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PAVING DISCUSSED BY CITIZEN

Thinks Faulty Sewer Should Be Made Good Before Paving Is Done

Editor Graphic—First: I do not favor any extensive permanent road building on our streets until the sewer system, which is well known to be faulty and inadequate, is permanently remedied, and this remedy can only be brought about by some means that will carry a part of the over load of the present mains, especially in the vicinity of Center street. The plan proposed appears to be sufficient for the spouting man hole on Blaine street.

It must also be borne in mind that while the proposed plans may relieve to some extent the congested and inadequate conditions of the sewer in the districts proposed to be paved, yet the expense of such improvement is not and can not be included in said estimates of paving expenses, but must be provided for otherwise. While on this subject it might be well to bear in mind that half or more of the time for which our sewer bonds were to run has passed and but very little has been paid upon them, and of that almost all, if not all, that has been paid has been taken from the water funds. With these conditions prevailing we certainly are not ready to take up permanent street building.

Again, why should Newberg launch such an extensive campaign of improvement at this time when everything is at such a height, conditions so unsettled, neither the prices of material or labor being dependable, and no reliable contractor will take a contract at this time without a sufficiently wide margin to cover all unexpected as well as expected advances. We are told that the estimates are liberal and sure to cover all possible expense.

I do not question the honesty and sincerity of the work in the least. Neither do I in the case of the estimates on our beautiful concrete bridge, of which our city is so proud, but was not the contract let for the construction of this same bridge on estimates made, for a little less than \$50,000, and has not the actual cost been near \$65,000?

Now, granting that, as suggested, there may have been some misrepresentation in reference to the cost of paving, and that there may have been some statements made, honestly, which were not correct, owing to lack of information, yet the fact remains that at the council meeting to which the public were invited, there was a remonstrance containing about 90 per cent of the names of the interested parties, respectfully and in an excellent spirit, presented to our council, asking that they do not proceed with the paving at this time. It certainly seems to me that our council should bear in mind that they are placed in the positions they occupy as councilmen by the people and to serve the people. I for one still believe in a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." If, however, our councilmen are determined to proceed with the paving, and there is no way by which they can be recalled, I favor beginning proceedings at once whereby we may obtain a change in our city charter, in order that the people may have an opportunity to govern themselves.

Newberg is noted for being one of the best small cities in the valley. Why? Because of her churches, schools, clean community, energy, the pay roll, and many other good qualities. Newberg is made up largely of the common people, though not possessed of the wealth of some other places. Yet through our energy and conservative business policies pursued in the past we have kept the means in our possession turning, which produces this large pay roll, enabling us to own our homes, beautify our city and keep continually moving forward. It has been suggested that the old and common people, if not so situated as to both own their homes and pave the streets, "sell out and move back." Being one of the common people I am naturally a friend of theirs, and I certainly am a friend of the old. All honor to those who were pioneers of this country, fought our battles, bore the hardships and made it possible

for us to enjoy all the beauties, comforts and pleasures of this place. The best is none too good for them.

I have heard of a number of homes for sale in order that the owners might move back and let the paving go on, but I have not heard of those making the suggestion being around to buy at a fair figure in order to relieve them.

Some have said they were tired of being laughed at by other towns because they had better streets. The same is true with me, but I would rather endure that a year or two more than have the long, hard laugh which grates so severely after you have bought a gold brick, given your note for it and are trying to pay for it by the sweat of your brow.

Are we in favor of paving? Yes, but not now. When? As soon as the people and business in general resume a settled and normal condition, and our sewer and water systems are placed in a permanent and adequate condition. A Citizen.

MAY DAY EXERCISES STAGED

Pacific College Students Favored by Good Weather for Day's Events

The May Day exercises that were staged by the students of Pacific College on last Saturday were well carried out and were enjoyed by a fairly good sized crowd in attendance.

The parade in the morning was led by Ralph Butt and his new Hudson car, carrying Mayor Larkin, President John D. Mills and the president of the college board.

The queen's car, Miss Frances Elliott, with the Misses Irene Hodgins and Delight Carter as guides, followed, and then there were the decorated cars of the various college classes including the seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen, commercial, first, second, third and fourth year academy, the faculty car, the woman's auxiliary and the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A.

At the grounds where the crowning of Queen Frances took place, Ellis Beals acted as master of ceremonies. The flower girls were Winifred Woodward, Lois Seers, Madeline Sleppy and Grace Ruckle, and the pages were John Mills Jr. and Charles Hodson Jr.

Following the crowning of the queen there was the winding of the May Pole by the girls and a number of drills that were well executed.

The award of the judges for the best decorated car in the parade was in favor of the faculty car which was decorated with blossoming mustard which gave it a striking and handsome appearance.

In the tennis tournament which took place in the afternoon McMinnville College won the singles and doubles for boys, while P. C. won the mixed doubles.

The base ball game was won by the McMinnville College team by a score of 12 to 2, though the game was really a better one than the score would indicate.

THINK IT OVER

To the Editor—Many a man will spend his last cent, but only once in his life does he give it away, and then he leaves it for some one else to spend. Every dollar in existence is being spent over and over again; sometimes for good and often for evil. Am I right? I am.

The humor of it, then, is, that to make sure that your dollar is to be spent for good, rather than for evil, you would better die.

Now, if you are not quite ready to die, if you absolutely refuse to die—I'll tell you how to fix it.

Break off a chunk for the Salvation Army.

Right here in Yamhill county, right at home—surrounded by hay, grain, fruit, cabbages and crows, wealth, flowers and plenty of all the good things of life—is to be a Salvation Army home for the unfortunate boys and girls, who will be the American citizens of tomorrow and who will help run the country.

Would it not be better to make them into grumbling tax payers than yelling Bolsheviks?

Think it over.
J. U. S., West Chehalis.

ONE LONE BIDDER ON PAVING CONTRACT

The United Contracting Co., of Portland, was the only paving company that offered a bid for the proposed paving in Newberg, though another representative of the Warren Construction Co. was on the side lines at the council meeting held Wednesday night, it being evident that the two were working in harmony.

Bids were made on two types of paving, namely, bitulithic and concrete, the bid for the former being \$2.48 per square yard or \$181,136.63 for the complete job, and for the concrete \$2.65 per square yard or \$194,857.45 for the job. To this must be added the fees that go to the attorney and engineer.

The council has an adjourned meeting for Friday night when the matter will be further considered.

A PLEA FOR THE BLIND

"Close your eyes and imagine you will never be able to see again. Then imagine yourself destitute and in need of food and clothing. You then may realize what it means to be blind and why the blind of Oregon are asking the voters of the state to approve the bill at the state election May 21st providing for the establishment of a state institution where the blind may be taught trades and arts which will enable them to become self-supporting."

The foregoing is the statement of J. F. Myers, leader of the committee of blind people who with committees and organizations all over the state are campaigning for the measure. Mr. Myers says the need of relief to the blind is exceedingly urgent, conditions having grown worse in the last few years on account of the war. Provision, he says, either must be made to enable the blind to become self-supporting, or there must be a much more extensive demand on charity. The blind, he says, much prefer the former course.

The bill as submitted to the voters by the legislature has been endorsed by organizations throughout the state and active campaigns are being waged by these organizations, feeling that such an institution should have been established years ago.

The measure calls for a levy of one-sixth of one mill next year to establish the institution and one-twenty-fifth of one mill each year thereafter for its maintenance. At the head headquarters in Portland endorsements are being received from everywhere in the state from granges, commercial and business institutions, schools, churches, church organizations, labor unions, etc. The measure has been given the numbers 316 X Yes and 317 X No on the ballot. The committees are urging a Yes vote on the measure.

OBITUARY OF SIMON STEVENS

Simon Stevens was born in Ontario county, Canada, in 1845; died in Portland, Oregon, May 1st, 1920, aged 74 years, 10 months, 11 days.

He was married to Caroline Sackriver in 1870, and to this union seven children were born, namely, Mrs. W. R. Everest, Newberg, Mrs. W. S. Mills, Newberg, Austin Stevens, Dayton, Mrs. J. T. Everest, Newberg, Mrs. Arthur Bashaw, Portland, Maudie Stevens, deceased, Aden Stevens, McMinnville. He also leaves nineteen grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. E. Maboe, of Dayton, and three brothers and sisters in Canada.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Edwards, May 3rd, from the Hollingsworth Co. chapel at Newberg and interment was made in the family lot at Dayton.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT FRIENDS CHURCH

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Newberg quarterly meeting of Friends church will be held.

As a visiting minister Rev. Gerwas A. Carey, who is at the head of the Biblical department in Friends University at Wichita, Kansas, will be in attendance.

The regular meeting of the Pacific College Board will be held at the college on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

BIG INCREASE IN TAXES ASKED FOR

No Limit to the Demands—What Will the Voters Do About It

Salem, Oregon, May 2v (Special Correspondence.)—Tremendous interest begins to center in the primary election May 21, when candidates are nominated from president to constable, and nine measures of great importance, carrying new taxes and appropriations of millions, will be voted upon. The candidates make their own platforms and in all 343 individual slogans appear as devices to attract the attention of the voter.

State campaigns are being waged from several angles. One campaign led by Farmer Foster and Senator Pierce is aimed at the North Dakota Non-Partisan League, and the speakers warn the voters that we must not create the conditions in Oregon that will make this a fertile field for the operations of the Townsaw machine. The speakers advocate extension of state marketing to help farmers' co-operative societies, and attack legislative extravagance and show how taxation has been increased in North Dakota under the socialistic regime.

It seems state taxes have gone up in North Dakota under Townsawism over 200 per cent, county taxes 60 per cent and school taxes 25 per cent. Taxes collected by the counties in the 1919 valuations in Oregon are shown by the tax commissioner to be seven millions greater than the year before, and if all the new tax and millage bills on the ballot at the special election May 21 are carried taxes for 1920 will be increased about nine millions.

The present indications are that some of the new tax propositions will get an overwhelming no vote.

An important feature of the primary election is the nomination of two public service commissioners. Fred G. Buchtel, who has served on the commission four years is up for re-nomination, with opposition from Traffic Expert Cousin, of Portland. Mr. Cousin has been in the employ of the city for some years, and not being able to get his ideas into operation locally seeks a place on the state commission. H. H. Corey is the other member of the commission up for re-nomination and is opposed by Rhea Luper, of Heppner, former assistant state irrigation engineer. Corey was secretary of the state railroad commission, and when it was changed to the public service commission was elected from the Eastern Oregon district. Both Buchtel and Corey are men who have been educated in Oregon transportation, utility and warehouse problems and are considered very capable, honest and fearless men in the discharge of their duties.

Either one would be snapped up by the Interstate Commerce Commission, as was Clyde B. Althelson, when no longer kept in service by the people of Oregon.

The Marion County Tax Payers League is putting up a stiff fight to hold down taxation, on the ground that the increased millage taxes once voted will become permanently fixed. For about ten years Oregon has had a very low state tax levy, around about three mills. County and state road bond issues have been in general favor and have been voted very liberally. While the state highway bonds are carried out of the motor vehicle tax, the county bond issues must be met with increased taxes. Raising the debt limit from two to four per cent for all bonding purposes, and all the issues of reclamation and irrigation bonds guaranteed by the state, is going to send taxes up about fifty per cent and if all the new propositions are voted at the May 21 primary, Oregon levies for 1920, if all measures carry in May, will be 9.316 mills and the jump from the levy for all state appropriations within the six per cent constitutional limitation, which was made at 3.23 in December by the state Tax commission, to 9.316 means an increase of 188.4 per cent. With increased county taxes authorized by the legislature, taxes in 1920 will easily jump two hundred per cent, quite equal to the much talked of increase in North Dakota.

DEDICATION SERVICES SUNDAY

The Seventh Day Adventist people of Newberg have finished the work on their church building, to accommodate the increasing membership. They now plan to hold a general meeting in the church Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9. The program is as follows: Saturday at 10 a. m., Sabbath school. Other services follow at 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday services will be held at 10:30 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. The dedicatory sermon will be at three o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The following leaders and speakers will be present from Portland to give instruction and assistance: Elders Cottrell and Hibbard, Prof. I. C. Colcord, C. E. Olcott and Miss Edith Starbuck. The question of how to develop and maintain an active, spiritual church and Sabbath school will be considered. An invitation is extended to all interested parties who would be pleased to attend. B. J. Cady, Pastor.

FORMER STUDENTS BANQUET IN PORTLAND

Herbert C. Hoover Sends Telegram of Congratulations from New York

The alumni and former students of Pacific College living in or near Portland enjoyed a dinner at the Benson Hotel on Tuesday evening, a good number being present.

A big feature of the program was the reading of a telegram of greeting from Herbert C. Hoover, which shows his loyalty to the college.

E. A. Newby, of Vancouver, Washington, acted as toast master and toasts were responded to by Prof. R. W. Kirk, of Oregon City, W. G. Allen, of Salem, A. D. Kenworthy, of Portland, Miss Gladys Hannon, of Portland, and Miss Laura Hammer, of Salem. Miss Hammer is a cousin of Hoover and has just returned from France where she served several months with the Friends Reconstruction Unit of the Red Cross.

President John D. Mills was present and gave a splendid talk on the needs of Pacific College as presented in the present campaign. A committee was appointed to take steps toward a permanent organization with A. D. Kenworthy as chairman. Mrs. Katherine Glenn Kerry, a prominent song writer of Portland, who was former director of music of the college, sang a group of her own compositions and was heartily received.

Hoover's telegram was as follows: New York, May 3—I am glad of the opportunity to send greetings to the alumni and ex-students of Pacific College, and I should like to be enrolled as a member of your body, as I claim to be among its pioneer students of 25 years ago. The college has done good and faithful work and deserves all of our support. Herbert C. Hoover.

"LOYALTY CAMPAIGN RALLY"

For all young people and those interested in the activities of the Young Peoples' Societies, C. C. Hamilton, a national field secretary connected with the Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Boston, who has recently returned from overseas service with the Y. M. C. A., will speak at the Presbyterian church Thursday evening, May 13, at 8 p. m.

A free will offering will be taken. Mr. Hamilton will also speak at the college chapel at 10 a. m., May 13. Halcyon Wiley, Vice President Yamhill County C. E. Union.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

A hearing before the Public Service Commission of Oregon will be held in the council chamber at the city hall in the afternoon of May 10th, 1920.

The public and especially the subscribers of the Newberg Telephone Company are invited to attend.

This hearing is granted for an adjustment of rates to meet the increased cost of operation, maintenance and service.

OPEN AIR ROAD MEETING HELD

Steps Taken for Making Market Road Down North Side of Willamette

On the afternoon of Monday, May 3, an open air road meeting was held at the Abernathy farm, on the river below Newberg, with a representative attendance of nearly every family located along the road from Thos. Parrish's place to the county line, and also of people on Parrett Mountain who live tributary to this road.

Two of the county commissioners met the people and stated the proposition whereby this road could be made a market road and worked into a permanently good road. The proposition was taken up heartily and a liberal subscription made, \$1,200 being pledged in a very short time.

This river road, when made into the kind of road there is every reason to believe it soon will be, will make one of the attractive drives from Newberg, for, with its views of river, mountains and valley, there is no prettier road leading to Newberg.

The success of this enterprise means more to Newberg than perhaps its merchants and business men generally realize. Newberg is the natural business and trading point of all the people living on and tributary to this road, but its present practically impassable condition is forcing the people to seek a market for their produce and to do their trading in Sherwood and Wilsonville.

W. H. Hitchen and Elwood Abernathy, who were in Newberg Tuesday with a subscription paper, were surprised and gratified at the hearty response they met with and the liberal subscriptions made for the road.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

It is reported that Hess & Gould have bought the Dundee saloon and are prepared to deal out liquid damnation.

A drove of fat cattle went through town the first of the week on the way to Portland. They will probably get down in time to be fed to the hungry candidates that will be gathered for the Republican state convention. The Simon or Logan wing of the Portland crowd would soon make way with an ordinary Yamhill beef.

Albert Hoskins had a swarm of bees to come out Wednesday. This looks like spring had come sure enough.

Amos Nelson, of West Chehalis, offers his farm of 320 acres for sale at \$25 per acre.

Rev. McIntyre, of LaFayette, and Rev. M. C. Wire, presiding elder for the Portland district of the M. E. church, were in Newberg Thursday talking real estate.

McMinnville, Dayton and LaFayette are working off a good deal of surplus talk about a proposed motor line to connect the three towns.

John Campbell, Frank Elliott, O. Wright and Clint Smith are making arrangements to go with N. E. Britt on his summer surveying trip.

There was a meeting of the Union party club in Hobson's gallery last night when officers were elected and a constitution and by-laws adopted. Speeches were made by S. Haworth, J. Votaw, J. H. Bowerman and N. L. Wiley.

U. S. NATIONAL BECOMES ROLL OF HONOR BANK

The United States National Bank of Newberg has increased its surplus fund to \$50,000, entitling it to a place on the Roll of Honor including National Banks having a surplus fund equal to their paid up capital. The bank now has a capital and surplus of \$100,000 and total resources in excess of \$1,000,000.

Arrangements are being made for building a new burglar proof vault in which safety deposit boxes will be installed to meet the increasing demands of the patrons of this institution.

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