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# BETTER PUT ON **EMERGENCY BRAKE**

CITY IS EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT IN EXPENDITURES

## QUIT SPENDING, LET CITY REST

Wait for Some Time.

provements and other municipal im-provements and expenses and give the patient time to come to—time to recover and recuperate from the many expensive operations.

This is said in view of the latest proposition to load on another \$13,-000 debt for a municipal

000 debt for a municipal street re-pairing outfit—rock crusher, teams, machinery and the whole outfit for

thousands of dollars in the last five

it's dead easy to run into debt-dead easy to get stuff on the easy

payment plan.
But there will come a day when we will simply have to face payment on these bonus—piled on top of a pres-ent rather good sized city debt.

And now after the principal streets should be done for some time-now comes the brilliant idea for the city to put in its own street making outfit, from the Jones rock crusher down to hoes, add to it a new city department with more salaries, and take on about \$15000 more indebtedness.

should be let up on, and expenses cut

But today we have under way and coming some of the most expensive of the city's history. High street, a long and expensive job, much of it through solid rock.

Seventh street, sewer and improving on which a gang has worked all Center street, at the north end,

which is being improved. A sewer system, partially pleted, and on which contracts have Main street, which will soon be re-

paved from Moss to the south endan expensive job. The elevator, which will soon completed; the expensive job of get-ting water to it, and the purchase of the Mrs. Chase property for side-walks to Sixth and Seventh streets. And several more streets asking

that they be dressed up under the Bancroft installment plan It WOULD seem as if the ee where all council could see where would take us longer, and that the members would stand up and declare the city simply stand up and declare the city should have a rest until the present

doctors' and surgeons' bills are paid. The municipal street outfit is just It's time now to quit, not time to get an expensive outfit for all kinds five years too late. more of street work. . If we don't improve another street

three years there won't be congestion on the present streets, and the city will jog right along in its We might just as well say these things as to know them and think

Taxes are so high in this city, and the council is spending so much mon-

ey and piling up so many debts that en think several times before purchasing lots and erecting houses. There are altogether too many houses in this city for sale—simply because the present taxes and the growing street expenses are putting fear in the hearts of property own-

These paragraphs are written for what the Couries editor believes for

the best good of a good town.
You will hear the same expressions from property owners all over the city, if you will take the pains

to listen. The rock crusher project is entirely unnecessary at this time—as un-necessary as are more improved

It should be killed-and killed to stay killed.

And the council should bear in mind that the city now has the handy and effective referendum, and should they pass this new expense scheme there are splendid prospects it will

# Girls Wanted

Oregon City Woolen Mills

Only in Oregon Roses and straw hats blossomed out this week and cherries will soon follow. And by the way, where is the state where rowij bloom fains months of the twelve and lawn mowers work the full years' shift-

Quit it—it is Filthy
Some of the ladies have asked the
Courier to call attention to the nauseating practice of spitting on the stairways, particularly in front of the rest benches. It is doubtless carelessness, but inexcusable, and an arrest or two might be good tonics for absentmindedness.

"Wait, and Murmur Not"

-McMinville Telephone-Register. Don't fret-it has only been three Walt for Some Time.

Don't fret—It has only been developed by years since Congressman Hawley years since Congressman Hawley sent this city a message that congress had passed the appropriation.

Be patient—there were "is" undotted and "t's" uncrossed in the time. water sprinkler of a pessimist, we want to put up a few cold, hard propositions for the people of this city to store away.

It's getting about time to apply the emergency break to Oregon City and slow up for a while on expenses.

It's time to let up on street improvements and other municipal improvements and other municipal improvements and other municipal improvements and other municipal improvements. We dotted and "t's" uncrossed in the titie; there was a comma with its tail cut off, and it was highly important to determine whether the typewriter was worn or whether it was intent.

The Southern Pacific isn't fretting, why should we? It only costs 50 cents a ton extra to get freight up the river.

Fair Officers Elected At the director's meeting of the fair association last week the following officers were elected for the

present year: President, G. B. Dimick. Vice President, Charles N. Wait. Secretary, Ward Lawton., Treasurer, W. H. Blair. The selection of Mr. Lawton is

up for a big expenditure—which is of vital importance and must be met.

Main street must soon be paved—an expensive but necessary job.

The municipal elevator is far along into big money, and the bonds and interest will have to be paid.

We have expended hundreds of thousands.

\$1,250,000 for This County thousands of dollars in the last five years in street improvements, and we have some mighty expensive street and sewer works now under way and coming.

It's dead easy to run into debt—deed seem to got shift on the search of th permits to construct reservoirs. Under these permits it is proposed to irrigate 28,994 acres of land, develop 21,968 horsepower at an estimated cost of \$2,500,000.

Among these permits issued is one to B. T. McBain of Oregon City, for the development of 11,705 horsepower with the waters of the Clackamas

we have paid contractors nundreds of thousands of dollars; now after all the street work has been done that be diverted in Sec. 12 Tp. 3 S. R. 3 E.

ROCK CRUSHER PURCHASE

PLAN CARRIES BIG OUTLAY Councilman Templeton Also Would

Invest in Auto Truck and Teams Only a few months ago the council proceedings recorded the voice of the members that street improving man Templeton, as chairman of the man better that street improving man Templeton, as chairman of the physician, as Dr. Stuart says he did; advocating the purchase of the Jones law so he may be arrested and he rock crusher for \$6,000, the further purchase by the city of an auto breaks the law himself in order to purchase by the city of an auto truck at the cost of \$5,500, a scarifier at a cost of \$600 and a three-way leveler at a cost of \$75. An additional outlay of \$425 was also recommended for teams and miscellaneous street work supplies, making a total of \$12,600 advocated for equipment for a municipal street laying and

maintenance plant. City Engineer Noble also submitted, at the request of Mr. Templeton, an independent report on the same subject, in which he endorsed the plan outlined in the first report. On motion of Mr. Tooze the report was accepted and placed on file, and will be acted upon by the council at the first regular meeting in May. Brief discussion of Mr. Templeton's rediscussion of Mr. Templeton's re-port took place following its reading. Councilman Metzner said that he thought the purchase of the Jones' rock crusher would be bad business at this time as he had heard that property owners in its vicinity were planning to have it enjoined from operation, as a nuisance, during the summer. City Attorney Schuebel said that the injunction would be just as valid against the city as against

private owners of the crusher.

In the course of his argument for the purchase of the rock crusher Mr. Templeton said that the land adjoining would make an admirable public playground, and could be fixed up for such purpose at but slight cost No enthusiasm on the part of the

councilmen greeted this remark.

Quite a considerable portion of the discussion hinged upon the economy and utility of an auto truck to be used in connection with the rock crusher. A representative of one of the big automobile concerns was invited to speak, and gave a glowing account of the possibilities of the auto truck as a money saver. Incidentally he remarked that any auto truck pur-

ed as an emergency fire wagon by the city at no additional expense. "I don't want a fire engine," said Mr. Templeton, and this cut off fur-ther remarks along this line from the

ther remarks along this line from the automobile man.

Speakers from the Live Wires of the Commercial Club asked the council to take action looking towards the provision of electric "wig-wag" signals at the Southern Pacific crossings on the Singer Hill Road, and at Eleventh and at Seventh street. The Eleventh and at Seventh street. The matter was referred to the city at-

Mr. Templeton also brought up the matter of renaving Main street, and moved that the city engineer prepare plans and specifications for the improvement of this thoroughfare with vitrified brick, from Moss to Seventh streets.

General objection was made this as shutting out all other kinds of improvement and confining the bidding to but one firm, the Denny To operate SEWING Machines
in garment factory

Oregon City Woolen Mills

bidding to but one firm, the Denny Renton Clay company, of Seattle. Finally, on motion of Councilman Tooze, the city engineer was ordered to prepare plans and seek bids on several varieties of hard surface paving, including asphalt, bitulithic and vitrified brick.

The Courier \$1.00 a year.

MAKING EVIDENCE TO CONVICT was a well person on that date must AVAILS LITTLE.

Munnicipal Street Making Outfit can the Willamette river at Oregon City? Dr. Stuart ic Convicted and Fined

which Dr. Stuart was arrested.

If this official had found evidence that any physician was writing pre-scriptions whereby our people were obtaining liquor for drinking purpos-es; if he had found cases whereby physicians were assisting our citi-zens to "get by" the dry ordinance, then this article would not have been

written. But when a hired detective comes

square him away. The doctor gave ried, and the court, with the assistit to him. He says the actor put tance of Road Engineers Hobson, has one over on him. one over on him. After he had procurred the liquor he went to Dr. Stuart and asked him

to take a drink, which he did. William Irish, a few months ago, was arrested and convicted on the charge of giving a drink from a quart bottle of liquor—a quart which he obtained on a physician's prescrip-

And Irish was the only man arrested.

The detective did not have Stuart arrested, nor was he convict-

ed, on anything that transpired be-If he had found previous evidence of promiscuous prescription giving, and had caused the arrest of the do-tor on that evidence; and if the doc-tor had been tried and convicted on

this evidence then the people would have sustained the arrest and con-But framing up a deal to induce a doctor to violate the law, and becoming an equal violator with him to put it through—fair-minded people back up on these kind of deals, because

we all know most any of us can be caught in such traps.

The Courier doesn't owe Dr. Stuart anything in the way of defense against violations of the city liquor ordinances, but it does owe him or of road, nine miles. Estimate, \$30,000.

The Beaver Creek road leading to we are already away rfom the old road system Mr. Sullivan complains to road system Mr. Sullivan complains of. Law compels us to let permanent work by contract, provides for ond, nine miles. Estimate \$50,000.

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believe this one was square. chased by the city could be equipped with chemical tanks and other fire-fighting appartus, and could be used as an emergency fire wagon by If the doctors write booze pre-

A year and a half ago the city tried this detective game to break up poker playing, and the most of you remember what a ludicrous farce it resulted in.

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resulted in. Recorder Loder found Dr. Stuart guilty of violating the ordinance in furnishing the detective with liquor. The detective testified he did not represent himself sick; the doctor

out question or further inquiry gave him the prescription and requested him to bring it up when he got it filt-ed and give him (the doctor) a contradicted. Further effort of the prosecution to introduce testimony showing other prescriptions written for well persons by the doctor wer-overruled as immaterial and irrese-

Mr. Loder said the question before the Court was whether or not

Dr. Stuart wilfully prescribed intoxicants for C. Layton, a well person, on April 15, 1914. The date and contents of the prescription written by Dr. Stuart are established by admis-sions or uncontradicted testimony; the defense did not attempt to show that C. Layton was examined at all April 15, 1914, for physicial ailment requiring intoxicants and therefore the statement of the witness that he

be taken as true. "Every effort has been made by the Court to render full justice here-in. No outside influence or person-al motives have been allowed to enter

In Explanation

Mr. Editor:—
In the letter to Mr. Mulvey last week the following paragraph was misplaced, as you will see if you refer to the copy:
I couldn't even get a mug as pay, but for this I blame my friends, Chris Schuebel.
The above should have followed the fifth paragraph above, where I assured Mr. Mulvey I would not be a juror on any case he might have before the court.
The item was written as a joke

The item was written as a joke on Mr. Schuebel, but being placed in wrong position, it could be read as connecting Mr. Schuebel with the

probate reference—which was not by any means intended by me. H. W. Hagemann. ROADS TO BE PAVED

Court Designates Localities to be Served Under Bonding Proposal May 15 there will be a special etget the doctor to—well, a man who is ection for this county (called on the fair is bound to admit it was a raw same date of the primary elections) be over \$1. eal.

Dr. Stuart says the detective came

to vote on the proposition to bond
Clackamas county for \$600,000 to

most needing paving, considering the

volume of traffic.

The estimates call for \$560,000 on 81 miles of road, but the estimates are minimum, and it is thought the whole of the amount will be needed for the 81 miles.

The roads as given out are: The road commonly known as the Gray's Crossing road from the Mult-nomah county line to Oregon City, via Clackamas, save and except any parts of such roads as are within the incorporate limits of any town or city. Length of road, seven miles. city. Estimate, \$75,000.

The road from Oregon City to Canby known as the End road. Length of road, nine miles. Estimate \$75,000. Road from Canby to Marion coun-line. Length of road, four miles

and estimate \$32,000. The Macksburg, Canby and Needy road, eight miles in length. Esti-

The road leading from Oregon City to Molalia. Length of road, 15 Oregon City-Redlands road. Length of road, nine miles. Estimate \$50,000. The road from Clackamas to Ba-

ker's Bridge, four miles in length. Estimate, \$25,000. The road from come here to induce a physician to road, three miles. Estimate \$18,000. break the law is not protection to the people of Oregon City or anything six miles long. Estimate \$36,000.

Voters of City and County Warned They Must Register All voters of the city and

county must re-register for the two-year period. All registrations made before January 5 are now absolutely void, because of the recent decision of the supreme court, declaring the 1913 election law invalid. Persons who have not registered cannot vote at the primaries May 15 . Register searly and avoid the crowds sof the last few days.

FOR SALE-One extra good brood sow. -D. A. Jones, one mile west of Carus schoolhouse.

SULLIVAN SAYS INVESTMENT, SPENCE SAYS BONDAGE.

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In the Dr. State of the existence of the existence of the recent ordinance the evidence indicates conclusive and the polytopian to brought of the existence of the recent ordinance the evidence indicates conclusive and the evidence indicates conclusive

day of this week. Evidence showed that Dr. Stuart had prescribed one with a motor wagen could go 20 miles to market with a load and get home for dinner.

Mr. Sulivan said his plan was to hard surface from 9 to 16 feet, depending on traffic, the question or material to be determined later. "We pending on traffic, the question or material to be determined later. "We can it building system," said he. "We can save big money by so doing. We must replace it with a scientific system under charge of a competent engineer." He cited that in 1913 the most time of the proposed bond issue of \$362,744, of which the farmers pate 44 per cent and the corporations one third; the proposed bond issue of \$610,000 would build 77 miles of hard surfaced roads, cover all the center market roads, the system will be gradually extended and the cost will be no burden to the taxpayers; that every ton a famer hauled over good roads would save him money, and every ton a famer hauled over good roads would save him money, and the increased good roads assessment

ons) be over \$1.

Mr. Spence opened with the statement that every argument Mr. Sullivan had presented for good roads was trembling and shaking; stated that he must have the stimulant to square him away. The doctor gave it to him. He says the actor out farm products; that the buyer never asks the farmer whether he brings his stuff in over a dirt road or pavement in determining the price paid.

Mr. Spence declared Oregon should not be compared with Indiana or New York, that New York had expended \$100,00,000 and much of it had been wasted; that opportunity for graft and waste was greater was greater. for graft and waste was greater unfor graft and waste was greater un-der bond issue than under the pay-as-you-go system; that Ohio and Pennsylvania had voted down bond issues because of New York's fail-ure to make good. He asked if the increased value of land because or hard surfaced roads benefited the farmer who did not want to sell, or the land speculator? He said he was heartily in favor of good roads in the county, but not through a bond issue. We should so slow and right, road material is in experimental

stage as yet.

He said we were told a few weeks ago that \$600,000 would build 100 miles of paved road; now it had shrunken to 77; that it was costing thrunken to 77; that it was the with-Jackson county \$11,000 a mile with-

nent work by contract, provides for a state and county engineer, but it does not compel us to issue bonds to build roads." He asked if the farmers would buy the bonds; stated one auto factory made \$29,000,000 last year; that these concerns invested their profits in good roads bonds; toads bought more bonds, honds more roads bought more bonds, bonds more roads and roads more autos; that is was becoming an age of not bonds but bondage; that unless stopped we would never get out; that interess the people were paying in this country was greater than the increase of wealth, and that the day of confiscation and repudiation was bound to follow. "Seattle has \$2,500,000 bonds, New York \$14,000,000, Porbland \$600,000. He referred to Oregon City's water works plant; said it promised everything, but was in debt some good stuff.

And on top of this we will send to every person who lays \$1.10 cents on every person who lays roads bought more bonds, bonds more some good stuff.

roads and roads more autos; that is And on top of this we will send to

Mr. Sullivan in rebuttal showed that it would be cheaper to put in the roads at one time; borrow the money to do it, and have the use of the roads, that the interest would be more than paid by the difference in up keep of present roads and the expense of hauling produce.

After the main debate there was a tire for five minute talks and the

a time for five minute talks, and the session was decidedly lively and insession was decidedly lively and interesting. Questions were fired back and forth, and the meeting as a whole was decidedly interesting and instructive.

Fresh Cream Wanted Highest market price paid for butter fat, 25c per lb. Cash paid every Tuesday and Friday. Oregon City Creamery Co., next S. P. P. R. Depot, Main 1681.

Your Duty-Do It There are hundreds in this county who have not yet registered.

There are but a few days more before the books close.

There are many important office to be filled with candidates May 15. It is so much easier to register than to be sworn in. Don't wait another day. Regis-

Government Rejects Locks Title

After almost three years of tire-some technical searching, at last the deed for the locks property reaches the attorney general and he turns it down because he says the govern-ment cannot accept on account of the rights of private corporations to the

that on April 13 he had visited Dr. Stuart and told him that he was just recovering from the effects of spree and that he was ill and nervous. Dr. Stuart prescribed some whiskey, and Layton went to a near-by drugstore and numbered a heattle by drugstore and purchased a bottle, later returning to the doctor's office and giving Dr. Stuart a drink. Two days later Layton returned to the doctor's office, said he was leaving town and had lost his first prescriptown and had lost his first prescrip-tion and received a second one. Judge Hayes called the attention of the court to the fact that in giv-ing Dr. Stuart a drink of whiskey Layton himself had violated the city

layton himself had violated the city laws, and called upon Attorney Schubel to prosecute him for this overt act. Mr. Schuebel smiled, and stated he was agreable, that both Dr. Stuart and the detective be tried on the second above. ond charge. Dr. Stuart, in his own defense, admitted prescribing the whiskey, but said that in his judgement the man needed it. In his closing remarks Mr. Hayes bitterly scored the city for the manner in which the case had been brought, saying in part: "It is the duty of officials and of

"It is the duty of officials and of peace officers to prosecute crime when they find it, but I cannot see that it is the duty of officials to employ a Portland detective at an exhorbitant figure to make false representations, and then to make an arrest for the crime which he was the means of bringing about." HOW DOES THIS STRIKE YOU?

Courier, Kansas City Star and 16-

gon City's water works plant; said it promised everything, but was in debt \$84,000.

Mr. Spence said we would have more good roads at the end of thirty years at half the cost if we would build five miles a year and pay as the hargain day larts. as the bargain day lasts.

Strawberries, real, ripe, flavory ones, ten cents per basket. Where else but on the Pacific coast can you

Life's Worth Living

# BEFORE THE JURY

ACTION BROUGHT BY G. M. NEASE FOR \$25,000 DAMAGES

# OUTGROWTH OF THE RECALL

Case has Been on Trial for Three Days-Many Witnesses

At the time the Courier went to press the case of M. G. Nease against Harvey E. Cross was be-fore the jury.

This case is the third court trial that has grown out of the recall election of last August.
On the night before election H. E.

Cross made a street speech from an automobile at Seventh and Main, in automobile at Seventh and Main, in which he vigorously protested against the means through which the timber contract had been let to M. G. Nease of Portland, which he said was let without any demand, any publicity and any competition. He scored Judge Beatie and the commissioners for letting such a contract and for letting to a man who was known as having been a professional grambler.

gambler.

During his talk it was charged that he alluded to Mr. Nease as a white slaver, and on this charge the timber cruiser brought an action for slander, asking for \$25,000 for dameters.

Three witnesses from this city, M. D. Latourette, Gilbert L. Hedges, and William Howell, testified that Mr. Cross did state that Mr. Nease was a white slaver, while fifteen witnesses for the defense testified that the words were used in connection with the Milwaukie Tavern as a white slave resort, and which Mr. Cross said Mr. Nease was at one

mains to Oregon City. Three hoboes taken from the train were held by

The dead man appears to have been about 46 years of age, was of medium build, and had light brown hair and a brown mustache. His eyes were gray. He wore a light gray suit, blue shirt, and had a club foot. He was about five foot seven inches high and in his clothes was found a deposit slip from the Ladd and Tilten bank of Portland, and a memorandum bearing the name of John Schliep, and the address 1191 Front Street,

## OAK GROVE BURGLARS CAUGHT IN PORTLAND

Youths of Tender Age Have Misfortune After Stealing Rum, Clothes
J. H. Watts, of Oak Grove, called, Sheriff E. T. Mass up at 11 o'clock Tuesday night and told him that his house had been burglarized earlier in the evening and a couple of suitcases, some clothing and a small amount of jewelry taken. Wednesday Sheriff Mass "worked on the case" like a real Burns sleuth, and got back to town in the afternoon just in time to hear that Portland detectives had captured the bold, bad burglars.

Deputy Sheriff Miles went down to Portland to get the prisoners and bring them to the Clackamase ounty jail, but returned with but one, the other being too drunk to leave the city bastile in Portland. Miles al-

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Wednesday morning, it appears two Portland detectives found Ch. ford Harris, 15 years old, of 3rd and Madison street, Portland, very drunk. They gathered the youth in, and at the detective bureau asked him where he had obtained his booze. Clifford said that it wasn't booze that made him drunk, that it was Jamaica rum, and that he had got it when he broke into and robbed a house in Oak Grove. He and two friends, he said, got a boat Tuesday night and went to Oak Grove, committed the burglary and then returned joyfully to Portland. ed joyfully to Portland. He gave the name of his compan

ions to the Portland police, and lat-er Wednesday they arrested Jim Condrey, 16 years old, and recovered all the stolen property except the Ja-maica rum. The third member of the party will be apprehended later.

### WAR SITUATION GRAVE

When the Courier goes to press the Mexican war situation is criti-Maas is marching onto Vera Cruz

to retake it. Carranza informs the U. S. gov-

It looks like real war in Mexico-not only against Huerta, but against the whole of the republic.