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## DOLLAR ROADS IN CLACKAMAS

County Furnishes Outfit And Pays For Supervision. Roads Cost About Half of Usual Price for Such Supervision.

Clackamas County has surely struck the system for road construction. Lents people will soon have an opportunity to test the roads that are being laid. Beginning with a mile stretch near Oregon City, the County then laid a strip near Milwauke, and it now has its outfit at work on the road between Clackamas and Grays Crossing or 82d street, and it is the intention to build this road complete from the vicinity of Clackamas to the Multnomah County line.

It is a fine looking piece of road, too, if you like bitulithic road. It is composed of gravel, sand and bitumen. The percentage of sand is a little high but the road is about six to seven inches thick so there will be lots of time passes before that road goes to pieces. There is fully four inches of base laid first, all bituminously bound and on top of that a two inch surface is being laid. It looks even thicker than they say it is but probably will average fully six inches. It is 16 feet wide and fine and smooth. The only possible objections that can be contemplated is that as in all bituminous pavements, it will be somewhat soft in summer and slick in the wet or cold weather. Even at that it will be no worse than Multnomah's bitulithic which cost fifty to seventy cents a yard more. If this pavement can be laid for \$1.00, including the grading, base and all complete, it will surely make the Portland Paving trust squirm. It is a better pavement and so much cheaper.

The outfit consists of a mixer which is now located at Will's gravel pit on the Estacada line, three auto trucks, the grading machine, two steam rollers, and road heater, besides some hand tools. About 20 men are employed on this work now. It takes eight or ten at the mixer, three to drive the trucks, a roller engineer, and two men with the grader, some spreaders, and a driver for the engine that rolls down the cement, and a number of spreaders. With this simple outfit the men are laying about 1000 yards of paving a day at a cost to the county of not to exceed a thousand dollars. There are very few places where paving has been laid for this figure, and only one or two instances in Oregon. The most of the bitulithic has cost \$1.75 to \$2.35 and even upwards of that.

As the bitulithic promoters allege that the reason for the cost of their paving is in the special brand of bitumen they use it will be seen that the Clackamas people have them at a big disadvantage. They are making roads out of ordinary D Grade asphalt, just such as comes from California, and just such as the Warren people use, too, except that they claim they put it through a special process and improve its quality. They never forget to charge for this special "process" but they generally forget to put the cement through the process, just dumping ordinary D Grade asphalt into the mixers just as it comes in the barrels direct from the oil refineries.

Half the secret in the Clackamas cheap roads is in the fact that the county has its own machinery and can lay its own stuff, whenever the superintendent they now have throws up the job, if he should choose to do so, and the further fact that the county is not paying for some specially prepared cement—that is no fake preparation. It is just using the same asphalt without any fictitious names connected with it. Any county can do the same. There is no mystery about laying asphalt paving any more. Any one can get an analysis of a piece of paving and get the proportional parts of each constituent and they go about it a compose a similar paving if he wants that sort of mixture.

## C. C. Spencer Dies Of Heart Trouble

As C. C. Spencer of 8721 Foster road complained of feeling indisposed Wednesday morning when he awoke his son-in-law offered to get a hot application for his chest. When the application was ready Mr. Spencer was found dead. A doctor was called but found his services unnecessary. Mr. Spencer has been complaining of heart pains for a long time but no one thought him serious.

The Spencers have lived in Lents for the past year. He has been employed as a barber at the Portland Hotel. He leaves a wife and five children ranging between thirteen and twenty-four. The funeral will be held at Kenworthy's, probably Saturday morning.

## LENTS BOY WRITES LETTER FROM WAR ZONE

Fred L. Peterson, son of F. R. Peterson of Lents has written the Herald Editor a letter telling his experiences in camp life. Contrary to the frequently expressed statement he reports health conditions excellent. Fred's company is in camp at Palm Beach near San Diego, and they get their mail through either place. The camp is about five minutes walk to the beach and the boys take a plunge in the ocean every day if they like. He says the water is fine, not like the cold water found along Oregon beaches.

He reports the camp site an ideal one, being level, close to the ocean, roomy, and a good drill field. The water used for drinking purposes is not up to the Bull Run standard being slightly alkaline, but not unpleasant.

Up to this time the meals have been served under open tents or flies. Mess houses, 30x50 are now being constructed, and his mess has moved into their hall.

The regiment is in very good health, very few having been sick. The hospital corps, of which Fred is a member, has been active in preparing the camp for healthful conditions and feel amply rewarded now in finding their efforts have not been unavailing.

The information will be welcome by the many Lents friends of the boys in camp. It is to be hoped they will send the Herald information frequently concerning their camp experiences.

## Has Birthday Party

Master Elmer McKay, aged 12, whose parents live at 36th street and 65th avenue, was the recipient of a birthday party on Monday evening, about twenty of his little friends being present. They spent a most enjoyable time with games and songs, until the late hours of the evening. Those present were: Ruth Breese, Hibbard, Pierson, Desper Emery, Jay Emery, Walter Linstrom, Mildred Anderson, Lillie Anderson, Viola Yost, Edward Cummings, Nadene Hubbard, Doris Rigg, Wm. A. Reynolds, Clarence Linstrom, Leland Kineman, Arthur Anderson, Willard Barzee, Elmer McKay, Amos Cook, Eva Smoke and John McKay.

## ASCRIBE BAD WEATHER TO WAR FRONT GUNS

Steamship Officers Convinced Firing Causes Rain and Wind.

Captains and officers of the Atlantic lines trading to New York are firm in the belief that the unusual rains and violent windstorms which have been so frequent this summer are partially due to the continuous firing of the heavy guns on the continent added to the explosions on the sea.

Captain Copper and the officers of the Cunarder Pannonia said the weather in the channel was the worst they had ever experienced at this time of the year, and in London there were no five sunny days the whole of July.

Reports brought from Paris by the officers of the French liner Rochambeau stated that the sun had only shone for three days out of the thirty one in July, which is usually the sunniest and hottest month of the year at the French capital.

Captains of Italian liners trading to New York from Genoa state that the weather in the Mediterranean instead of being calm and hot is subject to frequent violent windstorms with heavy downpours of rain similar to those which occur in the latitudes of the "doldrums"—that is, ten degrees either side of the equator.

Reports from northern Europe state that the summer weather there is the same as it is in England and France and more resembled March in its boisterous winds and rain than June or July. Russian meteorological statistics show an unusual amount of rain and excessive cold. In Moscow up to the middle of July there had been no sign of summer or of the hot weather which usually sets in before June. In the Scandinavian countries the weather has been as dull, damp and chilly as it has been reported in England.

Southern Germany has been subjected to violent rains, and Lake Constance is abnormally high, according to reports just received. Austria, Hungary and the Balkan provinces, as well as Turkey, have experienced a series of storms all through June and July.

The Retort Caustic.  
"No, indeed," said the conceited young puppy who had been asked whether he had attended a certain select dance. "—aw—only associate with my equals, you know."  
"Really?" responded a witty young lady. "You should aim higher than that!"—London Telegraph.

## CHARACTER

Have you ever watched the icicle as it formed? Have you noticed how it froze, one drop at a time, until it was a foot long, or more? If the water was clean, the icicle remained clear, and sparkled brightly in the sun; but, if the water was slightly muddy, the icicle looked clouded, and its beauty was spoiled. Just so our characters are formed. One little thought or feeling at a time adds its influence. If each thought be pure and right, the soul will be lovely, and will sparkle with happiness; but if impure and wrong, there will be deformity and wretchedness.

Self-distrust is the cause of the most of our failures. In the assurance of strength there is strength, and they are the weakest, however strong, who have no faith in themselves or their powers.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

The federal farm loan board will conduct a hearing at Portland September 7.

Wet weather has been hampering the operations of the penitentiary flax harvesting gangs.

Harvest is in full blast in the southern part of Morrow county and grain is unusually heavy.

Unexpected success is being met with by the circulators of the petitions to divide Crook county.

Printing of 246,000 wrappers for election pamphlets has been completed by Secretary of State Olcott.

A \$15,000 school building is to be erected at Gardiner as a gift from the heirs of W. P. Jewett, a pioneer.

Bend's sixth annual flower show, held Friday, surpassed all previous shows in number and quality of exhibits.

A survey of the Willamette river with a view to its improvement is soon to be undertaken by the federal government.

The new road from Seaside to the Tillamook county line, in Clatsop county, has been completed, and is now open to traffic.

There have been no fires in the Siuslaw national forest this summer, owing to the unusual amount of moisture during the season.

Nearly 100 men have enrolled in Portland for the citizens' training camp to be held at American Lake, Wash., August 28-September 23.

Several certified potato clubs have been formed in Oregon, the object being to grow a better grade of potatoes, according to Labor Commissioner Hoff.

Linn county farmers who raised vetch for seed this year are reaping a golden harvest. The yield is unusually large and the price is higher than usual.

J. A. Allen, a homesteader, shot and killed Lewis Butts at the Allen home on Rock creek, near Bridgeport, and then surrendered. He is now in the Baker county jail.

Crane is to be the eastern terminus of the proposed Oregon, California & Eastern railroad. The Strahorn field party has finished the line of their survey from Bend to that point.

The community packing house system of handling apple crops continues to grow in the Hood river valley, and no less than a half-dozen such institutions will be in operation this fall.

The apple growers association of Hood River secured the second prize in a group of four at the 22d annual convention of the International Shippers' association at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

The university of Oregon's experiment with the flax industry showed, according to the report of Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff, that the net return to the grower amounted to \$36.50 an acre.

For the first seven months of this year residents of Clackamas county imported \$10,000 worth of liquor and alcohol under the prohibition law, a grand total of 4035 shipments being received.

During the time of the railroad completion celebration Thursday, Friday and Saturday Coos Bay will entertain

between 4000 and 5000 visitors, according to the latest estimates of the Southern Pacific.

Frank Kiernan, Jr., of the Multnomah athletic club of Portland and Little Miss Anna Mahall, a 14-year-old girl of Newport, won first places in the annual Willamette river marathon swim at Portland Saturday.

Bend has for the second time voted for bonds as a basis for purchasing the terminal desired by Robert E. Strahorn for the proposed Oregon, California and Eastern railroad. An issue of \$35,000 was authorized last week.

A report to Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff on nine lumber plants operating in Benton county shows an increase of 9 to 14 per cent in the number of people employed, and an increase of 3 to 19 per cent in the wages paid.

The red clover crop all over the Willamette valley is in splendid shape and much better than the 1915 crop, according to the statement of C. W. Creel, of the United States cereal experimental station and observatory of Forest Grove.

Seven passengers in a motor car escaped serious injury or death when the machine in which they were riding was run down and entirely demolished by a Southern Pacific freight train near Divide. All were bruised more or less severely.

Because of the unusual snow fall of the past winter and the slowness with which it has melted from the mountain passes, the forest service is having difficulty in providing sufficient range for the sheepmen who now have their bands in the mountains.

Umatilla reservation farmers who need water from the Umatilla river for irrigation purposes are advised by a letter from the United States attorney to use as much as is necessary, regardless of requests to the contrary from the Pendleton roller mills.

Eastern capital has entered the field in putting Oregon loganberry juice on the market. Men acting for easterners are making five-year contracts with growers of the Salem section at 3 1/2 cents for the first three years and 4 cents for the last two.

While armed guards stood around them in the flax fields of Mission bottom near Salem, two convicts of the state prison dashed into the brush and made their escape. This makes eight men who have escaped from flax gangs since the work started this summer.

Promptness in registering is recommended by Secretary of State Olcott that voters may get election pamphlets to which they are entitled. Registrations prior to the May primaries totaled 241,474. Since that time 6594 additional names have been received by the state department.

Two of the 346 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending August 17 were fatal. They were the cases of Asa Kellis, of Silverton, killed in logging operations, and H. C. Rumsey, of The Dalles, killed while in the employment of a light and power company.

## JOHN HOWE TO GET LENTS POSTOFFICE

The principal item of political interest in the Mt. Scott district was settled this week when John Howe received a formal application blank from the postal authorities. Other information would tend to justify the opinion that John has won the prize. Just when the transfer will be made is not certain but it will come within a short time. John's friends are extending congratulations, and even the unsuccessful candidates are glad to know the contest is over, even if they did not win.

## County Agent Notes

Mr. B. M. McKay, Plant Pathologist of the Oregon Agricultural College spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. Hall this week. A study of the potato diseases of the country were made. Eleven fields were visited and the percentage of the diseased hills varied from 40 per cent to as low as 1/2 per cent. The low percentages were found where hill selection, seed treatment and crop rotation have been practiced. The diseases most plentiful are, Rhizoctonia and Blackleg, while there is some Wilt present in most fields. The estimate is that the crop of the county is reduced from 5 per cent to 10 per cent by these three diseases.

Several cases of foot rot in cattle have been reported. This disease is very plentiful this year and a careful watch should be kept so that treatment can be started in time. Dr. B. T. Simms says for this disease: "Clean the foot thoroughly with an antiseptic solution. If deformed trim the foot to proper shape. Scrape any dead tissue off the affected part. Wash in 3 per cent solution copper sulphate (bluestone.) Keep animal in dry, well bedded stall until improvement sets in. Prevent by trimming feet of all cattle and sheep and avoiding muddy lots so far as is possible."

The Late Blight has appeared in all parts of the country the past week. It is doing the most damage in the district east of the Sandy River where some fields were found where the blight was spreading rapidly. The Early Blight hit the fields of S. M. Davis and H. B. Perkins quite severely the past week.

The Early Blight grows faster during hot weather and is sometimes associated with sun-burn while the Late Blight thrives best at a temperature of about 70 or 75 degrees when it is very moist.

## WANTED LONG JAIL TERM.

California Man Goes to Prison to Get an Education.

Joseph Dietz, Oakland, Cal., chauffeur, according to his own story, passed a bogus check in order to break into San Quentin prison so that he might "get an education." When he drew a sentence of eighteen months from Judge Edgar T. Zook he was sorely disappointed.

"I wanted at least four years," he told Sheriff J. J. Keating. "A man can't learn much in eighteen months. A jail like that is just so much wasted time."

Dietz explained that he had been "going crooked" for a long time and attributed his misdoings to lack of learning.

"I heard all about those free schools down at San Quentin," he said, "and made up my mind that I would like to fit myself for something better than driving a grocery wagon or an automobile, so I slipped over a check, expecting at the time to be caught."

Dietz is twenty-eight years old and has a wife and two boys, aged four and five.

## WILL TATTOOED ON HIS BACK.

Coroner Finds Man's Body Covered With Fantastic Designs.

While performing an autopsy over George Ballantyne Hood, who died at Pittsburgh, Deputy Coroner McKinley found the will of Hood tattooed on his back. Deeply imprinted in the skin the will read:

"All my earthly possessions I bequeath to my beloved mother."

Hood's entire body, with the exception of his face, hands and feet, was tattooed with pictures of women, dogs, horses and other designs. It had taken seven years, and Hood had told friends that he suffered agony during the needlework. He visited every circus that came to Pittsburgh and each time had a new picture cut into his skin.

Mutual Forbearance.

"You and your wife seem to get along nicely."

"Fairly well. We had an understanding from the start. I wasn't to expect a dollar to buy more than a dollar's worth of goods, and she wasn't to tell me about the fine men she might have married."

## REPUBLICANS WILL ORGANIZE

Failure of Wednesday Evening Will Prove Impetus to Greater Effort. Will Have Speaker On Next Wednesday Evening.

The effort to organize a Republican Club on Wednesday evening did not result successfully because there was a misunderstanding between members of the committee. The agreement was that the meeting should be held in the room at 5814 92d street. The room was all ready but one member of the committee had to be away. He had the key, but he left the room open. When the others came they did not know the room was open until about nine o'clock, when most of the crowd had given it up and gone home. A speaker came out, and it was agreed to have another one next week. At that time a sure enough organization will take place. Every loyal Republican in the entire Mt. Scott district is invited to attend this meeting and enough to fill the room ought by all means be present.

Friends of H. A. Lewis met at the Public Library on Wednesday evening to consider placing Mr. Lewis in nomination for the vacancy in the State senatorial delegation for this county. It was decided to adjourn the meeting to a hall in Montavilla, at 80th and East Stark on Monday evening. It will be easier for Mr. Lewis' friends to assemble at that place than down town. Republicans all over eastern Multnomah are interested in promoting Mr. Lewis as he is a farmer and a man independent of the interests that are promoting some of the other candidates.

Another matter that is interesting Republicans of the county is the attitude of some members of the county committee in promoting certain persons for the vacancy. The committee seems to be pretty well under the control of a certain construction company that has been playing politics in this county for a long time. But this year their operations are apparent to any one who observes. It is time for the live, well disposed Republicans of the county to see who is managing their political affairs and look for independent men if they want to conserve the best interests of the county, state, and party. By independent men is meant men who are not directly or indirectly under the direction of certain corporate interests. Portland has been the political foot ball of such influences long enough. The only way to overcome these influences is to organize local clubs throughout the county where the people can get together and discuss the matters of public interest and not let it all be handled through political fixers employed by special interests. The way to purify politics is to begin at the bottom and force the higher up corrupt influences out. This can only be done by co-operation and good live political locals can accomplish this. The meeting on Wednesday evening should be a hummer and it will be if the voters of the community show the right spirit.

## Resolution of Respect

Resolutions in the memory of Geo. W. Pugh, of the 35th Wisconsin Regiment, and late Quartermaster of Renben Wilson Post No. 38, Department of Oregon Grand Army of the Republic.

Whereas, the great destroyer death, has again invaded our ranks and removed from our midst, Comrade Geo. W. Pugh, one of the most honored officers of this Post, and an honored citizen of this community.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that we as a Post, and as individual members of the Grand Army of the Republic, do mourn the passing of our esteemed comrade and citizen.

Be it further Resolved, that we hereby extend to his widow and family our fraternal and sympathetic love in their hour of sad affliction.

Levi Lininger  
E. A. Hamlin  
S. D. Peterson.

## Frank Adams Yields To Disease

Frank Adams, aged 75, of 9638 Foster Road, died Tuesday the 22, following an operation for prostatic. His wife died last winter. He had been ailing quite a while. He was a native of England, by trade a mason. He leaves a son, Harvey Adams, and three daughters. The funeral will be held at Kenworthy's Friday at two o'clock.

John Howe and family, with some friends, are taking an outing on the Clackamas.