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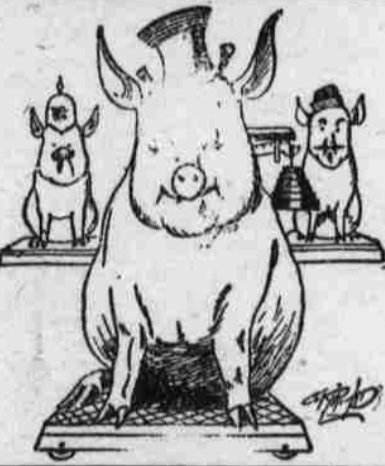
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CEMENT SIDEWALKS

Lumber Material Is Used In Construction, In Violation of Ordinance Specifying Concrete.

Considerable interest was manifested in the laying of a sidewalk on the Gillis property at the corner of Main and Fourth streets, Tuesday.

An ordinance, passed by the common council some time ago, provides that a reconstruction of walks in the business district on Main street must be made of cement, although permits have been given from time to time for the replacement of worn-out surface boards with new lumber.

It is understood that Mr. Gillis was given permission to lay new surface boards on the walk, but before the boards were placed, new sills throughout were put in place of the old ones, which had been taken out. Mayor Plamondon brought the matter to the attention of the councilmen. The sidewalk was finally completed with the substitution of old sills for new under perhaps one third of the structure, new sills remaining under the balance.

The walk in question is practically a new one, and is in direct violation of the ordinance specifying that cement must be the material used in construction.

Now that a precedent has been established, it is said that other property owners on the street will make application for permission to replace dilapidated walks with new ones of lumber.

Pendleton Bankers in Town.
Montie B. Gwinn, president, and J. W. Maloney, cashier, of the Pendleton Saving's Bank were in the city Tuesday. The bankers met many of Athena's business men. This was Mr. Gwinn's first visit to Athena and he was very favorably impressed with the appearance of the town. Jim's friends were pleased to meet him, as they

always are. Mr. Gwinn stated that his bank is enjoying the largest volume of patronage in its history and is gaining business every day. He recently returned from the East and said that the commercial basis there, was becoming settled back to its normal condition.

Market Day Promoters.
A couple of Market-day promoters were in town Monday and endeavored to interest Athena business men in the scheme. The proposition did not take well, as it involved a subscription of \$125 for the promoters to promote. While it is thought Athena is a good point in which to hold Market days, it is believed local men at the helm would make them more successful.

A \$3,500 Home.
D. A. Pinkerton has let contract for a fine \$3,500 house on his farm near town. The successful bidder was Mr. Olsen of Walla Walla and the Tama-lum Lumber company, A. M. Johnson, manager, of this city, will furnish the building material.

DEATH OF MARTHA DESPER

Passed Away Saturday—Funeral Sunday at Her Home.

Mrs. Martha S. Desper, wife of H. N. Desper, died at her home in this city Saturday morning, aged 60 years. Death was due to dropsy. The funeral took place Sunday at her home.

She was born in Sullivan county Missouri, October 9, 1847. She was married to H. N. Desper October 2, 1865, and to them four children were born, two of whom, Mrs. George Payne and a son Nova, with their father survive her.

She was a kind loving wife and mother, a zealous christian lady. Years ago she united with the Baptist church. The end came very sudden, heart failure relieving her from long continued suffering. The family have the sympathy of the community and the deceased's relatives are thankful for all acts of kindness bestowed on them during their bereavement.

MOTHER FINDS LONG LOST SON

They Lived Only 15 Miles Apart for Many Years.

Thirty years ago a 16-year-old boy left his home in Washington, Iowa, to seek his fortune in the west. For thirty years the mother of that boy looked in vain for tidings from her lost son, but at last her patient longing has been awarded. That boy is now Archie McAvoy, of Altion, Wash., well known and highly respected, and the mother and a sister of Mr. McAvoy are now residents of Colfax, Wash.

Neither had heard a word from the other for thirty years until this week, when by chance the mother learned of the name and at once telephoned him to find if he might be her long-missing son. They have not yet met, as Mr. McAvoy finds it impossible to get away from a friend near his farm home who has the smallpox and requires his attention, but he will soon find opportunity to go and see his mother and sister. But fifteen miles have been between mother and son since the former has been a resident of Colfax.

Well Known Woman Dead.

Mrs. Ivan O'Hara died at the family home near Weston Saturday. This highly esteemed lady has been ill with pneumonia for some time and faint hopes were entertained for her recovery. The wife of a leading farmer, and mother of a large family her death comes as a crushing blow, causing profound sadness to the entire community as well as to the deeply bereaved family and relatives. The funeral took place Monday, a number of Athena people attending.

First Market Day a Success.

Freewater's first market day was a great success Saturday. The streets were lined with teams of the many ranchers who attended. Auctioneer Fred Effert successfully disposed of all the things offered for sale, at good prices. The idea has proved a success and market day is now an established fact. The next one will be held in two weeks and a bigger crowd than ever is looked for.

Bride and Groom Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coolidge, recently married at Moro, arrived in the city Monday evening. On the evening of their arrival, the small boy and the tin can were very much in evidence for a short time, the result being a genuine charivari. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge will shortly begin housekeeping in the Willaby cottage, on Jefferson street.

David A. Russell Dead.

David A. Russell, well known in this city, where his mother and brother reside, died at his home near Condon Friday night, of pneumonia, aged 46 years 8 months and 14 days. W. C. Russell and mother left here Friday but did not reach Condon until after death occurred. The funeral took place at Condon, Sunday.

FARMERS BUY SACKS

Inland Grain Growers' Association Select 400,000 of the "Made in Oregon" Kind.

The purchase of 400,000 grain sacks Saturday by the Inland Grain Growers' association of the Ames Harris Neville Co., is a victory for Oregon manufactured bags as against the Calcutta bag manufactured with the cheap foreign labor, says the Tribune. When it was put to a vote yesterday at the meeting of the farmers all but three of the votes cast were in favor of the black stripe bag, which is manufactured in Portland.

P. W. Lewis, the representative of this company who was present at the meeting was particularly gratified with the result as he has been endeavoring for several months to convince the farmers of this county as well as others in this state and Washington, of the superior quality of the Oregon product.

The farmers are also enabled to make a saving, as according to the bid presented by Mr. Lewis, the bags are to be laid down in Pendleton in car load lots at \$7.15 or f. o. b. Portland at \$6.73 1-2. The same company's bid on Calcutta bags was \$6.85 per hundred.

The bidding was all close and the awards made after the farmers had taken a vote on it. The other bids were as follows: S. Koshland & Co., \$7 f. o. b. Portland. Kerr Gifford & Co., \$7.25 delivered at the stations in this county; \$6.75 f. o. b. Portland.

Interior Warehouse company, \$7 3-8 delivered at the station. This company also offered to furnish twine at 37 1-2 cents per pound.

The twine was purchased, however, of the Ames Harris Neville Co., a 35 cent grade being selected.

BANK OPENS WITH A MILLION

Merchants National of Portland Resumes With Surplus.

With an excess of deposits and clearance balances amounting to \$568,000 over withdrawals, representing the largest actual cash business, in the belief of Bank Examiner Wilson, that has ever been transacted by a bank north of San Francisco and west of Denver, the Merchants National bank of Portland reopened its doors for business Monday, after having been closed 11 weeks to a day.

As was stated in dispatches, on November 12 last, the bank was solvent when it closed and when it reopened it had over \$1,000,000 in gold on hand, this amount being about \$300,000 in excess of its total demand liabilities.

The money withdrawn Monday amounted to \$44 884.48 and represented depositors' sums, for the most part, of less than \$100. According to tally sheets kept there was at no time during the day persons in line representing total deposits of more than \$1,000; and while it required hard work by two receiving tellers to dispose of deposits, the one paying teller was not kept busy the entire day.

Egypt Afraid of Cholera.

The Egyptian government has ordered 21,000 "doses" of anti-cholera serum from the Swiss serum institute at Berne, under the direction of Dr. Kohler, says a report from Geneva. About 9000 doses have been despatched, and the remainder is being prepared as fast as possible. Immunity from the disease is said to be obtained after three injections, but for a period of only six months, when the doses have to be renewed if required. The serum, which is the discovery of Dr. Kohler, has passed severe tests, but is not yet well known to the medical faculty.

REMARKABLE HORSE ZOLOCK

Famous Pacer, With Record of 2:05 1-4, Working at Walla Walla.

An equine aristocrat that deservedly wears the honors of being the greatest racing horse on the coast arrived at the fair grounds yesterday where he will be given his annual spring training for the racing season, says the Walla Walla Union. Zolock, the name of the champion, with a race record of 2:05 1-4, is conceded by horsemen to be the most marvellous racing machine in the horse world in the west; and his coming to the local track is a tribute to its excellence.

An interesting incident in the racing career of the great pacer, and which at the same time illustrates his remarkable vital individuality as a sire, occurred at the race course at Phoenix, Arizona, when Zolock, competing against his famous colt, By-stander with a record of 2:07 1-2, was forced to equal his track record to win

the race. The game colt had been showing strongly, and a heavy bet was made that the colt could win from his sire. The race, which is famous in the racing annals of the west, was neck to neck during the first half, the time being one minute flat. The colt in the stretch enabling Zolock to win by equalling his best record. Zolock has never raced against his fastest colt, Sherlock Holmes who has a record of 2:06 1-4. On the same date that Zolock won a \$4,000 purse in California, another of his colts R. Ambush, won a \$5,000 purse at Salem, Oregon, breaking the track record here which he now holds.

Hard Examination.

Only 15 of the 26 applicants for county papers came off victoriously, two became discouraged before the examinations were completed and went home and nine failed. This is the largest percentage of failures the county has ever had and Superintendent Welles attributes the fact to the extraordinary hard and long question lists in each branch. It is not known how great the percentage of failures was in the state examinations as the manuscripts of these will be sent to the state board for grading.

TO SHOOT AT YANKEE TARS

Navy Department Calls for Volunteers to Face Shells.

The navy department has under consideration probably the most startling test of the penetrating power of shells, danger to life and the resisting power of armor that ever has been tried in any of the World's navies. The proposition is to have the monitor Arkansas, now being prepared for the test, fire a 12-inch shell, weighing 850 pounds, from a 60-ton gun a distance of two miles and have it strike the turret of the Arkansas's sister ship, the Florida, which is being placed in readiness for the trial.

The astounding part of the test is the proposition to have in the turret of the Florida at the time of the impact a turret complement of 12 men. The question of having a crew in the turret was discussed at length in the navy department today. All paper figures, all statistics so far as the weight of metal thrown, heat generated by impact, resisting power of armor and other details would indicate that the men in the turret would come out unscathed except for a shock. Of course, there is no record in existence of a monitor, the turret protected by 11-inch belts, being struck plumb by a 12-inch shell of 850 pounds weight. All figures are purely theoretical, but the belief is that a volunteer crew can be secured to remain in the turret at the time of impact.

Of course, the possibility of missing is infinitely small. All shots are now fired from a geometrical deduction and with machine precision. The shell will doubtless land just where aimed for—and then if the theory of the navy experts holds good, it will be deflected and the turret left uninjured.

Admiral Mason, chief of the bureau of ordnance and Lieutenant Commander Fellers discussed the matter at length today. The first plan was to place 12 dogs or pigs in the turret and see the effect upon them, but the proposition of a volunteer crew is now under advisement.

The Arkansas is in Norfolk, and the Florida near by.

Naval attaches from all parts of the world have heard of this test, and are anxiously scrambling for an opportunity to witness it, but the department has declined all applications; in fact it is said that the test will be made far out at sea so that observations and deductions by foreign powers cannot be made.

Roads Will Not Connect.

According to a letter received by the district attorney from Manager J. P. O'Brien of the O. R. & N. that company will not take steps to connect its line with the Northern Pacific at Pendleton, and it is presumed that the company's decision applies to connections at Athena as well. The reason given for declining to make the connection is that the traffic department alleges that the only use such connection would be put to would be the transfer of an occasional car load of wood. Also that the double local rate which the consumer would be compelled to pay would make the price of wood secured in this way prohibitive.

Card of Thanks.

To those generous, public spirited gentlemen, the hall committee of Dolph Lodge, No. 80 A. F. & A. M., to whom we are indebted for the use of their splendid hall on Friday evening for the Valentine party, we wish to extend our thanks, and those of the hundred young people who so thoroughly enjoyed their hospitality.

The Committee of Eleven.

Fined for Selling Liquor.
Dr. J. D. Plamondon, of the Palace Drug company was fined \$100 in the circuit court at Pendleton Wednesday on the charge of selling liquor in South Athena precinct, which is a prohibition precinct under the local option law. Jerry Stone swore to the charges.

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