

FOUR ROAD WORK CONTRACTS MADE BY HIGHWAY BODY

Two Grading and Two Paving Projects Are Ordered Started; Will Cost About \$750,000.

NEW LAWS ARE TO BE URGED

Wider Power to Handle Road Work and for Control of Roads To Be Asked From Legislature.

Contracts for road work, the cost of which is estimated at approximately \$750,000, were let Tuesday by the state highway commission.

The projects and successful bidders were as follows:

Grading Columbia river highway between Hood River and Mosier, A. D. Kern, \$242,641.64.

Grading Columbia river highway between Arlington and Blalock, E. T. Johnson, \$119,298.

Paving Pacific highway between Salem and Gervais, Blake & Compton, \$153,812; 7.55 miles.

Paving Pacific highway between Astoria and Gervais, Oskar Huber, \$230,647.50; 10.55 miles.

The paving jobs are post road projects in which the federal government will cooperate at the rate of \$10,000 per mile.

Two types of asphaltic concrete pavement will be bid on. The one selected consists of a three and a half inch base with a one and a half inch top.

Cost Plus Bids Submitted

A bid to do the work on cost plus 15 per cent profit basis was submitted by Warren Bros. company.

On the Hood River-Mosier job there were four bidders. The second low bid was that of Oskar Huber, \$254,270.35.

The engineer's estimate was \$301,468.60. This was \$58,228 in excess of the low bid.

On the Arlington-Blalock job there were only two bids. The second bid was that of Elliott & Scroggins at \$171,305.

The engineer's estimate for this work was \$111,845. This was \$7450 under the low bid.

In the paving contracts it is stipulated that the contractors will take over the asphalt which was bought by the state.

In the Mosier-Hood River project, the unit bids of the successful contractor were 48 cents per square yard for common excavation and \$1.04 for solid rock.

There is to be a tunnel 200 feet in length and the unit bid for this was \$7 a lineal foot.

Needed Legislation Discussed

Necessary legislation to make the state road laws more effective were discussed. It was decided that a number of modifications of the present laws which have been submitted to the legislature by the commission, would secure a smoother administration. Among these was authority for the commission to make locations of main highways where the location has not already been made.

Another location made by the legislature is the junction of the branches of the highway near Junction City in Lane county. There is a movement on foot to extend the east side branch around through Corvallis and make the junction south of Eugene. It is felt that the commission, by reason of its knowledge of all conditions, is better qualified to make locations than the legislature.

Paving Authority Sought

Another recommendation is that the commission has authority to determine where hard surface should be laid and the type of surface, whether it should be macadam or pavement. Under the law the commission does not have any option and in some cases it is made obligatory to pave where a macadam surface would be sufficient to meet present traffic conditions.

Another question is that of cooperation between the county and state on maintenance of state roads. The legislature will be asked to modify the law to give the commission authority to make it mandatory for counties to cooperate on a scale determined by the commission, not to exceed 50 per cent.

This subject, however, involves a legal question which will be submitted to the attorney general.

The legislature will also be asked to give the commission power to erect and maintain guide signs, to fix the speed limit at 30 miles an hour, regulate loads and tires and plant trees at the roadside.

Revolving Fund Wanted

The commission also wants to create a revolving fund of \$50,000 in order to enable the state highway engineer to have on hand sufficient funds to meet emergencies in the discharge of workmen and liquidation of other small claims.

Authority is also wanted to transfer from one fund to another and to return all moneys from sales of old equipment and interest on bonds to the highway fund instead of the general treasury.

Permission is also asked in the matter of bond issues to make the denominations of the bonds as requested by the

Golf Balls Stolen From the Building Of Municipal Links

The office of the municipal golf links was broken into several days ago by thieves who stole eight dozen golf balls valued at \$58. Inspectors Gordon and Wright are investigating.

J. Williams and C. Keller of Gresham reported their rooms entered Tuesday night while they were stopping at the Van Dyke hotel. Williams says he lost \$42 and Keller \$10.

SILVERTON WOMAN IS DEAD AND MANY OF FRIENDS MOURN LOSS

Mrs. Nora Haberly, Wife of L. B. Haberly, Passes at Age of 48; Four Children Survive.

Mrs. Nora Haberly, wife of L. B. Haberly of Silverton and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George and Nellie Galligan of Hood River, died in this city Tuesday night at the age of 48. Mrs. Haberly resided in Silverton and came to Portland recently for medical treatment. She is survived by her husband and parents, four children, Carl L., Floyd, Marie and Barnett Haberly, and by four brothers, George, Hubert, Wilbur and Carl S. Galligan. Mrs. Haberly was born in Ohio and had resided at Hood River and Silverton for the past 28 years and was well known to a large circle of friends in both sections of the state. J. P. Finley & Son have charge of the funeral arrangements.

Arthur West

Arthur West, 45, of 1204 Woodward avenue, who was fatally injured Tuesday at the Willamette Iron & Steel company, fell about 50 feet in two falls, instead of 20 feet as was first reported.

Eyewitnesses say he fell from the boat about 20 feet to the dock from where he rolled off and fell 30 feet more on top of a log that was lying in the river.

Workmen had to secure a rowboat to rescue him from the log. Mr. West died about two hours later at St. Vincent's hospital from a fractured skull. He is survived by his widow and three small sons. The coroner is investigating the accident. Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock Thursday morning at the Miller "Fraz" chapel.

Mr. West was born at Beverly, East Yorkshire, England. He had been in the United States 28 years and in Portland for 10 years. He was formerly employed by the Coast Shipbuilding company.

Joseph H. Wolfenden

Joseph H. Wolfenden, age 32, died Sunday at his home in Astoria. He was manager of the Oregon Motor Car company and resided at 446 East Fifty-eighth street. He had been identified with the company for the past two years and before that was a salesman for the T. S. Townsend Creamery company. Mr. Wolfenden was a prominent member of the Arleta Baptist church and is survived by his widow, two young daughters, his mother, brother and sister. The funeral will be from the church of which he was a member Thursday at 2:30 p. m. P. L. Lerch has charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Ida May Reimer

Mrs. Ida May Reimer, wife of Otto Reimer, aged 28, and a native of California, died in San Francisco on January 2. Mrs. Reimer was the mother of Laura Margaret Reimer and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Dingle of 651 Ankeny street. Two brothers, William Mason and George R. Dingle, and a sister is Mrs. Laur McKenzie.

W. R. Forster

W. R. Forster, aged 28, a resident of Independence, died from influenza at the home of his brother, 412 East Nineteenth street north, this morning. J. P. Finley & Son have charge of funeral arrangements.

Plans for Paving Ordered

Ben Sheldon, representative-elect from Jackson county, brought before the commission a plan to capitalize the motor vehicle license fees and provide for a bond issue of \$7,000,000 or \$9,000,000, as it might be considered best. With a 50 per cent increase of the license fee he estimated that it would be possible to carry an issue of \$11,000,000.

The commission instructed the state highway engineer to prepare plans to pave a road from West Salem to Dallas. This will bring the pavement up to the neighborhood of Derry. It is proposed to make it a post road project, in which the federal government will participate.

Hugh Brady Injured

City Grappler Hugh Brady sprained his wrist and injured his hip Tuesday when he slipped on a icy pavement and fell while alighting from a street car while on his way to work. Captain Jacob Speier, harbor master, sent Brady home.

GET MEN ON FARMS WHO KNOW THE WORK SAYS PRESIDENT KERR

Oregon Drainage Association and Irrigation Congress Opens Fifteenth Annual Session.

"Get people on the land who are qualified as farmers," urged President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college, before the fifth annual meeting of the Oregon State Drainage association and the Irrigation congress at the Imperial hotel this morning. "Make it possible," he continued, "for them to finance irrigation and drainage projects. This must be done by proper legislation. We must meet the present food situation. We must send supplies to starving Europe until she is on her feet again, and to do that there must be a shifting of the labor that is overflocking industry at present, back to the farm where there is a shortage at present."

President Samuel Brown of the drainage association gave an address of welcome in which he referred to the Lake Labish region, showing what was done for it by proper drainage. He explained that a few years ago there had been growing there and that now there are thousands of tons of garden produce grown there annually.

He was followed by Jay Upton, president of the Irrigation congress. Dr. R. P. Teele, associate chief drainage and irrigation investigator of the department of agriculture, spoke on "The Extent to Which Drainage Can Be Avoided by Careful Irrigation."

The session this afternoon began at 2 o'clock with an address by W. H. Crawford on "Settlement of Reclaimed Lands." Other speakers for the afternoon include W. L. Powers, Edgar B. Piper, R. H. Brown, W. G. Brown, J. O. Elrod, Professor T. A. H. Teeter of the Oregon Agricultural college, Burr Beals, Judge Cunningham, George J. Cochran and State Senator George T. Baldwin.

At 6:30 there will be time out for dinner, which will be a Dutch treat. At 7:30 the sessions will be resumed.

1918 Thrift Stamps may be exchanged for 1919 War Stamps.

Kiwanis Club to Receive Charter At Next Meeting

The Kiwanis club held its weekly meeting at the Portland hotel Tuesday. The club will formally receive its official charter on January 19, the presentation being made by O. Samuel Cummings, international secretary, of Chicago. Governor Withycombe, Mayor Baker and other state and county officials will be present.

Captain Jack Hamilton, who has had four years' experience in the English and American armies, related some interesting incidents at Tuesday's luncheon. The Portland Kiwanis club elected Charles M. Andrews, district freight agent for the Southern Pacific system, as representative to the district convention at Tacoma, January 17.

Native of Yamhill Dies at Amity, Or.

Amity, Or., Jan. 8.—John Simkins, a well known resident of this vicinity, died in this city Monday at the home of his brother, Fred Simkins, after an illness of over a week. Mr. Simkins was born in Yamhill county, near Hopewell, where all of his life except three years was spent. He was born on Dec. 14, 1863, and died at the age of 55 years and 23 days. He leaves to mourn his loss besides his wife 10 children, Cleveland S., of Harvard university; Adeline, of Hopewell; Elmer J. of Oregon City; Mrs. Ruth Kirkwood of Hopewell; Mrs. Jennie Bush, Hazel, Margaret, Beatrice and Pauline at home; also four grandchildren, besides three brothers and eight sisters. Funeral services were held at Hopewell on Wednesday morning. Interment was made in Hopewell cemetery.

Victory Memorial Meeting Saturday

Because out-of-town members of the Oregon victory memorial committee could not attend the meeting called for Tuesday at Mayor Baker's office, no attempt was made to transact business. Instead, another meeting was arranged for Saturday noon at the Portland hotel. Mayor Baker has been informed that out-of-town members will be on hand at that time.

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STATE OUTLINES ITS LINE OF PROSECUTION IN MURDER HEARING

District Attorney Tells Jury He Can Prove Liard Killed Deputy Sheriff Twombly.

Outlining the evidence to be offered by the prosecution in the case of the state against John Cyril Liard, District Attorney Walter M. Evans said before his opening statement to the jury was interrupted by adjournment of court, that the state was prepared to show that on the night of the murder of Frank Twombly, Liard drove with Augusta Carlson to the railway station in Vancouver and, returning, stopped at the Oregon end of the interstate bridge, held up Bridgetender Herman and then drove rapidly away. Herman, Evans said, was prepared to identify the prisoner positively as the man who held him up. Other evidence will be introduced, including that of two eye-witnesses of the killing, showing that Liard was the man who killed Twombly. Articles, identified as belonging both to the bridge tender and Liard were found scattered along the St. Johns road.

Evans will conclude his statement to the jury at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the court will reconvene after adjournment in respect to the funeral services of Colonel Roosevelt.

Varon Smith Arrested

Varon Smith was arrested Tuesday night by Deputy Constables Jenck and Watkins on a warrant charging him with a statutory offense. He was released on deposit of \$500 cash bail.

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Witner from Herman Witner, desertion; Mary Sarah Hagar from Alpha Zelotus Hagar, cruelty; Parthenia Dukehart Bryant from Blinn S. Bryant, desertion.

SCHOOL INSPECTOR NAMED

Office of Chief Medical Inspector Is Also Created.

Two positions in the health department were abolished by the city council. They are the positions of school inspector with salaries of \$60 a month. In place of these the commissioners created the office of chief school inspector at a salary of \$150 a month. This official will be required to give full time to the service of the city.

The office of chief medical inspector at a salary of \$185 a month was also created. This is a full time position.

The office of physician in the health department at a salary of \$125 a month was created. The incumbent of this position will be required to devote two thirds of his time to the city service.

Roosevelt Honored

By Rotarians at Weekly Luncheon

Portland Rotarians at their weekly luncheon at the Beaton hotel Tuesday noon, paid tribute to ex-President Roosevelt and to Mrs. E. F. Platt, deceased wife of a member of the club.

Dr. C. Douglas, president of the Ann Arbor, Mich. Rotary club, delivered the main address. Speaking of future conditions of labor resulting from the war and the returning to civil life of the soldiers, he predicted some serious difficulties and appealed to the Rotarians to aid in righting these troubles.

To meet the financing of the district convention of the Pacific Northwest Rotary clubs to be held at the Auditorium February 20-21, the club will require a registration fee from each member.

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