

LITTLE NEW WORK IS AUTHORIZED BY STATE ROAD BOARD

Supplementary contracts were authorized today by the state highway commission providing for strengthening the base of pavement already constructed for and in process of construction.

Following the decision to undertake no new pavement construction this year it was decided to prepare advertisement for bids for graveling all new grades on the Columbia and Pacific highways and to make the roads usable the coming winter. The same rule was adopted in the case of the Tillamook-McMinnville highway between Sheridan and Tillamook and the Dalles-California highway between Bend and the Jefferson county line.

PROTECTION IS AIM

All other new grades which are not ready now will be given the same treatment on completion, the object being to protect the grades and lay the foundation for future pavement where necessary. A survey of the east side branch of the Pacific highway between Tangent and Halsey was ordered.

The commission went to Oregon City this afternoon for a conference with the officials of the city and Clackamas county relative to the proposed new \$400,000 bridge across the Willamette and a roadway through the city to Canemah. A new procedure was adopted Tuesday by the commission in dealing with petitions. Every delegation that appeared was told to put its request in writing. The purpose, it was explained, was to

secure a permanent record and insure action. One of the delegations which ran up against the new order of things was one from Lincoln county, composed of many men and women who had selected B. F. Jones for spokesman. The delegation wanted help in securing a new seven mile road between Lincoln and Tillamook counties where there is now nothing but a horse trail to relieve a population of 2000 people from isolation, and thus complete a through road down the coast from Astoria to Newport. Before Jones could launch his speech, he was cut short by the interruption of Chairman Benson—"that is not a state road and we can't consider it."

It was suggested to the delegation that Lincoln and Tillamook counties get together and agree on the amount of cooperation they could give in making the road.

Former County Judge Marsters of Douglas county told the commission that the county had several thousand dollars to apply on the Tillamook road, and asked that the state join with the forest service in extending the improvement to a connection with the Crater lake road. Chairman Benson wanted to go ahead, but the other two commissioners were not ready to join him, whereat the chairman expressed himself quite forcibly on the stand taken by Commissioner Booth, who said that he was not opposed to completing the road, but thought it advisable to first complete the Crater lake road between Medford and the lake. The question was taken under further consideration.

Before committing itself in the matter of undertaking construction of the Mount Hood loop highway between Grasham and Zig Zag, the commission said it wanted to go over the two routes proposed.

County Judge Sawyer of Deschutes county had some premonition of the commission's change of procedure and came with his requests in written form. He asked for a completion of the survey of the Dalles-California highway through the county and from Horse ridge to the Lake county line. Also for graveling from the Jefferson county line to Bend, and for grading the

Tumalo-Sisters section of the Bend Sisters road. Bids were requested for grading the Redmond-Sisters road and that the state cooperate with the county on the Central Oregon highway east of Bend.

An order was made allowing O. W. Dutton of The Dalles a cattle pass under the Columbia river highway between Rowena and The Dalles and assessing the cost to Wasco county.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

The following contracts were awarded by the commission: Grading seven miles between Mayville and Thirty Mile on the John Day highway, to Copenhagen Bros. \$100,880.

Overhead crossing near Ashland, C. H. Natwick, \$11,630.

Bridge across Spanish Hollow, Sherman county, to Ford-Brooks company, \$13,738.

For grading and graveling 15 miles between Pendleton and Pilot Rock, Umatilla county was the lowest bidder, at \$112,224. The bid was referred to the county and engineer.

Other low bids referred to the engineer were: Four bridges on the Crooked river highway, to Gardner & Almeter, \$65,775; paving and grading one mile near Ontario, Gilmore & Richey, 6-inch concrete, \$23,120; paving one mile, Youngs bay, Miles crossing, Clatsop county, to O. Solthelm, \$17,221.

The bids for macadamizing nine miles of the Elgin-Minam road in Union county were rejected and the work ordered readvertised.

The commission asked for bids for 12,000 barrels of cement, but received only one bid, that of the Beaver company of Gold Hill at \$4.38 a barrel. It was referred to the engineer.

Thief Tears Woman's Diamonds From Her Ears During Attack

Chicago, June 2.—(I. N. S.)—Club women throughout the city were aroused today as the result of an attack made by two highwaymen on Mrs. Albert J. Gamble, a well known woman club worker, in which they beat and kicked her into unconsciousness and then tore her diamond earrings from her ears. The attack occurred in the hallway of the apartment building in which Mrs. Gamble lives. Both assailants escaped. The holdup was one of the most brutal ever reported to the police.

Six Are Killed in Mine Shaft Blast

Washington, Pa., June 2.—(I. N. S.)—Six men are known to be dead and another may have lost his life in an explosion in the shaft of a new mine being sunk near Cokesburg, southeast of here, by the Ontario Gas Coal company of Pittsburgh. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

Guardian Is Named
Vancouver, Wash., June 2.—J. A. Walters Tuesday filed his bond as guardian of Nelson F. Bolton, an alleged incompetent. Captain Bolton, as he is known to his many friends, served during the Civil war with honor, and has reached the age of 93 years. He has no relatives and until recently lived alone. A short time ago his house caught fire from an overheated stove, endangering his life.

Shad Fisher Arrested
Astoria, June 2.—Deputy fish warden yesterday arrested Erik Yumiska on the charge of fishing for shad in the Lewis and Clark river. An order was recently issued by the state closing the Lewis and Clark and the Youngs river to shad fishing. Yumiska will be tried tomorrow.

Judge Harris Speaks
Oregon Normal School, Monmouth, June 2.—Memorial day was observed at the Oregon normal school with a program and exercises. The G. A. R., W. R. C., S. W. V., and the American Legion participated. Justice Lawrence T. Harris spoke.

STATE GRANGE OF OREGON IN SESSION

Bend, June 2.—Approximately 300 delegates from the local granges of the state are in Bend attending the annual state convention, which opened Tuesday morning for a week's session.

C. E. Spence, master of the State with many of the employees of the fish

Grange, was among the early arrivals. According to Spence, the following will be among the important measures to be brought up for consideration of the delegates: Upward revision of the state automobile license law tending to affect the larger cars; state income tax law; land registration on the basis of the Canadian law, a system looking toward the elimination of the abstractor; hydro-electric district law similar to the irrigation district law, which has for its purpose the development of hydro-electric power by residents of a district; anti-discrimination law, the aim of which is to prevent unfair selling by larger concerns, and to establish a uniform price based upon factory costs; laws tending to do away

and game commission and to transfer to county officials the enforcement of fish and game laws of the state. National Master S. J. Lowell of Prosser, N. Y., is present. The delegates were guests Tuesday evening of the Bend Rod and Gun club at a fish banquet. More than 400 pounds of fish were caught in the lakes tributary to Bend for this special occasion. The election of officers will take place today.

Taft Visits Yakima
Yakima, Wash., June 2.—Ex-President William H. Taft spent a few minutes in Yakima Monday, en route to Sunnyvale, where he delivered a lecture in the evening and spoke briefly at a banquet

Meredith Refuses To Change Federal Wheat Standards

Washington, June 2.—(I. N. S.)—Necessity for changes in federal wheat standards was denied today by Secretary of Agriculture Meredith in answer to complaints of dissatisfaction with the federal grades recently voiced in the Northwest.

The secretary held hearings in Chicago and Washington and as a result determined no changes will be made at

present. Lowering of the present standards as advocated by the Central Northwest representatives would decrease the farmers' return, the secretary declared. The present grades have not had a fair test, the secretary declared.

Wood Yard Burns
Several piles of cordwood, an engine house and a wood conveyor were burned at 3:15 Tuesday evening by fire starting in the engine room of the Boring Wood & Coal company, Fifth and Division streets. The flames rose high and the fire was spectacular, although damage was estimated at only \$500.

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