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## STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION WILL INVESTIGATE SUBJECT OF BITULITHIC PAVING RIGHT

SALEM, Ore., July 8.—An investigation into the validity of the patents held by the Warren Construction company on bitulithic pavement was authorized by the state highway commission Thursday, and will be undertaken by State Highway Engineer Lewis and Attorney General Brown working in conjunction.

Engineer Lewis will make a searching investigation into the material facts necessary on which the attorney general will be asked to base an opinion.

**Recommended by Lewis.**  
This move was taken on recommendation of Engineer Lewis, before undertaking the laying of a stretch of a mile and a half of experimental pavement at Independence, using three types of pavement, two of which might conflict with the Warren patents and render the state liable to pay royalty or infringement proceedings unless it was determined beforehand that the patents will not hold good.

The board's decision to undertake the investigation was based on reports of the Seattle case, in which Warren Brothers enjoined that city, and on reports of other cases in which it is said bitulithic pavement has been laid without paying royalty to the Warren company.

**Warren Not First.**  
The allegations in the Seattle an-

swer to Warren Brothers' complaint were in substance that Frederick Warren, who was granted the basic patent in May, 1902, was not the first inventor, that the same mixture had been used more than two years previous to the granting of the patent, that the mixture had been previously patented by other parties and that it had been described in detail in a large list of publications, which are appended to the Seattle answer. The document also names many cities in which the pavement is said to have been used previously.

Attorney General Brown declared it to be the biggest subject that had ever been passed up to him for an opinion.

**Question Vital Now.**  
State Engineer Lewis said it was of vital importance to the road building plans of the state to have the matter settled as soon as possible, especially in view of the fact that the government now proposes to apportion \$150,000,000 among the various states for road work of which Oregon will get \$1,221,750.

The experimental pavement which he proposes to lay at Independence will be a mile and a half long with a half mile each of bitulithic, asphaltic concrete, and of bitulithic with a half inch top of asphaltic concrete. Opinions will be asked from the attorney general on all three types.

## HERMISTON FLORAL SHOW PROVES TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL

### PROJECT TOWN CHEERED BY NEWS OF BILL TO ENLARGE FEED CANAL

(East Oregonian Special.)

HERMISTON, July 8.—The Civic club rooms presented a lovely appearance Thursday with their masses of beautiful flowers when Hermiston gave her first flower show. The affair was under the auspices of the Civic club with Mrs. F. R. Beeve, chairman of the committee in charge. This committee is to be highly commended for its work in making this affair the success it was. It is hoped to make this a semi-annual event, giving the other show in the fall.

There were over one hundred entries in this exhibition, represented by 27 individuals. J. Peimider and Otto Heintz, both experienced nurserymen, acted as judges in awarding the ribbons. Prize winners were as follows: Single Rose—Mrs. S. L. Carson (Caroline Testout); Mrs. Geo. Crossy (Sunburst). Best six or more one variety—Mrs. S. L. Carson; Mrs. Humphrey. Best twelve or more mixed—Mrs. M. D. Serenge; Mrs. Geo. Crossy. Cosmos—Mrs. W. T. Sellers; Arlene Kennedy.

- Panicles—Mrs. R. A. Stewart; Arlene Kennedy.
- Pinks—Mrs. Henry Ott; Mrs. W. T. Sellers.
- Sweet Peas—Mrs. Walter Loyd; Miss Golda Mumma.
- Perennial Peas—Mrs. W. A. Leathers; Mrs. F. C. McKenzie.
- Nasturtiums—Arlene Kennedy; Mrs. C. A. Bushnell.
- Shasta Daisies—Mrs. Earl Phelps; Mrs. B. F. Strohm.
- Hollyhocks—Mrs. B. F. Strohm; Mrs. W. T. Sellers.
- Candy Tuft—Mrs. B. F. Strohm; Mrs. W. T. Sellers.
- Snappdragons—Mrs. Earl Phelps; Mrs. Wm. Jackson.

Vases of individual flowers, any variety—Mrs. R. M. Hood (White Poppy); Ernest Hensley (poretum).

Mixed bouquets—Mrs. Geo. Holland; Mrs. R. M. Hood.

Word has been received that the appropriation bill for enlarging the government feed canal has passed the senate. This bill passed the house some ten days ago, and the contract was given to the Newport Land & Construction Co. of this city with the provision that it pass the signature of contract calls for the expenditure of \$25,000 in making the canal six feet wider than it now is. The Newport Land & Construction company have just recently purchased a large steam shovel that will be used on this work, and will have two expert shovel men on the job.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hisey of Garfield, Wash., who have been visiting for a few days with Mr. Hisey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hisey, left

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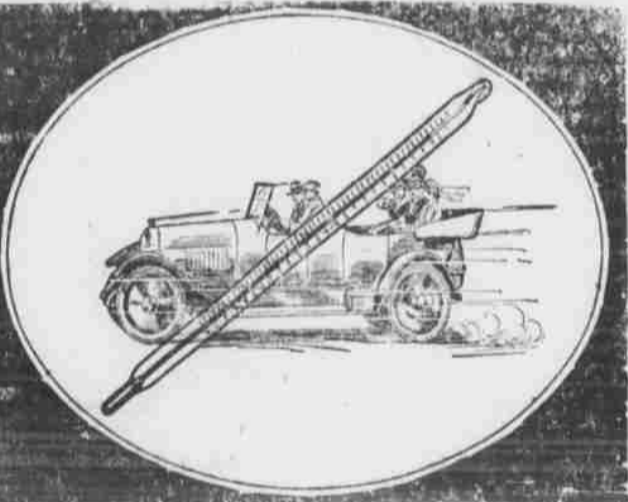
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It is rare indeed that Cecil B. De Mille, director general of the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Company, producers for the Paramount Program, finds enough time away from his duties as director to have his photograph taken while sitting behind his desk. It was Mr. De Mille who taught Geraldine Farrar how to act before the motion picture camera, and he has also initiated other well known stars and artists such as Charlotte Walker, Mae Murray, Lou Tellegen, Edith Wynne Matheson, Rita Jolivet, Edgar Selwyn and many others.

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