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THE visit of the county com-
missioners to points in
Washington where systematic
road building has been in pro-
cess during the past three years,
this last week, is the most com-
mendable event connected with
the entire road propaganda, up
to this date. The commissioners
have had a chance to see all sorts
of roads, and they have collected
enough data to make them au-
thority on road surfacing mater-
ial.
Asphaltic, brick, concrete, and
wood block roads all came in for
investigation and all sorts of
samples have been seen. Of
one thing we may be sure. They
learned that the material used
did not insure perfection in con-
struction. They learned that al-
nost any material properly
handled, made as nearly a per-
fect road as could be desired,
and that some materials that
have been represented as being
failures were not only highly
satisfactory, but they were very
economical. One student of the
situation says that this visit will
cut down the cost of road build-
ing on the 70 miles to be sur-
faced, over a hundred thousand
dollars. If that is true we sug-
gest that the commissioners go
again and spend a whole week
completing investigations. Yet
it is probable that they are prac-
tically as well informed as if
they had given a more lengthy
investigation.
The only people in Portland
who feel bad about this visit is
the patent pavement booster.
He is feeling decidedly blue.

Among the interesting fea-
tures of this investigation is the attitude of Roadmaster Yeon and Mr. Benson. Mr. Yeon refused
absolutely to waste any time looking over Washington roads
Mr. Benson at first said h
would go, and at the last mo ment backed down. Mr. Yeon
said he would recommend War renite and brick to the county
commissioners, and Mr. Benson
said he also said he also wanted Warrenit
and brick. Of course they are think that they are not doing al the thinking for the commis
sioners. Mr. Yeon took advant age of the opportunity to sa
that there would be open specifi cations and competition, that any every contractor might do so specifications." Mr. Benson saying the adoption of cemen would send
state to buy that product in
Seattle He did not mention that the laying of Warrenite would necessitate sending a like
sum to California, for the D grade asphalt. He tro thinks it perfectly proper to require al contractors to bid on the Warren
product. counting that as bidding on open specifications.
Mr. Yeon has changed his
views on what open specifica tions consist of. At a meeting all kinds of pavement would be given consideration by the coun
ty commissioners, and that they would undoubtedly award th meeting of the County Grange
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$\qquad$ sidered and that the one offering the most for the money would be given the contract. When
confronted with a copy of the was the only surfacing material
 ording the session of the Legis-
tent ature last February as a lobbyist against the Bingham Bill he
said in an interview as published in the Telegram on Feb. 9, that
he would quit the job as road-
master unless the commissioners master unless the commissioners
adopted the patented pavement
 thing to place on the Base Line
road. With all these contradictory statements to face is it sur-
prising that a good many people who have been investigating th
road question, doubt Mr. Yeon'
sincerity?


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ercise their own judgment
gardless of the influence
Yeon or Mr. Benson, who have
both shown so much diplomacy trying to get this question set
tled their own way tled their own way without the
voice of the people. It is clea to anyone that they are unduly
prejudiced in favor of one kind
of material. The Commissioners have seen enough to know there
are other forms of road material just as good or better, and that
 that the Herald is too outspoken.
In other words the Herad puts
the truth, so far as is is is able in the truth, so far as it is able, in
plain language, and there are some peopie who think the tr
is an unattainable ideal to

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& \text { be put into actual practice. } \\
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complain about it. There are a quite few of them right here in table people, who are ready to complain because public matter
are not handled on the square and yet who are too politic to perhaps, were they to make the mistake and elect some official who lived up to the moral and
statuatory law, would be the first to attempt to tear down that officer's influence. This
fact alone causes all malfeasance in the execution of public trust.
We cannot hope to raise in moral and intellectual citizenship unti people are ready to appreciate the citizen who trys to live up to

SOMEBODY started the report last week that ex-Cashier Rostad of the Bank had made lenience on the part of the court lenience on the part of the court
was being advanced. It appears that any such information as that time met $\$ 6000$ of his defalcations liable under the laws of the state,


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