

STATE LAW IS SAID TO WORK IN FAVOR OF PAVING 'COMBINE'

Correspondent Asserts Act Should Be Amended So as to Permit of Competition.

Portland, Or., March 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—I notice in the daily papers that the county commissioners are inviting tentative proposals and specifications for the paving companies for the hard surfacing of part of the Base Line road.

I presume, due to the fact that the law relating to the improvement of roads in Multnomah county confines the selection to one kind of pavement only, that it is unwise to invite proposals on different kinds of pavement that will answer the same general purpose.

This law was enacted by our last legislature and is plainly in the interest of the paving combine. The county commissioners, therefore, have no legal authority to invite tentative proposals, that is, they would not to position under such procedure to award a local contract.

I apprehend that this is a bluff originating from the patent paving combine, as any contractor would submit a bid under such conditions, unless his pavement was patented or controlled.

There would be no object for a contractor to submit proposals and specifications for a pavement on which there could be honest competition, as the county commissioners could not legally accept or award such a contract under these conditions.

Therefore the contractor would only be exposing his bid to the public, as he has no assurance of getting the contract, even though his specifications be adopted.

The patentees or owners of the patent pavements are good forecasters; they can see into the future, they know pretty well what is to be received who is going to get the contract.

For an example let me state, the county commissioners adopted a patented pavement for the improvement of Riverside drive, and the patentees have filed a license mixture agreement stating that they would furnish any contractor the patent mixture material dumped into the wagon at the plant for the sum of 44 cents per inch, which is equal to \$15.54 per cubic yard.

A cubic yard of concrete delivered is worth about \$1.35, a cubic yard of sand delivered is worth about \$1.00, California asphalt is worth about \$1.50 per ton. Cement is estimated at about 288 pounds per cubic yard and it is generally estimated that 10 per cent of the mixture is asphalt, and in this case the cost of a cubic yard of concrete is used.

Therefore in a recapitulated statement the cost of a cubic yard of the asphalt mixture surface is rock \$1.48, sand 40c, asphalt \$1.57, mixing and incidentals 90c, which makes a total cost of the material mixed dumped into the wagons of \$4.22 per cubic yard.

The above license mixture agreement has been accepted as a reasonable and ordered placed on file with the county. No contractor outside of the combine would consider this license mixture agreement as he could not pay \$10.84 per cubic yard for material that costs \$4.22 per cubic yard.

A local evening paper states that the county commissioners are in the process of determining which is the best kind of hard surface pavement are considering making an experimental test on the Lincoln road, by grading the road and constructing concrete and hydraulic concrete base, on which the various paving companies will be invited to lay a section of their pavement.

The only sensible thing in this statement, in my opinion, is the concrete base, as no hard surface pavement should be constructed without such a base, notwithstanding the fact that the specifications for the improvement of Riverside drive do not provide for any foundation whatever.

No contractor would consider the concrete base under these conditions for experimental purposes, without the pavement was controlled by him. I conclude, therefore, that this would be a move in favor of the patent pavement, and exclusive to all others.

There is absolutely no use of such an experiment, for the reason that there are only three sheet or continuous pavements that can be used on this coast, which are California asphaltic concrete pavements, Portland hydraulic concrete pavements and bituminous asphaltic mortar pavements.

Asphaltic pavement has been in use in this city for 20 years or more, and asphaltic concrete pavements have been in use at least 10 years, and concrete pavements for at least six years. It is immaterial as to the name given any of these pavements, as the facts remain that the better use is California asphaltic cement or Portland hydraulic cement.

Therefore, let us eliminate all patented, copyrighted and fictitious names and draw definite specifications that will permit of honest competition, and have our paving law amended so that we can invite proposals on the different kinds of pavements.

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Knife to Cure Her Infatuation Brain Pressure Blamed for Love

Mrs. Florence Folsom, Who Will Be Operated Upon at Chico, Cal., to Restore Love for Her Husband.



New York Woman Left Husband for Nevada Rancher Because Former Was a Gentleman and Latter Was "a Brute" and Therefore Was Irresistible

(United Press Leased Wire.) #Chico, Cal., March 5.—That trepanning of the skull will be resorted to in an effort to relieve a pressure on Mrs. Florence Folsom's brain and restore her to a normal mental condition was stated here today.

A few months ago, after leaving her husband, Charles Wright Folsom of New York, for Gus Williams, a Nevada rancher, she wrote to the former that she no longer loved him because he was too much of a gentleman and that the ill treatment she suffered at

Williams' hands was absolutely necessary to her life.

"A brute," she came to Chico and is now ill in a local hospital. She herself decided on the operation, which will be performed by Dr. A. W. Waters as soon as she is strong enough to undergo it. It was said she has been peculiar ever since a fall she had at the age of 40.

Though Folsom secured a divorce it was understood he would pay the physician.

BLAKE-M'FALL TO CHANGE LOCATION

East Side Site Leased; Four-Story Building to Be Erected.

The outcome of a lease transaction in east side property consummated yesterday will be the removal of the Blake-McFall building from their present location at the southwest corner of Fourth and Ankeny streets to a new half-block four story structure located in the wholesale district on the other side of the river.

The property affected by the lease is the half block on the north side of East Ankeny street between East Second and East Third, which is now occupied by the Pacific Iron Works, owned by Oscar E. Helntz. Under the contract Mr. Helntz agrees to cover the entire half block with a four story and basement, well constructed brick wall building to be leased by the Blake-McFall company for a term of 10 years.

The new building will be ready about February of next year. Work of clearing the site will be under way within the next 30 days. A local architect will be commissioned at once to draw plans of the building, which is to be a class C, slow burning, mill construction on concrete foundation and with brick walls. Every modern convenience for the handling of paper will be installed.

The Blake-McFall company is the oldest and one of the largest paper companies on the Pacific coast. Five years ago this company put up the building at Fourth and Ankeny which it now occupies, but about a year ago this building was sold to the Hughes Investment company. The lease of the east side half block is handled through the offices of Mail & Von Borstell.

The Pacific Iron Works recently acquired a large tract of land near the Doernbecher Furniture company, on East Twenty-eighth street, where a new and larger plant will be erected.

The University of Oregon has a total of 1781 students enrolled this year.

COLLEGE SONGS COUNT MORE THAN FACULTY RULES, SAYS SLOSSON

Literary Editor of Independent Tells Religious Education Ass'n Few Facts.

(Special to The Journal.) New Haven, Conn., March 5.—Democracy in American universities is a delusion, Edwin E. Slosson, literary editor of the Independent, author of "Great American Universities," told an audience of prominent educators from all parts of the country. The occasion was the eleventh annual convention of the Religious Education association.

"The two things that every collegian, speaking of his alma mater, is apt to boast about are the superlative beguety of its campus and its unique democratic spirit," said Mr. Slosson. "By democracy, however, he sometimes meant merely the comparative of the distinctions upon which aristocracy is based in the outside world, such as classical and scientific studies, is commonly overlooked."

"If the college did prepare the student for life in a democratic society, where on earth would he find the society for which he had prepared?"

"Who indeed would suspect that the universities had any intention to inculcate a spirit of democracy when he sees the academic procession file through the Gothic hall robed in the costume of the medieval student guild and arranged in hierarchical order in strict accordance with a traditional system."

"It is common for boys who are fully prepared for college at any early age to be held back by their parents for a year or two for fear of subjecting them too young to the influence of 'college life.' On the other hand, complaint is made that the age of graduation is too high. This much lauded 'college life' is thus the cause of a double loss of time, it acts both as a deterrent and a retarder. It prevents the student from entering as young as he might and it absorbs a large proportion of his time in college."

"The student's conduct is governed more by the standards of his classmates than by the rules of the faculty. Let me make the songs of college and I care not who makes its laws."

PREPARING FOR HORSE RACING AT CONDON

Condon, Or., March 5.—Posters are being circulated over the state announcing a three days' race meeting to be held in Condon on May 27, 28, 29. This is arousing considerable interest among horsemen in eastern Oregon, for the reason that the Condon track is probably the earliest in this section of the state, it being in good condition already for spring training.

The old stables are being rebuilt and a number of new ones will be added. A barrier will be installed on the track and everything will be done to promote a first class meet. Several horsemen have already written to the management for stabling reservations, and it is expected that a string of thoroughbreds will be on the track for a month or six weeks before the meet.

Eugene Man Is Inventor. Eugene, Or., March 5.—Edward Thayer, inventor of the night switching crew in the Southern Pacific yards of this city, has just received from an eastern manufacturing firm an offer of \$5,000 for his patent of a vacuum pump plant designed for use in houses where there is no water system. The machine is attached to an ordinary kitchen range.

Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 5.—Representative W. C. Hawley has interceded with the secretary of the interior in behalf of an old newspaper man, John Loughlin, who is in difficulties with the forest service.

Mr. Loughlin, after his health gave way, took up a homestead in the Lakeview district. His entry bears date of June 7, 1901, and the final certificate was issued to him on November 14, 1907. The land embraced in this entry was not included in the Crater National forest until January 24, 1907, more than five years after the entry, and man made his entry. The forest service never submitted an adverse report in his case until almost a year after the final certificate had been issued to the claimant.

Mr. Loughlin's friends assert that he has been harassed beyond the point of endurance by the forest service and this evidently is the view of Mr. Hawley, who has appealed over the forest service to the secretary of the interior. In his letter to the secretary Mr. Hawley says that Mr. Loughlin has had six years of lawsuits and so many things to discourage him that many other homesteaders similarly situated would have relinquished their rights.

"It seems to me unjust," the congressman writes, "that he should be compelled to pit his meager financial resources against the inexhaustible financial resources of the United States forest service in fighting this case for a longer period than he has already fought it."

The secretary is asked to grant him a patent in his land.

DIGGS CASE CONTINUED AT ATTORNEY'S REQUEST

San Francisco, March 5.—Maury I. Diggs, former state architect, and Walter Gilman, charged with criminally attacking Ida Peering, 14, to be aged 17, here New Year's day, were arraigned today before Superior Judge Cabanis. Attorney E. H. Gilman, representing the defendants, asked for and was granted a continuance for one week.

Baker Debaters Win Again. Baker, Or., March 5.—After defaulting by failure to appear on the date set, the Union high school debating team was given a chance at the eastern Oregon championship by the Baker high school, the debate taking place at Union Wednesday night. Baker, represented by I. B. Bowen Jr. and Roy Allison, won Professor Withycombe, T. Z. Terral and C. W. Wright, all of Union, were judges, voting unanimously for the Baker debaters, who were opposed to Laura Elmer and Mark Crouter. This leaves Baker, as before, the eastern Oregon contestant for state honors.

Records to Teach Los Angeles. Los Angeles, March 5.—The board of education has received a certified pronunciation of "Los Angeles," from Spanish scholars, and has ordered 100 phonograph records to teach it to the children in the public schools.

POLITICIANS LINING UP IN DOUGLAS

Albert Abraham Alone Has Announced Candidacy for Representative.

(Special to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., March 5.—Ex-Senator Albert Abraham is the only person who has to date announced himself a candidate for representative from this county, but it is rumored that several more, among them W. W. Cardwell, C. S. Jackson, O. H. Porter and W. H. Fischer, are considering the advisability of entering the race. All are Republicans with the exception of Mr. Fischer. In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Abraham said: "My platform is brief and to the point. It is: 'To cut down taxes.' Now is the time for service. Just as much service can be performed in the lower house as in the upper house. There are too many generals and not enough privates. I volunteer as a high private in the rear rank."

In the county offices it is thought the strongest contest will be for the nomination of county judge. Only two applicants for that job have declared themselves. They are R. W. Marsters and D. J. Stewart, both Republicans. For the past eight years that office has been held by a Democrat, Dexter Rice, the present incumbent (by appointment to succeed G. W. Wanaocot, resigned), declares he will not again be an applicant for the position.

The county clerk's office also has been occupied for the past 10 or 12 years by a Democrat, E. H. Lenox, who has held the office for the past six years, is a candidate for reelection. He has no opposition in the primaries. Benjamin Huntington Jr., school supervisor and former state

representative, is a candidate for clerk on the Republican ticket. For county commissioner, but three candidates have announced themselves. They are J. S. Wiley, present incumbent, and B. F. Nichols, Republican, and T. N. Shaw, Democrat.

Those seeking the sheriff's job are George K. Quine, present incumbent, Republican, and T. E. Singleton and R. T. Ashworth, Democrats.

James E. Sawyers, who has been county treasurer for several terms, is again seeking election on the Republican ticket. K. M. Mears, former pastor of the South Methodist church in this city, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination. Frank Cain is the only candidate for nomination as county surveyor.

Three Republicans are after the nomination as justice of the peace of the Roseburg district. They are I. B. Riddle, C. W. Hopkins and Julien Josephson. P. M. Mathews, Republican, is the only candidate for constable of the Roseburg district.

BOYS BORROW HORSE TO PRACTICE STUNTS

Hood River, Or., March 5.—Several Hood River youths took a horse and buggy belonging to Peter Saltzman, a farmer in the valley, about a week ago as the animal was tied in one of the city squares, and for a week have been taking the horse to the outskirts of the city limits after school hours and learning to do buckaroo stunts. The sheriff and city police have been on the hunt for the stolen animal for the past week and last night the buggy was found in a clump of trees near the home of the chief of police and night officer, while the horse was being kept by the boys in a neighborhood barn.

Frazier Would Be Clerk. Freewater, Or., March 5.—T. C. Frazier, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Milton, has announced that he will be the candidate in the Democratic primary for the office of county clerk of Umatilla county.

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