

OREGON CITY AND WEST LINN PLAN OWN PAVING MILL

SITE IS OFFERED CITY AND ESTIMATED COST FOR PLANT IS ONLY \$1425.

LINK CONNECTING MAIN STREET WITH COUNTY PAVING CONSIDERED

Town Across River Anxious to be Partner With Oregon City, or to Buy Materials at Cost—Proposal is Generally Favored.

The contagion of municipal paving has spread from county to city. Oregon City and West Linn, seeing the success of county-laid paving at a total cost of 80 cents, are both figuring on paved streets laid without the help of contractors.

Mayor Hackett has been investigating the practicability of a city owned and operated paving plant, and the matter will be taken up with the council at an open meeting at an early date. Harry Warsawick, ex-county paving superintendent, estimates that the city can buy and erect a small, but practical plant for \$1425.00.

Judge Grant B. Dimick, president of the Willamette Valley Southern, has offered the site a plot of ground on the railroad's terminal yards in the northern part of the city as a site for the plant, and is willing to sell the city gravel at less than the prevailing market prices.

West Linn, too, is figuring on laying hard surface, and is willing either to form a partnership with Oregon City in the purchase and operation of a paving plant, or to buy the materials already mixed and ready to lay from this city.

Probably the first stretch which would be improved would be Fourteenth street from Main to Washington and Washington from Fourteenth to the city limits, a piece of road which would connect Main street with the asphaltic concrete on the county roads, and make the road all the way from the business section of Oregon City to Portland one of the best stretches of highway in this part of the state.

PETITIONS FOR JITNEY ELECTION FILED WITH CITY RECORDER LODER

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 12 ON PORTLAND-OREGON CITY LINE.

Petitions calling a special election on February 12 for a vote on the Portland-Oregon City jitney issue were filed in the office of City Recorder John W. Loder Saturday. The petitioners aimed to secure over 200 names, but one petition was lost.

The petition refers to the voters a franchise ordinance giving W. M. Foster, of Portland, the right to run a line of jitneys between Portland and Oregon City, with the understanding that the machines will run through Oswego. The franchise, however, provides that in case the west side road through Oswego is considered impractical Mr. Foster can run his machines down the east side road, a large part of which is paved.

The city council passed on first reading the Foster franchise in December, but defeated it when it was brought up for second reading and final passage early this month.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers were filed in the office of County Recorder D. C. Boyles Wednesday: H. and Annie Gerson to Harry Geballe, land in Clackamas county; H. and Annie Gerson to Harry Geballe, 5 acres of section 36, township 2 south range 7 east; \$1.

George S. and Lavonia C. Williams to H. J. and Margaret Southern, lots 1 and 2, block 33, Gladstone; \$19. Katadaca State Bank to D. H. Brown land in Clackamas county; \$10. R. O. and A. C. Dillman to Hawley Pulp & Paper company, blocks 25, 29, lots 2 and 4 of block 2, Oregon City; \$1.

The following real estate transfers were filed in the office of County Recorder Boyles Friday: The Oregon Iron & Steel company to P. C. Bayard, block 23, Lake View Villas; \$10. William Mueller and Mary Mueller to William F. Mueller, land in section 31, township 1 south, range 4 east; \$1.

EWARD SYNDER REVIEWS THE INCIDENTS OF HIS SHORT, LIVELY CAREER

19-YEAR-OLD YOUTH WITH LONG RECORD PROMISES REFORM WHEN HE IS RELEASED

For a youth of 19 years, Ewald Snyder, now in the county jail pending action by the grand jury on a charge of burglary, has a career which would rival Jessie James, his age considered, yet he has won the support of those about the court house who have become acquainted with him and Sheriff Wilson classes him as a model prisoner.

"I was in the trunk of a school boy he discusses his many adventures. 'I guess I started when I was nine years old,' he said Tuesday, reviewing his busy life. 'I and another fellow broke into a store here in Oregon (City) and stole some candy and tobacco. They got us, and we were given a suspended sentence.'

"I was good for about seven years then. In the spring of 1916 they got me again for breaking into a store, and I was sent to the State Training school. Last summer I got tired of the place and beat it. I got a job in a Portland sawmill and worked for awhile. Then another fellow and I decided to go east, and we got as far as Idaho when we ran out of food, so we got more."

"Where did you get food?" he was asked. "We found a small store, opened the window and climbed in," he answered, "but we took only the stuff we actually needed. They caught us and put us in jail, and we got out in a day or two. You see the jail was good enough, but they put the bolts on the wrong side of the door. My partner put in some wood for a deputy sheriff one day, and sneaked a monkey wrench into the jail in his sock. We took off the door and walked out."

"Then we came to Portland, and the police there gave us 30 days each as vagabonds. I then came to Oregon City, broke into George Reddaway's store and the place of Everhart & Hall." He denied that he is responsible for the other robberies here during the period he says he was in Oregon City.

FOUR INJURED BY EXPLOSION THAT WRECKS A STORE

TOLPOLAR'S ESTABLISHMENT PARTLY WRECKED BY BIG BLAST OF POWDER

SEVERAL STORES ALONG MAIN STREET ARE SLIGHTLY SHAKEN

In Excitement Fire Alarm is Sounded, But Wrong Number: Takes Department Away From Blame—Customer is Among Injured.

Four men were injured, a part of the business section of Oregon City was wrecked as if by a small earthquake and the hardware and second hand store of I Tolpolars, 514 Main street, was partly wrecked when a quantity of powder exploded in the Tolpolars store Saturday afternoon.

After working several hours they filled a cigar box with powder. Mr. Parker was working the powder loose from a shell, and the point of the screw driver, it is thought, came in contact with the cap in the shell and ignited the powder. An explosion, followed which shook the block, and sent the glass front of the store flying into the street, bits of glass sailing even as far as the car track.

Business men for naif a block in each direction, feeling their store jarred and hearing the explosion, ran to the street and in an instant the sidewalk was blocked with the crowd. "I heard the explosion, and felt the building rock," said Henry Strebig, proprietor of a butcher shop five doors removed from the Tolpolars store, in telling his experience, typical of many. "I ran to the street and saw smoke pouring from the building as if it were a fire. I felt the force of the explosion in my store."

Mr. Baker was leaning over the powder at the time of the explosion and was the most seriously injured. His face was badly burned, and the scars left by the explosion will probably be permanent. He was taken to the office of Dr. C. A. Stuart and the burns dressed.

Mr. Woermes, a Clairmont farmer, was buying a milk strainer from Mr. Tolpolars, and both were in the front of the store, yet both were burned, so strong was the explosion.

In the excitement which followed the explosion, a fire alarm was sounded. However, through an error the wrong alarm was sounded and Main street apparatus was taken up the hill and the firemen hunted for a blaze which did not exist. No fire followed the explosion was taken up the hill and the firemen.

The annual meeting of the Oregon City Commercial club will be held next Saturday night, officers for the year will be elected and the activities of the club and plans for 1917 discussed.

It is customary to re-elect a president of the club to a second term, and as O. D. Ely is now completing his first year as executive of the organization it is likely that he will be re-elected. Besides a president, the club will select three governors. The board of governors of the club elects vice-president, secretary, treasurer and other officers.

Postcard announcements have been sent to every member of the club, urging their attendance.

The entertainment committee of the club will provide refreshments and a lively program at the end of the business session.

For the second time in two nights, the car run on the Willamette Falls line, owned by the Southern Pacific, left the rails Wednesday night and started out on a short trip, independent of rights of way and track. No body was hurt, and the rebellious old car—it has seen 24 years of service—to "climb off" the rails.

COUNTY COURT EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2—F. M. Romano, \$20.00; Langenburg, \$35.00; M. Roberts, \$15.00; O. Welch, \$20.00; J. Umaker, \$37.50; L. Rance, \$25.00; J. Haise, \$30.00; W. Finzer, \$7.50; W. Ambler, \$12.50; R. Johnston, 52.75; Edward Daul, \$7.50; John Umaker, \$21.75. DISTRICT NO. 3—Earl Tong, \$20.00; J. W. Norton, \$20.00; Joe Papeak, \$8.00; Nick Stiner, \$10.00; Curtis Young, \$8.00; G. DeYoung, \$20.00; R. DeYoung, \$20.00; O. E. Haugen, \$25.00; E. Fredolph, \$20.00; H. Seibert, \$32.25; W. Brodie, \$20.00; A. H. Heller, \$15.50; Christ Hemmerlich, \$20.00; J. D. Chitwood, \$15.00; Will Donley, \$8.00; J. P. Stradley, \$15.50; H. Beck, \$3.50; Joe Pillerer, \$2.50.

CANEMAH TEAM WINS. The Canemah basketball team Saturday night defeated the Mount Pleasant quintet, 15 to 13, at Mount Pleasant. The game was fast and close. Frank King was referee; Clyde Green, umpire, and J. F. Mason, time-keeper. The lineups were: Canemah, forwards, Gronsbecher and Barnett; center, Nuttal, and guards, Gordon, Fauley and E. Paddock; Mount Pleasant, forwards, Osburn and Biers; center, Graves and guards, Harbeson and Rainey.

WEST LINN CAR LEAVES RAILS TWICE IN 2 DAYS

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COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL ELECT SATURDAY NIGHT

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OREGON CITY COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT, OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR WILL BE ELECTED AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB AND PLANS FOR 1917 DISCUSSED.