

\$673,532 LEFT IN HANDS OF STATE ROAD COMMISSION

Biennial Report Shows \$2,888,-
257 Expended on State Highways in Last Two Years.

MUCH WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Prospect of Falling Prices of Material and Large Supply of Labor to Aid 1919 Program.

Salem, Dec. 20.—During the last two years the state highway commission has expended \$2,888,257 and now has a balance on hand of \$673,532, according to the biennial report of the commission prepared for submission to the governor.

The work accomplished during the biennium, says the report, includes 50 miles of hard surface pavement laid, 11.8 miles of broken stone or gravel, 134.5 miles of roadbed graded, and 40 bridges constructed.

"With the close of the war and the prospect of declining prices of material and a more plentiful supply of labor," says the report, "the commission looks forward to 1919 as a year in which a great deal can be accomplished and at this date a tentative program has been prepared providing for improvement of the state highways in every county in the state."

"Under the post road law 17 projects have been agreed upon, and to date 10 have been approved, three in preparation, two pending and two in preparation. Construction work has been started on two of these projects. Under the forest road law 13 projects have been approved. Construction has been started on four of these projects. Several will carry over into the 1920 program."

A railroad asphalt paving plant was purchased but not used during the 1918 season, since no bituminous pavements were constructed under new contracts, in that period. Three concrete pavers are owned by the commission, as well as three road rollers, four rock crushers and six auto trucks, besides considerable grading construction equipment. A large part of this equipment has been in use this season and not only saved the cost of rented equipment but made it available at times when it was impossible to get the same elsewhere."

The report says that the interpretation placed upon the federal aid road law by the secretary of agriculture, requiring actual carriage of the mails or a reasonable prospect before approving as eligible for federal cooperation, eliminated from the classification practically all of the Columbia river highway and especially links in the Pacific highway in Douglas county on which it was desired to receive federal aid.

The estimated cost of the post road projects agreed on to date is given at \$1,099,992, of which \$427,496 is to be paid by the government and a similar amount by the state and \$155,000 by the counties.

The commission made surveys and estimates for the various counties at a cost of \$137,954. It is mandatory upon the highway department to make these surveys and estimates when requests are received from the counties, but the cost must be included in the 10 per cent limit allowed the commission for all construction work. The department has kept within the 10 per cent limit, the report shows.

Land Owners May Fish

Salem, Dec. 20.—The Willamette river fishing bill, passed by the people at the November election on a referendum vote, does not interfere with the rights of abutting land owners to take salmon from the closed portion of the river for their own and family use, according to an opinion given by Attorney General

Brown to the state fish and game commission.

The fishing bill closes the river south of Oswego to the Willamette river falls at Oregon City. The attorney general holds that when the season is open for commercial fishing in the river north of Oswego that abutting land owners may catch salmon with a net in the river south of Oswego for family use. This right was conferred upon abutting land owners by chapter 250, laws of 1917, which passed the legislature, the attorney general points out, after the passage of the river closing bill.

Wants Line Connected

Salem, Dec. 20.—The mayor and council of Hillsboro have petitioned the public service commission to use its influence with the railroad administration to obtain a physical connection at Hillsboro of the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric lines.

Rail Chief Indicted For Manslaughter

New York, Dec. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Two indictments were returned today by the grand jury against President Timothy S. Williams and each of four other officials of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, in connection with the investigation of the wreck on the Brighton Beach line of the B. R. T. last November, when 95 persons were killed and more than 200 injured. Edward Luciano, the motor-man of the train, also was indicted.

Quinine That Does Not Affect Head

Because of its tonic effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or dizziness. There is only one "Bromo Quinine" in W. GROVE'S signature on the box. 30c.—Ad.

SPANISH INFLUENZA MORE DEADLY THAN WAR

Said That Epidemic Cost More Lives Than American Loss in Battle. Danger Not Over. Great Care Necessary To Prevent Further Outbreak

The appalling ravages of Spanish influenza in this country are perhaps best realized by the statement recently made, that more deaths have resulted in little more than a month from this disease than through our whole eighteen months participation in the battles of the European War.

Our greatest danger now, declare authorities, is the great American tendency to forget easily and to believe the peril is over. Competent authorities claim the coming of cold weather is very apt to bring a return of this disease and there should be no let-up throughout the winter months of the following easily observed precautions: Remembering that influenza is far easier to prevent than cure.

Influenza is a crowd disease. Avoid crowds as much as possible. Influenza germs spread when ignorant or careless persons sneeze or cough without using a handkerchief. Cover up each cough or sneeze. Do not spit on the floor, sidewalk, street car or public places. Avoid the use of common drinking cups and roller towels in public places. Breathe the reliable germicidal and antiseptic air to destroy the germs that do find lodgement in your nose and throat.

Remember, no safer precaution against influenza could be employed in this manner than to get from the nearest drug store a complete Hyomeo outfit consisting of a bottle of the Pure oil of Eucalypti, a bottle of the powerful hard rubber inhaling device, into which a few drops of the oil are poured. You should carry this inhaler about with you during the day and each half hour or so put it in your mouth and draw deep breaths of its pure, healing germ killing air into the passages of your nose, throat and lungs.

By destroying germs before they actually begin work in your blood, you may make yourself practically immune to infection.

All these suggestions about Spanish influenza are equally true in the prevention of colds, catarrh of nose and throat, bronchitis and even pneumonia. Don't become careless. Do your part. Keep the germs away. You may save yourself a serious illness and the loss of several weeks' work. For sale by Owl Drug Co.—Ad.

Sipman Wolfe & Co.
"Merchandise of Merit Only"

STREET FLOOR
MEN'S SHOPS



—Men shopping for women's gifts will find unusual interesting attractions in our advertisement on Page 2 of this paper.

—Women shopping for men's gifts can come to this store's men's shop and find abundant assortments of practical gift suggestions at fair prices.

GIFTS MEN WANT

From the Store They Like Best

—The sort of gifts men choose for themselves—and in quantities and patterns that men of good taste demand are to be had at this store. We specialize in distinction in dress furnishings—rather than mere "fixings," which is why men prefer to shop here. Come Saturday.

Shirts of madras \$2 and \$2.50

—Fast colors. Conservative designs—and the more extreme patterns for those who like them. Fine quality madras. And in the popular soft cuff styles. A safe suggestion.

A silk shirt sale at \$5

—This sale is positively causing a sensation—men are buying several each for themselves and for gifts—women (hundreds of them are buying for men's gifts). Shirts to please all tastes—excellent workmanship. Finest quality silks.

Knitted ties have come in—\$3.50

—Welcome news to men of discriminating taste—also to women shopping for men—for a silk knitted tie reflects taste and judgment. Plain colors and contrasting stripes. The easy-to-select and ever acceptable sort of tie.

Ties—wonderful ones—\$2.50 to \$5.00

—The old joke about a woman's selection of ties for a man is as antiquated as the glaring atrocities that were once foisted upon the tie-buying public. The only difficulty encountered by the fair sex in choosing these ties will be the fact that they are all so good looking, and tasteful.

Plenty of all sorts of gloves

—Portland men find our stock of gloves most comprehensive and satisfactory. Includes a fine line of the always-to-be-depended upon grey mochas at \$4 and \$4.50. Others at \$3 and \$3.50. Tan cape gloves, \$2.50. An endless variety of gloves for street and all occasions.

Plain linen handkerchiefs at 65c

—The kind that men always appreciate—and never have too many of. Quarter-inch hem. Pure linen. And a good assortment of every kind of handkerchief for men. Plain, fancy, initial, and colored—in a variety of prices—moderate, of course.

A bath robe collection at \$8.00

—A man likes anything that adds to his comfort—and bath robes surely do. These robes at \$10 represent excellent workmanship—and are strictly masculine in style, colors and designs. Range of sizes.

Fine black silk socks \$1.50

—With lisle soles—also grey, in all silk. And a plentiful assortment of silk socks at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$2, \$2.50. Variety of plain colors. The gift that is always safe to choose for man.

Street Floor—A Step From Washington-St. Entrance.

Everything for CASH

Sipman Wolfe & Co.
"Merchandise of Merit Only"

Everything for LESS

Economy Basement Store

"Where You Spend the Least and Get the Most for It"

Two Fine Garments for the Price of One

ANY GARMENT IN THE BASEMENT STOCKS

(Regularly \$15 to \$35)

HALF PRICE

—You can walk through our Basement Garment Section and find hundreds of first class garments made of dependable wool and silk fabrics. The styles are new and the garments are first class in every particular.

Think of Buying (in These Times):

—French serge suits. Button trimmed, pleated or tailored—in navy and black, for \$12.50 and \$14.75.
—Wool poplin suits. Straight line styles. Button trimmed. Separate velvet collar—for \$13.75.
—Velour coats—kit cone collars. Smart lines. All street shades. For \$14.95.
—Velour coats—straight lined. Belted—plush trimmed. Smart, up-to-date styles. \$12.50.
—Velour kersey cloth coats. All lined. Belted—all colors. Velvet plush collars. For \$13.
—Out size velour coats. Navy and black. Plain belted styles. Warm and good looking. For \$17.50.
—Out size diagonal serge cheviot coats. Plain belted styles. Navy and black. For \$13.75.
—Satin messaline dresses. Tunic styles. Button trimmed. Smart—youthful. For \$8.75.
—Serge dresses. Braid trimmed. White satin collars. Practical—good looking. For \$7.95.
—And other coats, suits and dresses in qualities, styles and prices that are consistent with these remarkable values. A revelation awaits the thrifty shopper.

ASSORTMENTS ARE DIMINISHING—COME EARLY

—Economy Basement.

Sipman Wolfe & Co.
"Merchandise of Merit Only"

JOIN THE RED CROSS
ALL YOU NEED IS A
HEART AND A DOLLAR

Attention MEN—Shopping For Women's Gifts

All Our FINE SILKS Reduced Drastically

—And ideal Christmas gifts—gifts with the idea of service back of them—dress and blouse lengths of these silks will make!

—This is a sale sensational! It is unheard of to offer such materials at these reductions at this season. But since there is such a decided tendency toward really practical gifts this year, we are making it possible to give this most practical of all gifts at special savings. A man shopping for wife, mother, daughter or sister will give her a delightful "surprise" with a length of silk for a new frock or blouse and, of course, women who are shopping for other women appreciate what an extraordinary opportunity this is!

—Women shopping for those "hard to please" relatives and friends (and no list is complete without them) will find "just right" gifts in this sale.

—If you are planning new party frocks for this winter's gaieties—now that such things are being resumed—here's your opportunity ideal!

Exclusive Satins, Charmeuse, Brocades, Velvets 33 1/3% Off

—Handsome plain colored satins, charmeuse, crepe meteor, exquisite brocades, tinsel brocades and fine chiffon velvets—in all the sought after colors. Also heavy crepe bengaline, moleskin satin, satin duvetyne and extra heavy duchess satin in black and colors. Prices regularly \$2.25 to \$10 yard—now less one-third!

Imported, Guaranteed Dye 44 and 36-in. Velveteen 25% Off

—The kind of velveteen that is so hard to obtain now because there have not been many importations for such a long time! Such shades as taupe, navy, gray, Burgundy, wisteria, black and other wanted colors—and every one guaranteed! What lovelier material for suits, frocks and coats?

All Fancy Silks Repriced

—And the low prices make these accessible to all who wish to give the loveliest of practical gifts—silk enough for a new frock or blouse. Every piece now included in these three low priced groups.

\$1.45

—35-inch plaids, stripes and broken checks—taffeta, satin and taffeta and satin combinations. Lovely for dinner gowns, waists and children's wear and fine linings.

\$1.95

—35-inch heavy taffeta plaids and beautiful satin block checks, taffetas with rich satin stripes, some wonderfully smart effects and all here exclusively! Beautiful for skirts and dresses. Also some pretty 40-inch Cheney Bros. Foulard.

\$2.95

—40-inch printed Pussy Willow Silk for dresses, blouses and linings—40-inch taffetas with wide satin stripes. Scotch plaids and fancy stripes in newest colors for Spring!

Imported Taffeta Faille Grosgrain—Reduced—\$2.90

—French taffeta, grosgrain and faille—all 40 inches wide—in midnight blue, Navy, African, brown, dark taupe, tapestry blue, amethyst, French or Hague blue, pearl grey, cell, old ivory, plum, purple, white and black.

32 Inch Satin Stripe Crepe De Chine—20 Shades—\$1.65

—New cluster stripes and bright colors in this fast color satin stripe crepe de chine. It is ideally adapted for women's tailored blouses and men's shirts. A pleasing gift indeed!

—Second Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

36 Inch Satin Charmeuse Black and Colors—\$1.55

—Soft, lustrous, black, Navy, Copen, Wisteria and pearl grey satin charmeuse. Excellent qualities, and charming in combination with woolen material.

32 and 36 Inch Satin and Plain Stripe Tub Silk—\$1.25

—A dozen attractive patterns in 32 and 36-inch fast color satin and plain stripe tub silks. These have become so very popular they make ideal Xmas gifts for men's or women's tailored shirts!

Sipman Wolfe & Co.
"Merchandise of Merit Only"

TOY SHOP
BASEMENT

Toy Section Enlarged Saturday—And Unusual Special Attractions

—To take care of the dense Christmas crowds that have been coming to Toydom it has been necessary to enlarge the section. So there will be attractive displays of toys throughout the Basement Floor. Look for the specials!

Sleeping Dolls With Hair \$1



—Cunning, life-like little babies with eyes that open and close, hair and dimples to show their good nature! In little slips, lace trimmed.



Steel Ball Bearing Roller Skates \$2.75

—Here's a gift that will please any red-blooded, active girl or boy and keep them out of doors on sunshiny days!

Double Friction FREIGHT ENGINE—Special—98c



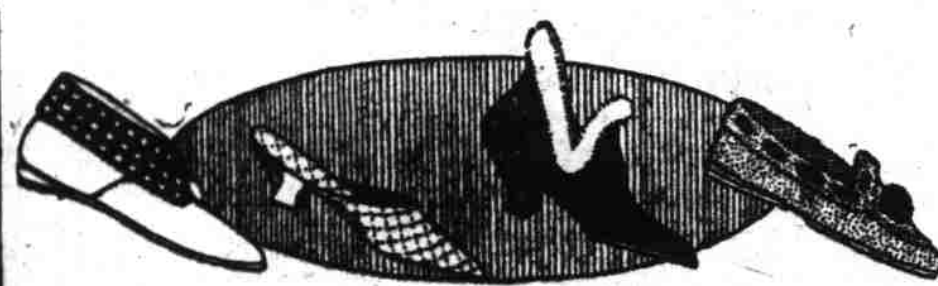
—Engine and tender that will run all the way across the room if started by friction! Lots of fun for young engineers!

—Wheel Goods of All Kinds in Splendid Assortment. All sorts of "Automobiles," Orions, Wagons, Velocipedes, etc.

Spelling Board—50c

—A small board that is easily handled and a fascinating way to make spelling interesting to youngsters.

—And don't fail to bring the youngsters in to see Santa Claus—he will be here until Xmas Eve, when he will depart to visit all the little folk hereabouts. He wants each little boy and girl to tell him just what gifts they want, so as few mistakes as possible will be made!



The Economy Basement Offers These Specials In HOUSE SLIPPERS Friday and Saturday

So many people are buying house slippers for this year's Holiday Gifts—and here are

Savings on Men's, Women's, Children's Slippers

Men's black and tan Romeos—good, plump kid uppers with medium weight soles. Special... \$1.98

Men's black and brown kid Operas and Everetts. Soft and easy. Special \$2.19 at only

Men's black and Oxford grey felt slippers, made with padded soles, with chrome leather covering. Special at \$1.69

Women's felt slippers with padded soles. Very comfortable—black, red, grey—89c and wine. Special...

Women's Felt Julietts in black and grey with fur trimmings, solid leather soles. Warm and easy on the feet. Special... \$1.49

Children's Felt Julietts, with ribbon trimmings, padded and leather soles. Sizes 4 to 8. Special... \$1.19 Sizes 1 1/2 to 2. Special... \$1.29

Economy Basement—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Sipman Wolfe & Co.
"Merchandise of Merit Only"