

BLACK TOP PAVING IS CHOICE MADE BY COUNCIL

Mayor Knowles Casts Deciding Vote When Aldermen Split 3 to 3.

Total Saving to City Over Concrete Paving Will Be \$3700 to \$3800.

The meeting of the city council Friday evening at which the contract for paving several of the streets of the city with black top was let to J. C. Compton, of McMinnville, was pretty much a case of letting George do it. Upon the recommendation of the street committee that, in order to give property owners on the several streets their choice of paving, all bids be rejected and new bids be called for, the vote was 3 to 3 and Mayor George Knowles cast the deciding vote that rejected the recommendation. The position of the three councilmen voting against the motion and of Mayor Knowles was that the property owners who desire the streets wanted immediate action and would prefer to forego their preferences in order to see work start immediately and that to split the work between black top and concrete probably would result in higher prices for both.

Upon the vote as to acceptance of the low bid on black top and the low bid on concrete, the result was again 3 to 3 and Mayor George had to cast the deciding vote. The mayor did not, however, express the anger for which a Eugene paper gave him credit.

The council had before it various petitions expressing preference or expressing satisfaction with whatever paving the council might select and there seemed to be no preference so strong as to demand that the council be guided thereby. With the exception of a very few all property owners affected seem entirely satisfied.

Compton's bid for the macadamizing of Chestnut avenue was rejected, as it was the high bid on this work. New bids will be called on this work and bids will be called for the paving of east Adams avenue with either bitulithic or concrete. The latter is a mere necessary legal formality, however, as it is certain no contractor can meet the price Compton has made on the other streets, which he has agreed to apply to the proposed work on east Adams avenue.

The streets to be paved under the contract to be entered into with Compton are east Main street, which is the main artery into the city from the east, south Sixth street, Adams avenue, east Washington avenue and First alley south between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Because of the excellent condition of the base of east Main street, but a two-inch top will be laid on this street, which was the method used in paving Main street through the business section 15 years ago. Upon all the other streets five inches will be laid. This is the thickness which the state lays upon its highways. The concrete would have been but five inches, or two inches less than that which the state highway commission requires.

The total saving between the two contracts is between \$3700 and \$3800. The exact amount can only be estimated. The city engineer estimated the total for this item for all the streets, excluding east Main, at \$940.

The low bids on black top and concrete, segregated by streets, were as follows:

Black top	Concrete
Alley \$ 628.75	\$ 640.00
E. Washington 6,278.25	6,520.00
Adams avenue 13,142.70	14,180.00
South Sixth..... 20,491.50	21,760.00
East Main..... 8,282.50	11,005.00
	\$48,823.70
	\$54,105.00

Compton's bid on the macadamizing of Chestnut avenue was \$3715 and that of the Head Construction company was \$3220. Under the latter bid the one street could have been awarded but the council felt that such action would not be fair, as the bidder had contemplated having other work to go with the Chestnut avenue job.

Concrete gutters 20 inches in width are provided with the black top, which will give a street different from any the city now has. The work will be entirely different from that portion of south Sixth street that was paved years ago and different from the other streets north and south of Main street that

Stewart Is Facetious About Paving

Robert L. Stewart was an interested spectator at all of the meetings at which the city council considered the bids for street paving and has prepared the following to be presented at the next meeting of the city fathers:

"I hereby serve notice that I shall protest the laying of any kind of paving in the city of Cottage Grove except that which I shall specify. The kind of paving which I want shall have a concrete base, a wood block center and a black top surface, a combination paving that should hold up until long after the price paid for it has been forgotten. By the use of concrete, wood blocks and black top we shall be able to eliminate from the city everything except bald heads and shall have no one left willing to serve as a member of the city council or as president of the commercial club, all of which should be highly desirable."

Postmaster Receives Oddest Request

Postmasters receive many odd requests, but the overstaffed alphabet for submitting the best one goes to a resident of Falls City, who wrote to the postmaster here asking him to post about the city three handwritten posters which were enclosed with the letter. "I understand that you have a lively little town," the letter says, "and that there is a market for the articles I have for sale."

River Flowed Where Eugene Stands

Further evidence that the river at one time flowed where the business section of Eugene now stands was unearthed while workmen were excavating for the elevator to be installed in the new two-story concrete building being erected by A. R. Gray on Seventh avenue east near Oak street.

At a depth of 17 feet the workmen uncovered a piece of fir tree and one end of it had been charred by fire. The wood was in a good state of preservation. It is presumed that the timber was in the water when that part of the river filled up.

In excavating for the basement of the new building this spring a bed of gravel and sand was found and much of the sand was used in the concrete work on the building. Gravel and sand have been found in numerous other places in the business district where excavations have been made.

Lorane Farmers to Argue Claims.
To interview the county court with regard to the damages allowed by viewers on the Lorane road work, a delegation from Lorane has been appointed to meet the commissioners and county judge at 10 o'clock Tuesday.

It is understood that the property owners involved in the adjudication are discontented with the amount allowed by the viewers.

Water Bonds to Be Sold.
The city will proceed to at once sell the \$25,000 issue of water bonds recently authorized and every effort will be made to expedite the work of constructing the storage reservoir for which the bonds were voted.

were paved at the same time. There was a feeling against black top because it was feared that the work might be the same as that of the streets that have not held up.

A. J. ADAMS IS MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER

Usual Exercises Will Be Held at Cemetery; Afternoon Program at Methodist Church.

A. J. Adams, pastor of the Christian church, has been selected to deliver the address at the Memorial day program to be given in the Methodist church at 2 o'clock upon the afternoon of Memorial day.

The usual exercises at the cemetery will be held in the forenoon. Following the program at the church the usual ceremony of casting flowers upon the waters will be conducted at the Main street bridge by members of the relief corps.

The American Legion has been placed in complete charge of the Memorial day observation. Business houses of the city will remain closed throughout the day.

The relief corps has requested The Sentinel to ask that flowers be left at the Methodist church Friday afternoon. Someone will be there to receive them.

The Memorial sermon was preached yesterday by J. C. Orr, pastor of the Baptist church.

Fined for Reckless Driving.

A fine of \$10 for reckless driving, was paid in the court of J. E. Young, justice of the peace, Thursday by W. E. Nickerson, of Roseburg, who was the driver of one of the three cars which came together on the highway south of here the day before. It was charged that it was the speed of the Nickerson car that compelled F. K. Hylett, of Washington, to put his car into the ditch and the evidence showed that Nickerson was on the wrong side of the highway when his car collided with the Hylett car as it was on its way into the ditch.

Springfield Defeats Locals.

The Cottage Grove city team was defeated in a baseball game played yesterday at Springfield, the score being 5 to 1. The battery for Cottage Grove was Langston and McCargar.

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Footprints of Pioneer Days

INTERESTING EVENTS IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO LAID STURDY FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESENT GENERATION

(C. M. Hyskell in Portland Telegram.)

Between Cottage Grove and Skinnor's Butte, now Eugene, the first settler was Grandfather Bristow, a Kentuckian, who came across the plains with ox teams to California and drifted north, arriving here in 1845. He arrived on the Coast fork of the Willamette in the same year that Skinner came. When he started from McDonough county, Ill., he put into the wagon some blacksmith tools, a bellows, a grindstone, feather bed and quilts, some bacon, beans and dried apples. The last thing he put in was an empty flour barrel, which he filled with parched horse corn. He said he "allowed to have something to chew on route."

His oldest living descendant here now is George L. Gilfry, 84 years old, somewhat deaf, but still active enough to be janitor of the Creswell State bank. George G. was 11 years old when he crossed the plains and was able to remember quite a lot of details. He said:

"Grandpa Bristow came first to spy out the land. In 1848 Calvin C. Hale's family came and brought Grandma Bristow. In 1852 my father's family crossed. Calvin Hale had returned east and he came along with us and knew all the good places to camp. My father was John T. Gilfry. There were three of us boys. Henry was 8 and Billy was 3 years old. Henry and I walked most of the way bare-footed, and the prickly pears were pretty bad sometimes. I remember they stuck in our feet and shins and hurt some when we interfered. There were twenty-one wagons in our train, drawn by oxen. We ferried the Mississippi river at Fort Madison. The penitentiary was on the river bank and I saw a bunch of men held by ball and chain breaking rock.

"We crossed Missouri river on a flatboat that held a yoke of oxen and a wagon, and was pulled by heavy oars. Father was captain of the train. When we had to cross the Platte, to get better grass,

we were warned by the captain of the soldier company that there was quicksand. He told us to hitch ten yoke of oxen to a wagon and keep 'em going. Father and Mays double-teamed and drove in, wading and guiding the oxen. They left us on the bank. It was an anxious hour. The water came up in the wagon boxes, but they kept moving as fast as possible, and none got caught in the sand. They came back and got us all across safely.

"The worst road of the entire trip was coming over the Barlow trail. The morning before we got to Foster's place, out on Foster road, we had eaten the last thing in the wagon except some dried apples. Foster lived in a big house out east of Portland. He had some flour that had been brought around the horn.

"Our train was six months to a day on the trip when we got to grandpa's at Pleasant Hill, ten miles from Creswell. When pa drove up and unyoked his oxen under a tree all the relatives and friends had gathered to welcome us, and we had a jubilee. Pa took up a place of 360 acres near Grandpa Bristow's, and I grew up here in the Cloverdale district. We sold out to Governor Bristow after we had proved up, and pa started a store at Cloverdale. In 1871 I hauled the first plank into Creswell. Ben Holladay had a lot sold and father bought a lot. When Cole, the railroad townsie agent, started to sell the lots, he said he was now going to name the town before a lot was sold, and he named it Creswell, in honor of A. J. Creswell, who was then postmaster general of the United States. The railroad had built in that spring. Father became the first postmaster, station and express agent."

George Gilfry had yearned to be a miller, and when he was 19 years old his father bought the Cloverdale ranch and the grist mill and George ran it. The mill had been (Continued on page 2.)

Pioneer Day Wheat May Produce In 1925

Wheat produced by some pioneer of Cottage Grove 70 years or more ago may produce a crop in the year 1925. When George Edwards was tearing down the old barn that has stood for three-quarters of a century at a point northeast of where the Anderson & Middleton Latham mill now stands, he found between the boards of the floor a half pint or more of wheat kernels, many of them apparently as firm and solid as when they lodged between the boards. Of necessity they must have been from the first wheat ever stored in the barn and it is certain that the barn was in use over 70 years ago. It was at one time a station on the old stage line to California.

The stringers of the barn were of white fir, a lumber that will not stand up under moisture, but those were yet in good condition. The boards of the floor, about two inches in thickness and 18 inches in width, were sawed out by the primitive methods of pioneer days and the timbers were hewed. A number of the timbers and some of the lumber will be used in a new barn which John Dugan is having erected on the property, which was once owned by Squire Vaughn, pioneer miller and justice of the peace.

Edwards will plant the wheat and thinks it possible that some new variety may be the result.

Springfield Bossy Visits Restaurant

The cow that jumped over the moon was doubtless an unusual animal. But so was the friedly black and white cow which entered the delicatessen of Major M. B. Huntley, 428 Main street, Springfield, Friday evening. The cow which had been tied to graze on a vacant lot near the downtown district, got loose and wandered about the city streets. She very sociably followed Dick Sharran to the delicatessen when he went in to get his evening cup of coffee. She paused on the threshold to look in and then, probably intrigued by the smell of coffee, decided to enter. She was driven out by Major Huntley but started to follow him in again, whereupon he tied her to a telephone pole. Her famous relative in the china shop was probably in a less interesting place, since it is to be noted that the delicatessen is maintained in conjunction with the Swarts & Washburne meat market and there were sections of possible cousins and aunts on the chopping block.

Tax Money Turned Over.

Sheriff Taylor turned over to County Treasurer Ward on Friday the sum of \$71,911.00 in tax money. The sum was segregated as follows:

State and county	\$41,786.20
Cities	8,619.95
School districts	15,752.86
Union high schools	937.30
Road districts	2,740.28
Port of Siuslaw	1,696.28
Forest fire patrol	379.03

The cities will get the following sums: Cottage Grove, \$1378.98; Eugene, \$5571.78; Springfield, \$1216.75; Creswell, \$27.23; Colburg, \$23.62; Junction City, \$15.70; Florence, \$185.98.

Grand Jury Doesn't Act.

Evidently the grand jury wasn't very strongly impressed with the presentation made before it by the parent of a Cottage Grove school boy who objected to having her son disciplined by the school authorities, for no action was taken. School officials were, however, put to considerable trouble by having to appear before the investigating body.

JUNIOR HIGH WINS TRACK MEET FOR COUNTY

Silver Trophy Cup and Bunch of Blue, Red and Yellow Ribbons Are Captured.

The track team of Cottage Grove junior high brought back the silver trophy cup, eight blue ribbons and an assortment of red and yellow ribbons from the Lane county track meet for junior high schools held Saturday in Eugene. They had a lead of five points over their nearest rival, Geary junior high. There were four boys in the team.

Captain George Wilson was high point man, winning three first places and one second. Kenneth Goff took first place in the broad jump and third in the high jump. Kenneth Ward threw the baseball over the fence and was awarded first place in that event. He also placed in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes. Glen Swanson entered only one event, the relay race, which Cottage Grove won by a safe margin.

Wilson, who won the pole vault, cleared the bar at 8 feet, 9 inches with about two feet to spare. His nearest rival cleared 8 feet, 3 inches.

Spearow Preaches Farewell.

A. Ralph Spearow preached his farewell sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening and again urged federation of the churches of the city. He predicted that such federation is bound to come to all small cities of the country. A special musical program was given. Spearow was pastor of the church for four years, that period covering the time of his attendance at the University of Oregon. He is now actively engaged as representative of an insurance company and after August 1 will have his headquarters in Eugene.

Hill Climb Next Sunday.

Indications are that there will be a record attendance at the annual motorcycle hill climb to be held here next Sunday and that there will be a large number of participants in the attempt to climb the 80 per cent grade of Mt. David. Five hundred dollars in merchandise prizes will be offered. These have been contributed by motorcycle manufacturers and motorcycle accessory dealers. The Lions club is sponsoring the event.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has endorsed the efforts of the American Legion to provide homes and education for the thousands of dependent children of war veterans, the care and protection of wives and widows now dependent upon charity and the care of incompetent and disabled veterans of the World War, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oregon, recognizing this great service to humanity, has called upon every educational civic and religious agency of this commonwealth to aid the American Legion in this work of brother love and good fellowship and has set aside the week of May 24th to May 30th to be devoted to the raising of funds for this program;

THEREFORE, I, Geo. O. Knowles, Mayor of the City of Cottage Grove, State of Oregon, hereby proclaim the week of May 24 to May 30 American Legion Endowment Week and urge every citizen of this city put forth every effort in attaining this city's quota of the \$5,000,000 needed to carry on successfully the American Legion's national child welfare and rehabilitation endeavors.

GEO. O. KNOWLES, Mayor, City of Cottage Grove.

Sullivan's Masterpiece for Chautauqua Patrons

The Mikado to Be Presented by May Valentine Company.



The Mikado, favorite with many of all the Gilbert and Sullivan Comic Operas, has been selected as a star attraction for this season's Chautauqua.

Under the able direction of May Valentine, one of the most able producers of the day, the opera will be presented with full stage equipment and elaborate settings by a cast carefully selected by Miss Valentine as to voice and histrionic ability. The Mikado gives splendid opportunity for effective costuming and this feature is prominently emphasized.

The tenor role of Nanki-Poo will be ably sung by Mr. A. W. Cannon whose long and successful career on the opera stage has made him a favorite with the general public. Miss Grace Bernhardt as Yum Yum, is delightfully fitted to the role in appearance as well as in voice. Every voice in the cast is said to be far above the ordinary in quality and beauty of tone, and their work is exceptionally good. The ridiculously funny story around which the composers wrote their tuneful and "catchy" music never grows old, and the public never grows tired of the Lord High Executioner's predicament when he has to marry the unattractive Katisha to escape being boiled in oil.

By L. F. Van Zelm

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