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## PASS ORDINANCE STREET PAVING

BITULITHIC TO BE PUT ON SIXTH  
FROM B TO L STREETS

PART OF G AND F STREETS

Prompt and Businesslike Work in  
the Council, Citizens Commit-  
tee Approved.

The city council met in regular session Thursday night, with Mayor Smith in the chair, the councilmen all being present. The first business of importance taken up was to correct the title of city engineer to city surveyor as provided for in the charter. After this was done, the Mayor reappointed F. E. Hobson city surveyor.

Petition for a sidewalk on the north side of J street, between Sixth and Tenth, was reported favorably by the street committee, and an ordinance ordered drawn for the same.

A petition for lights on numerous streets was referred to committee on lights.

Petition for sewer to connect with main sewer on Pine street reported on favorably by sewer committee and an ordinance for the same was ordered to be drawn.

The ordinance relative to extending the fire limits was read a first and second time and referred to water committee.

The paving ordinance was taken up and read a third time in full and after deliberation and discussion by the council and citizens committee and certain parts stricken out and other parts put in, the ordinance was passed. It should be said here, that this ordinance was entirely satisfactory to all the councilmen and the full committee of property owners. The streets and blocks to be paved under this ordinance are as follows:

Sixth street between the north line of the intersection of B street on the north and the south line of the intersection of L street on the south, and all of G street between the west intersection of fourth street on the west and the east intersection of Seventh street on the east, and that part of F street from Sixth street to the alley on both sides of the way.

The park committee reported that an option on additional ground for city park was about to expire and asked that an ordinance be drawn for \$800 for the purchase of the property.

The property committee was instructed to build lockers for the individual use of the members of the police force.

The time for viewers on Blanchard street to do their work was set for the forenoon of Wednesday, February 2. Viewers named are H. L. Gilkes, George Lewis, Jr., and William Weldman. Council adjourned.

### Injured by Exploding Shell.

J. A. Brazelle, of Selma, was injured by the explosion of a shell which he was extracting from a gun last Sunday. He was trying to remove the shell from the gun and experienced some difficulty in the operation and the shell exploded, Mr. Brazelle receiving the contents of powder in his face and eyes, burning him severely. He was brought to the South Pacific hospital in this city where he is being treated by Dr. Loughridge, who thinks he will be sufficiently recovered to return to his home in eight or ten days.

### Horse versus Automobile.

One of the most amusing sights seen on our streets occurred Monday afternoon, when an automobile containing two gentlemen, rolled into town drawn by two horses. The auto was minus a wheel and its place was supplied by a small tree shorn of its branches, run down through the machine so that one end took the place of the missing wheel while the other end soared majestically inside the carriage. One gentleman was driving the horses and the other was driving the machine, and the smiles

on their faces frequently broadened into grins as they met the amused looks on the faces of citizens who were watching the strange "vehicle" pass through the streets. The auto looked sadly disgraced and the horses looked thoroughly disgusted when another team "shied" at them in passing. The automobile is all right, of course—couldn't get along without it, but in extreme cases it is well to have a good, old reliable team of horses "hangin' around."

### Piping at the Big Four.

C. D. Crane, superintendent of the Big Four placer mine on Pickett creek, near Merlin, was in the city Thursday with a very satisfactory test run partial cleanup, which was shipped to the owners at Portland. They have so far been operating 16 days this season, 24 hours a day, and with the present prospects, judging from the amount of snow in the mountains, they will be able to run until May. They have eight miles of ditch.

### Profit in Hogs.

Jessie Neathammer, of Evans Creek, one of our leading farmers, brought in 8 hogs this week which he sold to Gus Karner at 8 1/4 cents per pound, gross weight 1750. He received for the hogs \$144. Had he brought them in dressed he would have received 10 1/2 cents per pound. Mr. Neathammer has also made a success at raising hay, which he markets at \$20 per ton. Alfalfa is his greatest success, as it has yielded him 10 tons per acre and it finds a ready market.

### Keen Kutter Puzzle.

Quite a bit of interest has centered around one of the windows of the Grants Pass Hardware Co. this week, the object of interest being a Keen Kutter puzzle to be worked. This puzzle consists of a Keen Kutter advertisement cut into small pieces, which are to be put together correctly. On Wednesday forenoon Henry Hiller placed the pieces together correctly, but exceeded the time allowed, which is one hour. Anyone arranging the pieces correctly in one hour's time is to receive a prize, there being several on display, consisting of silverware, tools, etc.

### Will Visit Germany.

Chris Elsmann left this city Thursday afternoon en route for Germany, where he goes to make an extended visit with his parents. Mr. Elsmann expects to be absent several months. This is his first trip to the old country since leaving there when a small boy, and the trip will certainly be a most interesting and pleasant one.

### Car of Sulphur Burns.

On Monday afternoon the fire alarm sounded from the cannery and in a short time the fire department was at the scene of action. The fire was in a car of sulphur being unloaded in front of the cannery, and an engine from the round house ran down and moved the burning car away from the factory and nearer a water hydrant so that the work of the firemen was made easier. But even at its best this was a hard proposition for the boys, and time after time they were driven from the car by the deadly fumes. The boys had hard work extinguishing the fire as sulphur is one of the most combustible articles known. The firemen did good work, however, and with wet handkerchiefs over their faces, went into the car with long poles and dragged the sacks out. There was something over two tons of sulphur in the car when it caught fire and most of this was either burned or water soaked. The origin of the fire is unknown. The boys declare that being obliged to work in that suffocating place and breathing fumes of sulphur was a most eloquent sermon to them and that they never knew fresh air to taste so good as when they got out. There is a moral in this—take heed while you may.

The Tom Thumb Gasoline Power Spray Outfit is just the proper thing for spraying your orchard, especially when the ground is soft. With a Tom Thumb Outfit you save about 800 pounds in weight.

Jas. Slover returned Sunday evening from Portland where he had been to accompany Mrs. Slover to a hospital. He reports his wife getting along nicely and expects her home in a few days.

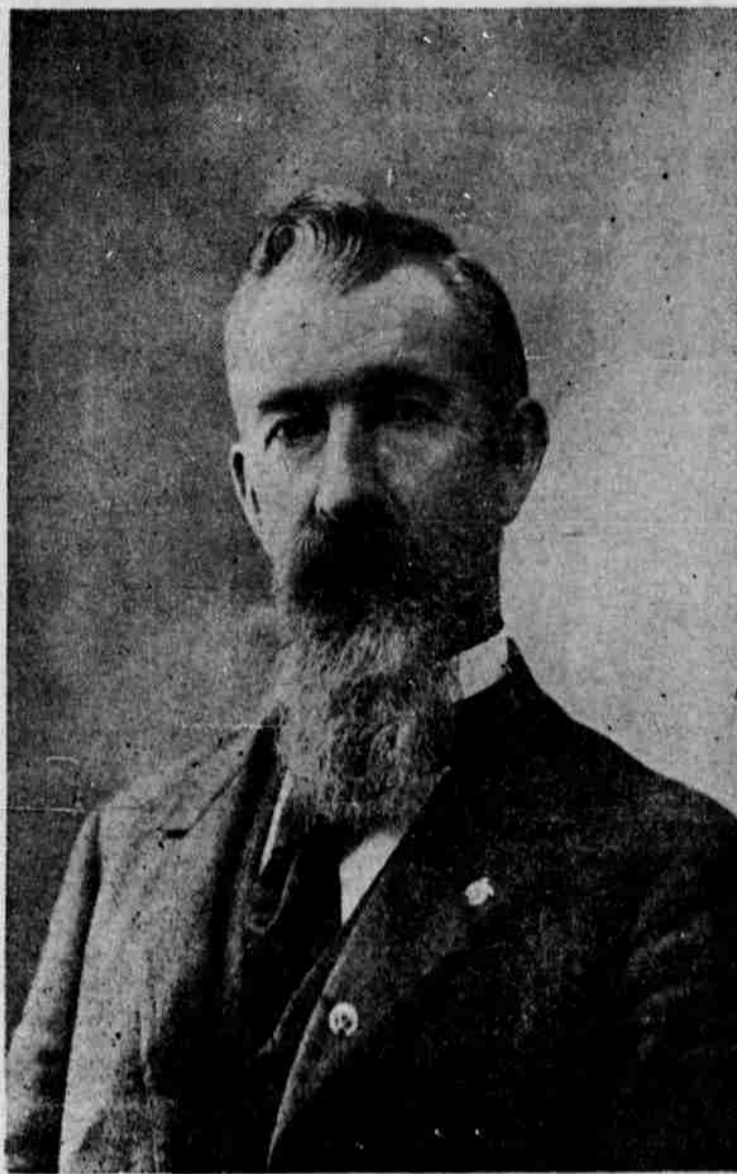
## OUR FIRST CITIZEN DEAD

JUDGE J. O. BOOTH DIED ON  
WEDNESDAY MORNING

FUNERAL SERVICES FRIDAY

People of Grants Pass and Josephine  
County Deeply Mourn Their  
Loss.

Judge John O. Booth, easily the first citizen of Grants Pass and one who held a high position among the noted men of the state, died on Wednesday morning, January 26, at his home in this city. The sad news was not entirely unexpected and yet it



THE LATE JUDGE J. O. BOOTH.

cast a gloom over not only this city and county, but over many other places to which points the intelligence quickly spread. The judge had been critically ill some weeks and his family and friends hoped that his life would be spared, but as the days wore on this hope was by many abandoned. On Tuesday it became apparent that the end was nigh and the following morning "as one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams," he passed through the portals of time to eternity. In the growth and prosperity of Grants Pass Judge Booth took deep interest, and in this fertile field of enterprise he devoted the last twenty years of his life. He was honored for his loyalty to his people and loved for his many noble qualities of mind and heart. During all the long years of his residence here he was always ready to devote his time to the public good and the advancement of the best interests of Grants Pass and Josephine county.

His funeral took place on Friday morning, the 28th inst., at the Newman M. E. church, and was one of the largest gatherings of the kind that has ever taken place in this city. As a mark of respect to the deceased, every business house in Grants Pass was closed while the funeral was in progress. An incident was related at the funeral which should be told here. It was said that 25 years ago an agreement was entered into by Judge Booth, then a young man, and the Rev. Gittens that when either should die the survivor should speak at his funeral, and in accordance with this compact the Rev. Gittens came to Grants Pass and paid a loving tribute to his departed friend. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. H. Leech, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Alexander McLane and Rev. J. W.

McDougal, of Portland, former pastors of the church. The service at the Masonic cemetery was conducted by Grants Pass Lodge No. 84 A. F. & A. M. and were very impressive.

John O. Booth was born in Lee county, Iowa, January 12, 1848, and came to Oregon with his father and family when he was four years old. He was a son of Rev. Robert Booth, one of the early pioneers of the Methodist Episcopal ministry who settled with his family in Oregon and honored the state by bringing here his numerous noble sons to become its citizens. This pioneer minister of the gospel is still living at the ripe age of 89 years and resides at Salem. It is said by his biographer that the family first settled near old Fort Yamhill, Oregon, where they remained until 1867, when they moved to Wilbur, Douglas county. At the Wilbur academy Mr. Booth received his early education. Later he became a school teacher, and in 1870 he was elected county school superintendent on the democratic ticket, serving one term.

## RICH DISCOVERY COPPER AND GOLD

EIGHT FOOT LEDGE SOUTH OF  
TAKILMA

IN KNOWN MINERAL ZONE

Promises to Become a Large Pro-  
ducer in the Very Near  
Future.

Edgar L. Thompson and W. S. Low came in Wednesday from their mining property five miles south of Takilma, where they have been at work developing a rich copper and gold vein which promises to become very valuable. The tests so far made of the ore give 12 per cent copper, four to five dollars in gold and some silver. This property was discovered by Mr. Thompson some months ago and he at once made the location and, procuring the necessary help, commenced the sinking of a shaft which is down now ten feet, from which point he brought samples to the Courier office as soon as he arrived in this city. Accompanying Mr. Thompson was W. S. Low, a mining man of experience, who gives it as his opinion that the new find will develop into a very rich mine without expending a large sum in development work. The vein at its present depth is 8 feet in width and the rock taken out is certainly heavily mineralized and has the appearance of being good ore. The property is located in the well known mineral zone in which the Queen of Bronze and the Waldo mine is situated. The ore zone runs across the Preston Peak property, which is very rich, and lies between the new find and the properties mentioned.

This district has a number of other new discoveries which are showing

was placed on the state ticket as a candidate for treasurer. Though defeated along with the rest of the democratic candidates, Judge Booth carried Josephine county 2 to 1 over his opponent and ran 4000 votes ahead of the balance of the ticket throughout the state. In the year that he was elected to the Josephine County judgeship he previously declined the nomination for secretary of state and also for joint senator.

He was a member of the Oregon delegation in two national democratic conventions.

Judge Booth was a member of Grants Pass Lodge No. 84 A. F. & A. M.; Reames Chap. No. 28, R. A. M., Grants Pass; Oregon Consistory No. 1 and Al Kader Temple, N. M. S., both of Portland, and of Roseburg Lodge No. 326, B. P. O. Elks. As a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church, he has rendered valuable services on its official board, as a Sunday school superintendent and as a lay representative at the general conferences held in New York city and Omaha.

Judge Booth was a member of the Oregon Commission of the A.-Y.-P. exposition held last year at Seattle, Wash.

### Surviving Relatives.

Besides his son, John M. Booth, there survives Judge Booth a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Amy L. Holmes, of Grants Pass. One daughter, Mrs. Nettie E. Dunbar, died five years ago. Mrs. Rose Ritchey, of Grants Pass, is a step-daughter, and E. E. LaBrie, of Wilbur, Douglas county, and Thomas LaBrie, of Silver Lake, Ore., are step-sons. Exclusive of Hon. R. A. Booth, of Eugene; Mrs. M. L. Toney, of Prineville, and Rev. Robt. Booth, the aged father, the following brothers and sisters survive Judge Booth out of the original family of 12 members:

Hon. J. H. Booth, president of the Douglas National Bank, and Mrs. T. E. Singleton, both of Roseburg; Hon. W. A. Booth, former county judge of Crook county, now a banker of Prineville; Mrs. J. M. Hockett, of Eugene; Mrs. Jennie A. Moe, of Ashland; Mrs. Z. T. Keyes, of Salem; Mrs. E. H. Belknap, of Munroe, Ore., and Mrs. Bertha E. Peterson, of Grants Pass.

very rich ore and in consequence of these new finds mining prospects in that locality are looking very bright. Messrs Thompson and Low have a force of men at work on their claim who will push the shaft down as rapidly as possible and in the meantime a company will be formed among their friends and capital be thus secured for development purposes. That this will prove to be a valuable mine in the near future there can be no doubt.

Bishop Scadding and P. Pfahler, accountant of the diocese of Oregon, were in the city on business Wednesday.

If you want a light running, strong, durable wagon and at the right price, get a Weber of the Rogue River Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy McCarthy returned Wednesday from a trip extending over several weeks, which was spent at Sacramento and other California points.

Rumors are to the effect that there are numerous cases of diphtheria in this city, but this is not true. Dr. F. D. Stricker, city physician, says there are but two cases at the present time, one of these in the convalescent stage and the other very light.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bailey, mother and father of Mrs. Ray Wright, who have spent the past few months in this city, left on Wednesday for their home at Roseburg. They were accompanied by Mrs. B. A. Stannard, who will visit there for a short time.

This is the time for incubators. Get prices and information at Cramer Bros.

Joe Wharton last week received a visit from his sisters, Misses Anna and Bessie Wharton, of Roseburg. Miss Anna, who is the leading milliner of Roseburg, went to San Francisco on Monday, where she will study the coming spring styles, and Miss Bessie returned to her home at Roseburg Wednesday.

Big Bargains in Heating Stoves for a few days at the Rogue River Hdwe. Co.'s.

C. G. Letterston has been in town for several days and returned to his home at Kerby Thursday. Mr. Letterston recently purchased the Carter ranch of 840 acres just across the river from Kerby. In this place there are some 400 acres cleared and he is putting a considerable amount of this into alfalfa.

Pruning Shears that are guaranteed to stand the wear at Rogue River Hardware Co.'s.

C. K. Root spent a few days in the city the first of the week visiting his mother and sister. Mr. Root is a member of the Harth Toggery firm at Roseburg and he is a booster for that city. Roseburg has made great strides since their paving was commenced and now they are arranging for many more blocks of hard surface. They also have made arrangements for 59 decorative electric lamp posts along each side of the street on the paved blocks, each post surmounted by five opalescent globes.

Sale prices still prevail at Bishop's.

In a recent oratorical contest among six of the girls' societies at the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, the Feronian society carried off the first prize. The president of this society is Miss Esther Leech, eldest daughter of Rev. D. H. Leech, of this city. Miss Leech also won an individual prize on oration. In the contest were 18 girls, three from each society, and Miss Leech is to be highly complimented on her double honors and Grants Pass is to be congratulated upon the possession of so talented a young lady.

Carpenter Pencils free to mechanics and carpenters at Cramer Bros.

Philip Letcher, the little 7-year-old son of A. Letcher, who has been so seriously ill with diphtheria for the past week, is reported better today and it is now thought that his recovery will be rapid. It was at first feared that the little fellow would succumb to the dread disease, as the case was one of the worst ever seen in this city. The case is in the hands of Dr. Loughridge and he administered 11,000 units of anti-toxin, 5,000 units being administered at one time when he first took the case. The little fellow was ill with the disease for three days before the parents knew what was the matter with him.