

SHERIDAN'S COUNCIL LET'S CONTRACT FOR SUMMER'S PAVING

Will Lay 35,000 Yards During Season; New Moose Lodge Is Formed; Cannery to Rise.

(Special to The Journal.)
Sheridan, Or., April 12.—The Sheridan council last night opened 11 sealed bids made by various paving companies, and after prolonged discussion, awarded a contract for 17,204 square yards of bitulithic pavement to the Warren Construction company. Thirty-five thousand square yards of this pavement will be laid in Sheridan during the coming summer. The vote of the council was unanimously in favor of bitulithic pavement.

A local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose has been organized in Sheridan with 150 charter members. This will be the only chapter of the order in Yamhill county. About 75 more members are to be initiated soon. Negotiations are now well under way towards the erection of a three story building as the home of the Sheridan lodge, including large club rooms.

B. M. Yeaton of Sheridan is exhibiting a Plymouth Rock hen's egg that measures 3 1/2 by 7 inches, weighing five ounces. R. L. Rice of Sheridan displays a Black Orpington egg that measures 1 1/2 inches by 7 1/2 inches, weighing four ounces. These unusual specimens of poultry product are attracting the attention of chicken fanciers all over Yamhill county.

Two acres of land adjacent to the tracks of the Southern Pacific railroad in Sheridan have been secured by Sheridan fruit growers upon which will be erected a canning, drying, packing and pressing plant. All the stock is being subscribed by Sheridan merchants, citizens and fruit growers. The plant will be operated not for profit, but for the exclusive benefit of the growers.

Sheridan citizens are much elated over the prospects for increased railroad facilities. The Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway has been authorized by the Oregon and Washington railroad and it has been announced that the Southern Pacific will extend its electrification as far as White Salmon. This assures Sheridan of good service in the near future. The Portland & West Coast railroad is vigorously condemning and buying right of way for its tracks which will extend from McMinnville through Sheridan to the coast. This road will run through the north side of Sheridan, the Southern Pacific and the P. E. & E. through the south side.

UNION PRUNE DRYER, VALUE \$5000, BURNS

(Special to The Journal.)
Union, Or., April 12.—Fire yesterday at noon destroyed the Union prune dryer valued at about \$5000, and a barn belonging to H. J. Neilson, valued at about \$400. The dryer caught fire supposedly from a passing engine and the barn was ignited by the flying embers from the dryer. Insurance on the dryer was \$2000. The dryer was owned by Lasse brothers of Albany.

Three Skeletons Dug Up at Salem.
Salem, Or., April 12.—Three skeletons were unearthed in the millyard of the Spaulding Logging company in this city today by workmen. The bones were only about a foot and a half beneath the surface and were all in one heap. They evidently had been in the ground for a long time as the skulls and larger bones were the only ones remaining intact.

MEDFORD MOURNS ED. ROOT, ITS BEST LOVED CHARACTER



Ed Root, who was buried last Sunday, and his dog Snyder.

Medford, Or., April 12.—Over 1000 men, women and children crowded the Baptist church and lawn outside last Sunday to pay the last respects to Ed Root, a simple-minded old gentleman who had lived in Medford for the past 40 years. Never was there shown here such a demonstration of genuine love, as when a throng of little children banded tiny bouquets in front of the bier.

Ed Root has been a Medford institution for years. He came here when the city was a village and lived with his aged mother on the outskirts. Back in Iowa the Root family fortunes had been wrecked by a cyclone, which injured Ed and left him poorly equipped mentally to struggle with the world. At the same time whatever was mean or morose in the nature of Ed was erased and he emerged a happy, gentle and remarkably friendly lad.

In Medford he was known to every man, woman and child, and held a high place in the esteem of all. By the children he was particularly loved, as his

WENIX MUST MOVE TEEPEE: PENDLETON DEMANDS SPRINGS OLD SQUAW CONTROLS



(Special to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., April 10.—Fifteen miles above Pendleton at the spot known locally as Thorn Hollow springs stands the teepee of an aged squaw whose name is now being written into the city and county records just as the name of her father and brothers has been written into the history of Oregon and the northwest. She is Wenix, daughter of Dr. Thomas McKay, the friend of Dr. John McLoughlin and one of his chief assistants in the winning of the west.

The teepee of Wenix stands where it has for many years but it has been decreed that she must move it. She and her children rebel at the decree but the force of the law of her father's people has been invoked and she will probably be ejected bodily if she persists in refusal.

Near the teepee of Wenix is a number of large springs of pure mountain water and when the water commission of Pendleton sought for some source for a gravity supply, these springs were chosen as the most available. Wenix owned the land upon which the springs were located and she refused all offers for the purchase of the land. A condemnation suit was instituted by the city and title to the land was taken from the Indian woman.

Red Elk Defends Mother.

That was a year ago but Wenix still keeps her teepee at the favored spot. She has ignored all orders from the water commissioners to move and, when men were sent to clean and clear the grounds, they were met by Red Elk, the stalwart son of the old squaw, who, backed by a number of young Indians, threatened to defend the land with his gun if necessary. So determined was his attitude that the laborers did not care to defy him and for a year there has been no clearing or cleaning of the grounds.

Now, however, the commission wishes to proceed with the work of constructing a gravity system with all possible



—Photos by courtesy of Major Lee Moorhouse, of Pendleton, Or.

Above are Red Elk, son of Wenix, and Red Elk's squaw. Below is Wenix by her teepee.

speed and so Wenix is made the defendant in a second suit, the purpose of which is to secure her removal and the collection of \$250 damages. The case has just been filed and will probably accomplish its end.

Wenix Is of Notable Descent.

Not until she became involved in these suits did local people generally know that she was the daughter of an historical family. Alexander McKay, one of the partners of the Astor fur trading company who piloted the good ship Tonquin from New York to Oregon, was her grandfather. With Alexander McKay on that memorable trip came his young son Tom, who was left at Astoria when his father and the crew of the ship made their fatal trip to Nootka sound, the entire party being murdered by Indians. Young Tom remained at Astoria and there married a Chinook Indian girl. Their son was Dr. W. C. McKay, who

became a practicing physician here in Umatilla county and for a number of terms served as county coroner. Tom McKay became one of the most trusted friends of Dr. John McLoughlin, and, after the death of his first wife, he came into eastern Oregon soon after the Whitman massacre. Here he married a Cayuse woman who bore him a son and a daughter. The son, Donald McKay, became a noted scout and the daughter was Wenix.

Girl Gets No Education.
The boy had been sent to Vancouver for schooling at the time the war of '58 broke out but the little girl was left with the mother, who in alarm took her up among the Flatheads. There she remained for several years unknown to her father and this accounts for the fact that she received no education as her two brothers had.

When the Umatilla reservation was created, Wenix secured an allotment of land which she has since held. She married How-lish-te-mow-ny, which translated means Man-who-fights-and-laughs-same-time. She raised six children, three girls and three boys. Two of the latter, Red Elk and Billy Joshua, are still living.

SEATTLE MERCHANTS SET OUT TO ATTRACT TRADE OF WIDE AREA

Expect to Clip Wings of Portland by Special Spring and Fall Sales Dates.

(Special to The Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., April 12.—By the formation of the Northwest Merchants' association, for which articles of incorporation were filed by a number of Seattle merchants, it is hoped to inculcate into the minds of merchants throughout the entire northwest that Seattle and not Portland is the distributing point for this territory. One object of the association is to stimulate trade among the country merchants and bring them into Seattle more frequently. Part of the plan is to have special sales dates in the spring and fall at which merchants from as far as Montana points will gather for their season's buying.

The full plans of the organization have not as yet been completed, but special inducements will be offered to attract trade and encourage country merchants to visit this market during to hold buying seasons. It is also planned to hold an industrial fair in Seattle to which only merchants and dealers will be invited.

DEMOCRATIC FARMER GLAD HE HELD WHEAT

Parts With 8500 Bushels of Club at 75 Cents Now That Wilson's In.

(Special to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., April 12.—J. N. Scott, a prominent young Astoria farmer, is smiling today at his Republican friends, who urged him to sell his 1912 crop before the Democratic administration commenced. He disposed of 8500 bushels of club wheat at 75 cents, several cents more than most of his neighbors received. Scott predicts another big yield in Umatilla county this year with good prices prevailing.

CHAUTAUQUA IN JULY TO HAVE 17 PROGRAMS

McMinnville Will Pick Site Close to the Business Section of the City.

(Special to The Journal.)
McMinnville, Or., April 12.—Interest in the first Chautauqua to be held in this city next July is manifesting itself. The program is considered to be more than interesting. The Chautauqua will provide seventeen full programs, prominent among which will be the White City band concerts. The Thaviu Grand Opera company will also appear accompanied by a band. Belle Kearney, of Mississippi, will lecture on "Tolstol." Senator Burdett's lecture is on "The New Woman and the Young Man." Julius Nayphe, a Greek and a graduate of Oxford university, will talk on "The Eastern Question." Ben Chapin to give impersonations of Abraham Lincoln. Gaiety will be provided for the children and various lectures are being planned for the round table.

No decision has as yet been reached where to hold the gathering, but it will be at some convenient place close to the business section. The session will continue six days.

Portlander's Bride Social Leader.

(Special to The Journal.)
Aberdeen, Wash., April 12.—Miss Rosemary Wood, whose engagement to Henry Wessinger, of Portland, has been announced, is a native of Aberdeen. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wood, her parents, are among the very earliest pioneers of Grays Harbor. Mrs. Wood has always been a leader in social affairs here and the large residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wood has been the scene of more social gatherings than any other house on the harbor. Miss Wood spent her early girlhood here, but in recent years has spent most of her time traveling abroad. Like her mother, she is unaffected and gifted.

Children Help Dayton Sufferers.

(Special to The Journal.)
Chenawah, Or., April 12.—Anxious to help other boys and girls rendered homeless by the floods at Dayton, the primary classes of the school here have contributed \$30, in addition to the larger donations made by the older pupils some days ago.

Player Piano Sacrifice

See sale of Player Pianos and others, Page 4, section 1, this issue, in advertisement. The closing out sale, etc.

PROF. GATCH, THOUGH 80 YEARS OF AGE, NOW ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

Former Head of O. A. C. Is Ill With Heart Trouble at His Home in Seattle.

(Special to The Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., April 12.—Thomas Milton Gatch, one of the oldest and best known educators in the Pacific northwest, who is confined to his home with an attack of heart trouble, is improving slowly and his physician declares the aged patient is now on the road to recovery.

Professor Gatch is 80 years old and is one of the few beneficiaries of the Carnegie retirement fund in the northwest. He was president of the University of Washington from 1887 to 1898.

Two years later he became president of the Oregon Agricultural college, serving in that capacity until 1907, when he retired to private life.

DIKING DISTRICT FORMED TO RECLAIM KELSO LAND

Kelso, Wash., April 12.—Diking District No. 1 of Coville county, Washington, was last week legalized in a friendly suit at Kalama, in the superior court. The district to be diked will reclaim about 2800 acres of valuable bottom land lying near the Columbia river, and a little southwest and near Kelso. This land is very fertile and will be of much value to residents, who have been urging such a movement for many years. The diking commissioners will endeavor to sell about \$10,000 worth of bonds as soon as possible and in the course of a year have the land in order for cultivation.

FOREST GROVE CHILDREN FIGHT LOWLY DANDELION

Forest Grove, Or., April 12.—Dandelion day was observed with exercises in the Central school building. Many interesting papers were read along the line of "the city beautiful," and music and recitations by the pupils of the schools was a part of a very interesting program. In the evening motion pictures were shown, depicting in a graphic way how a city may grow from a "tattered town" into a place of beauty. The exercises today were held under the auspices of the Woman's club.

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BOYS PULLED BY HAIR FROM GRAVE IN RIVER

Go Out on Columbia in Canoe, Upset, Grasp Each Other by Necks, Sink.

(Special to The Journal.)
Vancouver, Wash., April 12.—Henry Darling, 12 years old, and a companion named Abilash, about the same age, were rescued from the Columbia river at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The two boys took a canoe belonging to Guy Bennett from the Star Sand company dock, at the foot of Main street, and put out into the river. They had not gone far, however, till the canoe capsized. The boys grasped each other about the necks and together sank from sight. A man passing in a motorboat was signaled to the overturned canoe and reached the spot just as the boys came up, and grabbed them by the hair, putting them into the boat. Once on shore the boys scampered up the river where they built a fire to dry their clothing before appearing before their parents.

With a view to lessening accidents Berlin forbids chauffeurs smoking cigars or cigarettes while on duty.