# PAVEMENTS ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR COOS BAY

Clear and Concise Treatise on the Cost and Kind of Materials.

BITULITHIC. CEDAR

Any of Them Can Be Put Down all voids. on Coos Bay at Comparatively Low Cost.

Because of the deep interest which Bend, the Times has secured from C. A. Sandberg, city engineer, a treatise on pavements. Mr. Sandberg has had years of practical experience conditions from \$2.00 to \$2.75 per with pavements of all kinds, and a perusal of the appended article will -tulithic, cedar blocks and brickwhich are especially adapted to the the Coos Bay country. The article follows:

#### ASPHALT PAVEMENTS.

in Paris in 1854 and were formed of payement that he had seen laid. pulverized natural asphalt rock. The European rock is a natural combination of limestone and bitumen. The American rock asphalt as found in Kentucky and California is a combination of sandrock and bitumen.

The artificial mixture of sand and asphalt was first used in Newark, N. ent day wood block pavement, as J. in 1870. Since that time it has built since 1900, surpass others in makes it harder to take up a brick become the best known form of asphalt pavement and has been used the best in qualities. In a great number of cities, until now there are more than 2600 miles of this pavement in the country. Some have between 200 and 300 miles each.

The natural sandrock asphalt streets have been laid in several cities, and compare very well with the artificial mixture. Buffalo has about 10 miles of this pavement that has practically needed no repair. Front Street in San Francisco was paved with rock asphalt in 1890 and has had an exceptionally heavy traffic but had no repairs for 11 years.

Sheet-asphalt, as the artificial mixture is called, is commonly laid on a five to six inch concrete base, one inch binder course and a two inch wearing surface.

Bituminous Macadam, or Bitulithic Pavement.

During 1901, a practically new form of pavement with the above name attracted much attention and has come into use at widely separate places. It has received favorable discussion in both the Engineering News and the Engineering Record as well as in a number of other engineering journals.

The old style bituminous or tar pavements have usually been formed of sand and fine grains of which have no other stability or structural strength than is derived from the matrix of asphalt or coal-tar in which they are embedded; or they have consisted of tarred fragments of stone with 20 per cent or more of void spaces, generally placed without systematic heating and mixing.

The new pavement is formed of traprock, or other tough rock, crushed and screened to fragments, varying in size from two inches down to dust, and combined in such proportion of sizes that the final spaces between the fragments of rock do not exceed ten per cent. This means that the fragments must be in actual and firm contact with each other and that the addition of ten or twelve per cent by bulk, of bituminous compound will fill the remaining voids and make a solid and impervious mass,

The Ease for the bitulithic pavement is prepared as for a macadam road; the earth roadbed being graded, drained, formed and rolled, and .hen covered with a layer of he best stone available which is crushed and screened to two inches and larger and is rolled with a heavy steam roller into a compact layer of four inches thick. This stone base is then sprinkled with a thin hot bituminous mixture which binds the surface of the base and prepares it to receive the next layer which is spread on top

The wearing surface is then spread while hot, and is rolled and compressed to a final thickness of two inches; this wearing surface formed of the best available rock, I

crushed and screened to retain all separate it into the various sizes from two inches down to dust. These [ sizes are then proportioned in such in different localities. In Indianaporatio as shall give a minimum of lis blocks were laid at a cost of \$2.50 voids not exceeding ten per cent. It to \$2.70 per square yard. The block BLOCKS AND BRICK is then run into a mechanical mixer pavement in front of the Auditorium and at a temperature not exceeding hotel in Chicago was \$1.90 per 300 deg. fh., mixed with bituminous cement, in sufficient quantities to fill base, but including five-year guar-

Upon this surface is then poured and rubbed a coating of quickdrying blocks laid on a six-inch concrete deg. fh., and over this is poured a \$3.50 per square yard. A wood quarter inch layer of small stone block pavement is noiseless, free is now being manifested in the pav- chips which are rolled and forced in- from dust, is not slippery when wet ing question in Marshfield and North to the sticky coating forming a final and can be taken up and relaid wearing surface.

> This pavement is also laid on a concrete foundation. The cost of this payement varies according to local square yard.

The opinion of skilled road-buildgive one a clear idea of what paving ers, who have examined it critically involves. Engineer Sandberg has are favorable as to its durability and treated only of those pavements-bi- value. It is recommended by such unbiased experts as C. A. Brown, president of the Massachusetts Highneeds of Coos Bay because of the way Association; R. A. Jones, vice- to a uniform depth of 11/2 to 21/2 comparatively low cost, due to the president of the Massachusetts High- inches, and smoothed and brought to fact that ractically all of the ma- way Association; Prof. A. W. Dow, of the proper crown by wooden temfact that practically all of the ma- Washington, D. C., who is quoted by plates. Upon this the brick is set on the Municipal Journal as expressing edge, in regular lines across the knew of it, that this pavement ex-The original pavements were made ceeded in good qualities any other a 2 1/2 to 5 ton steam roller and set-

#### ROUND CEDAR BLOCKS.

Wood used for road making or pavement has been in use for many years, and has undergone many brick to chip off and also allows the changes from the time curduroy brick to settle in soft spots. roads were first built, until our presfreedom from noise, and rank among

The round cedar block came into general use in western cities about but for some reason those pavements 1880, in demand of a quick and are the most noisy, cities like Buffalo and Philadelphia cheap pavement. The blocks are set on end in close contact, on a plank foundation. The irregular interstices are filled with gravel, and the surface is then flooded twice with coal-tar heated to 300 degrees Fh., using two gallons per square yard in all, followed while hot with a threefourths-inch layer of clean gravel.

> The cost of this pavement in Chicago in 1900 was about 70 cents per square yard, and that city had at that time about 880 miles of that class of pavement. Other cities using the same class were Detroit, Superior, Duluth, Minneapolis and Toronto. The life of the pavement 5 was from three to six years.

Oegon red cedar blocks, creosoted 2 with ten pounds per cubic foot, were laid in Indianapolis in 1899 at a cost of \$2.10 to \$2.50 per square yard, including base and five-year guarantee, the joints being filled with paving cement and the surface covered with half-inch screenings of crushed granite.

Hardwood pavements have been used to a great extent in Australia and in England. But the excessive cost (\$3.00 and upward, exclusive of foundation) has excluded them from use in this country. The cities have now for some years been using the treated native woods. All of those treatments contain creosote mixed with some tar preparation or resin.

monly five inches thick. The blocks are in size 4x4x6 to 10 inches. To provide for the expansion of the blocks, expansion joints are formed along each side of the pavement and also across the street surface every 25 to 50 feet. The best result is reached when these joints are filled with a plastic cement.

The blocks are commonly placed less than two inches. This is then in courses running at right angles dried and heated in rotary drums and to the line of the street, except at then screened in rotary screens which street intersections, where the courses run diagonally ..

The cost is of course different square yard, exclusive of concrete antee. Both of those pavements were laid in 1901. The cost of treated bituminous cement, heated at 250 base in Boston was from \$3.10 to Vitrified Brick Pavements.

During the last twenty years there has been a steady increase in the use of vitrified brick for pavements, and

at the present time there are some-

thing like 1,400 miles of this class. The pavement is constructed by placing a 4 to 6-inch concrete base, which when ready is covered with a sand cushion by spreading moist screened sand over the concrete base the opinion, based upon what he street. The bricks are then rammed with a heavy rammer and rolled with

> tled firmly in the sandbed. As a filler sand is used, because it is cheap and allows the brick to be taken up and replaced, but it also allows the corners and edges of the

> Portland cement grout, if properly made and applied, is better. It and replace the same, but it protects the edges of the brick and in this way preserves the smooth surface,

Paving cement makes an elastic joint, but costs more than grout. It is poured into the joints hot.

Brick payements have to be provided with expansion joints the same as wood block pavements.

The cost of the pavement varies greatly, depending upon the cost of

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