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PAVING

What is there about the business of paving that causes so much dissension, such antagonism? Men may differ on politics, on religion, on fishing tackle, on automobiles, or on almost any other subject and each respects the other's views as honest opinion. When the subject is paving, however, motives are impugned, judgment is doubted and the man who thinks one sort of paving may be poor is immediately charged with being in alliance with some other paving interest. In paving matters, apparently, differences of opinion and honest judgment may not exist. There are only black and white with no neutral shades between.

We are led to these remarks by the present flare-up over the matter of paving here in Bend. Councilman Gilbert reported that a Willite job in California had proved unsatisfactory and at once there was a suggestion of ulterior motives on somebody's part. The Bulletin gave the news of a council meeting at which reports were made that the Shevlin-Hixon Willite paving was in bad shape and yesterday a Shevlin-Hixon official asked at The Bulletin office for "the Warrenite representative" and wanted to know why both sides of the yard paving story had not been told. Previously The Bulletin had been charged with having made "periodical attacks" on Willite.

Now The Bulletin is not the representative of any paving interest, Willite, Warrenite or any other. As a newspaper doing its best to serve its community it is interested in the general matter of paving from two viewpoints. It wishes to present the news of the paving activity and controversy as it happens and so far has endeavored to do so. If any think it has suppressed paving news or colored that which it has printed the columns of the paper are open to them to point out the fact and tell the story as they see it. In addition to printing the news we have ventured from time to time to mention the subject editorially and discuss various angles as they appeared to us. There only has opinion been expressed and there only will be found such "attacks" as we have made on Willite. As a matter of fact there have been none.

The point is, as we have said before, we do not pretend to know about paving. We repeat that, as to Willite, our judgment is suspended. We hold no brief for any other paving. All we know is that the Willite in the Shevlin-Hixon yard is reported to be in bad condition and that one of the leading highway engineers of the state has advised in favor of more than a two-inch pavement. We know also that the city has contracted with the Willite company to pave a number of streets.

Since this contract was entered into on the petition of a majority of the property owners affected and since the obligation is really theirs and not the city's, the city being merely a go-between for the purpose, we do not know that the council should worry about the matter. If any are fearful that Willite will not stand up it should be the property owners who asked for the improvement. The chief duty of the council is to see that this improvement business is not carried so far as to make the city have to pay for it, as will be the case apparently with some of the improvements made last summer.

Coming back to our opening question, we suppose the answer is that the paving companies have gone so far in bribery and underhand methods to gain their ends that suspicion is directed against them all and from them to those who support them. It is unfortunate that a town as united as Bend can be on a matter for its own benefit cannot work out this paving business without getting tagged with the stick that has made trouble elsewhere. Rebates, special prices or inside privileges should not



The Prison

We have to punish those who fail to walk the narrow way, for law and order must prevail, or there's the deuce to pay; and so we put lewd men in jail, for stealing bales of hay. And we've been jailing sinful guys through all the bitter years since Adam brushed the pesky flies from off his brindled-steers; and often, often, doubts must rise if wisdom here appears. We've jailed such multitudes of men, for long or shorter spells, we've sent so many to the pen and locked them in their cells; if jails improved the world, why, then, it should be wearing bells. And every time we jail a skate for swiping bales of hay, we let some greater reprobate unshackled go his way, to bear his plunder in a crate, or haul it in a dray. The prison is a beastly place that reeks of nameless grime, and he is far from heaven's grace, who's in it, doing time, and bitter lines are on his face, and in his heart is crime. Revenge on those who put him there, is what he thinks of most, the jurist in his padded chair, the stall-fed legal host; his soul is cankered in despair, and justice seems a ghost. Some day the old world must invest a better kind of pen that will not make the erring gent go forth to sin again; for prison is a punishment for beasts, and not for men.

enter here. For all new contracts let us get the best paving we can afford. That that is now contracted had better be gone ahead with unless those who asked for it have changed their minds and can obtain cancellation of the contract. In that case let's start fresh and get what will satisfy.

GIGANTIC TASK IS FACED BY BELGIUM

Satisfactory reconstruction Results Already Shown By Little Nation in Repairing War Damage.

By R. H. Sheffield.
 (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 22.—Centuries of spade and pioneer labor, performed by millions of tillers of the soil throughout the ages, had made of Flanders in 1914 one of the richest agricultural provinces in the world. In four years of war the result of all those centuries of labor was annihilated. The wiping out of such an extensive region, with all its vast agricultural resources, was unprecedented in history.

The centers of the war zone here were Ypres, Furnes, Dixmude, Ostend and Courtrai. The districts of Ypres and Furnes, the richest agricultural lands, contained 215,000 acres, sixty-eight villages, three towns and an agricultural population of over 90,000. Of the land, 150,000 acres were arable and 55,000 pasture. The number of farms was 24,000, of horses 6070, of horned cattle 47,000, and of pigs 42,000. Annual crops gathered comprised an average of 437,000 sacks of wheat, barley and oats, 1,000,000 kilos (say 1000 tons) of tobacco, 12,000 tons of potatoes, and a considerable quantity of hops.

Of all this wealth, nothing remained at the armistice. Farmhouses were either destroyed or in ruins; villages were razed; the cattle had been slaughtered; the farmers and their hands had fled; barren, inundated ground was all that remained.

Pre-war values of this destroyed property may be estimated at \$51,000,000. That does not sound much if you say it quick enough, but for anaemic Belgium it meant a lot! To put things right today, however, is going to cost several times \$51,000,000. Wages and raw materials have, on the whole, more than trebled, and estimates that put the restoration of agriculture alone, without any reconstruction of villages, etc., at close on \$200,000,000 show the extent of the work of reconstruction to which Belgium has set her hand, and in which she has achieved such satisfactory results in the past twelvemonth.

Book as Granaries.
 ... Books are the great civilizers of the race, the storehouses of knowledge, the granaries of intellectual food. Therefore to designate in all candor which books of those that are made are, indeed, public pabulum, and which are straw; carefully and conscientiously to examine and explain, one man for the million, the publications which are conducive or detrimental, in whole or in part, to learning and progress, is one of the most important and noblest works in which man can be engaged, while to prostitute the powers requisite for such a position is one of the basest.—Hubert Howe Bancroft

LOAN COMPANY HEADS GUESTS

OFFICIALS PLEASED WITH BEND SCENERY AND BUILDINGS, BUT NOT WITH STREETS—CITY IS GIVEN HIGH RATING.

Officials of the Pacific Building & Loan association, including W. H. Reid, president; Dr. B. E. Lemley, first vice president; A. O'Neil, second vice president; and D. M. Baker, state agent; were guests at a dinner at the rooms of the Emblem club at 6 o'clock last night. Some 50 members of the club who were present heard short talks made by the guests following dinner.

Mr. Reid stated that he was highly pleased with the showing being made by their agent here and declared that as soon as building conditions permit the company would be entirely willing to loan money in any amount here. Bend is considered one of the best cities in the state, both in a business and financial way, he said.

Mr. Baker was so well pleased with the reports he has received of the country adjacent to Bend that he instructed J. B. Miner to forward papers for an 80-acre tract 10 miles south of Bend to Tacoma, saying that he would return papers on a business block in Readsport to Mr. Miner, they having agreed upon an exchange of the two properties.

This exchange will be made without Mr. Baker having seen the property here. Mr. Miner was also asked to select three other 80-acre tracts for clients of the company in Tacoma.

Dr. Lemley spoke of the wonderful scenery here, stating that although he had traveled extensively he had never seen anything more beautiful than the view of the surrounding country which he had obtained from the steps of the Emblem club building.

Due to the late arrival of the train yesterday the visitors were unable to see as much of the city as they had planned on doing, but they visited The Shevlin-Hixon Company mill and after an examination of the various departments remarked that they had considered the plants at Tacoma to have been first-class, but realized now that they had seen a "real mill."

Compliments were freely paid by various members of the party in respect to the high class of dwelling houses here, but disappointment was shown regarding the condition of the streets.

Why, of Course.
 Pop Moore, relates Louie, believes in telling children the truth, and when his youngster heard him read the weather prediction and inquired how the weather man knew, Pop laid aside his paper and explained the best he could. He told of the charts, the instruments, the telegraphic reports, etc. "And that's how he finds out the weather for tomorrow," he finished. The kid listened intently, sat thoughtful for a few minutes, and then earnestly inquired: "And then does he tell God?"

SALARY RAISE FOR ATTORNEYS MEETS DEFEAT

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It has already done in the past. By an almost unanimous vote the senate approved a bill increasing the salary of the state insurance commissioner from \$3000 to \$4000 a year. The anti-Japanese bill was killed in the senate by indefinite postponement.

The influence that caused this action was largely from a telegram received from United States Senator McNary relative to Japanese legislation and stating that it is the wish of the government that the hands of the state be kept off until such time as congress has the opportunity to consider the Japanese legislation.

Senator Strayer said that the federal government had been attempting to adjust its relations with Japan for the last four years and if the situation could be relieved in a diplomatic way it might avert another war.

FRIDAY AGREED ON FOR DECIDING GAME

Bend and Prineville Teams to Meet in Local Gymnasium to Settle Central Oregon Championship.

Arrangement for the final contest which will decide the 1921 Central Oregon basketball championship have been completed and the postponed contest between Bend and Prineville, the two leading teams, is announced to be played at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening in the Bend gymnasium. In the previous Bend-Prineville game, played in the Crook county seat, Coach Horton's players were defeated by a scant margin.

How Many Colors for a Section?
 Not long ago a train started out of Grand Central in two sections. After running a few miles the first section lost time, and the second, running ahead, was ordered to put up green signals and run as first section. As this train approached the next tower the dispatcher asked the signalman if the engine man had put up signals. The signalman replied, by telephone, "Yes, he just put up the green and blew."—New York Central Magazine.

Resemblance.
 The average man resembles a whale; he no sooner gets on top than he begins to blow.—Boston Transcript.

"Friends, the taxes are indeed very heavy, and if those laid on by the government were the only ones we had to pay we might more easily discharge them; but we have many others, and much more grievous to some of us. We are taxed twice as much by our idleness, three times as much by our pride, and four times as much by our folly; and from these taxes the commissioners cannot ease or deliver us by allowing an abatement."—Benjamin Franklin.

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"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

--Washington

The foregoing quotation is equally true in private life. To be prepared for the future is an effectual means of keeping the present home surroundings intact and the wolf from the door of your loved ones after you are gone.

If you have not already done so, decide today to prepare for whatever the future may have in store.

Start a Savings Account to which we will add 4 per cent interest at regular intervals. It gives you and your family something to fall back on when in need. Heed Washington's advice and be prepared.

Central Oregon Bank