BIG CUT MADE IN PRICE OF PAVING

Combine Comes Down to \$2 a Square Yard in Cost of Hard Surface.

MAYOR WINS BIG VICTORY

Concessions Made for Asphalt and Bitulithic Will Mean Saving of Large Amount to Property-owners.

Bitulithic and asphalt pavements at 'not more than 22 a square yard, and still lower in the not far distant future," still lower in the not far distant future." is the cheering news officially given out by Mayor Simon yesterday. Both companies, which have been the head and front of the hitherto unbreakable "trust" in Fortland, have capitulated, and the administration has won a notable victory. As to Hassom, it is facing a crisis; the managers are perfectly willing to lay ibeir material for \$1.76 a square yard, if they can get any streets In other words, they are in a desperate fight with competitors, and their brand is still untested.

Both bitulithic and asphalt have been Both bitulithic and saphalt have been costing the properly-owners of this city all the way from \$2.15 to \$2.40 a square yard, so it will be seen at a glance by the most cassual observer that Mayor Simon and the administration have achieved a remarkable victory in forcing the prices down to "not more than \$2." Hassam has been costing \$1.90 a square yard, but its managers have signified a willingness to reduce this, if the Council will order streets paved with this material by resolution, as has been done terial by resolution, as has been done for asphalt and bituilthic. The facts are, however, that Hassam is not in favor, although some of it has been laid. Mayor Makes Pledge Good.

When Mayor Simon announced through The Oregonian from Seattle Portland day, July 26, that he would break up the paying trust in this city, there were many skepties, who said that they had their doubts as to whether this promise could be fulfilled. Now, however, the Mayor has "made good," and the result will be the saying of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the property-owners of Portland. But the Mayor is not yet through, and the rates will be cut still further in due time. It will thus be seen that in considerably less than one month from the date upon which the Mayor made his promise to the people to reduce prices and bring about competition, he has accomplished it.

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Upon assuming office July I. Mayor Simon soon discovered that property-owners in Fortland were paying too much for street improvements. He also learned of the fact that the local trust had everything its own way, and dictated prices, dividing the territory between the favored members. He at once began a systematic study of the vexatious problem, with the object in view of remedying conditions. He was busily engaged in various official duties for the first three weeks of his term, but when he went to Seattle to represent the city on Portland day, he inspected the streets there and found they were getting asphalt for \$2 square yard.

May Throw Bidding Open.

on his return to Portland, the Mayor tup the matter with the members of sirect committee of the Executive rd, in an effort to arrange a new plan tetting contracts. His idea was to have Upon his return to Portland, the Mayo of letting contracts. His idea was to eliminate the names of different brands and simply call for "hard surface." Every brand could thus be submitted in competition, whereas, under existing conditions, the Council named a certain kind and the Board was obliged to aware a contract for that brand. The member of the committee are still at work on a

While the City Council formerly did the bidding of the trust magnates, it is now believed that Mayor Simon has sufficient support in the Council to carry through any plan which he may desire to allevi-aie the conditions that abound as a re-suit of the machinations of the combine

suit of the machinations of the combine managers. While the prices have been lowered to a considerable degree, it is believed the Mayor will not stop until he has some legislation on the subject, which will govern prices and other matters concerning this subject.

Hefore any plan could be evolved, however, the Mayor felt that immediate relief should be had. He therefore instructed City Engineer Morris to make up future estimates for hard-surface streets at the actual cost of the work, adding only a fair profit for the contractor, it was then smoonneed that this Executive Board would award no more contracts for hard-surface pavements unless the bids should come within the Engineer's estimate. This the Board has been registered at the Portland Engineer's estimate. This the Board has been registered at the Portland Engineer's estimate. This the Board has been registered at the Portland Engineer's estimate. This the Board has been registered at the Portland Hotel for the past ten days, will leave laughed at all efforts to regulate their business and bring reduced prices, held conferences with the Mayor and have now come to terms.

BITTER ROOT SITUATION

A Review of the Harriman-Hill Railroad Fight There.

Portland, Aug. R -- (To the Editor.) -- As

an observer of the controversy between the Oregon Trunk Reliroad, backed by Porter Bros in the field, and the Harriman interests along the Deachutes River, I thought that perhaps the analogy of the situation there to that in the Bitter Root Mountains a short time ago would be in a way expensely the statement of the second Marriman methods. Relitered has hed definite howeledge of the magnificent econery.

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It was a battle coyal, was the whole route on the Eastern Slope and it is still raging on the western side of the mountain. But it is conceded by all that the Northern Padific has Mr. Harriman ousted on that routs, and it seems probable, as the Northern Padific has long stretches of right of way already cleared and several camps are somitered along the route engaged in clearing at the critical points.

From this brief outline of the Hitter Root Controversy, it seems to me that we see the same old Harriman trail as that shown as the present Deschutes work. Mr. Harriman is certainly endeavoring to gobble up the cnifer railroad situation and hold it as his own hobby, but if the prople in this

Tract of 173 Acres on Troutdale Line Secured.

WILL PAY \$25,000 CASH

Property Acquired From May Land Company Will Be Improved With Adequate Buildings With Funds Now on Hand.

The County Commissioners have pur-chased 172 acres of land from the Msy Land Company for a new County Farm. Twenty-five thousand dollars cash is the price the county is to pay for the tract. This has not yet been turned over, but

funds. Finch still complains that he did not have a fair trial, that his lawyers were inactive in his behalf.

Descried Husband Seeks Divorce. Glenn B. Cline has filed a divorce suit

in the Circuit Court against Meybelle Cline, alleging that although he provided for her a good home, with all the conforts of life and many of the luxuries, she refuses to live with him. He married her November 25, 1865.

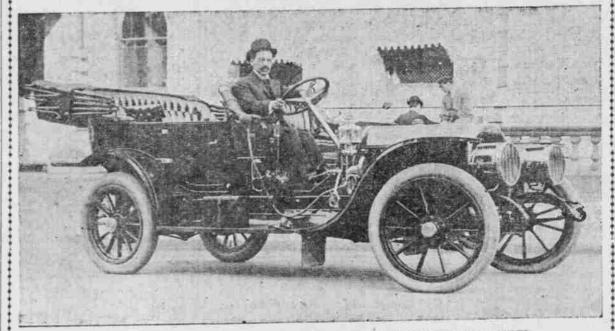
WANT HAWTHORNE TRACT

East Side Citizens Ask That Property Be Purchased for Park.

The matter of securing four blocks of the Hawthorne tract for a park will not be dropped because of the unfavorable impression the Mayor and Park Commisimpression the Mayor and Park Commis-sioners seemed to have gained from their visit to the grounds Tuesday. Members of the general committee of citizens, ap-pointed by the East Side Business Men's Club, and a conference yesterday, and will urge that action be taken to secure the four blocks, C. A. Bigelow, president of the Business Men's Club, said yester-day:

abstract is checked up | set no price on the property

MAYOR SIMON PURCHASES SEVEN-PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES.



THE MAYOR AT THE WHEEL OF HIS NEW CAR, A PEERLESS, 1910 MODEL. THE MAYOR AT THE WHEEL OF HIS NEW CAR, A PEERLESS, 1910 MODEL.

Mayor Simon has the distinction of owning the first seven-passenger Peerless, 1910 model, automobile driven in Portland. The car reached the city Monday through the H. L. Keats agency, and was delivered yesterday morning. It was manufactured in Cleveland, O., and is a beautiful-nuchine. It has all the latest improved machinery and conveniences and, as for speed, it can make 80 miles an hour. Of course it will insert get such a test within the city limits. Late yesterday afternoon Mayor Simor took his first ride in never get such a test within the city limits. Late yesterday afternoon Mayor Simor took his first ride in the new car. He drove from the City Hall to City Park, making the trip in 15 minutes. He pronounced the machine first class in every way and expressed great satisfaction with it. He is a thorough believer in automobiles as time-savers, and since becoming head of the municipal government has made frequent trips in his old car to various parts of the city. The old one has now gone out of commission as official automobile, and the handsome new one takes its place.

COOLING WINDS FOR TODAY

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. and Mrs. Otto S. Binswanger have returned from a trip to Scattle, Victoria, Vancouver and Banff.
R. B. Miller, general freight agent for the Harriman lines in the Pacific North-west, left yesterday for Chicago on a business trip.

tor. It was then announced that the milities Board would award no more racts for hard-surface pavements we the bids should come within the theor's estimate. This the Board has pewer to do. Seeing that the Mayor the upper hand, the trust magnetic was the proper hand, the trust magnetic was all efforts to regulate their ness and bring reduced prices, held the propers with the Mayor and have been registered at the Portland Hotel for the past ten days, will leave their morning for Seattle, proceeding the upper hand, the trust magnetic was many friends in Portland, had not visited here for several years and was much impressed with the citys progress.

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D. W. Alton, president of the Commercial Club, of Pasco, Wash, and a prominent real estate dealer of that place, is here, the guest of District Attorney Cameron. Mr. Alton is an enthusiastic expensent of the opportunities of the Williamette Valley, which he declares will shortly see one of the most rapid rises in realty values known to large land tracts in the Northwest.

Rev. James D. Corby, paster of the

tracts in the Northwest.

Rev. James D. Corby, paster of the First Universitet Church, and Mrs. Corby, who are taking their vacation this month, have just come bark from a trip to Government Camp. Mount Hood, and the Bull Run Reserve. They did not undertake to climb the mountain, but Dr. Corby said that, although he had traveled widely, he had never before passed through such magnificent seenery.

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The land lies 14 miles east of Portland, on the Troutdale electric line. It is slightly rolling, and has on it a spring of water about 190 feet higher than the avertical to the standard of the standard to the stand water about 100 feet nigher than the self-age elevation of the farm. It is thought that with the \$157,000 secured by the county for the old farm on the Canyon Road, the new tract can be fitted up with modern and well-equipped buildings and

Road, the new tract can be litted as who modern and well-equipped buildings and the farm placed upon a self-supporting basis. The ranch of Napoleon Davis lies just to the west.

For several weeks the Commissioners have been apending their afternoons in looking at farms. Mrs. Lena Delamer was at the Courthouse confering with the Commissioners, and with Judge Webster, several afternoons, and Judge Webster is said to have been highly in favor of purchasing 150 acres for which she was acting as agent. This property was the Graham place and 50 acres of the Stone place, lying on the road between the Twelve-Mile house and Sandy Road, near Fairview. But she wanted about \$15,000 for the tract, and would have made a commission at the county's expense, it is said. Commissioners Lightner and Barnes favored another place, there being several other good offers at lower prices. other good offers at lower prices.

A contract by which all the charity dead from the new County Hospital should be cremated was talked of, and may later

be made. County Commissioner Lightner said last night that a new Potters' Field will be established at the new farm, where those who die at the farm will be buried. The distance of the new farm from the city will make the cost of burying the dead of the hospital there almost prohibitive.
Nothing will be done about the Crematorium contract until the County Hospital is opened. September 1. Supplies for the new hospital are now going in.

MRS. FINCH SUES BROTHER

Falling Out Due to Her Efforts to Save Husband From Gallows.

Mrs. May Petty Finch and her brother, John Petty, are not on very good terms these days. The trouble between them

judgment of the committee, and the citizens of Central East Portland, that an offer should be made the Hawthorne estate for the property, whether it he accepted or not. It will at least draw out what the estate will ask for the property. Ferms imight be reached by which the four blocks could be secured.

Further, because part of the ground has been cleared of the patural growth. In my judgment, is no reason for throwing cold water on the request of the people of Central East Portland for this breathing spot. It is true that it does not look as beautiful as did the II blocks of the original tract, which Portland should have secured several years ago, but as the four blocks stand today they are more beautiful places in the city. Sentiment of the people of Central East Portland is unanimous for the acquisition of these four blocks and the matter will be urged. The committee this afternoon has taken steps to bring the matter again to the attention of the Park Board. A mass meeting will probably be called, if we can find a hall large enough to hold the people. meeting will probably be called, if we ca find a hall large enough to hold the people to show the sentiment of the public.

PINCHOT'S VISIT DELAYED

which will be held tomorrow night.

Mr. Pinchot's original itinerary in the
Pacific Northwest brought him to Port-land a week earlier but he has changed land a week earlier but he has changed his plans. At the conclusion of the sessions of the National Irrigation Congress at Spokens, Mr. Pinchot will go to Seattle where he will attend the annual meeting of the National Conservation Commission before coming to this city. The address of Mr. Pinchot will treat with subjects relating to the forests, including the important problem of reforestation. Local immbermen are taking a great interest in the meeting and the opportunity of hearing Mr. Pinchot, who is a recognized extherity on forestry.

It is the intention of the members of the Oregon Conservation Commission to make the meeting strictly a Pinchot make the meeting strictly a Pinchot gathering. The National Forester will be the principal speaker. F. W. Mulkey, president of the Conservation Commission in this state, will preside and introduce the distinguished visitor.

BOOZE FOUND IN ALBANY

ing Bottle.

ALBANY, Or., Ang. 11.—(Special.)—
Rushing into the back room of the feed store of Joseph B. Andrews today. Deputy Sheriff Munkers caught Andrews with a whisky bottle in his hand apparently ready to wait on a customer standing in the room with him. He also found nine full quart bottles of whisky in a box by the head of Andrews' bed in a room adjoining the store. Munkers already had a warrant for Andrews' arrest on a charge of solling whisky when he visited in the store, but seized a few the store of the community of the store of whisky when he visited in the store of the community of the store of the community of the store of whisky in a box by the head of Andrews' bed in a room adjoining the store, Munkers already had a warrant for Andrews' arrest on a charge of solling whisky when he visited in the community of th

Government Players.

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Karl Baumgaertel is a member of the Head of Forset Service Will Speak
Here August 30.

Gifford Pinchet, efficial head of the
Forest Service, will deliver an address
in this city Monday night, August 20,
under the auspices of the Oregon Conservation Commission. The place for holding this meeting and other details will be arranged at a meeting of members of the Conservation Commission which will be held tomorrow night.

Kari Baumgaertel is a member of the union at San Francisco. When Spokane needed bands and its own aggregation would not appear at a function where a Government band was playing, Baumgaertel's band was hired from Lewiston. The Deads from the Spokane union. This union has been successful in wielding a club over all union bands of the Inland Empire. The Lewiston Commercial Club had planned to take Baumgaertel's band with it to appear in a big parade at Spokane, but was forced by the action of the union to go without music.

out music.

It is said this occurrence has given the musicians union a black eye, and will react to a great extent upon the cause of unionism in this part of the

ADVENTISTS FORM COLONY

Viola, Near Moscow, Picked as Site of Breakfast Food Factory.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Aug. II.—(Special.)—
A large number of Adventist farmers from the Walla Walla country are buying farms at Viola, this county, a small station on the Inland north of Moscow. Elder Langdon, who is at the head of the colony, states it is the intention of his people to divide the farms into amallar tracts and to lay the foundation at this time for the manufacture of breakfast foods from products of the small farms. This colony has also submitted a proposition to the Adventist Conference, now in session in Spokane, looking to the establishment of a college for this sect at Viola.

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Bailard, though only one complaint was filed against each. It is also rumored there are charges against other alleged "bootleggers" which were not filed to-Thurch as cament layers.

UNION BANDS UNDER BAN

Organization Will Not Appear With

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 11 .- (Special.)—Because Spokane wanted some good music during the progress of the National Irrigation Congress, a Government band was hired. Now the mu-sicians' union is up in arms and has ordered all members to remain away from the Inland Empire during the

Church as cement layers. They were found together on the remains of a matteress. They had occupied one bad and were evidently smothered in their sleep. The bodies of the victims were in a frightful condition. Arms and legs were in many instances burned completely be refunded. It is up to you to try.

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