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COST OF ROAD BUILDING

Villages and counties contemplating road building should get in touch with the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture, if they would save tax payers from exploitation at the hands of unconscionable contractors. It appears from information at hand, there has been a sudden and heavy decrease in cost of road building material. Figures given cover a wide stretch of territory, embracing practically all parts of the United States. They run in brief as follows: earth excavation, common, 33 cents per cubic yard; rock excavation, \$1.28 per cubic yard; gravel, \$1.44 per cubic yard; sand clay, 45 cents per cubic yard; crushed stone, \$3.42 per cubic yard. Structural concrete of various classes ranges from \$14 to \$21.20 a cubic yard. For surfacing, the following are the figures by the square yard: gravel 40 cents; surface treated macadam 50 cents; bituminous macadam \$1.06; bituminous concrete, \$1.97; plain cement concrete, \$2.17; reinforced cement concrete, \$2.54. Cement has been furnished by the following states at prices given by the barrel: New York, \$1.73; Wisconsin \$1.94; Arkansas, \$2.70. For the most part village boards are supremely ignorant in matters of road building as might be expected, but they can operate along business lines. Some of them may be able now to take advantage of their college courses which, if they taught anything, showed the lanes down which to travel quickly to obtain accurate information. If our village fathers have never seen a college, then a little horse sense will guide them along lines that will save the public a great deal of money. Road building is going on in every state of the nation and the more we have of it the better, but the poor old browbeaten taxpayer ought to be considered once in a while, and road contractors can scarcely be regarded as special pleaders for the preservation of the public purse.

THE RAILROAD OWNED PRESS

The Jacksonville, Florida, Journal has openly raised the question as to the right of a public service corporation to own a newspaper. "The newspaper that is owned by any public utility corporation is not a free press," says the Journal. "It cannot represent the people, it represents the special privilege it is owned to foster." Presumably the question is being agitated because of the growing grip of the railroads on the newspapers of the South. That the railroad owned newspapers are a dangerous influence in any community, there seems to be no doubt. It is quite out of the question for newspapers owned by the railroads to present to the public fair and impartial facts and editorial opinion on such vital questions as freight rates for example, yet upon an intelligent understanding of the freight rate situation on the part of the public depends the prosperity of the great farming population that feeds the nation and the cost of living for the public that must depend on the tiller of the soil. There are thousands of newspaper readers in the cities who never know the ownership of the

publications they look to for information. The editors are unknown to them. The city newspaper publishers and their readers have not that close contact that exists between the publisher of a weekly paper and his readers. Of course, the natural assumption is that the newspaper is the friend of the public, the national policeman watching the interest of the people, and so people are turned into an army of Little Red Riding Hoods and led to destruction by the railroad wolf without ever a suspicion of danger. It would be a beneficial service if legislation were enacted prohibiting the ownership of newspapers by public service corporations, and it is quite within range of possibility that this much to be desired restriction can be brought about if the country press unites in insisting upon it. Reputable newspaper publishers have a right to protect the honor of their profession. The integrity of the whole press suffers in reputation from this handful of prostituted publications whose policies of lunacy and deception are shaped by public service corporations whose sole aim is to diarn and exploit the people.

The editor of the Mirror has been asked to announce that the trustees of Gooding College have awarded a fifty dollar scholarship to the honor graduate of the local high school for the year beginning Sept. 11, 1922.

In addition to being a good student the applicant must have the unqualified endorsement of the superintendent or principal under whom he did his work and submit a complete record of his studies and student activities. In order to hold the scholarship he must live clean, maintain his record as a student and uphold the ideals of the college.

Though organized less than five years ago, Gooding College had an enrollment of 173 this past year, took first place in inter-collegiate track meet and in the oratorical contest of Southern Idaho and graduated six students with the bachelor's degree. In addition to a full liberal arts course, it offers freshmen and sophomore work, the same as is given in the best colleges and state universities to those intending to major in engineering, medicine, law, agriculture and similar subjects.

SOLID GOLD THREE MILES DEEP

If the earth were solid gold for 3 miles down, and George Jones owned it all, he would have to pay every ounce to H. B. Stewart to satisfy a recent court decision in San Jose, California.

Howard Coleman, Spokane, mathematician "shark" at Washington state college, was given the problem of figuring out how much the court awarded in its judgment for recovery in full on a \$100 note at 10 per cent monthly, compounded monthly, which Jones allowed to run for 43 years and then refused to pay.

The cash value of that three miles of gold is \$228,356,910,994,764,397,595,761 exactly, says Coleman. There is not that much money in the world.

ASSESSED VALUATION HERE WILL BE SLIGHTLY LOWER

Umatilla county's assessed valuation will be slightly lower this year in the opinion of County Assessor, R. O. Hawks, who reports to the Tribune that all returns are in, save the districts of Pilot Rock, Echo and two divisions of Milton. Last year the assessed valuation of Umatilla county was \$58,237,657.97, the highest it has ever been.

"We are doing little changing in the valuations this year with the exception of equalizing where there is evidence of change or error, and giving a slight cut in assessed valuation to the wheat lands which cannot be of so high a valuation as when wheat commanded a better price," Assessor Hawks declared.

"The low or high assessment is immaterial except for the determining of this county's share of the public utilities assessment, but what is material is that an equal assessment be made," said Hawks. "We could cut everybody's assessed valuation but that would not reduce taxation."

Have you a desire to live to a ripe old age? It is possible to prolong your life by eating a chunk of garlic every day. That is, provided your friends do not take the law into their own hands and bury you without waiting for the slight formality of death.

ROMNEY PHILOSOPHY FOR 1922

It ain't always necessary to use figures to use arithmetic. Here's a young man all dressed up and no where to go. Add temptation, weakness of character, desire for ease, opportunity for theft, assurance of security, fright at discovery, and the sum total is a murderer. Wipe the whole business off the blackboard in the electric chair and what have you left?—nothing. If jails were schools you could teach subtraction and maybe get the sum total back to the young fellow all by himself and then by addition produce a healthy, beneficial citizen worth money to the state and helpful to other young fools. Maybe schools are better than jails. What do you think?

HERMISTON EDITOR QUITS HERALD FOR LARGER FIELD

Bernard Mainwaring, who came to Hermiston scarcely more than a year ago, as editor and manager of the Herald, has purchased the Milton Eagle and has taken up his duties in Milton. Mr. Mainwaring made a good editor for the Hermiston people, but seeks a larger field and one where he has entire charge, being young and ambitious, and fully qualified to run the whole works. We wish him luck among the prairie pickers of the east end and we vouch for his ability to give Milton a good paper.



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WHY BOARDMAN?

Because the

Climate is Good,

People are

Sociable
Intelligent
Enterprising

Town is New and Growing

Location Well Chosen

Half way between The Dalles and Pendleton
On O-W Railroad
On Columbia River

Soil Will Raise Anything

Water for Irrigation from West Extension of Umatilla Project

McKay Creek Dam

Will be built, assuring more acreage under water.

Boardman is a New Town But Not a Boom Town

Write Secretary of Commercial Club