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SPOKANE LAYS OWN PAVEMENT

City Jobbed by Bitulithic Contractors Decides to Run its Own Plant. Shows Marked Reduction in Cost of Improvements-

After years of experience with different sorts of paving concerns the city of Spokane has installed its own paving plant and has been laying asphaltic pavements for some time. The city engineer recently sent a statement of some of their experiences which ought to make good reading for Portland people who are in the clutches of the asphalt combine.

It will be noted that labor prices run at \$.375 per hour. Prices in this county last season were 25 cents. It will also be noticed that the asphalt at Spokane costs about \$6 a ton more than in Portland. On these figures the unit cost per yard could be materially reduced in Portland.

Cost of Bituminous Paving (Bituminous Top and Base) Laid in October, November and December, 1915. 23,954 Sq. Yds., 2 in. Top, 3 in. Base.

Labor cost at Plant		Unit cost per sq. yd.	
Timekeeper	280 hrs. at \$0.4375	\$122.50	
Laborers	3252 hrs. at 0.375	1219.50	
Mixer men	407 hrs. at 0.50	203.50	
Engineers	276 hrs. at 0.50	138.00	
Slip team and teamster	384 hrs. at 0.75	288.00	\$1971.50 0.0823
Plant repairing and force kept when no material was sent out		\$169.90	0.0071
Labor cost on the streets			
Foremen	365 hrs. at \$0.625	\$228.15	
Engineers	604 hrs. at 0.625	377.50	
Laborers	3584 hrs. at 0.375	1344.00	
Rakers	734 hrs. at 0.500	367.00	
Teams and teamsters	24 hrs. at 0.750	18.00	\$2384.65 0.0976
Cost of supplies at plant			
Coal	120 tons at \$6.00	720.00	
Power, estimated at		150.00	
Miscellaneous, estimated at		100.00	970.00 0.0405
Materials:			
Base: 6,455,050 lbs. aggregate, 2080 cu. yds., 115 lbs to the cu. ft. at \$1.25 per cu. yd.		2600.00	
Asphaltic Cement, 320,059 lbs. at \$0.009		2880.00	\$5,480.55 0.2290
Top: 4,434,230 lbs. aggregate, 1564 cu. yds., 1051 lbs. to the cu. ft. at \$1.25 per cu. yd.		1955.00	
Asphaltic Concrete, 412,188 lbs. at \$0.009		3709.70	\$5,984.70 0.2370
Hauling: 902 Wagon Loads at \$1.50		1353.70	
Auto Loads, 645 at \$1.50		972.50	\$2,325.50 0.0970
Grand Total		18,916.80	0.7990

Improvement No. 2

Bituminous top, 2 inches. Yardage Laid, 27 949 sq. yd.		Office City Engineer, Spokane, Wash.	
Asphalt:		Unit Cost per Yard.	
236,296 Tons at \$16	\$3780.70	\$0.1352	
Sand, 1518 cu. yd. at \$1.00	1518.00	.0543	
Rock, 442 1/2 cu. yd. at \$1.45	641.65	.0230	
Coal, 49.45 tons at \$6.00	296.70	.0106	
Power	107.70	.0039	
Labor	960.62	.0344	
Total Cost out of Plant			.2614
Haul. Auto Trucks and Wagons, 70 per cent over Pavements, no Grades	747.33	.0268	
Total Cost Delivered on Street			0.2882
STREET COST:			
Paint, 7 bbl. at \$7.50	52.50		
Wood, 8 cord at 6.00	48.00		
Coal, 4 1/2 Tons at 6.00	27.00		
Top Sand, 10 cu. yds. 1.375	13.75		
Labor at \$0.375 per hour	353.07		
Total Cost of Laying on Street			0.0336
Total Cost of Plant and Street			0.3418
10 Overhead and Depreciation			0.0342
Grand Total Cost			0.3760

Improvement No. 4.

Bituminous Top, 2 inches. Yardage Laid, 16,382 Sq. yds.		Office of City Engineer, Spokane, Wash.	
Plant Cost:			
Asphalt	150,708 tons at \$16.50	\$2486.65	
Sand	993 cu. yds. at 1.00	993.00	
Rock	291 1/2 cu. yds. at 1.40	412.30	
Coal	28 ton at 6.00	168.00	
Power		67.25	
Labor		672.05	
Total cost out of Plant			2924
Haul. 2.1 miles, 60 percent over pavement ment both auto trucks and wagons with snap team were used, 20 percent heavy grade going to 6 percent		1000.57	.0610
Total cost delivered on street			.3534
Haul cost per ton mile		.262	
Street cost:			
Paint	4 1/2 bbls at \$7.50	\$33.75	
Wood	4 cds at 6.00	24.00	
Coal	2.9 tons at 6.00	17.40	
Top sand	7 cu. yds. 1.275	8.925	
Labor		983.69	
Total cost of laying on street			.0641
Total cost of plant and street			.4175
Plus 10 percent for overhead and depreciation			.0418
Grand total of cost per sq. yd.			.4593

It Sounded Big.
"She talks at different times of 'my maid,' 'my cook' and 'my laundress,'" said the woman with the mackinaw.
"Has she actually so many servants?"
"No," said the accompanying male person. "She means that her hired girl is a lightning change artist."—Detroit Saturday Night.

Plain Bill is His Name.
When William F. Simpson enlisted in the United States marine corps of Akron, O., he named as his next of kin Plain Bill Simpson, father of Salisbury, Md. Plain is the father's first name, young Simpson explained, and every one in Salisbury calls him just Plain Bill Simpson.

SAFETY FIRST: "WE NO HURTIE SELF NOW."



—Evans in Baltimore American.

Mrs. Hill Held for Arson.

Mrs. K. Hill, a resident of the former O. B. Guinness house on Gilbert Avenue, was arrested at Mist, Ore., one day last week. She was charged with assisting to burn the house and contents one morning in February during the stormy weather. Nothing was saved. Portland officials made an investigation at once and decided that she and A. J. Clark, a roomer at the house, were implicated. Clark has been under arrest for some time. The charge is that they set the house afire to get the insurance on a lot of furniture that Clark had stored in the house. Clark claimed to have been engaged in the restaurant business formerly and to have brought his outfit to the house to store it.

Florence Steffens, of Saginaw, a little seven year old girl was injured Monday evening while playing and it resulted in a broken leg.

Johnson Creek Not Bad.

The severe rains of the end of the week again put Johnson Creek out of its banks at Lents Junction but the overflow was not nearly as bad as it was in January, in spite of reports to the contrary. People in the overflow district were not seriously endangered, and it is doubtful if anyone had to move out of their homes.

The write up in the Sunday paper relative to the flood was a base exaggeration and is justly resented by all the people in the section. One of the stories spoke of the Stone and Hanson farms. These places are mere town lots, 50 by 100, and the buildings on them are inexpensive shacks. Water did not endanger either of them. The only losses incurred by this storm and flood may be some inconveniences to the gardeners occupying the flats east of Lents Junction, but that will be merely nominal as the flood will probably do more good than harm.

KELLY BUTTE HAS DOUBLE ERUPTION

This has been an eventful week at Kelly's Butte. Sunday evening about 11 o'clock the sheriff's office was called up and informed the prisoners were escaping. The information was phoned back to the Butte the deputy in charge declared it was a hoax. Again at 2 o'clock the information was repeated and again the deputy reported it was some sort of joke. But when morning came 12 men were missing and a 7 inch hole where one of the bars had been cut with a hack saw, showed where the bars had been cut through. Up to date none of the men have been taken and it is believed they have left the county. It is probable they were overlooked the evening before. The prisoners are locked up at 9:15 and failure to examine the cells and account for all the men delayed the exposure, as it is probable the men escaped before the time of closing.

The result of the break will be that the sheriff will assume responsibility for the prisoners at the Butte and that the guards there will be dismissed. There has been considerable complaint about A. S. Briggs, recently and when in the employ of the county a few years ago he was the cause of great dissatisfaction. Several prisoners got away from him, too.

The best part of the upheaval will be that the sheriff, having secured a promise from the commissioners of a small payment to each prisoner that works, each will be given a small daily wage, and will be able to leave prison with board money in his pocket.

C. C. Cox Loses Daughter

Little Mildred Cox, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cox, died at the hospital Tuesday morning. She had been a sufferer for many months of, first spinal meningitis and of a tubercular spinal bone. Doctors operated to remove this bone. She passed through the operation splendidly, and appeared unusually bright, but went suddenly into convulsions, from which she soon died. The funeral was held Thursday, today, at Kenworthy's. A large number of friends and neighbors sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Cox in their sorrow.

Revival Prospering

Good crowds are attending the special revival meetings now on at Lents Free Methodist church, 9108 57th street. Seven bowed at the altar Sunday night and after earnest prayers from penitent seekers. All were happily saved.

This is on the old fashioned line and it seems good to hear the shouts and praises of new converts. They have good seats, fine singing and searching preaching. Just like they used to have, and everyone is welcomed.

The Gilbert high school staged the play entitled "College Town." It was very credibly presented by the students under the direction of Prof. Ager. During the intermissions the Goetz six piece orchestra rendered many enjoyable numbers. Mrs. Chas. Goetz sang a solo. The play was a financial success.

Mr. Rodgers, formerly of Faxon Park, says that it is the intention of himself and Mrs. Rodgers to move back to Portland where he has the offer of a two year contract at a substantial salary. Miss Ruth Rodgers is still convalescent.

MEN'S MEETING BEING PLANNED

Big Meeting To Be Held Monday, At 8:30 p. m. Dr. Foster and Dr. Calvin S. White Among Speakers. —All Free.

The Oregon Social Hygiene Society is not going to forget Mt. Scott and Lents. All this week their organizer has been at work arranging for a big meeting. A booster committee has been appointed, speakers have been secured, organizations have been interested and before the week end every church and social organization will be busy spreading the information that the men of the vicinity are to have an opportunity to listen to able discussion of a matter that is important to themselves their wives and their children.

Dr. Wm. T. Foster of Reed college will talk about "The Way of a Man with a Maid." Dr. Foster is an able speaker, welcomed the country over and as he has never been heard in this place he should be welcomed by a fine audience.

Dr. Calvin S. White will speak on "Racial Poisons." Dr. White is also an entertaining speaker.

District Attorney, Water H. Evans, will talk about "What the District Attorney Knows." Mr. Evans is also an entertaining speaker.

Three minute talks will be given by E. B. McNaughton, L. L. Eddy, and Rev. Hornschuch, and a number of the local speakers.

The talks will all be to the point, full of facts and good advice. The discussions will cover the question of why so many boys have low ideals; why girls go wrong; The questionable necessity of the social evil; how the state may save money on its insane asylums, blind school, and school for the feeble minded.

All this program will be free, and there will be no collections taken, the same as all other meetings conducted by this society, and they have been numerous. Meetings have been held in 70 towns, 1300 meetings have been held, over 1400 addresses have been made, and at least 700,000 circulars have been sent out. In the recent meetings in Portland theatres the houses was crowded to capacity. Meetings at Pendleton this winter, drew crowded houses. Similar reports come from other places. The meeting in Lents will be held at the Yeager theatre Monday evening. There are no charges, collections or other considerations. Every man is invited to attend. A committee consisting of Clyde Sager, Marvin Hedge, A. D. Kenworthy, H. E. Bloyd, Dr. Hess, Prof. Hershner, and H. A. Darnall are looking after the success of the meeting and the active co-operation of the men of the town is desirable.

Roads May Not Get Shade Trees.

Contracts were let some time ago for the planting of shade trees along the leading highways from Portland. H. A. Lewis was supposed to have the contract for a five mile stretch on the Sandy road. He went in to see the county court one day last week and was informed by Mr. Lightner that the matter had never been taken up the court and on investigating the road fund he informed Mr. Lewis that the fund had all been taken out. Just what the status of the improvement will hold now is a query. It can hardly be expected that Mr. Lewis will go ahead with the planting if there is nothing provided for the job.



Dr. C. S. White



Dr. Wm. T. Foster



Meeting at Albina Car Shops