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IT CAN BE DONE.

Three Letters Proving that Macadam Can be Cleaned.

Mr. F. H. Morrison and others interested in good road building have all along contended that it was possible with the right kind of a machine to clean the mud from our macadam streets, and keep them all year in as good a condition for travel as they are during the dry weather. This is the only thing that has kept our macadam streets from being the equal in every respect of hard pavements, and if the mud can be removed, Dallas has today as good streets as any city, and at less than half the cost. The Itemizer has worked continuously for hard surface pavement, because we believed that on no other could the work of cleaning be so successfully accomplished. Mr. Morrison has lately taken the trouble to write to three different mayors in towns of the east where he knew the flexible macadam cleaner was being operated, and we append in full the replies he received from each, showing conclusively that the work is done satisfactorily in every way.

Dover, N. J., Jan. 31, 1911. Mr. F. H. Morrison, Dallas, Oregon.

Dear Sir:
Your letter of January 20th addressed to the mayor of the town of Dover, has been handed me as Chairman of the street committee of said town to answer your inquiry concerning the Flexible Road and Pavement Scraper purchased by the town, on my recommendation, from Mr. Kane last year, and would say that it is giving us entire satisfaction.

I want to explain what we use it for exclusively. We have one street through the main section of the town that is two miles long, and for a distance of one mile there are two trolley tracks in the center of the street. This street has been macadamized with the best trap rock that we can purchase in this section of the state.

The traffic is very heavy on it, and this neck soon grinds out, and we purchased the scraper to enable us to take this mud off the street from time to time as occasion requires, and I don't think that there is anything else that will do it as well as this Flexible Scraper, as you can drive it right over the crossings and trolley tracks and you can get it just as clean as you want it.

In conclusion would say that we are very much pleased with it, and would not sell it under any consideration if I could not get another one like it.

Yours very truly,
D. A. NUMBER.

City of Kingston, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1911. Mr. F. H. Morrison, Dallas, Oregon.

Dear Sir:
Your inquiry of January 21st, addressed to the Honorable Mayor Irwin, who referred the matter of Charles E. Kane Flexible Road and Pavement Scraper to the undersigned would say the scraper is good in every respect and does the work in a satisfactory manner. I am pleased to say that our Kane scraper a severe test the past summer in grading roads before rolling and have no fault to find whatever.

Very respectfully,
JAS. V. SIMPSON,
Supt. of Streets.

Ronoke, Va., Jan. 27, 1911. Mr. F. H. Morrison, Dallas, Oregon.

Dear Sir:
Replying to yours of the 26th inquiring about the Flexible Road and Pavement Scraper, manufactured by Chas. E. Kane, of New York, I will state that we have the machine. It gives entire satisfaction, and our engineering department is very much pleased with it and believe it to be the best in existence.

Yours very truly,
JOEL H. CUTCHEIN,
Mayor.

Market Looks Good.

The Oregon mohair market will open in about a month. In the East prices are on a firm basis as there is a good demand and practically no offerings. The local market is quoted nominally at 30 cents, the price at which the market closed last spring, although a little fall clip was sold at 25 cents. The goats have wintered well in the valley and the clip of hair is expected to be about the same size as last spring.

Polk County's First Publication.

According to the Oregonian's historical writer the first paper to be published within the confines of Polk county was the Religious Expositor, which came out at Eola some time prior to 1856, when it was moved to Corvallis.

Do Not Understand.

The Itemizer has received a number of letters purporting to answer its query of last week regarding the direction a vessel will be traveling in coming through the new canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, but none of them are right. We asked for the direction while in the canal, nothing else, and the first boy of girl that gives it right, and the reason, gets \$1.

BECOMING A STAPLE.

Polk County Raked for Goat Meat for Portland Epicures.

The goat has at last worked his way from the front rank as an article of diet is now firmly established, and it is becoming hard for the procurers to satisfy the demand which comes from the metropolis for this kind of flesh. Mr. George S. Billings was in our office the other day, and informs us that he has raked Polk county dry for marketable goats for eating purposes. He intends next week to take in the Alsea country and see if he can find some good chance for eating over there, where the provender afforded has probably kept the animals in good flesh all winter. Since the first of November Mr. Billings has shipped some 500 head from Polk to the Portland markets, all in first class condition and good meat. He sends them to market dressed, and has received all the way from 31-2 to 51-2 cents a pound, buying them on the hoof for from \$1.50 to \$2, which is about as much as he can get for a live one. He also has good call for the hides, providing the goats are large enough. They are wanted for manufacture into chaps, but for that purpose must be at least 42 inches in length. He says the buying of goats for food has done much to stimulate the industry in this section, and that where owners have for several years been allowing their nannies to lie fallow, they are now breeding, and the supply next year will probably again be up to the standard. At even \$1 a head there is good money in the goat raising business, as the cost of raising is inconsequential, and they are clearing off your brush land while getting ready for market.

AT THE GRAND.

Next Sunday Afternoon. Company H Benefit Show.

Next Sunday afternoon at the Grand theater, a benefit performance will be given for Company H, O. N. G. Mr. Wing manager of the popular new show-house, and Mr. Larsen, proprietor of the same, have taken quite an interest in Company H, and are taking this method of helping the boys along. All the proceeds of the show go to the local company, and a good crowd is expected to turn out and thus aid the home boys.

Pictures appropriate to the day will be shown. Besides this, Wilbur Ross will sing an illustrated song also appropriate to the day. In addition to this Sergt. P. S. Greenwood and Pri. W. E. Keyzer, of Company H, will appear in a song and camp scene. Arrangements have been made to get proper lighting for the camp scene, and it will be worth the price of admission itself. Nothing whatever will be shown that would not suit the most refined taste.

Last Sunday, at a like benefit performance, some excellent pictures were shown, including "The Resurrection of Lazarus," a beautiful picture, and a lesson in itself. Pictures equally as appropriate to the day will be shown next Sunday afternoon. The doors will open at 2:15 p. m., the first performance commencing at 2:30 p. m. The small hand-bills setting out the whole performance will be out the latter part of the week—probably by tomorrow. Watch for them. The show last Sunday was very liberally patronized, and the boys of Company H realized a handsome profit out of the thing. Next Sunday, there will be additional features that will be more pleasing to the audience even than the last Sunday's show. The usual price of admission will be charged.

PROGRAM OF SERVICES

Of Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday, February 12, 1911.
9:45 a. m., Sunday School.
11 a. m., Address by the pastor: "Abraham Lincoln."
2:30 p. m., Junior League.
6:30 p. m., Epworth League.
7:30 p. m., Sermon by the pastor: "Refreshing from the Lord."
The midweek service is held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday each week, beginning February 19th Special Revival Services will be held every evening at 7:30.
A cordial invitation extended to one and all.

GEO. F. HOPKINS,
Pastor.

RAIL ROAD BRIDGE.

S. F. C. & W. R. R. will go Across the Willamette.

The directors of the Salem, Falls City & Western railway have decided to expend \$100,000 for a steel and concrete bridge across the Willamette river from West Salem to Salem proper, if the state legislature will grant a franchise. Application for a franchise has been presented to the legislature. A franchise is also being sought from the city of Salem to operate the trains of the road to a close connection with the Oregon Electric and the Southern Pacific tracks.

Granting of these franchises would result in elimination of the objectionable transfer of both passengers and freight between the depots at Salem and West Salem, a distance of half a mile across the river. Especially during the rainy season is this transfer annoying to the traveling public.

The Salem, Falls City & Western Railway operates a standard gauge, heavily constructed road between West Salem and Black Rock, in the very heart of the Coast Range of mountains, by way of Dallas, the heart of Polk county, a distance of 27 miles, running steam freight trains and gasoline motor 70 foot passenger cars. By making direct connections at Salem the running time over the Oregon Electric and the Falls City line will be reduced to two hours and 45 minutes between Portland and Black Rock, or two hours and 15 minutes between Portland and Dallas. By connecting with the Southern Pacific the time will also be reduced considerably.

The line is the only railroad owned entirely in this state, the stock and bond holders being one Salem man and three Portland capitalists. Louis Gerlinger, of Portland, is president, and Mr. Gerlinger recently confirmed the report that the company was planning the extensive improvement.

The proposed bridge will be 800 feet in length.—Journal.

Stands on Right Platform.

Springfield, Or., Feb. 4, 1911. Hon. V. P. Fiske, Dallas, Oregon.

Dear Sir:
Please find enclosed \$1.50 for the Itemizer for one year, to be sent to Mr. N. S. Burch at Springfield, Oregon. I suppose the subscription has expired, as the Itemizer has not come for two weeks. Send back numbers if possible.

The Itemizer is a grand old paper that is printed in the heart of the Willamette Valley and its many correspondents are very good. The Itemizer is a paper that we are all proud of—a paper that stands for the man, and also stands on the platform of things that are being proved to this generation every day. Yours truly,
LINN M. NESMITH.

Presents Compliments.

Monmouth, Or., Feb. 3, 1911. Editor Fiske:
Will you present to Elder Myers my compliments, and refer him to Ezekiel, 36th chapter, verses 22 to 26, inclusive.
WM. H. ROBERTSON.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK.

G A Woods, Dallas.
Eleanor F Butler, Falls City.
Geo W McBe, Dallas.
F B Van Nortwick, Dallas.
L E Viers, Chicago, Ill.
Ralph O Dodson, Monmouth.
Geo S Billings, Dallas.
John Wheeler, Massena, N. Y.
F S Fountain, Nashville, Tenn.
F S Carpenter, Windsor, Wis.
Pat Tatom, Preston, Okla.
J W Magnis, Dallas.
H S Stone, Salem.
Alfred M Olson, Brawley, Cal.
C E Sellers, Dallas.

LETTER LIST.

The following letters were left unopened in the Dallas post-office Tuesday:
Mr J P Energham.
Mr Horace Chaney.
Mr Peter Geogeg.
E M B.
C H Hale.
Miss Sadie Knipper.
Mr C H Leache.
Mrs E C Nelson.
Mrs Henry Nelson.
Mr Jack J Schmit.
Mrs H C Scott.
Earl Strickland.
Mrs Will Yalden.
C. G. Coad,
Postmaster.

OPEN IN SEPTEMBER.

Regents Name 18th as the Day of Opening.

To prepare for the first semester of the Oregon State normal school, which is to begin September 18, 1911, the state board of normal school regents met in the governor's office yesterday afternoon. The members of the board present were Governor Oswald West, Superintendent of Instruction L. R. Alderman, Miss Cornelia Marvin, secretary of the state library commission; E. Hofer of Salem, Henry J. Maier of Oregon City and Stephen Jewell of Roseburg.

J. H. Ackerman, president of the normal school, was authorized to have printed 2000 provisional catalogues setting forth the proposed scope of the new institution. President Ackerman was also given a leave of absence for 30 days during March and April to visit normal schools of other states. He will defray his own expenses.

A landscape gardener is to be employed to plan the location of future buildings and the arrangement and decoration of the grounds. Needed repairs to buildings and improvements to the grounds are to be made in time for the opening of school. A committee is authorized to prepare a course of study covering the following:

- 1—A standard normal course.
- 2—A course which is practically to end with the completion of high school, and is to be known as the elementary course.
- 3—A course especially designed to meet the needs of the rural schools, to be known as the rural school course.
- 4—A course designed to meet the needs of those who are fitting themselves for supervisory work, to be known as the supervisors' course.

The board fixed the minimum entrance requirement at the completion of the ninth grade or its equivalent. The board also by resolution approved senate bill No. 101, which has passed both houses, providing uniform requirements for the issuance of state certificates; also senate bill No. 123, which requires the board of normal school regents to reimburse students for the traveling expenses to and from the normal school when they come more than 100 miles to the school and have had 16 months' teaching experience, subsequent to the trips for which the expenses were incurred. This is to encourage graduates and others who attend the school to teach after they have finished the course and at the same time to assist those who live remote from the school.

MORE INDICATIONS.

Cephas Nelson has to Abandon 81-foot Well of Water.

Mr. Cephas Nelson, who resides 31-2 miles south of town, phones us this week that he has Henry Campbell skinned considerably, as far as surface indications of oil are concerned. Not long ago he had a well bored on his place to a depth of 81 feet, expecting to get plenty of water for all purposes. He got the water all right, but at that depth it became so impregnated with oil that it had to be abandoned. The oil was found in a gray shale and is, we believe, a record breaker for finding oil so close to the surface. Oil sands were plentiful at this depth, an also unprecedented happening for this section.

STILL OLD POLK.

Native Son Acquires Fame of Large Family.

With a family of eight children, City Auditor A. L. Barbor and his wife reside at 874 Franklin street. All the family are native born Oregonians. Mr. Barbor being born in Polk county, while Mrs. Barbor and the five boys and three girls were born in this city. The two oldest boys, Herbert and Harold, are twins. Mr. and Mrs. Barbor are very proud of their large and happy family. "If all the native sons of Oregon had done as well toward getting a family as myself, the census of Oregon would have shown a much larger population last year," said Mr. Barbor yesterday. "It is true that it costs considerable to raise a large family, but we have always succeeded in having plenty and in giving the youngsters a good education."—Portland Journal.

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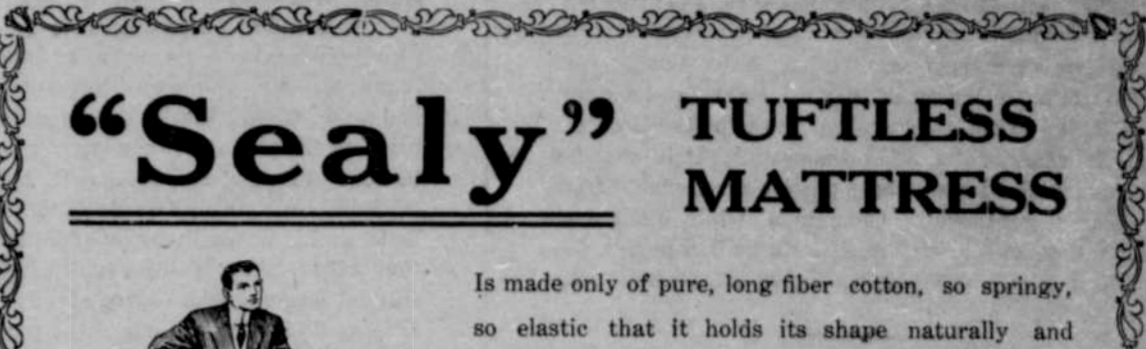
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