

MUNICIPAL PAVING BID \$3364 UNDER PRIVATE TENDER

Bids for the improvement of Woodward avenue, from Grand avenue to Milwaukie street were opened today at a meeting of the city council. The municipal paving plant was \$3364 under the bid of the Warren Construction company, which bid \$28,913.65 for the job. The municipal bid was \$25,549.65.

Woodward avenue, formerly known as Ellsworth street, is a main thoroughfare along which the Brooklyn avenue cars operate. Both bids specified asphalt concrete pavement.

Improvement of Greeley street, from Killingsworth avenue to Willamette boulevard, was bid on by three companies. Cochran Brothers being low at \$4994.55. The pavement is to be concrete.

Sewer bids for the Forty-second avenue southeast and Foster road sewer system were also opened. The Portland Realty & Trust company was low with \$3151.69. The bids ranged upwards to \$3814.55.

The largest sewer system for which bids were called for was the Twenty-sixth street and Nicolai street system, for which the Parker-Schram company bid \$22,759.60. This was the only bid offered.

Construction of a sewer in Forty-ninth street southeast from the Powell Valley road to the proposed south branch of the Rhine street sewer was bid on by nine contractors. Nehermarie & Co. was low with \$1505.30. The Church street sewer, from East Seventh street to Grand avenue, was bid on by 10 organizations. The Portland Realty & Trust company was low with \$1822.99.

HARDING IS FADING LIKE MIST IN EAST

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vigorous battle which Cox is leading against the confusion that obscures the mind of Harding regarding the League of Nations has caused a lot of trouble in the Republican camp and has not only forced the Republican managers to discard their previous support of a "slide" in the presidential campaign and to admit that "it is a fight," but has compelled them to rush reinforcements, financial, as well as otherwise, to their candidates for the senate in New Hampshire, Connecticut, Kentucky, Indiana, Utah, Missouri, Iowa, Colorado, Idaho and California.

The swing toward Governor Cox has also caused a mild panic regarding the state tickets in New York, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois and several of the less important states to which Republican aid has been sent.

SMITH VICTORY CONCEDED
In New York expert Republican judgment and the betting reflects a tremendous stride toward victory for Governor Smith. The Republican managers who are counting on a majority for Harding of from 300,000 to 450,000 in the Empire state, frankly concede an advantage to Smith over Miller, and in fact over Governor Cox.

One of the most conservative of the Republican managers estimates that Smith has 200,000 votes stronger than Cox, and will be elected if the Harding majority falls below that figure.

That which is true of New York also applies to other states in the Middle and Far West.

Here in New York and over in Boston and in Chicago and other large cities, where the vote susceptible to Irish influence is very large, the intense prejudice among them against the League of Nations seems to be evaporating. Two causes have contributed to the marked change of sentiment among these voters. One was clearly illustrated by the friendly reception with which eastern audiences addressed by Governor Cox received his pledge to put the full moral power of his administration back of the demand for the Irish right of self determination in the event of his election.

The cheers with which this announcement was received is regarded as a very hopeful sign by the Democratic managers.

THAT SACRILEGIOUS CARTOON
The other cause for Democratic optimism on this point is revealed by the storm of indignation which is sweeping the country over a cartoon published in the regular issue of Harvey's Weekly, and which is regarded as sacrilegious by voters of the Catholic and in fact of other Christian affiliations.

The cartoon, which was drawn by the official cartoonist of the Republican National committee, is regarded as highly offensive by communicants of all churches. Generally it distorts in a ribald way the lesson of the Immaculate Conception.

IT IS HARVEY'S CHILD
Colonel George Harvey, who has thrown his influence behind Harding, is credited with the inspiration of the offensive cartoon. The Democrats, who are making effective use of his contribution to the Republican cause, are inclined to hail his masterpiece with almost as much glee as the Democrats of that day greeted the slogan of "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" in the campaign of 1881, which turned an apparent certain Republican victory into a defeat.

A great many Irish-Americans have unquestionably modified their opposition to Cox because of the Republican break, as they call it. To what extent this interpretation of the cartoon will benefit Cox is an uncertainty, but it will surely win him thousands of votes.

HAYS RECOVERS WINDDOGS
The effect of the cartoon's "break" has been to set National Chairman Hays and the other members of the Republican board of control to guarding all avenues against similar indiscretions that may finally cause the defeat of Harding.

To offset the possible adverse influence of the Harvey "break," the Republican managers assert the Ohio style of campaign which, they say, the Democratic managers of that state are conducting against Mr. Harding, will drive many Democrats to his support.

Vague and unsubstantial charges affecting the Republican presidential candidate and designated to appeal to race prejudice in Ohio and other border states are being given wide circulation from mouth to mouth and through the dissemination of anonymous pamphlets and pictures obviously intended to prejudice voters against Harding, for reasons that are neither political, moral, nor in fact that impair his eligibility in any legal respect.

The Republican managers of Ohio have issued a warning to the Democratic managers of that state against the continuance of what they describe as "butter politics."

The national Democratic managers

have disclaimed any responsibility for the style of propaganda of which the Republicans complain, and have done everything in their power to discourage it. That these admonitions and warnings have failed to do so is pretty well established by its introduction into campaigns of other states.

The race problem is now an important factor in several states. The Republicans are depending upon it to win Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland and West Virginia and to cut down the normal Democratic majorities of the states in the Southern belt. The large concentration of colored voters in Ohio, Indiana and other Northern states, due to industrial demands for labor during the war, is certainly working to the advantage of the Republican managers, who are codding it to a degree unparalleled in the political history of the country.

MONEY FREELY USED

The Republicans have not been parsimonious in the use of money to "organize" this vote, and have been compelled to turn down demands from states where the race issue is not as important in order that the colored brother shall lack neither welcome nor profit, at least during the campaign.

The claims of the managers of both parties regarding the women vote are so indefinite as to disqualify their reason for asserting any party advantage in the distribution of it. There does seem to be more justification for the Democratic claim that a greater number of women favor the League of Nations than are opposed to it, consequently

by the Democratic hope depends largely on the accuracy of their predictions.

While the most spirited and entertaining features of the campaign in the eastern cities is being provided by the Socialists, the leaders of the two major parties agree that the vote for Debs will fall below the 4,000,000 claimed by the Socialist managers to about one half that number. The Socialist leaders predict they will poll 500,000 votes in the state, or about one sixth the total. The Republican and Democratic estimates concede "between 200,000 and 300,000."

Dudley Field Malone, the Farmer-Labor candidate for governor of New York, will probably not poll as many votes as seemed likely a week ago, though he will probably cut heavily into the Irish and radical labor vote which is normally with Tammany.

One reason for this is the eleventh hour flop of William Randolph Hearst to Smith. In New York and all the other Eastern states the national campaign has passed its peak. Most of the action is provided by state and local candidates. The most vigorous battle over the presidency is for the 36 electoral votes of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, West Virginia and Maryland, and it is in these states that the managers of the two parties are spilling oratory and spending most of their money.

School Teacher Dies

Centralia, Wash., Oct. 27.—Miss Ellen Swedburg, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Swedburg of Fords Prairie, died Tuesday. She had been teaching near Aberdeen.

DRY GOODS ARE CUT AT ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 27.—(U. P.)—Millions of dollars' worth of dry goods have been thrown on the market by St. Louis wholesalers at heavy reductions from the recent peak prices. These reductions are said to range as high as 50 per cent, in some cases. Twenty-five hundred buyers from all parts of the country have been attracted to St. Louis by the price cutting.

Medford Church to Honor Irish Patriot

Medford, Oct. 27.—Solemn high mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Nativity, Catholic, in this city Friday morning for the repose of the soul of Terrence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork. The announcement by Father John T. Powers, concludes: "He died in the cause of liberty, may he rest in peace."

Skeptics Specially Invited to Attend Red Cross Parley

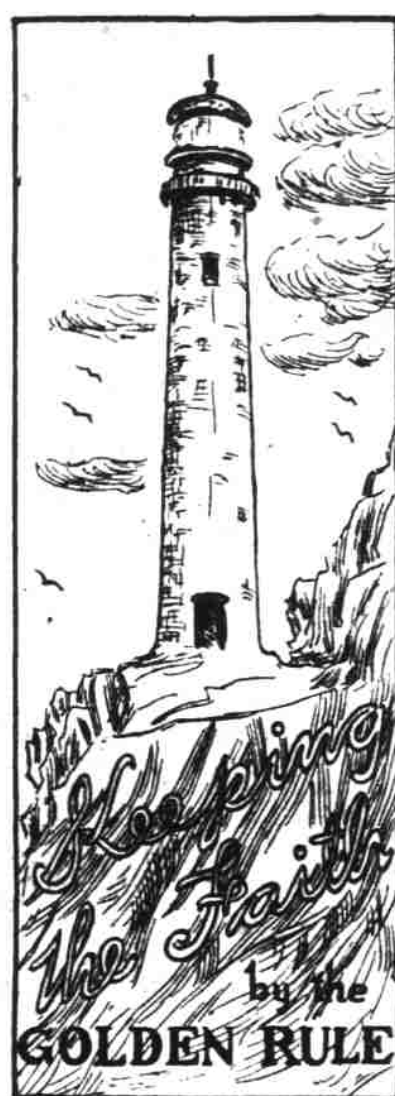
"If there are any people in Portland who do not believe that the American Red Cross fulfills a real need in the community, they should not fail to attend the annual meeting of Portland chapter at the green room of the Chamber of Commerce tonight," asserted Miss Grace Phelps, assistant to the president of Portland chapter, A. R. C., this morning, when her attention was called to the remarks of some prospective workers in the annual membership drive, to be held from Armistice day, November 11, to November 25.

"Reports will be given on all branches of the Red Cross work in Portland and vicinity and the magnitude of this work will surprise many. There are still many destitute service men and their families, cases in which government compensation is slow to materialize."

Hot Lake Arrivals

Hot Lake, Oct. 27.—Arrivals at Hot Lake sanatorium Sunday were: W. J. Ingling, Pocatello, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred McClain, Joseph; Mildredth Reith, La Grande; N. T. Conklin, Havre, Mont.; J. Walker, Pendleton; Fred Meddars, Portland.

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To the People of This Section:—

You may wonder—in the face of all "the evidence" I published yesterday—how it is possible for you to benefit or for me to do anything that will make it safe, easy and sane for you to buy your usual quota of clothing NOW, for fall and winter.

True, we could not, if we were not fortified financially and if we were merely looking at the matter selfishly and with the present season only in mind.

But we have looked into the future. We realize that prices should come down—that prices are coming down, not because costs have lowered, but because business in this country cannot resume normal volume and confidence until the adequate or normal buying power of the dollar has been restored.

The only way—the only quick, courageous way—the only way to reach the necessary level so we as well as our customers can feel terra firma again under our feet, is to take our medicine "all in one dose" and have it over with, by adopting the sound but daring and frightfully costly policy of standing

"A Loss Today for the Sake of Better Business Tomorrow"

This is not palatable doctrine to merchants who, like ourselves, are actually facing higher costs today than six months ago; but it is the irresistible logic of the situation, and only as it is generally faced and courageously met will the restoration of the economic equilibrium be hastened.

To recapitulate and now apply our Instrument in extracting the teeth of The System: Life was meant to be enjoyed; before we can enjoy it we must first help others to enjoy it.

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