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ROAD COMMISSION VISITS COUNTY

Washington Committee on Road Inspection Sees Multnomah Roads and Carry Home Opinions to be Published Later.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday were busy days for the road promoters of Portland. A supposedly unbiased, and uninfluenced committee from Snohomish County, Washington, visited Portland. They left their several homes in Washington with the intention of seeing things down here just as they are, without the advice or assistance of any road promoters or prejudiced agents. Unfortunately they were not fully informed of all the antecedent influences that prompted the numerous little acts of courtesy which they found coming their way. In the first place it is exceedingly strange that they should have to come to Oregon to see good roads. Less than a year ago Oregon people were going to Pierce and King Counties to see roads up there. There are some nationally renowned roads right at their doors—just between them and Seattle. The only reason that can be given for it is that roads a little further from home, and newer, look better. It is not suggested that the committee had any special preference for Oregon roads. It was suggested to them that the best samples of up-to-date roads could be seen in Multnomah County, and that is a fact, especially the up-to-date part. If they had been a or so sooner they would have caught the Warren people reconstructing a considerable portion of their Linnton road, which went down during the winter under the especially heavy traffic and extremely wet winter. The construction company were under bonds to maintain it and they hurried the job to have it out of the way at this particular time. They have added some in thickness to the road, and also to the width all of which—but then that is another story.

When the committee reached Portland they were met by a number of prominent people who offered their services in showing the committee around the county. They were taken over the Linnton road and shown how nicely it had survived the winter—and the traffic—particularly the bitulithic sections, and they were also shown, hurriedly, some very amazing cracks in the concrete. They carried word back to town about the cracks and some one interested in concrete went down to see about the cracks. The cracks were supposed to have been filled with asphalt. When the zigzag streaks of oil and asphalt were reached it was seen the cracks were fraudulent. The asphalt had been strewn across the road to give the impression. Of course—but then that too, is another story.

The committee took dinner Saturday noon at the Imperial and the Herald reporter met two members of the committee just afterward. They were not disposed to talk much about their opinions of what they saw. They had been treated most courteously, and they were surprised to find so many prominent people on such good terms with the bitulithic cause. The chairman of the committee was very positive in stating that they had nothing to speak of, except that they had seen some fine roads and had been treated most courteously. He left you with the impression that he was afraid he would learn something disagreeable to his previously formed opinion. It was not surprising to hear later that he is a banker and that an agent of one of the paving companies has moved to his town and opened up a \$20,000 bank account with him. That may be the reason—but that, also, is another story.

The committee left Portland on the four o'clock train. There was hardly an hour during their visit in Portland when they were not directly under the influence of the friends of bitulithic interests. A few other people got a chance to speak with them but they admitted surprise at the evident preference for asphaltic pavements in the county. Had they known that the fellows who were so courteous were in the employ of the Warren Construction Company, or some of their subcontractors they would not have been surprised at the evident effort to make them so comfortable.

Reperte.

On the train going out Subbuts got into conversation with a stranger, who remarked: "I see you are putting up a good many new buildings." "Yes," answered Subbuts. "new buildings are the only kind we put up."—Kansas City Journal.

Lents School News

Miss Cavanaugh of the Lents School is sick this week and Mrs. Jefferies is substituting.

Ralph Keel of the 7th A Grade has invented a very unique little machine. It is a tating shuttle winder. The workmanship and the idea shows unusual ability. Lents may well feel proud that it has a boy of this caliber. The world needs more such boys as Ralph Keel.

The writer had the pleasure of viewing the gymnastic works of rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, under the supervision of the Misses Everts, Dawson, Smith, Full and Mrs. Darnall in the Assembly Hall last Tuesday afternoon. It is not saying too much to say that these little folks certainly show nice work in this line of school work and are a credit to their fine teachers.

This week the manual training boys, under the direction of Mr. Merot, are building bird houses, from material which they bring from home. Next Wednesday Mr. Merot will take his class of boys for an outing and they will place these bird houses in different localities for the use of the birds. This is a splendid idea and will tend to foster the feeling of the feathered friends instead of destroying them.

The regular routine work of the shop will begin soon and furniture will be the interesting feature. Mr. Merot has eight classes of 15 to 18 boys and they are all very much interested in their work. In June, at the close of the term, there will be an exhibit in the shop. All visitors will be gladly welcomed. This last term the boys have put in new lockers and done quite a lot of general repair work in the shop.

Mr. Alderman is giving the city schools tests in the common branches, each school having a different branch of study. The test for Lents was geography and three rooms of the upper grades had not had geography for two years. The test proved very good indeed and Prof. Herschner is very much pleased with the average standing of these three rooms.

The Truant Officers have been looking after a number of petty offenders in the school and it is hoped that no more thieving will be evident in the future. Lents school this year has been very free from petty thieving. When cases are cited they are reported at once and steps are taken to prevent any recurrence of such work.

Miss Squires, the school nurse, was out this week looking after a certain family that needed a general cleaning. The children were made clean and the parents given instructions how to keep them so. It is to be hoped that Miss Squires' work will show good results in the near future.

Miss Manley, Expert in Mental Capacity of Children, and head of the Allen School at 12th and Hawthorne, was out Monday in the interests of one or two children of the school.

The Domestic Sciences classes, under the direction of the Misses Pierce and Barret, are doing very nice work this term. The classes in cooking, about seventy in all, ranging from eleven to sixteen, have learned to prepare and cook most of the every day essentials in the food line, such as breads, soups, vegetables and beverages, such as cocoa and chocolate; also cakes, such as ginger-breads, cup cakes and fruit rolls. Monday's class in cooking gave a luncheon.

The classes in sewing, under the direction of Miss Barrett and the teachers of the respective rooms, are doing splendid work. The girls, 194 in number, including all girls from 5 B up to the 9 A take sewing. Just at present the pupils are doing individual work, some making princess slips and combinations, bloomers, aprons, models, etc. The work, however, is mostly undergarments. The classes in sewing meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon and afternoon.

Neighbors.

Occasionally a writer makes a big hit by a very simple device. He discovers his neighbors. Most of us live next door to people for years and visit with them on the front porch and once in a while call on them. But we rarely get really acquainted.

And then a McCutcheon comes along, or a Webster, or a Briggs, or a George Ade, or a Fatty Lewis and finds out that a neighbor is a human being. It is revealed that he gets peevish when the buttons aren't sewed on, and that his children have the croup, and that the baby keeps the family awake all night, and that in general he is a romantic character.

It is possible that your own neighbors might be as interesting as those of the gentlemen just mentioned if you would take the pains to know them.—Kansas City Star.

"GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!"



—Fitzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

NO DRY BATTERIES.

They All Contain Moisture or They Would Be Useless.

So called dry batteries are in common use for small electric call bell systems and private telephone lines and were used extensively for ignition on earlier makes of automobiles. Applying the word "dry" to the battery is misleading, for there is no such thing as a "dry" battery. There never was, nor will there ever be.

If it were dry no current would generate, as it requires moisture to produce chemico-electric activity when the circuit is completed from the plus to the minus elements.

The so called dry battery is really an "inclosed wet battery," which retains its moisture to its limit of life, whether in service or not. The limit of life depends on the stored capacity, how frequently the circuit is applied to it, evaporation due to age and deterioration of the conducting elements.

The battery consists of a zinc cylinder case containing a carbon in the center, the intervening space filled with a paste compound of one part zinc oxide, one part sal ammoniac, three parts plaster of paris and two parts water. The quantities are greater as the capacity of the battery is increased.

As soon as a circuit is completed a chemical combination is started, and the current flows from the internal part of the zinc to the carbon, then out from the carbon to the appliance and returns to the zinc. The external terminals of the battery are the reverse of the internal.

When the battery is exhausted it can be recharged by sending current into it from a close circuit battery, such as a nitric or sulphuric acid cell. Pouring water through a small hole at the top of the battery is an aid to the return of its life, but neither this nor the former will restore the battery to its original efficiency.—New York World.

An Artist's Criticism.

Falguiere, the sculptor, told a capital story of Henner, the great artist, who although he lived in Paris all his life, never lost his Alsatian peasant accent or his country manners. But Henner was a very keen critic and had a clever way of showing his dislike of wordy enthusiasm. Falguiere, whose talent as a sculptor is known all the world over, was very fond of painting, but he did not paint particularly well. One day Henner was in his studio, and Falguiere showed him some of his pictures.

"What do you think of this one?" asked Falguiere.

"Superb!" said Henner, with his Alsatian accent. "Marvelous!"

"And this one?" "Broditchous!" "And this one?" "Suplime!"

Then the old man picked up a little bust which his friend had just finished: "Ah!" he said. "Now, dat's good!"

"I never painted after that," said Falguiere.

The Pacific Coast Steel Co. plans to erect a \$500,000 plant in Portland.

Tremont Hen Gets in Paper

A Tremont hen, owned by B. F. Butler of 6416, 96th avenue, got mention in Tuesday's Oregonian. It seems that she has been trying to break the record this winter laying double eggs. On the 27th she laid two eggs. But that wasn't such a big job either. She put the yolk in one and the white in the other, and she neglected to give it a veneer of lime. But the two eggs were joined by a strip of inner tissue. Anyway she shows a progressive disposition.

Fred Mysing Dead.

Fred Mysing of 53rd Avenue, Lents, died at the county hospital on the 28th of February, the immediate cause of his being pneumonia, but Mr. Mysing had been ill for many months. His funeral was held Wednesday at 10 o'clock at Mt. Scott Cemetery Chapel, Rev. Hornsusch delivering the address. Mr. Mysing leaves a wife and several children. He was the object of considerable sympathy around Lents for it was felt that much of his distress was due to unhappy conditions at home.

Mt. Scott Dresses in White

The whole of Mt. Scott woke up Wednesday enveloped in a white nightie. Being March first it was excusable, but March first is pretty late for that sort of winter wear. Snow covered the ground three-fourths of the way down and continued to lay there until Thursday afternoon.

Story of a Bunch of Keys.

After Mary, queen of Scots, had succeeded in effecting her escape from the grim old fortress of Lochleven her deliverer, William Douglas, threw the keys which had brought her her freedom into the waters of the lake. There they lay till the parching summer of 1805, when a boy named William Honeyman while strolling on its banks, picked up a bunch of five keys of antique workmanship fastened by an iron ring. These the boy carried to the parish schoolmaster, who forwarded them to the Earl of Morton, hereditary keeper of Lochleven castle, near Edinburgh, where they still remain. They are without doubt the old keys which William Douglas threw into the loch on the eventful night when the queen escaped, only to be taken again and consigned to life long captivity.

The Head of the Firm.

As he appears to— The office boy: A large, fat being whose grumble is worse than Jove's thunder and whose commendatory nod is worth almost any amount of personal inconvenience. Head bookkeeper: A good man, with no head for figures, who has arrived at his present exalted position by a combination of luck and pull. The stenographer: A pleasant old party with singular weaknesses and a strange capacity—rarely exercised, however—to make one cry. His wife: A baby.—Life.

Class Offers Condolence.

At the regular meeting of the "Overcomers Bible Class," which was held Feb. 18, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, in view of the loss we have sustained by the death of our friend and teacher, Dr. Fawcett, this heartfelt testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow shall be sent to the members of his family by the secretary of the class.

We condole with you most sincerely on the sad event, and if the sympathy of friends can be a consolation, be assured that all who knew him share your sorrow for his loss. While you have lost a dutiful and affectionate father, we have lost one of our best friends. We are confident no one could more fully appreciate his loss than we. He did so much for us all.

True, his death teaches us that sooner or later we must all make the journey across the mystic river. The angels called and in the way of an all wise Providence it was best that he should go. We will have the ordeal to pass, fortunate it would be if all could be as certain of being among the exalted angels as our dear teacher, therefore, our loss and his gain.

Let us hope, however, in the language of the Scripture, "I go to prepare a place for you," that in the golden summer of another life, children, mother and father will gather again in sweet reunion where partings are unknown.

A true friend, a devoted father. No higher eulogy can be pronounced upon a man.

Commending you to Him who doeth all things well, with feelings of deepest sympathy, we remain in the tenderest friendship,

The Overcomers Bible Class,
Adina Morterud, Sec.

GRESHAM BECOMING EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Plans are almost complete for the establishment of an Agricultural Trades School near Gresham. Arrangements have developed so far that the Albert Cleveland farm north of Gresham has been leased. The farm contains 65 acres, has a fine barn and comfortable residence. It has been used as a stock farm for some time.

The idea seems to be to make agriculture the major course and the study of some trade possible. The school is designed for town boys and to be self disciplined. Eventually a "Junior Republic" will control the institution. Half of each day will be devoted to manual work of some kind, the remainder to elementary studies. Of the trades blacksmithing, engineering, forestry, public hygiene, music, carpentry, cobbling, banking, bookkeeping, cooking and laundering. There will be lectures and social functions. It will be a boys school, terms to be 45 weeks in length.

The instruction will be open to boys of moderate circumstances, good character and sound body. It is expected that a boy will be prepared to make his living on a piece of raw land when he completes his training in the institution.

Of course the project will involve the construction of numerous laboratories, classrooms, dormitories, and work rooms, and will necessitate heavy capitalization. Some of the wealthiest people in Portland are backing the project which has been incorporated and Attorney R. M. Barley has been chosen president of the board; C. A. Woodworth, treasurer, and John Pearson, secretary. H. E. Fairchild, one of the founders of the Pisgah home, has been the active promoter of the undertaking.

A surprise was given L. Blaufus at his home, 8812-68th avenue, Lents, Sunday, Feb. 27, it being his 70th birthday. His children, Mrs. J. T. Nelson of Mosier, Oregon, and C. F. Blaufus and family of Brookfield, Wash., came to Portland for the occasion. The crowd met at First and Alder, and Sellwood Golf Links. Five Hundred was played, First prizes were awarded to Mrs. Nichtigal and Mr. Besner. Second prizes were given to Mrs. Bartz and Mr. Deukel. Refreshments were served by Misses Helen and Freda Nickels. Hulda Blaufus and Edna White.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Richie, Mr. and Mrs. H. Deukel; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gartner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Streibe and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Besner and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Blaufus and children, Lucille and Leo, Mr. and Mrs. L. Blaufus, Mrs. Bartz, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Brickett, Mrs. Nichtigal, Mr. Bugge, Mrs. Mulder and daughter, Mr. Lebo and the Misses Helen and Freda Nickels, Edna White and Hulda Blaufus.

Advertised Letters

Advertised letters for week ending Feb. 28, 1916: Armstrong, Miss Edna; Barr, Miss L.; Barker, Mrs. W. M.; Barkhurst, Mrs. Pearl; Carlson, J. P.; Clark, Charles W. Mrs.; Davis, Miss Edith; Davidson, C. F.; Ferguson, Burt; Hill, F.; Kettle, F. C.; Kreiss, Miss A. L.; Kelly, Miss Ethel; Lewis, Mrs. Marrie; Marshall, G. B.; Mason, E. J.; Mavara, John; Olson, Mrs. C. E.; Peterson, Dorothy; Pettys, J. A.; Reedfield, Bert; Stober, Mrs. C.; Taylor, Geo. W.; 95 25-67th Ave.; 6304-90 St. Geo. W. Spring, Postmaster.

New industries are coming to the state, and in many towns the erection of new buildings and new plants have been announced. Everywhere in the state are the signs of steady, consistent and encouraging growth.

Dyer Company of Cleveland, O., have the contract for erecting a \$600,000 sugar factory near Grants Pass.

Portland is to have a new vaudeville theatre to cost \$425,000.

Annually enough water goes to waste in the Umatilla River to irrigate 100,000 acres of land.

The taxpaying industry started up Feb. 20th, and payments may be made in two installments without penalty.

The Dallas Commercial Club is boosting a tank factory at that place.

Cheap capital and abundance of farm labor to raise crops and clear land are necessary for the development of the state and its industries.

Monmouth gets a \$5000 co-operative creamery plant.

Roseburg is planning a \$75,000 high school.

North Powder wants to build a new school house.