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THIEVING MONOPOLY

Paving Graft May Stir Entire State.—Revelations Come in Hillsboro Court.

Hillsboro, Or., July 31.—Charges that the big paving companies of Portland are bound together in a monopolistic agreement, whereby they fix all prices for hard-surface paving in an arbitrary manner, and apportion not only the territory of Portland but the entire state of Oregon, are pending in the Circuit Court here, before Judge J. U. Campbell, and sensational developments are expected.

At Forest Grove the case was started when T. H. Littlehales enjoined the town from letting the contract for paving Second avenue. The ordinances of Forest Grove require a remonstrance by two-thirds of the owners to defeat a paving project. Three streets had been included in the paving plan, First Avenue, Second Avenue and College way. Remonstrances were filed, but the complainants in the pending case declare that the council threw out enough names to override the remonstrances, and had let contracts for First Avenue and College Way before the court acted. But on Second Avenue a restraining order was issued against the mayor, council, recorder and other officials. In presenting to the court the grounds for the injunction, the sweeping charges have been made.

Elwood Wiles and Attorney R. W. Montague, for the Warren interests, are attending the trial. In presenting the charges of fraud being practiced on the public by the paving combine, the names of the following companies are given as parties to an ironclad agreement. Warren Bros. Co., Warren Construction Co., Montague-O'Reilly Co., Clark-Henry Co., Hassam Paving Co. and Elwood Wiles. These are said by the plaintiff to work in collusion, have enough bids submitted merely to keep up the appearance of competition, and then let the concern controlling a given territory take the contract.

There are three grounds given in this case for stopping the Second Avenue work. It is declared first, that a proper and sufficient remonstrance was filed, which the Council improperly disregarded. In the second ground for injunction, it is declared that a patent pavement has been adopted. The illegal combine is the third, and it is in applying this last that the attorneys for Littlehales develop the sensations which promise to shake the entire state of Oregon.

In the Forest Grove work it is alleged that only the Warren Construction Company and Elwood Wiles bid. These bids are not to be opened until late this afternoon in court, but the plaintiff declares that he knows the Warren Construction Company has bid \$1.68, and Wiles \$1.69. One of the first proofs to be offered the court of the combine will be in these bids, if they are found to be as alleged in the injunction petition. A motion was made by the paving interests to have the injunction dissolved, but Judge Campbell refused, and the case will go to a full hearing.

A full hearing on the injunction proceeding has been delayed since last Thursday, because of the Sheriff's report that he cannot get service upon J. O. Hoyt, vice-president of the Warren Construction Company, in Portland. The court has ordered that a diligent search for Hoyt be made, and if he can be located, he will be served with due process. Bagley & Hare, of Hillsboro, aided by S. B. Huston, of Portland, appear as attorneys for the remonstrating property owners on Second Avenue at Forest Grove. Hollis & Graham will appear for Forest Grove. Attorney Huntington, from Portland, is on the scene, apparently in the interests of some of the paving concerns.

When service can be had on Vice President Hoyt, of the Warren people, it is the purpose to make him bring into the courts the books of the company, by which the complainants hope to prove their allegations of collusion. The lines of battle have been drawn for a hard, long issue, and it is expected that the revelations to be made here quickly, will cause the fight to extend to Portland.—Oregonian.

HILLSIDE.

The Up Stream Club of Hillside went camping this week.

The neighbors were much excited Monday morning, by hearing Chas. Bamford's team running away with his binder. They ran about a quarter of a mile when they were stopped by throwing themselves as they tried to jump the fence.

Miss Marion Kane is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Addie Clapshaw.

A number of the Hillside people are spending a very pleasant time at Gales Creek.

Miss Ethel Lewton has been engaged to teach the school the following year. She has received a life certificate from the Willamet University. So we expect a very successful year.

Oregon Agricultural College.

This great institution opens its doors for the fall semester on September 20th. Courses of instruction include: General agriculture, agronomy, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry, bacteriology, botany and plant pathology, poultry husbandry, horticulture, entomology, veterinary, civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, mining engineering, highway engineering, domestic science, domestic art, commerce, forestry, pharmacy, zoology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, English language and literature, public speaking, modern languages, history, art, architecture, industrial pedagogy, physical education, military science and tactics, and music.

Catalogue and illustrated literature mailed free on application. Address, Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon. School year opens Sept. 20th. 38 St

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Edward LaChance and Laura Pierson.

Robt. R. Hawn and Emma M. Vibbert.

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James H. Bryan and Leslie Miner.

Wanted to lease farm, with stock and equipment, on shares. Phone 081. 40-tf

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Roe, of Wapato, were in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Good and daughter, Mrs. J. May, visited Hillsboro today.

Miss Mattie De Vore, of this city visited Portland last Monday.

M. W. Van Meter, of this city, visited at Banks last Monday.

Miss Gladys Gibson, of this city, visited at Banks, last Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Hines, of Forest Grove, visited Hillsboro, last Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Crowthers of Gales Creek, visited at Forest Grove Monday.

Miss Kate Roe, from near Wapato, visited in town the first of the week.

Mr. Mike Schramel, of this city, is building a new residence on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Corl spent last Tuesday at Fern Hill visiting their daughter.

Miss Bertha Behrman, from Farmington, visited Mrs. Stegelder, this week.

Mr. E. A. Kreider, of this city is logging for the Colburn mill Co. near Dilly.

Miss Miriam Corl, of this city, was visiting at Fern Hill, last week with her sister.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker will take an automobile trip visit ann Tillamook Beaches.

Mrs. H. W. Scott and a party of friends took an outing at Cherry Grove last Tuesday.

Miss Helen Corl spent the past week at North Plains visiting her friend Miss Ruth Troutman.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Good are spending their vacation camping on Wm. Good's farm near Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. B. French and family, of Banks, visited at the Gibson home in Forest Grove last Sunday.

Mrs. Olmstead and three children, of this city, went to spend a few weeks vacation at Rockaway Beach, last Saturday.

Miss Evelyn Patton, of this city went to Portland last Tuesday, to visit a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Dr. H. Peterson.

J. W. Sherwood purchased 5x 100 feet from Mrs. Cheadle in Block 18, F.G., adding more room to his residence property.

Mrs. Dr. H. Peterson and children have returned to their home in Portland, after visiting with relatives in and around Forest Grove.

C. B. Davis and son Arthur of Mountaineer was in town last week and called on the Press force. He reports all prosperous in his section.

Mrs. Margaret Mallory and two daughters with Miss June Walker will start for Rockaway Beach next Thursday where they will spend a few weeks.

The Patrons of Husbandry had a surprise party on Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Corl last Monday evening. There were about thirty present and a very enjoyable time was spent.

Every one enjoyed the opening of the new Schultz market and grocery, last Monday. Ice cream and cake were served to the many friends while many pretty violin solos were played by Mrs. H. D. McNutt with Mrs. John Wirtz at the piano. The Schultz building is one of the finest outside of Portland.

Mr. Hoar is building a new residence on the old Fuqua place.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson of near Dilly, was in Forest Grove last Saturday.

Mrs. Hoskins of this city, visited in the Rose City last Saturday.

Hon. Herbert Bernard of Yamhill county was in town on Tuesday.

Party wishes to lease, for a number of years a farm, with stock. Apply PRESS.

Frank Bishop and family, living in the east part of town are camping near Hillsboro.

Miss Wright and Mrs. C. E. Misz, of this city, have gone for a week's outing at Garibaldi.

Mr. Wm. Crowthers, of Gales Creek, was on a business trip to Portland the first of the week.

Edward Martin, who is working a threshing machine in Yamhill Co., was visiting in town Sunday.

Mrs. Hammock and Mrs. McClaughry and daughter Bertha, of Cornelius, visited in Forest Grove, Sunday.

J. W. Adams, of Hillsboro was in town the last of the week consulting with Dr. Tucker as catarrh specialist.

Miss Edith Shogren, Miss Scott and the Misses Baker of this city went camping to the mountains last week.

The rock crusher has been set up on Mrs. S. F. Martin's place in Scoggins Valley and they will proceed to fix the roads of that place with the rock.

Arrangements have been perfected by the Congregational church, whereby the south 100 feet of the church square will be sold for business sites.

C. B. Campbell was in town Saturday and treated us to some of the largest and finest gooseberries we have ever had the pleasure to see or taste.

G. H. Hoar is building on First Avenue one of the finest residences in our city. The building is well under way, with a large force of workmen busy.

The Star Theatre is putting on the finest entertainments possible to secure. Among others, educational, dramatic and films that can't help but shake the cobwebs from the brain in laughter.

Rev. Father Buck's sister, Mrs. E. A. Sharp of Williston, N. Dak., is visiting here. As soon as Mr. Sharp arrives they will take up their residence in Cornelius where he has purchased a ranch.

Mrs. Frank Buffum left on Monday evening for Woodstock Minnesota, to make a visit with her mother and other relatives. She will attend the family reunion and expects to be away for a couple of months.

Master Howard Jones brought to the office and distributed among the Press force some very fine summer squashes. The squash when fried, after rolling in cracker crumbs, certainly makes a delicious dish.

The improvement in front of the Hoffman & Allen Co. place is only a sample of the improvement on the inside of their building. They are now stocked up to fill every need and are meeting Portland competition.

A party of girls including Grace and Gladys Gibson, Mabel and Evelyn Patton, Miriam Corl, Ruth Austin and Beatrice Davis went on a picnic to the Watts district last Thursday, spending a most delightful day fishing and wading.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council in session Saturday evening, passed a resolution recinding action taken as to paving Second Avenue. The city's legal council entered into stipulation with attorneys for Littlehales permitting judgment to be taken against the city as prayed for in the amended petition. The amendment, in substance, set out in its allegation that the Warren Construction Co. had a monopoly by reason of the Council in barring competitive bids and that the paving Co. was a monopoly. The stipulation permits judgment for costs and disbursements to be entered against the city and virtually admits the allegation of the petitioners. This action was brought about after having previous meetings and consultation with the Warren Construction Company's representatives.

It is hardly likely that the citizens will be content or happy until an investigation of the city's books has been made by an expert, that they may know where and how the city's funds have been distributed. If, as has been suggested to the Press, the citizens sufficiently interested, pay to have this work done, no harm can come to the city from such action. It would seem that the Council and ex-Council would urge that this be done and that the tax payers be enlightened as to the various sources from whence comes and whither goes the revenue in which our city has had a part for the past two years. Such course might eliminate future errors and be money well spent.

OBITUARY.

K. L. Olson, aged 46 years, died at his residence in South Park Aug. 2nd. Funeral services was held at the Forest Grove Undertaking parlors conducted by Rev. Hilton, pastor of the Christian church. Interment was made the 5th in the Forest Grove cemetery. Deceased was born in Sweeden. He came to this country 25 years ago, during which time he has been a resident of Yamhill and Washington counties.

Elizabeth M. Ridgley wife of Wm. Ridgley, aged 70 years, died at the family home in the northern part of this city August 5th. Funeral services were held at the residence conducted by Rev. Hilton. Interment was made in the Forest View cemetery Aug. 6th. Her husband, three daughters and two sons survive her.

At the Christian Church.

The revival service of the Christian church now being held in the big tent has shown more interest than usual during the past week. On Sunday there were big audiences and several additions to the church during the day. The meeting is now in its last week. Prof. Kellems who is a Bible teacher in the Bible college at Eugene has been a real Bible teacher in the present meetings and has shown many people the way of the Lord in his splendid method of pulpit work. The music has been a very interesting feature. All are cordially invited to get in on this the last week, and enjoy and help in the service.

Congregational Church Services.

Morning subject, "Heaven's First Law; evening "Two Creators. REV. THOMAS, Pastor.

BOYS' CLUB GETS OFFER

\$500.00 Play Ground May be Added to this City.

During the O. K. C. finance campaign Friday, one of Forest Grove's prominent citizens made the club boys a public spirited offer, which will probably result in the city's obtaining a \$500 playground in the near future. This offer was substantially, that if the club would secure suitable ground, this man would guarantee to raise \$500 for full equipment. The one thing that marks a wide-awake and prosperous city and gives to a town a civilized appearance, is a public playground, and all the progressive cities of today are beginning to realize this. Nothing will draw more people to our city than this addition, and the boys, realizing the big boost it will be to Forest Grove, are exerting all their energies to securing ground, and at present writing, have two pieces of property under consideration. Although it takes time to clinch an agreement, we feel safe in stating that one of the places can be obtained, and if it is satisfactory to the gentleman who made the offer, the work of raising the money will be started very soon.

Besides this offer, tag day was a big success, the citizens of Forest Grove contributing liberally to the cause. While the boys of the club canvassed the residence district, two of the older boys canvassed the business section, and by evening the boys were elated over their success. Although the success from a financial standpoint was nothing startling, the fact that the citizens of Forest Grove were behind such a movement was more than pleasing. The boys are now considering the erection of a neat little house, and before the winter months they will probably be located in their new club rooms. The club boys are not ungrateful for this liberal support, and wish to submit the following resolutions:

Whereas, the O. K. C. Boys have received from the citizens of Forest Grove, a generous sum for the maintenance of the club, and whereas the editors of the newspapers of the city of Forest Grove have given us space in their columns, Therefore, be it resolved.

That we offer to the citizens of Forest Grove our heartiest thanks, and that we will try to prove that it was a good investment. And that we hereby express our appreciation to the editors of the Forest Grove Press and the News Times for their services. Signed,

WILLIS HINES,
PETER STOLTENBURG,
HOWARD JONES,
Committee.

Exhibits Shipped Free.

Supt. L. R. Alderman has received notice from the Southern Pacific that they will transport all children's exhibits to the Fair Grounds and return them to the point of shipping absolutely free of charge. The Oregon Electric have also written that they will handle exhibits according to the same rules.