

PEOPLE NOW PAYING FOR RECKLESS WORK UNDER OLD REGIME

Slipshod Method of Inspecting Pavements Puts Added Burdens on Taxpayers.

WORK DONE OVER AGAIN

In Days of Councilmanic Government Contractors Got Pay No Matter How Poor the Job.

The disintegration and decay of hard surface pavement laid between 1910 and July 1, 1912, under the supervision and direction of the old councilmanic government, has been noted by The Journal heretofore.

During 1910, 1911 and 1912, hard surface pavement was being laid so rapidly in Portland that the city engineer's office had a difficult time keeping his inspectors' acceptances caught up with the working gangs.

The paving men were clamorous at all times for the money due them on completed units to be paid week by week, and as a consequence they insisted that their work be inspected and accepted before the board.

Accordingly it was the custom for the paving contractors to show up at the city hall every Thursday morning, load the inspector into an automobile and shoot him out over the project. The inspector would take a hasty estimate showing the supposed cost of the various projects to be inspected, get into the paving contractor's auto and be whisked off to the job.

A concrete example of the absolute recklessness with which the work was handled by the old insularistic administrators of the city government is shown in the work done at Tenth and Taylor streets.

The paving inspector went to view the work on the two streets and found the two gangs within a few feet of the intersection of Tenth and Taylor.

As it turned out, however, the bit-ullish people reached the intersection first and went right on across. The error was discovered prior to the meeting of the executive board on Friday, but rather than stop to correct the mistake, the work was accepted according to the inspector's report and payment ordered, so that the record shows that the intersection at Tenth and Taylor is paved with asphalt, when in fact it is paved with bitulithic.

It is because of this bitulithic system of inspecting and accepting pavement work under the councilmanic regime that the taxpayers and property owners of the city are now facing the problem of street renewal and repair made necessary by imperfect and defective work, materials, and municipal supervision and inspection.

Move in Argentina To Handicap Allies

Buenos Aires, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—The president of Argentina has requested the government to place at his command 100,000 tons of wheat to be exported at an opportune moment, according to report.

Freckles and Blistches Are Easily Peeled Off

If you are bothered with any cutaneous blemish, it's a poor plan to use paint, powder or anything else to cover it up.

JONES IS ELECTED STUDENT PRESIDENT



Lester T. Jones.

Pacific University, Forest Grove, Or., May 21.—Lester T. Jones, a junior in college, and a graduate of Forest Grove high school, was chosen by the students of Pacific university as president of the student body for the school year of 1917-18.

Jones is a debater and orator, and for two years has represented the school in both activities. This year he was a member of the winning debate team against Willamette university and also won the state oratorical contest at Corvallis.

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First—The passage of enabling legislation, either by act of the legislature or by vote of the people at some subsequent general state election.

BOAT SUBSIDY WOULD PERMIT OREGON TO REACH NEW MARKETS

Portland Vitally Interested in Measure Coming Before Voters on June 4.

2 STEPS ARE NECESSARY

Before Boat Line Can Be Established Enabling Legislation and Approval by People Must Be Obtained.

Shall Oregon get her goods to market? The first measure on the special election ballot for June 4 is the ship subsidy amendment. It was submitted by the legislature to the people as a means of greeting the shipping conditions from which this state suffers.

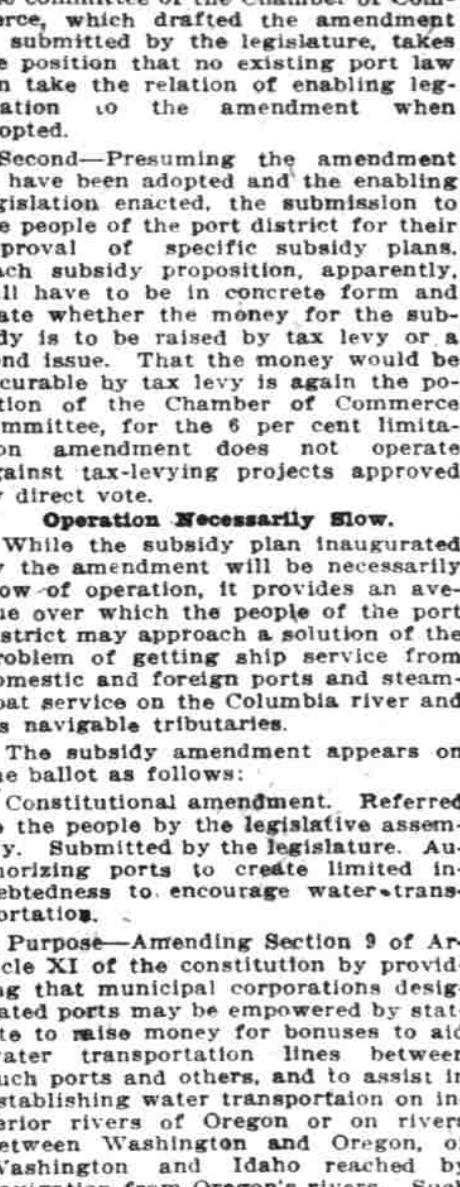
The amendment provides, "That any municipal corporation designated as a port under any general or special law of the state of Oregon may be empowered by statute to raise money and expend the same in the form of a bonus to aid in establishing water transportation lines between such port and any other domestic port or ports, and to aid in establishing water transportation lines on the interior rivers of this state, or on the rivers between Washington and Oregon, or on the rivers of Washington and Idaho reached by navigation from Oregon's rivers; any debt of a municipality to raise money created for the aforesaid purpose shall be incurred only on approval of the majority of those voting on the question, and shall not, either singly or in the aggregate, with other debts and liabilities incurred for that purpose, exceed 1 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property in the municipality."

Portland Directly Concerned.

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College Has May Day.

COVE-GRADE PUPILS GIVE ENTERTAINMENT



Helma Anderson.

Cove, Or., May 21.—Much interest was taken locally in the operetta, "Perseverance," given by the grade pupils of the Cove public school.

Two Boys Killed in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, May 21.—(P. N. S.)—Two killed and 21 injured, three perhaps fatally, was the toll of traffic accidents in and near this city yesterday.

INITIATIVE MEASURE WOULD PROVIDE FOR PHONE INTERCHANGE

Advocates Contend Economic Waste Could Be Overcome With Better Service.

PACIFIC SYSTEM OBJECTS

Company Says Law Would Turn Over Its Costly Plant for Direct Benefit of a Competitor.

The Journal is publishing for the benefit of voters, ballot titles and brief explanations of measures to be voted on at the regular city election to be held June 4. These ballot titles are being printed in the order they are to appear on the official ballot, and arguments for and against are being presented. The measures are charter amendments and ordinances proposed by the initiative, and amendments and ordinances presented by the city council.

No. 5.

An ordinance providing for the interchange of messages and service between telephone companies in the city of Portland, providing compensation therefor and making it the duty of municipal authorities to secure compliance therewith.

This is the ballot title of an ordinance initiated by the Public Service league, aimed to require the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and the Home Telephone company to provide an interchange system whereby subscribers of one company may communicate with subscribers of the other company over the wires and through the instruments and apparatus of both companies.

Additional Charges Imposed.

The proposed ordinance permits the companies, under an interchange system, to include in their monthly charges amounts sufficient fully to compensate them for the additional expenditures resulting from the additional service imposed. The additional charges shall be subject to provision by the city council.

Farmers at Kelso Fear Rising Water

Kelso, Wash., May 21.—Bottom land farmers in the vicinity of Kelso have been watching the rising waters in the Columbia with concern during the past few days and reports from headwaters that cold weather had put a check to the rise have been hailed with relief.

Closing Out Sale of Storage Pianos

- Lighte, rosewood .... \$18
Dunham, rosewood .... \$25
Story & Clark, eb'zad \$30
Antselli ..... \$35
Decker Bros. .... \$45
Hardman, mahogany \$65
Cable & Sons ..... \$60
Haines & Co., mahogany wax finish .... \$50
Kimball, mahogany, carved panels .... \$75
Chickering, rosew'd \$100
Arion, burl walnut \$125
Mathushek, very elaborate case ..... \$135
Pease, wax finish, dull mahogany .... \$150
Aeolian player piano, plays 88-note rolls \$175
Autopiano ..... \$200
Worth more than this to play by hand.
These and many others to be closed out at once at Storage and Forwarding Dept., 151 Fourth St., City.

President Wilson Felicitates King

Washington, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson sent the following message to King Alfonso of Spain on the occasion of the anniversary of the Spanish monarch's birthday, celebrated three days ago:

Motor Car Is Stolen.

Salem, Or., May 21.—Eugene Eckerling's Buick, 1916 model, was stolen Saturday night from in front of the Elks club and the sheriff's office is searching for it. The license number was 15,124.

Actor Commits Suicide.

New York, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—Frederick Hobart Tyler, 55, an actor, committed suicide in his room in a hotel here Sunday by shooting.

"Dress-Up Week" at Olds, Wortman & King's

Impressions—first or last—count for much in this world. Your clothes will help or mar that "first impression" on somebody; that somebody may be someone of strongest importance. In preparation for the Rose Festival, N. E. A. Convention and other events of the Summer, right now is the time to make your selections, whether it be wearing apparel or household needs. "DRESS-UP WEEK" at this store means splendid savings on seasonal and wanted merchandise—savings that will make it well worth your while to do your buying here this week—Double S. & H. Green Trading Stamps will be given with all charge or cash purchases in all departments.

DOUBLE STAMPS With All Charge or Cash Purchases. Make your dollars do their full duty by coming to this store for whatever you may need in wearing apparel and household supplies, and get DOUBLE TRADING STAMPS with your purchases. S. & H. Stamps are good as gold, for filled books are redeemable in cash in the Gift Room on 4th Floor. Extra special offerings throughout all departments of the store for "DRESS-UP WEEK." Get your share of them.

TUESDAY Demonstration and Sale Butter Day FRESH RANCH EGGS AT 35c DOZEN. Model Grocery Fourth Floor. Dress Shields In Notion Department.

BASEMENT UNDERPRICE STORE Embroidery Flouncings Tuesday Special 49c. Basement—6000 yards beautiful new Embroidery Flouncings just in by express, to go on sale Tuesday at the above price.

Dainty Envelope Chemise Very Special—\$1.98. Women's Envelope Chemise of fine quality Crepe de Chine and Japanese Silks. Attractive new styles, effectively trimmed with dainty laces.

"Dress-Up Week" for Men. Our Men's Store will celebrate Dress-Up Week with special offerings in many different lines—shirts, hats, hosiery, underwear, etc. Men's and Young Men's New Spring Suits in Snappy Models. Men's Straw Hats Underpriced.

Men's Union Suits 1/2 Price. Well-Known Makes—Slight Imperfections. Main Floor—No man who has any thought of saving can afford to overlook this extraordinary opportunity.

Boys' Wash Suits \$1.50 to \$3.50. Boys' Norfolk \$5.50 to \$16.50. Boys' Wash Suits \$1.50 to \$3.50. Main Floor—Never were the Wash Suits so attractive and never have we had so satisfying an assortment.

Women's Khaki Apparel! In a Wonderful Showing. New Khaki Suits at \$6.00 to \$15.00. Khaki Coats at \$1.95 to \$2.75. New Khaki Dresses at \$4.50 to \$9.00. Khaki Dress Skirts at \$1.75 to \$4.50.

Children's Tub Dresses Greatly Underpriced. Bargain Circle, 1st Floor—For a quick clean-up of odd lines of Children's Wash Dresses, we will sell them Tuesday for less than cost of making.

Lunch Sets for Autoists. Cemetery Vases 10c. Department Third Floor. Cemetery Vases, size 10 inches high by 3 3/4 inches across the top.