

HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO PURCHASE PLANT FOR ASPHALTIC WORK

Adams Votes Against Proposition, but Promises to Work for Success of Undertaking.

By a vote of two to one the state highway commission Tuesday ordered the purchase of an asphaltic paving plant.

Commissioner Adams voted against the motion, saying he was opposed to the measure, but inasmuch as it had been decided to buy the plant he would do all he could to make a success of its operation. He filed for record a lengthy statement of his reasons, based on the belief that it would be more expensive for the state to do the work than let it out by contract to responsible contractors. He said he favored leasing a plant before buying.

Second Hand Outfit
The plant selected was a second hand one belonging to the Oregon Independent Paving company, and the price to be paid is \$15,000, conditioned on the promise that it is to be put in first class order. The original amount asked was \$15,000. The plant is mounted on a railway car and weighs 80 tons, with a capacity of 2000 yards per day.

In addition the commission purchased two 10 ton rollers at a cost of \$5300 and a five ton tandem roller for \$1300. Out of its idle road equipment the commission decided to lend an engine, two miles of track and 10 cars to the Hammond Lumber company, which is getting out airplane spruce for the government. The monthly rental was fixed at approximately \$450 or about half the cost to the state.

Clackamas May Help
To complete the grade of the Pacific highway in Clackamas county between New Era and Oregon City, the commission was tentatively promised by County Commissioner Knight the sum of \$25,000 next April.

It is estimated that the work will cost \$35,000. This leaves \$10,000 to be raised by the county.

On a final understanding with the county court that the \$25,000 can be depended upon next April the commission will call for bids for the work.

To overcome the railway embargo on cars for shipping road material, the commission decided to purchase its own equipment for the transportation of material for paving next season. Subject to approval 19 cars formerly used in the government reclamation service, are to be bought at a cost of \$28,000.

Grading Contract Awarded
A contract for grading in Wheeler county, near Mitchell on the Mitchell-Prineville road, was awarded to the United Contracting company for \$25,000. To this amount Wheeler county will appropriate \$18,000.

The state highway engineer was instructed to make a survey of the Columbia river highway through Gilliam county as soon as practicable. Dr. J. W. Donnelly of Arlington, reported that money for construction was available, it having been arranged to advance the money voted by the road district at a recent special election. The secretary of the county court was instructed to notify the county court of Sherman that the Columbia river highway had been located along the river and the pleasure of the county in preparing the base was awaited.

To Use Old Railway Grade
In Wasco county it was decided to locate the highway along the river, utilizing the old portage railway grade and the canal embankment. This location will also eliminate the controversy with Malcolm Moody relative to a sand pit near the Deschutes river bridge.

In answer to a request from Lane county, the state highway engineer was instructed to make a reconnaissance survey of the high pass and Smithfield routes for the Eugene-Florence road.

In outlining its paving plans for next year the commission made the following allotment of paving: Marion county 15 miles between Aurora and Salem; Linn county eight miles between Albany and Jefferson; Lane and Benton counties eight miles, between Monroe and Junction.

Folk and Benton Get Macadam
To Folk and Benton counties 12 miles of macadam between Independence and Corvallis will be given, also 15 miles of macadam in Josephine and Jackson counties south of Grants Pass.

In view of the fact that the town of Cascade Locks is having the Columbia river highway built through it, a petition from citizens of that place asking that the state restore the wooden sidewalks, which had been damaged by reason of road construction received short shrift. The commission thought that the road was of greater benefit to the citizens than the sidewalks.

Centralia Plans to Entertain Soldiers

Centralia, Wash., Dec. 5.—Asserting that the soldiers from Camp Lewis, many of whom are spending the week ends in Centralia, should be provided with amusement, Theodore Hoss at the noon luncheon of the Commercial club Monday urged the appointment of a committee of about 10 citizens to arrange it. Mr. Hoss also suggested that the duties of the committee, included the reporting of all unpatriotic acts to the proper authorities.

The club is expected to take action on Mr. Hoss' request Thursday night, among other things throwing the club rooms in the Hope block open to visiting soldiers.

Cowlitz Grange Has An All-Day Meeting

Castlerock, Wash., Dec. 5.—Cowlitz County Pomona grange met in Castlerock, Friday, holding an all day session with an hour of open meeting and a regular session in the evening. The grange also had an exhibition of agricultural and fruit products, sewing and fancy work, which was especially fine. After an interesting program the fifth degree was conferred on several candidates.

Lane County Plants 3300 Acres in Beans

Eugene, Or., Dec. 5.—The annual report of N. S. Robb, county agricultural agent, shows, among other things, an increase of bean acreage from 600 to 3300 acres. Nine hundred and fifty quarts of rodent poison were distributed through the office of Agent Robb and much other cooperative work was done. Mr. Robb addressed 37 meetings, and 2542 people called at his office for advice and assistance during the year.

ALBERT'S AUTOGRAPH TO BE SOLD AT BAZAAR

I appreciate very highly Mr. Samuel Hill's enthusiasm for helping towards Belgium and myself.
Albert

November 1917

Note from King Albert of Belgium sent Samuel Hill and which will be sold at Allied Bazaar.

In the midst of the deprivations and alarms of war Adjutant General Youngbluth of Belgium, chief of the military house of the king longs for a pipe of American tobacco and some California oranges.

Writing to Samuel Hill, honorary consul general of Belgium for the Pacific Northwest, enclosing the autograph of King Albert to be exhibited at the allied bazaar, he says:

"Would it be possible for you to send me here a little Porto Rico tobacco for the pipe and some California oranges of which I still retain such a sweet memory. I put the question up to you for answer."

Mr. Hill has answered by instructing his financial agent in New York to send the much longed for articles by some one going to Europe. The autograph letter has been turned over to Dr. Goffin, leader of the Portland Belgian colony, which will place it on sale in the Belgian booth at the Allied Red Cross bazaar.

TATIANA ROMANOFF'S VISIT TO U. S. MERE MYTH, SAYS RUSSIAN

Former Czar's Family so Rigidly Guarded Escape Is Not Possible, It Is Stated.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—"Americans should take no stock in the foolish story that Tatiana Romanoff, one of the daughters of the deposed Czar Nicholas, has escaped from her Siberian prison town and is on her way to the United States," said V. Balduin of Petrograd and Vladivostok, one of the descendants on his mother's side of the former Count Tolstol, who is here.

"She couldn't come away if she wanted to," continued the visitor. "The Kerensky regime sent the former czar and his family to Tobolsk and established a strict guard over the whole region, so strict in fact that nobody can come or go without encountering a rigid passport system. The new regime of Lenine and Trotsky, it is fair to suppose, will strengthen instead of weaken the watch."

"All members of the royal house, including the grand dukes and grand duchesses, who number 46, are closely watched. Kerensky, so I am told, traced the former czar's investments in this country."

"Russia's land evil is this: There are 200,000,000 people and 268,000,000 acres of land. The former czar owned 152,000 acres and the former czar had of the latter 80,000,000 acres. Unquestionably the great landed estates of the former royal group will be broken up in some way, irrespective of who heads the government, unless Nicholas and the grand dukes return to power, which is hardly likely."

Corporations File Official Articles

Salem, Or., Dec. 5.—Permit to do business was issued Tuesday by Corporation Commissioner Schulerman to the Union Building & Loan association of Portland, which will operate in Multnomah and adjacent counties. The association has a capital stock of \$100,000. Officers of the association are: Conrad P. Olson, president; R. J. Kirkwood, vice president and general manager; W. J. Buffington, secretary-treasurer, and these three and W. P. Olds, Anthon Eckern, E. A. Southwick and H. R. Fleming, directors.

Articles of incorporation were filed Tuesday by the following companies: Liberty Market of Portland; capital stock, \$5000; incorporators, B. Goldberg, E. D. Gettlemen and J. R. Latourrette. Silver Lake Mercantile Company, Inc., of Silver Lake; capital stock, \$5000; incorporators, Louis Bennett, W. E. Cooper and C. H. Market.

Oakland Meat Market company of Oakland; capital stock, \$3000; incorporators, Kate Schwartz, Fritz Gieselman and John T. Long.

Two Years Enough, Say Albany Voters

Albany, Or., Dec. 5.—Albany voters by a majority of 159 turned down the proposed amendment to the city charter making the terms of the city councilmen four years instead of two at the special election held Monday. Complete returns from all wards give 27 for the amendment to 186 against. Beginning with the next regular election all members of the council will retire at the same time.

Three other amendments to the charter carried. The amendment fixing the time for holding city elections at the same time as the general elections carried, as did those fixing the polling places and the hours of holding elections.

Prominent Cattle Man Is Sentenced

Lakeview, Or., Dec. 4.—W. Z. Moss, prominent cattleman of this city, who last week was found guilty of the larceny of 70 head of cattle, has received an indeterminate sentence of from one to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

Man Hit by Train Dies
Lamont Flasher, of Linton, who was struck by a North Bank local Monday night at West Oregon crossing, died from his injuries in the Good Samaritan hospital Tuesday evening. He was 39 years old and unmarried.



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