

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. Paving repairs and replacements in Ladd's addition, Laurelhurst, on East Washington, East Morrison, Front streets and Kings Heights have been called to mind. The mounting tax burden now facing the taxpayers of Portland because of the looseness and abuses of the old regime have been pointed out. This article gives a glimpse at the cause for existing conditions.

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 keep his inspection and acceptance caught up with the working gangs. In those fevered times it was not a big day's work for the inspector to inspect the work, check the estimates and file his report and recommendations of acceptance on 10 or more paving jobs in a single day.

At that time the executive board was accustomed to hold its meetings on Friday and it laid down the rule that all completed work had to be inspected on Thursday. The reports made up and the records prepared for the acceptance of the projects and submitted to the executive board.

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 in due time to get the inspector's recommendations 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. He would ask the foreman what changes had been made in the work not provided for by the estimate, how much the additional work would be, would get the information on the margin of his estimate, and then fill on to the next job. When he had made the rounds he would return to his office, check up the figures, make his formal recommendation of acceptance covering the project, or segment of a project, and turn over to the executive board, where the acceptance would be ordered.

A concrete example of the absolute recklessness with which the work was handled by the old insanefarmanic administrators of the city government is shown in the work done at Tenth and Taylor streets. The street was being paved with bituminous and other with asphalt. It was the custom to accept any job for payment if it was within less than a block of completion on Thursday at the time of inspection.

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. He checked up the alterations and asked which contractor would pave the intersection. The contractor who was closest to it, and agreed to finish the intersection. The inspector wrote his report, credited the asphalt contractor with the cost of the intersection, and turned his report over to the executive board.

As it turned out, however, the bituminous 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 records show today that the intersection at Tenth and Taylor is paved with bituminous. In fact it is paved with bituminous. It is because of this helterskelter 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 repairs 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. This is interpreted as a move to prevent the entente allies from obtaining the entire available stock.

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. Too often this only emphasizes the defect. Besides, it's much easier to remove the disfigurement with our mercurized wax. Applied nightly, the wax will gradually remove freckles, pimples, moles, blotches, white spots, sallowness, red blotches or any surface eruption. The affected cuticle is absorbed. It is then rubbed off with the clear, soft, youthful and beautiful skin beneath is brought wholly to view. Ask the druggist for one ounce of mercurized wax and use this like you use cold cream. Remove in morning with soap and water. Many who have tried this simple, harmless treatment report astonishing results. If troubled with wrinkles or furrows, a wash lotion made by dissolving an ounce of powdered arsenic in a half pint of white hazel will prove a wonderfully effective. There is nothing better for drawing in a baggy skin and improving the facial contour. It acts instantly and will not irritate even the most sensitive skin.

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. He is a pre-medicine student and is now assistant in the biological laboratory.

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. He is now vice president of the Gamma Sigma society, and for the last year has served in the Y. M. C. A. cabinet.

The vice president-elect is Doris Mace of Portland. She is also a junior and has been prominent in student body work. The secretary-elect, Elizabeth Hervy, is also from Portland, and is a sophomore in college. Harold Robinson, the treasurer-elect, is a graduate of Forest Grove high school, and is a sophomore in college. He is a prominent member of Alpha Zeta society and is a member of the baseball squad.

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 greening 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 on 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. While the voters of the entire state will pass upon the amendment and are directly interested in port upbuilding, the adoption of the measure opens the way to raising money for ship and boat line bonuses only in regularly organized port districts. For that matter, the amendment will be of primary concern to the Portland port district.

If the amendment is adopted, two additional steps will be necessary before a boat line actually can be subsidized: First—The passage of enabling legis-

lation, either by act of the legislature or by vote of the people at some subsequent general state election. The proposed amendment reads that the port "may be empowered by statute." The committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which drafted the amendment as submitted by the legislature, takes the position that no existing port law can take the relation of enabling legislation to the amendment when adopted.

Second—Presuming the amendment to have been adopted and the enabling legislation enacted, the submission to the people of the port district for their approval of specific subsidy plans. Each subsidy proposition, apparently, will have to be in concrete form and state whether the money for the subsidy is to be raised by tax levy or a bond issue. That the money would be securable by tax levy is again the position of the Chamber of Commerce committee, for the 6 per cent limitation amendment does not operate against tax-levying projects approved by direct vote.

Operation Necessarily Slow. While the subsidy plan inaugurated by the amendment will be necessarily slow of operation, it provides an avenue over which the people of the port district may approach a solution of the problem of getting ship service from domestic and foreign ports and steamboat service on the Columbia river and its navigable tributaries.

The subsidy amendment appears on the ballot as follows: Constitutional amendment. Referred to the people by the legislative assembly. Submitted by the legislature. Authorizing ports to create limited indebtedness to encourage water-transportation.

Purpose—Amending Section 9 of Article XI of the constitution by providing that municipal corporations designated ports may be empowered by statute to raise money for bonuses to aid Washington and Oregon, 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. Vote Yes or No. 300 Yes. 301 No.

College Has May Day.

McMinnville, Or., May 21.—McMinnville college celebrated May day here with an elaborate program. Miss Singler, valedictorian, Carlton was crowned queen, Professor F. G. Boughton acting as the archbishop. In the morning an unusually fine parade consisting of decorated automobiles passed through the business section.

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. Helma Anderson took the part of the queen of the fairies.

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. James and Philip Stalos, small children, were killed when a wagon in which they were riding collided with a streetcar. All of the injured were victims of automobile accidents.

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 are presented 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. Shall said ordinance be enacted? 108 Yes. 109 No.

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.

Those advocating the adoption of the ordinance contend that there is no need for the present duplication of the telephonic systems; that there is great economic waste at present, and that the interchange will mean better telephonic service for the public. They point out that where business changes and homes now have both telephones, one instrument of either company will be sufficient, under the interchange system. They declare that this will mean a direct reduction in service charge.

Pacific System Opposes Plan.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is opposing the measure. It is contended that the ordinance was designed to force upon the company a connection under which the unrestricted use of its entire investment, plant, switchboards, etc., will be available to and apparently for the direct benefit of its rival and competitor, the Home Telephone company.

It is further contended that an interchange of service will necessitate further duplications and an increased cost of service to the public. Considerable stress is laid upon the mechanical differences in the two telephonic systems and show the physical changes which would be necessary under an interchange system.

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: "Fray! Accept my congratulations on this auspicious anniversary and my best wishes for your well being and the continued prosperity of your historic country."

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.

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. More than 2000 acres of land in this vicinity is protected by dykes against any stage of water to a 28 foot freshet at Portland, and these lands are safe from overflow unless some unforeseen accident should happen to the dykes.

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.

ASK FOR and GET Horlick's The Original Malted Milk

Substitutes Cost YOU Same Price.

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

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 \$2 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
Butter Day
Model Grocery
Fourth Floor
—GLENWOOD Creamery 83c
Butter, special, 2 lbs. for
—ROYAL Baking Powder, 39c
Special for 1 pound can

Fresh Ranch Eggs
At 35c Dozen
—1000 dozen strictly fresh ranch eggs on sale Tuesday at the special price, dozen with 35c Double Stamps given with all charge or cash purchases.

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.

"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. Thrifty men, anxious to save will do well to supply their needs now. —MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S NEW SPRING SUITS IN SNAPPY MODELS. BELTING SAGS—LATEST PATTERNS AND COLORINGS. AT LAST! YEAR'S PRICES—FROM \$15.00 UP TO \$40.00



Men's Straw Hats Underpriced

Main Floor—No need to pay full price for your new hat when you can choose from our entire stock at special prices. Latest Spring styles in straws and felts on sale at these reductions until further notice. —All \$1.75-\$2.50 Sennet Straws \$1.50 —All \$3.00 Sennet Etraws now at \$2.25 —All \$4.00 Straw Hats special at \$2.75 —All \$5.00 Panamas and Leghorns \$3.75 —All \$6.00 Bankoks and Panamas \$4.25 —All \$7.50 Bankoks and Panamas \$5.50

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 to buy high-grade underwear. On account of slight imperfection in weave the manufacturer closed this great lot out at price which enables us to give these great bargains:
Lot 1—Men's Poroskin Union Suits, cool and comfortable for warm weather wear. Styled with V neck, short sleeves and ankle length. They are shown in a complete range of sizes. For this sale 62¢c they are priced, the suit 62¢c
Lot 2—Men's lightweight ribbed Union Suits in short sleeve, V neck and ankle length. Special at 75¢.
Lot 3—Mercerized lisle Union Suits in sizes 34 up to 46. Unusual bargain at the special price \$1.50

Boys' Norfolks \$5.50 to \$16.50

Main Floor—"Dress-Up Week" in the Boys' Store finds us prepared to outfit the youngsters at small cost. Our stock of Boys' Suits for Spring and Summer is now at its best. Smart new models in Norfolks made up in serges, chevots, tweeds, homespuns, cassimeres and novelty weaves. Strictly hand tailored garments. Pinch back and full plaited effects. Loose or 3-piece belts. Ages 6 to 18. Prices—\$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. Billy Boy, Junior Norfolk, Middies and other styles made up in chevots, madras, gingham, chambrays, etc. Ages 2 to 8. Prices range \$1.50 to \$3.50.

Women's Khaki Apparel In a Wonderful Showing

Second Floor—For motoring, for sport, for gardening, for all out of door occasions, khaki apparel will be in evidence the coming season. Anticipating an exceptional demand we have assembled a wonderful collection here for your choosing—and at the very lowest prices.

New Khaki Suits at \$6.00 to \$15.00 Khaki Coats at \$1.95 to \$2.75

Second Floor—Women's and Misses' Khaki Suits in a great many attractive styles—one of which is illustrated to the right. Military, Norfolk and Novelty effects including models for riding with divided skirt and breeches. With or without belts. All sizes. They are priced, \$6.00 up to \$15.00.

New Khaki Dresses at \$4.50 to \$9.00 Khaki Dress Skirts at \$1.75 to \$4.50

Second Floor—New Khaki Dresses in one or two-piece Betty Wales models. Loose straight-line effects with belts, pockets, military buttons, etc. Also Middy styles. Prices from \$4.50 to \$9.00.

Khaki Middies, Bloomers and Breeches
—KHAKI MIDDIES with large sailor collar and pockets. Extra well made. All sizes. At \$1.69.
—KHAKI BREECHES with fitted knee for riding, hiking and all out door sports. \$2.49-\$3.50.
—MILITARY COAT Dresses with deep detachable capes—others with smaller shoulder capes. They are trimmed with pockets and buttons. They are priced at \$10.00.
—KHAKI BLOOMERS \$1.25-\$1.95



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. 45 inch widths in handsome patterns for summer dresses, also 26 inch Baby Flouncings in scores of dainty small designs. These were purchased at less than half regular price. Strictly high-grade merchandise in every respect. One of the greatest bargains ever offered in our 49c Basement. Sale price, a yard 49c

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. These are shown in pink or white. These are very appropriate for gifts. Make it a point to stop at the Bargain Circle Tuesday and see \$1.98 these garments. All are beautifully made. Priced very special \$1.98



Lunch Sets for Autoists

Third Floor—Special showing of a new line Auto Lunch Sets, Lunch Kits, Vacuum Bottles, Food Jars, etc. Autoists are invited to come and inspect these. Most reasonable prices. —Lunch Sets, \$14.75 to \$45.00 —Lunch Kits, bags with nickel trimming. Priced at only \$2.50. —Vacuum Bottles, \$1.75 to \$4.00 —Vacuum Fillers, \$1.00 to \$1.75 —Food Jars, at \$3.25 to \$4.25

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. Being odd lines, there are, of course, only one or two of a kind, but you will find a good selection of stripes and colors. Made up in chambrays, gingham and wash crepes. Plain colors, novelty plaids, etc. Mothers who have girls to buy for should take advantage of this sale.

Lot 1—Odd lines Children's Wash Dresses in several styles and assorted colors. 39c
Lot 2—Odd lines Tub Dresses for girls 6 to 14 years of age. Extra well made. While they last, at 79c

Cemetery Vases 10c

Department Third Floor
—Cemetery Vases, size 10 inches high by 3 3/4 inches across the top. Reinforced and painted green. Guaranteed water tight. Buy for Decoration Day. 10c
Headquarters for Garden, Lawn Needs