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STATE HIGHWAY IS TO TRY WOOD BLOCKS

Five Miles of Wood to be put Down as Experiment

A STEEL FREIGHT SHIP Reconstruction Work Over State Means Much Expenditure

April 14.—Portland—Lumbermen have arranged to co-operate with Oregon highway commission in laying an experimental section of five miles of wood block paving with full confidence that if it is properly put down it will prove so satisfactory that it will be the forerunner of an extensive use of wood blocks in the northwest.

Portland building permits for March increased 100 per cent over 1918.

Astoria gets new \$100,000 bank.

Marion county has program for 100 miles market roads in six years.

Sutherlin gets \$50,000 fruit drier and cannery.

Jobs are going begging on Coos Bay for lack of laboring men.

Northwest sawmills get orders for 175,000,000 feet Douglas fir ties.

Heavy snowfalls in the Cascades mean abundance of water for crops.

Salem fruit union to increase capital to \$75,000.

Corvallis—Ground broken here for new \$25,000 cannery.

Molalla pushing new road to Willhoit Springs.

Portland—Northwestern electric earnings increased \$86,563 in 1918.

Sherman county carried \$300,000 bond issue for 67 miles of highway.

Hermiston—Contract let for highway grading 21 miles, \$180,553.

Portland—Willamette Iron & Steel Co. has \$100,000 Union Tanker contract.

Salem—License fees for three months for registering motor-cars, \$435,723.

Astoria plans 18 street improvements, total cost \$222,000.

Portland—Columbia Steamship Co. gets first steel freighter allotted.

St. Johns terminal pier to be built for \$299,971.50.

There will be another sawmill built at St. Helens, on the point of Sauvie Island.

Condon—Geo. H. Flagg, of Prairie City, acquires Times and Globe and consolidates them. He is a son of well-known newspaper man E. H. Flagg, at Warrenton.

Tomatoes are coming from Mexico by the carload. They cost \$4.50 per big box. New potatoes come from there. Here is the tie that will bind the American people closer to Mexico than standing armies.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY

Contractor Guthrie, who will build the cement road between Portland and Hillsboro, has a force of carpenters building about a dozen portable houses for cook and sleeping quarters for men who will lay the cement. The men will be served and housed right where the work is in progress, and as rapidly as it is built they will move along. Grading is already commenced on the East end, and a big crew will soon be employed.

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J. A. Odell, of Laurel, was an Argus caller Friday.

For greater value in used cars, don't fail to see Perkins.

Thos. Fowles, of above Mountaineer, was in the city Friday.

Flowers for funerals and other occasions.—Bergen Floral Co., Hillsboro. 32-4f

Lou Myers, of Chehalis Mountain, was greeting friends here Saturday.

Some big fours (used) Overlands, and others at right prices.—E. L. Perkins. 3-4f

Mrs. Petra Borgen and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crowthers, of Dilley, were county seat visitors Saturday.

Highest market price paid for livestock. Also want several fresh cows.—C. F. Peterson, Hillsboro. Phone 62. 51-4f

Chester Bridges, who has three teams hauling ties up in the Helvetia country, was down to the home town Saturday.

St. Matthew's Catholic Church—Sunday services, Masses at 8 and 10:30. Week days, Mass at 8:20.—J. T. Costelloe, Rector.

Wade Armentrout, of near Roy, was in the city Friday morning. He says he never saw better prospects for winter grain in his locality.

For sale: Minnesota "12" seed corn for sale. Well acclimated. The best for the silo; 10 cents per lb.—Clem Shaner, Hillsboro, R. 3; 3 miles out on North Plains road. 5-7

Roland Gates, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gates, has just recovered from a siege of the mumps at the Mare Island Training station for U. S. Marines, in which he is enlisted.

I can furnish you paper for Spring hanging. Get what you really want, by samples. Paper hanging, painting, wall tinting and decorating.—J. Murrow, Hillsboro. Phone 26R8. 5-7

Mrs. J. W. Gates, of Leisyville, Friday brought in the first consignment of clothing for the Red Cross for shipment to Europe. The Leisyville Red Cross were the first to finish their territory.

Wm. Burnett, who recently left Banks for Kansas City, to take a course in an auto school, died enroute East, according to a dispatch received by Will Moore, of Banks, Friday. Burnett was a son of N. I. Burnett, who settled near Greenville several years ago. Burnett's wife died last fall, and his health failed him so that he sold his farm. When he procured bills for his public sale he told the Argus that his heart troubled him so that he was prompted to quit farming. He was aged about 40 years, and had a host of friends in the Banks country.

Harry Cook, of Cornelius, was down to the city Saturday. Harry says that the Cornelius youngsters have organized a baseball team and will be in the field this summer. "It's a shame Hillsboro and Forest Grove can't get a good team each like in the old days," says Harry. "I remember the time when we were young that we would hire rigs, pay for them ourselves, and travel 20 miles to play ball, with out a cent of compensation. Today if a fellow develops a little baseball cleverness he immediately wants to capitalize it and refuses to play unless he can pull four or five dollars out of a game. Gosh hang it, I wish old Father Time would reverse us back a few years and let us get into the game once more."

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SEVENTY-TWO YEARS IN OREGON COUNTRY

James Gibson, Aged 85 Years Still Hale and Hearty

REEDVILLE'S OLD PIONEER

Came to Oregon in 1847, Settling First at Dilley, Aged 14

There are few spryer men in Oregon among the pathfinders of the state than James Gibson, of Reedville, who reaches his 85th birthday on April 21, 1919—Monday next. Physically as active as the average man of 60, and mentally alert, Gibson pre-



sents a certificate of character for Oregon as place in which to live. He was born in Boone County, Mo., April 21, 1834. He was the son of W. O. Gibson and wife, and the family started in 1847 for Oregon, crossing the plains in an oxteam train. Jas. drove the "bulls" a greater part of the way, and it was a matter of a thrill almost every day. They reached The Dalles October 20 of that year, rafting from that point to the Cascades, where they made a portage of their effects to below the Falls, now damned in by the big locks that mean so much to the upper River. The Hudson Bay Co., then managed by Dr. John McLaughlin, transported their personal belongings to Vancouver on batteaux, eight men to a barge, and three days later saw them at Linnton, where they spent the winter.

In the spring of 1848 the Gibson family moved to Cornelius, spending the summer there. In the Fall they moved to Dilley, where Mr. Gibson Sr. and wife, Melinda, took up 320 acres of a donation land claim. Buying 320 acres more this gave him 640 acres—a square mile. In 1849 Gibson Sr. built a grist mill, and turned out his first flour in 1850. The big California mining excitement was on and burro pack trains were used to transport flour to Sacramento and Marysville. The Spaniards paid Gibson Sr. \$50 per barrel, and each burro carried 100 lbs.

James Gibson moved to Reedville a few years ago, and will spend his declining years there—alho Uncle Jim isn't declining very rapidly.

He was married to Mrs. Hannah Whetstone, and three children were born to the marriage—one dying in infancy. Two daughters survive. Mrs. Jennie Moore, of Ukiah, Ore., and Mrs. C. W. Ransom, widow of the late C. W. Ransom, Forest Grove's and Hillsboro's druggist in the eighties.

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Jacob Schmidt, of Laurel, was a city visitor Saturday.

Camile Dayck, of Forest Grove, was a city caller Saturday.

Andrew Bendler, of North Tualatin Plains, was a city caller Monday.

Daniel Deaville, of Oak Park, was in the city Monday morning on legal business.

Wanted: Plowing for a tractor.—Wm. Goodin, James Station. Address Cornelius. 5-6

Henry Scheuermann, of near Blooming, was in town Saturday, greeting county seat friends.

Miller tires are good tires. Perkins has exclusive territory. Get his prices before buying new tires. 3-4f

Otto Vogel, an oldtime Blooming resident, now of Forest Grove, was a city caller Saturday.

Perkins now has his free air and water system installed—drive up and help yourself. You are welcome. 3-4f

Geo. Moore, of North Plains, was in the city Monday. He says there is plenty of road work in progress out his way.

Wanted: Some Canadian field peas. Also a few stock sheep.—Ed. Naylor, Forest Grove, Ore. Phone 0185, Forest Grove. 5-7

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gotlieb, of Meek Plains, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jacobsen, of West Union, were Hillsboro visitors Saturday.

Lost: White pointer dog, one year old; lemon spot on ear. Must be in Hillsboro or vicinity. Notify Lloyd Brown, 1340 Jackson St. Reward of \$5. 6-8

Art Miltenberger went to Portland Sunday to visit his wife, who is convalescing from an operation at St. Vincent's Hospital. She will be able to return home in a few days.

Eggs for Hatching—From pure bred, heavy winter laying strain Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds; \$1.50 for 15 eggs. Call at residence or phone 2274.—E. L. McCormick, 1324 Jackson St., Hillsboro, Oregon. 49-4f

Jack Bisner, of South Tualatin, was in town the last of the week. He reports that his brother, Wm., engineer on a Pacific freighter, arrived in from Asiatic waters last week, and is spending a few days in Portland and the South Tualatin ranch.

Findley McCleod, of Gaston, was down to the county seat Monday morning. Findley has been up in the Gaston section for about 35 years, and wouldn't live anywhere else. He states that crops are nearly all seeded up his way except in the extreme lowlands.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quick, who have been living at Grants Pass for several years, spent Sunday at the Emmett Quick home at the Grove, and at the Thos. Fowles home, above Mountaineer. Mr. and Mrs. Quick are enroute to the Alberta country, where he will go into the farming business.

Over 60 per cent. of the new cars this season are equipped with U. S. L. batteries, among which are Oldsmobiles, Overlands, Buicks, Chevrolets and many others too numerous to mention.—Hillsboro Battery Service Co., are agents for the batteries, which are sold on fifteen months guarantee. 5-6

A. W. Walker, of South Tualatin, is mourning the loss of a watch which he says he bought 9 years ago and was a perfect timekeeper. A. W. swung a big piece of brush on a fire the other day, and it caught his chain, and watch, chain and all went into the blaze, where the time-piece remained 24 hours. When he brot the watch in to Hoffman it hadn't a cricket in it.

Parents: Would you like to have a set of pictures of your old schoolmates—the boys you used to scrap with—the girls you used to tease? If you knew where to get them you would have them if you had to steal them. Now your children want pictures of their fellow schoolmates which will grow dearer to them as the years roll on. Give them money to have good pictures taken for exchange and not let them acquire the habit of stealing. Remember that Johnson's Studio is headquarters for school pictures, as well as kodak finishing and all other photo work. 5-8

Rice, Richard Lindsay Rice, Elizabeth J. Boyd, John Boyd, Annie Woolley Briedenstein, Fred Ebbert Woolley, Nell B. Woolley, Mary E. Ransom, Mrs. Melinda Cave, Miss Rose Cave, W. R. Baldr and T. E. Baldr. 49-4f

COE-SILO CASE ON FOR FIVE LONG DAYS

Verdict for Plaintiff in Sum of \$314.20 Rendered by Jury

A CASE OF MIXED BOOKS

Twelve Men Stay up Until 2:30 A. M. on Sunday Morning

The case of R. L. Coe against the Stay Round Silo Company, suit to collect between eighteen hundred and two thousand dollars, had a five days seance in circuit court last week, commencing on Tuesday morning and lasting until 2:30 Sunday morning, when the jury finally agreed on a verdict for plaintiff. It was a case of badly mixed book-keeping on both sides of the affair, and it needed Philadelphia lawyers to unravel the puzzle.

Mr. Coe had leased the planing mill on North Range Street to the Stay Round people, who turned out silo lumber nearly all of last Summer. When the Stay Round people pulled out they claimed they had overpaid Mr. Coe, and Mr. Coe claimed they owed him a trifle less than \$2000. There were many witnesses, and the case was stubbornly contested throughout.

The jury went out for deliberation Saturday evening and from the first it was agreed that Coe should have a verdict, but the amount in question was what swallowed the time.

It is not likely that the case will be appealed either way, and early payment of the judgment is expected.

It was a sleepy dozen of jurors which filed in with the verdict at 2:30 in the morning, just when the roosters were starting to crow, giving Coe \$314.20.

The jury on the case: Carl Clapshaw, Jacob Dahinden, J. H. Garrett, John Friday, Walter M. Cole, Arthur Christensen, W. B. Emmons, C. Blaser, John W. Pritchard, Alfred Heywood, Alfred Freerksen, Thad C. Reynolds.

This was a case where the contesting attorneys both had an inning—the Tongues getting a verdict, and Mr. Hare, for the Stay Round people, getting a reduced claim.

BEN SELLING HERE

Ben Selling, of Portland, was here Sunday evening and talked to a crowded house at a union service at the Methodist Church, in behalf of the drive for the starving people of the Near East. Selling explained why he, as a Jew, was asking for and contributing to a fund for Gentiles, basing his appeal on purely humanitarian ideals. It was one of the best meetings ever held in the city, being staged by the business men of the city, co-ordinating with the ministry. Rev. B. F. Clay reports that \$430 were raised Sunday evening, and this gave the committee plenty of spirit to get out and finish the big drive.

Mr. Selling is the State Treasurer of the Oregon Drive, and he made an eloquent appeal for relief. This was one of the largest meetings ever held for a charitable subscription in Hillsboro, and Mr. Selling was accompanied by J. J. Handsaker, of Portland.

ODELL-WOLF

Mrs. Sophia Wolf, a daughter of Henry Stoffers, of East Hillsboro, was married to Edward Odell, of near The Dalles, at The Dalles, April 3, 1919. The groom is a rancher of Wasco County, and the bride is well known here and at Bethany, where her brother, Henry Stoffers Jr., resides. Her two small sons, Frank and Ralph, are with her in the new Eastern Oregon home, near Boyd.

HENRY DURST

Henry Durst, aged 54, died of influenza at Deer Lodge, Montana, at a Sanitarium, last Friday. Durst was born in Wisconsin, and was a brother of Mrs. John Loftis, of above North Plains. He owned a ranch near White Sulphur Springs, Montana, and visited here in 1905, when the Lewis & Clark Fair was held in Portland.

Eggs for Hatching—Single Comb White Minorcas, prize winning birds, American Beauty strain. Per setting of 15, \$2.00. Won 24 prizes at two 1918 shows. Two roosters for sale, good type, pure white.—Wm. Tupper, Hillsboro, Ore. 49-4f

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