

PROPOSITION IS MADE TO OPERATE COUNTY ROAD PAVING PLANT

R. S. Dulin and R. G. McMullen Declare Paving Cost Could Be Reduced.

SERVICES ARE OFFERED

Would Construct Paving Plant at Kelly Butte and Work for Fixed Salary.

A proposition has been placed before the board of county commissioners by R. S. Dulin, chief of the bureau of standards, and R. G. McMullen, assistant engineer of the department of public works of the city of Portland, suggesting that the county establish a paving plant for the purpose of hard surfacing the highways under the recently authorized bond issue of \$1,250,000.

It is claimed by them that bituminous pavement can be laid by the county at a cost of approximately 60 cents per square yard, and that if the work is done by the county, a total saving of \$300,000 can be effected.

In their communication to the board of county commissioners Messrs. Dulin and McMullen say: "Our proposition is to construct a paving plant at Kelly Butte and control the mixing and laying of the pavement, the county to pay all expenses of erecting the plant and the plant and labor incident to the mixing and laying. It is our intention to confine our efforts under direction of your board to the bituminous paving alone, the grading, macadamizing, concrete, or brick paving being entirely apart from our feature, ours being merely the surfacing of the roads as graded and prepared by the county engineering department.

Paving material from the proposed Kelly Butte pavement plant can be handled by auto truck within a radius of 20 miles, eliminating the expense of numerous small plants throughout the county.

Salary and Bonus Suggested. "We offer under this proposition to become salaried employees of the county at a salary of \$200 per month each with the further provision that if we succeed in laying this pavement at a cost to the county of less than 60 cents per yard that a bonus of 2 to 3 per cent on the amount saved by laying such pavement at less than 60 cents per yard be reserved for us under the following restrictions:

1. This bonus shall be paid us at the time of completion of the paving, but shall remain in trust with your honorable board for five years. If during this time any defects appear in the pavement as laid the board shall deduct from the bonus an amount sufficient to defray all expenses of re-laying the pavement, and the amount remaining in such bonus fund after such repairs have been made, shall be paid to us at the end of the five year period.

It is estimated by them that the cost of establishing a paving plant at Kelly Butte would be \$50,000.

In support of this assertion that bituminous paving may be laid directly by the county at a cost not to exceed 60 cents per square yard the two engineers submit figures on two types of pavement.

Figures Are Submitted. These figures are as follows: Type "B" Bituminous concrete pavement two inches thick, combination of one size crusher run broken stone, screenings, sand, filler and bituminous cement: Stone, at \$1 per cu. yd. \$2.74

Pretty Portland Girl Is Chosen Will Represent Willamette

Miss Wilberta Babbidge, daughter of Captain Wilber W. Babbidge, of 505 East Sixty-first street, north, who will break bottle of Willamette water at Cello Canal Festival at Big Eddy May 5—Great grand-daughter of pioneer navigator. (Photo by Bushnell.)



The Willamette river will be represented at the dedicatory exercises for the Cello canal at Big Eddy, May 5, by Miss Wilberta Babbidge, an attractive Portland girl, daughter of Captain Wilber W. Babbidge, of 505 East Sixty-first street, north. This appointment was made yesterday, Miss Babbidge's name being added to the growing list of sponsors for tributary streams to the Columbia.

First Street to Be "Great White Way"

Property Owners Between Madison and Stark and Tenants Agree to Paint Buildings Inside Next 60 Days. In pursuance of the general wave of "cleaning up" the First Street Business Men's club has inaugurated the Great White Way, not only in name, but in appearance, for every building on First street between Madison and Stark streets is to be painted white within the next 30 to 60 days.

Prison Commission Has Frank's Petition

Last Hope for Commutation of Death Sentence Rests in Appeal Just Drawn Up By Attorneys. Atlanta, Ga., April 22.—(U. P.)—Leo M. Frank's petition for a commutation of his death sentence to life imprisonment was filed with the prison commission this afternoon. Frank, convicted of murdering Mary Phagan, appealed in vain, to the United States supreme court.

Rain Ties Up Texas Railroad Traffic

Dallas, Texas, April 22.—(U. P.)—Railroad traffic in many sections of Texas is paralyzed as a result of heavy rains which have been sweeping the state for the past 48 hours. Oklahoma has been similarly visited and the railroads are almost entirely stopped there. Great damage to fruit and grain in eastern Texas is reported.

WAR IS DECLARED

The war against caterpillars is now on. The fight to preserve the neutrality of fruit trees has begun. Get out the 42-centimeter sprays and get busy. Here is the ammunition as prescribed by County Fruit Inspector J. E. Stansbery: Use one pound of arsenate of lead to 15 gallons of water and spray, spray, spray. Mr. Stansbery says this mixture will kill all caterpillars and the first brood of the codling moth.

ALBERT JOHNSON IS GUEST AT VANCOUVER CLUB'S NOON LUNCH

Congressman Tells of Appropriations Which Will Benefit City and County.

Vancouver, Wash., April 22.—Congressman Albert Johnson was guest of honor at a well attended noonday Commercial club luncheon at the St. Elmo today.

President W. F. Connaway was chairman. Ex-Mayor Henry Cross and Mayor Milton Evans gave short talks and were followed by Mr. Johnson, who spoke on things of interest to Vancouver and Clark county.

Congressman Johnson informed his auditors of the \$10,000 appropriation for starting work on the postoffice building, and explained the numerous delays in the connected. He also mentioned the \$50,000 appropriation for deepening and making a channel in the Columbia river, and mentioned the benefits. He touched on the pruned situation, which yearly causes great damage to crops here, and told what had been done by the agricultural department largely through his efforts.

ENGINEER CANTINE REFUSES TO REVISE BOWLBY'S ESTIMATES

Consolidated Contract and Peterson & Johnson Must Go Ahead or Forfeit. At a conference held in this city yesterday between State Highway Engineer Cantine and representatives of Columbia county it was decided that the consolidated contract company, which has highway contract in that county, should be notified to resume work within a reasonable time or else forfeit the contract.

Thompson Case Is Nearing the Jury

Pendleton, Or., April 22.—Attorneys in the Twitchell versus Thompson \$20,000 damage suit are this afternoon making their arguments to the jury, and the case will be in the jury's hands by tonight. Both sides rested this morning, after the plaintiff had put in rebuttal testimony to offset some of the defendant's evidence and after the jury had visited the scene of the accident. Judge Pee opened the argument for the plaintiff at 11 o'clock, and was followed this afternoon by Frederick Steiner for the defendant. Colonel Raley will close for the defendant and Judge Bennett for the plaintiff.

Council Asked for Relief

Mark Schlusell has petitioned the city council asking that he be given relief in taxes where tenants had skipped without paying their water bills. He said that he and other agents were often compelled to pay water bills for tenants who skip the water, and that an injustice was being done. The council declined to take action as the ordinance adopted by the voters last fall provides that where water bills are not paid the water may be shut off.

Traffic Director Planned

An automatic indicator to assist traffic officers in showing people the correct streets to travel is the latest plan of Traffic Engineer Kirkpatrick. He would have signs on all four corners at Fifth and Washington streets with arrows pointing to the signs that a person standing on one corner and reading the sign could tell the exact point to step on their car.

Must File With Auditor

Hereafter all communications to various departments are to be filed directly with the auditor and then sent to the commissioners in charge. This was decided by the board of commissioners at its meeting yesterday morning adopting a resolution fixing the procedure.

To Vote on Pension

The people are to vote on a measure allowing pensions for C. D. Shane and W. H. Whitcomb, de-capitalized members of the fire bureau, who are not eligible under the present pension act. The council has adopted a resolution putting the measure on the ballot for the June election.

Clinic Abandons "Twilight Sleep"

This Action Taken by Big New York Hospital Because of Many "Blue Babies" Born Under Method. New York, April 22.—(U. P.)—"Twilight sleep" in childbirth today was practically abandoned by the Polytechnic clinic and the big city hospitals here. It was stated that 200 babies had been born under this method, which indicated that this system had a tendency to suffocate the infants. The high percentage of deaths among both mother and children was also cited as cause for its abandonment.

RAILROAD RATE CASE AFFECTING INTERIOR TO BE DECIDED SOON

Reduction Without Corresponding Decrease to Terminal Points Sought. Decision by the interstate commerce commission on the plea of the railroads for permission to reduce rates to interior points without corresponding decreases to terminal points may be expected within two weeks. In the opinion of Frank W. Robinson, assistant traffic manager of the O-W. R. & N., who returned today from the conference at Washington.

The railroads have practically finished the presentation of their case to the commission, so far as this point is concerned, Mr. Robinson stated. The conference with the commission was almost entirely upon the commission's initiative.

Other phases of the transcontinental rate situation are still being thrashed out at Chicago before examiners, and M. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the company, is still there looking after the contentions of the western lines.

Film Censor Board Attacked in Suit

Amusement Company Would Restrain City From Interfering With Local Production. The James Amusement company, owner of the Majestic theatre, this morning filed suit against the city, the mayor and commissioners, the city council and the city board of censorship asking that the ordinance creating the board be declared void and that all be restrained from interfering with the production of the motion picture "The Valley of the Missing." The plaintiff alleges that the ordinance is void because the city council attempted to gate powers to the board which it has no authority to delegate.

Dr. Patten Resigns His Chairmanship

San Francisco, April 22.—(P. N. S.)—The resignation of Dr. John A. Patten as chairman of the book committee of the Methodist book concern is in the hands of the committee, in answer to which he is tendering his resignation. Dr. Patten, who is a patent medicine manufacturer of Chattanooga, Tenn., stated he did so because of attacks made upon him in medical journals which might embarrass the church.

VETERAN GRAND OPERA IMPRESARIO IS DEAD AS RESULT OF STROKE

Italy and that started his impresario career. In that capacity he explored the wide field of grand opera in South America, especially on the west coast. Eventually his name became famous from the Mexican line to the southernmost tip of Chile and he amassed a fortune.

Guard Against Vandals

As the result of vandals destroying shrubbery and stealing flowers planted by the park bureau on Hillside park, the city council has ordered that to be given the police by Mayor Albion that a man shall be hereafter stationed on the boulevard.

Double Bill to Be Given Tonight

Manager Ego d'Allatour of the Lambarde Italian Grand Opera company announced this morning that while the death of Enrico Lambardi, who has cast a deep gloom over the company, the company will give a double bill of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Il Pagliaccio" this evening at the Baker theatre, as scheduled. Tomorrow night "Lucia" will be the attraction.

FESTIVAL PARADE AID ASSURED BY SCORE OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Cooperation Promised in Big Event in Which Prizes Will Be Incentive. Nearly a score of organizations signified their intention of participating in the fraternal section of the great military, fraternal and industrial parade planned for Rose Festival week at a meeting of the Rose Festival Auxiliary association held last night at the Multnomah hotel. This organization has its purpose to make the parade successful.

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