passengers. The car skidded, one wheel crumpled and the car upset. The sedan top of the car saved the occupants from serious injury. Mr. Brasher and Mrs. Hopman were slightly injured.

Say it with printers' ink. xxx

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 40

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62 and some letters filled in.

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- Horizontal. 1-Dark, reddish brown 2-Meat jelly 11-Bird 12-Astonished 14-Rope 16-Period of time 18-Reposed 20-To observe 22-Girl's name 24-Orb 25-Consumed 26-Common 28-Rogues 32-New Latin (abbr.) 33-Act 34-Confidence 35-Reddish metal 42-Hall 43-Long, narrow inlet 45-To observe 47-Scarlet 48-Insect 49-New Zealand parrot 50-Simpleton 52-Absurd report 54-Manipulate 57-File 62-Peach

- Vertical. 1-Thus 2-Erbium (abbr.) 3-Jumbled type 4-Maiden loved by Zeus 5-Entire 6-Past time 7-Quint 8-Father 9-Eleate 10-United States coin (abbr.) 12-Artist's standard 13-Flower 15-Utter 16-Point 17-African antelope 18-Consumm 20-Aigwaquin Indian 21-Greek letter 22-Skull-like fish 27-Prefix signifying one 28-Beverage 30-Girl 31-Cry 34-Obstruct 35-First woman 36-Conducted 37-A cheat 39-Ensnare 40-Inquire 42-Shelter 43-Beverage 44-Hotelery 46-Arid 51-Organ of hearing 52-Civil service (abbr.) 53-By 54-Negative 55-Land measure 57-Same as 54 58-Perform 59-Left side (abbr.) 60-French conjunction

Dead Oak Tree Is Growing Again

Thornton Corners, May 19.—(Special.)—There is a sequel to the story of the supposed death by frost of the big oak tree which stands in front of the George Miller place. Evidently the recent moist warm weather has had a beneficial effect, for a few leaves are making their appearance, not however at the ends of the limbs where growth normally starts in the spring, but back on the limbs of last year's growth. The ends of the branches, which evidently suffered most from the frost, are dropping off. The tree has stood since early pioneer days and is a landmark.

Mrs. Thackrah Dies.

Mrs. Martha Barneutt Thackrah died Monday following a second stroke of paralysis. Her health had been failing for some time and she suffered the first stroke April 9. The funeral was held Wednesday forenoon from the chapel, A. R. Spearow, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating. The body was taken to Portland for cremation.

Mrs. Thackrah was born March 21, 1849, at Liskard, Cornwall, Eng. She was married June 6, 1876, to W. W. Thackrah and they came to Cottage Grove in October, 1891, residing here until moving to Roseburg in March, 1894. They returned here in September, 1924, and made their home on the London road. Mrs. Thackrah was a member of the Presbyterian church. The husband survives.

Goes to Shiner Hospital.

Mrs. C. E. Powers went to Portland Tuesday with her five-year-old son Donald, who will be admitted today to the Shiner's hospital there. He has never recovered from the effects of infantile paralysis with which he was stricken when two years of age. Some remarkable cures of crippled children have been effected at this hospital.

To Preach Memorial Sermon.

J. C. Orr, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach the Memorial sermon at the regular forenoon service of the church to be held at 11 o'clock Sunday forenoon, May 24, in W. O. W. hall. There will be special music.

The speaker for the Memorial day exercises has not been selected.

Hornets Take Beidler Smokehouse

Thornton Corners, May 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. A. T. Beidler was severely stung about the eyes Sunday by yellow jackets when she opened the door of the smoke house and disturbed a swarm of the jackets that had gained entry and were making a meal on some of the meat. They evidently had decided that the smoke house would be a good place for a permanent abode. Mr. Beidler was successful in routing the intruders without injury to himself.

Three Cars Try to Be In Same Spot On Highway

The new eternal triangle, that of three automobiles trying to be in the same place upon the highway at the same time, caused a mixup a short distance north of the Divide overhead Wednesday evening.

A car owned and driven by G. O. Schultz, of California, in which the gas supply had given out, was parked with all four wheels on the highway. A car driven by W. E. Nickerson, of Roseburg, approached from the south. A car driven by H. R. Hylett, of Washington, approached from the north. The two were certain to meet at the point where the Schultz car was parked. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz were standing between their car and their trailer refilling the tank. The striking of the car or the trailer by either of the approaching cars would have resulted in serious injuries to the man and woman. To avoid an accident of that kind Nickerson put his car into the ditch behind the Schultz car but he was not quick enough to prevent being struck by the car approaching from the north. The Hylett car also struck the Schultz trailer a glancing blow.

Deputy Sheriff Pitner was called to the scene and asked to fix the blame for the accident. Nickerson claimed damages upon the ground that the Schultz car was illegally parked upon the highway. Pitner was unable to bring the parties to an agreement and none had been reached last night.

No one was seriously injured.

NURSES HOME TAXABLE

Assessor Keeney Wins Fight With Sisters of Mercy.

The nurses' home of the Mercy hospital and the land upon which it stands is subject to taxation, according to the decision by Judge G. F. Skipworth of the circuit court in the case of the Sisters of Mercy against Lane county.

This is a case wherein the Sisters of Mercy sought to enjoin the collection of taxes on this property on the ground that it is a part of the Mercy hospital, which has been declared exempt.

Assessor B. F. Keeney, who fought the case on his own initiative in the interest of the county, employing his own counsel, contended that this property should be taxed for the reason that it is not necessary for the operation of the hospital and that it is in the same class with parsonages of churches, which are taxed.

SAGINAW.

(Special to The Sentinel.)

May 19.—Mrs. Emily Robison closed a successful term of school Friday. Those taking the eighth grade examinations were Mildred Walkey, Gladys Kirkendall, Opal Adney and Verniel Koch.

Mrs. C. C. Moody is visiting relatives at Coquille.

Wm. Myers is on the sick list. Mrs. Harris Cassidy and her three children left Sunday morning by motor for Medford, where her husband is very ill.

Mrs. Judson Allen has been seriously ill with the flu during the past week.

Elwin Benston went to Portland Saturday, returning Sunday.

Things Bad Auto Shed.

London, May 19.—(Special.)—Thieves raided the auto shed at Woodard's camp A Friday evening and took equipment of all kinds to the amount of \$200. There is no clew.

Gooseberries Being Picked.

Saginaw, May 19.—(Special.)—What probably is the first gooseberry crop for this section is being picked by J. B. Taylor. The crop is a heavy one of splendid quality.

Three thousand people read The Sentinel each week. What have you to tell this vast throng? xxx

OYSTER SHELLS AT 3000 FEET FOUND AT EUGENE

Gas Has Been Shut Out and Drill Is Now Pounding Away at Sandstone.

The latest report from the oil well at Eugene is that the gas pressure remains as strong as ever but that it has been shut out so that it does not interfere with drilling operations which are now down past the point where the gas was struck. Following the striking of gas the drill has gone through several feet of blue shale and a stratum of yellow kooteny which was rich in oil and is now working in a bed of sandstone which is full of oyster shells, proving that the bed of the ocean was once where the drill is now pounding away 3000 feet below the surface. The finding of shells in this sandstone is taken by the officers of the company to indicate the close proximity of the oil which is being sought.

Drilling continues at the Cottage Grove well, where there are frequent indications that a flow of gas may be struck at almost any time.

S. P. Buying Much Timber Here.

That the Southern Pacific company is making heavy purchases from the sawmills of this section is indicated by the fact that it now has five inspectors employed here. Four is the largest number ever before employed locally.

Better Homes and Their Value

(Prize Winning Essay.)

By Delta Hopper.

Better homes, the same as anything else, must be made by the ones who are particularly interested in them.

It should not be up to the mother to make the home. Other occupants of the home should help in such a way that it will encourage the parents.

The April issue of the American Magazine publishes an article something like this:

"Better American homes have increased from 5 per cent to 100 per cent since 1922." It has been estimated that over 7000 homes have been improved by Better Homes week in 1924. Which goes to prove that Better Homes week is not only essential to the immediate home and family but to the community as well. And proves beyond doubt that Better Homes week is worth while.

In 1922 it was estimated in the school that over half of the school children including high schools were defective in some way. Some were undernourished and others had tuberculosis and were in school mixing with other children, taking chances on breaking up other homes by this disease. This was perhaps largely due to unclean home environment.

More diseases are spread and carried by unclean habits than any other way and these habits are acquired through home training or the lack of it.

In August 1924, Professor Landue, Supervisor of the Home cleaning establishment of Enfield, Ill., took his club of 48 boys on their cleaning tour through the state. Their work was to go from place to place and post home cleaning bills, give speeches and do all within their power to help each community to better its home conditions. The results were wonderful.

"If Better Homes week improves homes as much again in 1925 as in 1924 America will certainly be ahead; so far ahead in the better home line that you can't see her." Says Mr. McLoyal in his speech at Portland May 18.

"And if American boys and girls take that much more interest in it, they certainly will be awarded with more than a gold medal; which will be a better home."

Every community needs better homes and now every community is gradually getting them.

Essential and necessary! Yes, exactly that and even more. Beautiful, attractive and healthful.

Some things such as sickness are taken into consideration when speaking of this but if Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are organized in communities such things as these can be taken care of. However much sickness can be avoided by keeping the home clean and free from damp, marshy places where flies and mosquito are liable to congregate.

After all, it is much better to go along singing "Home Sweet Home" than to stand aside and listen to someone else sing it.