

MODJESKI SAYS BRIDGE SHALL BE REPAIRED FREE TO THE COUNTY

Faulty Pavement Blamed on Failure to Provide Coal Tar Pitch Layers.

Ralph Modjeski, engineer of the Broadway bridge, voluntarily offered yesterday to personally direct repair of defects found in the bridge, especially in the paving. Appearing on his own motion, before the board he supplemented a verbal statement with a written report, which reads as follows:

"The Honorable Board of Commissioners of Multnomah County, Portland, Or., Gentlemen: "While I have received no communication direct from your board, certain articles published by the local papers, enumerate defects in the Broadway bridge and state that the county is being put to great expense for repairs. In justice to the public, to the county and to myself, I place before your honorable board the following facts.

"Complaints have been expressed on the following points: First, the paving; second, the hand railing, and third, the marble slab of the switchboard.

"First, regarding the paving, I made a close examination of the conditions on the bridge, Saturday, November 1, besides several inspections on previous occasions. D. W. Greene of the Columbia Creosoting company was with me Saturday. It is undoubtedly a fact that the paving is not satisfactory. In this connection I beg to enclose a copy of the specifications under which the paving was supposed to be laid. Please note the following sentence in the last section of these specifications:

"On the bridge floor five layers of roofing felt of good quality shall be laid, as shown on plans, each layer being mopped with coal tar pitch. On top of this felt will be spread a cushion of sand and pitch; the thickness of the felt and sand to be one inch throughout. Blocks shall then be laid directly on this cushion."

"If you will kindly refer to sheet P-1 of the original drawings, under which tenders were received, you will find that the cushion of sand and pitch is plainly called for.

"It appears that instead of the cushion of sand and pitch, pure sand was spread under the blocks. In my mind, this would have no serious consequences if there were no tendency for the blocks to swell and rise away from the planking underneath. It is evident that if the pavement does rise above the planking in places, the loose sand, aided by the vibration, will soon flow from the surrounding places into the empty space. I am not prepared to say who is responsible for this deviation of the specifications, as I am not prepared to attend in any way my resident engineer, who should have seen to it that the pitch was put into the sand, but neither am I prepared to relieve the contractors of the responsibility for the defective paving.

"Lumps Are Formed. "There are at present several large patches of pitch or asphalt on top of the pavement, projecting above it from one half inch to one and one-half inches, and forming objectionable irregularities or humps. This pitch or asphalt was placed by someone after the bridge was accepted. I am told by the Columbia Creosoting company that they are not responsible for these humps.

"A large number of blocks are cracked, indicating either defective lumber or imperfect creosoting. Where the number of cracked blocks is excessive, it should be replaced by the contractor, free of charge. In the contract, in fact, the Columbia Creosoting company, who laid this paving, expresses itself perfectly ready to correct all defects and make the pavement satisfactory.

"Furthermore, in the contract between the Pennsylvania Steel company, the principal contractors, and the Columbia Creosoting company, the sub-contractors, the following clause is inserted, which protects the county absolutely from any expenditure of the paving and one year after date of acceptance of the bridge by the city. This clause reads as follows:

"Will Cure Defects. "You to furnish a bond in the amount of \$10,000, guaranteeing the performance of the work, the payment of labor, material, sub-contractors, and liability for accident; and also, upon acceptance of the work and before final payment is made, furnish a bond in the amount of \$2500, guaranteeing the pavement against all and every defective workmanship and material for one year after acceptance of the bridge by the city."

"If, therefore, the county has spent any money in repairing the pavement, it has done so unnecessarily.

"In my conversation with Mr. Greene Saturday, it was agreed that he will arrange to take up immediately the defective portions of the paving, and also the machinery having near the expansion plates where it has settled, thus reducing the inconvenience of travel.

"Second—Much controversy has been given in the papers to the hand rail. It being stated that several places have been wired and that repairs will be necessary. It is true that on one place, the only one which I am able to locate as being loose, had been temporarily wired. The reason for the railing being loose at this place is that the short panel over the expansion end of the spans, where sliding motion in the railing is absolutely necessary, has shifted so as to draw the ends out of the newel post.

"Bolts Not Properly Screwed Up. "The reason for this shifting is that the bolts which should hold it in place were not properly screwed up. The contractor's attention to this little matter was called before the bridge was accepted. The amount of work necessary at this point is about 10 minutes of one man's time. In fact if I had the necessary tools, I could easily perform this so called repair in that time. All it needs is to unscrew the two or three bolts, shift the railing into place, and screw the bolts down again. There was no error of measurement and no defect in workmanship in the hand rail.

"Third—Regarding the cracked slab in the switchboard, statements have been made that this would require very extensive repairs. I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the Pennsylvania Steel company, the contractors for the superstructure, are under bond to keep the machinery in the bascule spans in repair for one year after the acceptance of the bridge by the city, and that therefore any such repairs as the city may have to make on the machinery which may develop between now and next April, will be taken care of by the Pennsylvania Steel company free of charge to the county.

LIVED IN HILLSBORO FOR A LIFETIME



Mrs. D. T. Phillips.

Hillsboro, Or., Nov. 4.—Mrs. D. T. Phillips, who died at her home in Hillsboro Friday, was 85 years old. She came to Washington county by way of the isthmus of Panama in 1857. She had lived in Hillsboro 85 years. Her funeral services were held Sunday. Burial was in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

"The crack in itself does absolutely no harm, but the matter was taken up with the contractors and they promised to replace it under their contract and bond after the acceptance of the bridge.

"As soon as I learned, on my arrival in this city, that the slab had not yet been replaced, I wired the Pennsylvania Steel company and I quote the following from their answer:

"Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing company were ordered some time ago to replace cracked panels of switchboard. Have taken the matter up with them again."

"On Saturday I received the following telegram from the Pennsylvania Steel company: "Broadway bridge switchboard panels Westinghouse advise new panels shipped October 18, will be placed as soon as they arrive."

"Both telegrams are signed by Thomas Barle, the superintendent of the Pennsylvania Steel company.

"There are two other matters which I have not seen mentioned in the papers, but which required some attention and which I have therefore taken up with the Pennsylvania Steel company, and these are the leaking packings in the main shafts of the big rollers.

"Regarding the former, it was shown that by some error the leather packing rings furnished by the contractors were not exactly in accordance with the specifications. The Pennsylvania Steel company has agreed to replace them, and I quote the following from a telegram received from them October 28:

"Packing rings for buffers being shipped today by parcel post. Will be placed as soon as they arrive in Portland."

"Regarding the lubrication of the main shaft, it was found that with the present method of lubrication, the kind of lubricant which it was intended to use cannot be forced in. While the bridge has been operating properly, it seemed to me wiser to order special force grease, capable of being injected. This matter has been taken up with the contractors and they will be installed as early as practicable.

"County Fully Protected. "All of the above will show that the county is absolutely protected, or at least protected as far as it is possible to do so, from any expenditures for repairs on the bridge for one year from date of acceptance of the bridge by the city.

"It is to be regretted that your honorable board did not consult me as soon as the complaints arose, as no doubt some of the expenditures, at least, made by the county on the Broadway bridge might have been avoided. Furthermore, there would have been no occasion for the publication of certain misleading articles which reflected on the Broadway bridge, and through it on me.

"Every piece of machinery, for some time after it is installed, needs to be kept in adjustment. Various little matters come up which need attention until the machinery is finally in good working order.

"It cannot be expected, therefore, that a structure of the size of the Broadway bridge, which is an immense piece of machinery, could be operated from the start without some little adjustment and correction here and there. Yet it cannot be denied that the bridge has behaved very well since its opening, everything being considered."

Respectfully, RALPH MODJESKI.

BUDGET'S TOTALS PREPARED; PUBLIC MEETING IS CALLED (Continued From Page One.) budget hearing last night and escaped without serious attack on its estimates, which, less than last year, total \$2,184,000, with the possibility of an additional mill tax to produce \$300,000 for a new trade school and a bond issue of \$350,000 for new school buildings, including an agricultural high school. This would make a total of \$3,214,000 for the year.

After this the two men agreed to remain friends, and Barnes went home. Early today Barnes went to his work at A. J. Oeder's grocery store, Fifty-second street and Sixty-first avenue, but returned home about 8 o'clock and proceeded to the Howland home, where he inquired after the injured man. Mrs. Howland bade him not to worry, as her

husband was all right, but this did not satisfy Barnes. He returned soon after and insisted, on seeing Howland, whom he found able to walk about the house. It was then that he fired the shot, after he had asked Howland to get him a glass of milk. Mrs. Howland suspected his intentions and renewed her entreaty that he not worry. Nevertheless,

the man told her he intended to end it all and walked hurriedly from the house. When he reached his own gate he fired. Barnes was taken into his home, where he died about 11 o'clock. Barnes is survived by a wife and three small children.

Neither man would explain what started the quarrel. Mrs. Howland was equally reticent, but neighbors say family troubles were at the bottom of the affair. Howland is a real estate salesman employed by E. R. Markham.

Land Speculators Frowned. New York, Nov. 4.—A syndicate including Frank Vanderlip of New York and W. H. Kierman of Spokane closed a \$2,000,000 deal for developing land between San Pedro and Redondo, Cal. There is about the usual crop this year of mistaken-for-a-deer victims.

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Beautiful, rich finish and just the right weight for tailoring. Shown in black and wanted colors. Special, the yard..... 98c \$1.00 CORDUROY, 69c—Heavy Costume Corduroys in medium size cord. Shown in a variety of colors. Good weight, spec'l 69c 24-INCH POPLINS, 48c—Plain and fancy weaves in all the new Fall shades. Rich, lustrous silk finish. Will not slip and launders extra well. Special, yard 48c

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Regular \$3.50 Wool Sweaters at \$2.48 Girls' Wool Sweaters Special \$1.48

BASEMENT—Cool days ahead! Be comfortable in one of these warm Wool Sweaters. Ruffneck or Byron collar style, finished with side pockets and large pearl buttons. Cardigan or fancy ribbed; colors gray, cardinal, white and navy, at \$2.48

Child's Winter Coats \$4.98—Raincoats \$1.39

BASEMENT—These excellent little Coats are made from heavy materials in the very newest styles—Astrakhan, tweeds and novelty mixtures, in richest of colorings. Nicely trimmed and well tailored. Sizes 6 to 14. On sale, special \$4.98

Women's Union Suits, \$1.25 Grades, Special 95c 50c Union Suits 39c—Vests and Pants 45c

BASEMENT—Union Suits of extra good quality ribbed white cotton. High neck, long sleeves and ankle length. Full line of sizes; reg. \$1.25 grade at 95c

Women's 25c Cashmere Hose 19c Pair Child's School Hose 10c Pair

BASEMENT—Special sale of women's medium weight black Cashmere Hose, warranted fast black. Double heels and toes, seamless feet, all sizes, the pair 19c Women's Black Cashmerette Gloves, Two-clip style. All sizes. The pair 19c

Domestic Specials In Basement

58-inch Heavy Mercerized Table Damask, special, yard 29c 15x33-inch Heavy Huck Towels, special, a dozen \$1.00 Mill Ends Galates, in 1 to 5-yd. lengths; 15c-18c grade 12c Mill Ends White Outing Flannel, extra heavy, on sale, yd. 9c 42x36-inch Heavy Quality Pillow Cases, special, each 10c Mill Ends Cotton Challees 10 to 20 yards, special yd. 7 1/2c 14x31-inch Heavy Turkish Towels, Wednesday, each 10c Mill ends double width Check Dress Goods; 1 1/2 grade, yd. 11c

\$2.25 Feather Pillows \$1.69 Pair

Extra special offering 200 pairs Feather Pillows. Full size, filled with sanitary feathers and covered with heavy art ticking; regular \$2.25 grade, pair \$1.69 \$5.00 BLANKETS, \$2.98—Gray and Vienna Wool Blankets—mill seconds, some slightly imperfect. Full size, heavy weight; reg. \$5.00, special \$2.98 Single Bed Size Heavy Cotton Blankets, special, pair 69c 36-inch Burlap and Denims, in 4 inch colors; 20c grade at 15c Full size White, Cotton Filled Comforters, special \$1.08

25c Fancy Ribbons 16c a Yard

BASEMENT—5-inch all-silk Taffeta Ribbons, in good heavy quality. Black, white and popular colors; reg. 25c grade, yd. 16c 50c RIBBONS, 25c—Extra fine quality 5-inch all-silk Ribbons, in scores of beautiful patterns. Reg. 35c to 50c grades, yd. 25c STAMPED APRONS 12 1/2c—Many dainty designs on fancy checked dimity. Skein of floss for 12 1/2c PILLow CORDS 21c—Special grade heavy silk finished Pillow Cord. Full length, good selection of colors. Special tomorrow 21c

Regular 10c Laces at 5c the Yard

BASEMENT—Linen Torchon Laces in scores of beautiful designs, in edges and insertions, narrow or wide. On sale, the yard 5c VAL LACES 5c YARD—Dainty designs in French and Italian Val-Lace Edges and Insertions; 10c and 12 1/2c grades, the yard 5c 25c EMBROIDERIES, 10c—Mill ends in lengths from 1 to 10 yards. High grade in narrow or wide widths; values to 25c 10c ALLOVER LACES 33c—Pretty Shadow and Oriental effects, in many dainty patterns, 18 inches wide, special, yard 33c

2000 Pairs of Men's 25c Cashmere Hose at 19c Men's Wool Flannel Shirts 98c

BASEMENT—25c is the regular price of these Hose at any store in town. Medium weight, in natural or black. Seamless feet, double heels and toes. All sizes. Extra special tomorrow, the pair 19c

Boys' \$2 Slicker Coats Special at 98c

On special sale Wednesday only at this price. Full length and strictly waterproof. A most wonderful bargain. Boys' Ruffneck Heavy Wool Sweaters, sizes 30, 32, 34; gray only 95c Boys' heavy outing flannel Pajamas, sizes 8 to 14; 75c quality for 49c

Sale Notions and Small Wares—Bargain Circle Dressmakers and Home Sewers Supply Your Needs Now

FREE—Packet of Crowley's celebrated Needles free to all who ask for them at the Notion Dept. tomorrow. Reg. 5c Wire Coat Hangers, 3c Spool Holders (holds six) 25c Fancy Baskets Wednesday at 25c Scissors (set 3, asst. sizes) 50c Shoe Trees, Wednesday for 10c Shell Hair Goods, 50c grade, 10c Odds and ends Collar Suppts. 1c 200-yd. Spool Cotton, special 4c

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