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IMROVEMENT NOW **BROUGHT FORWARD**

CITY COUNCIL PASSES PAVING ORDINANCE

Matter Is Now Up to Property Owners - Estimated Cost Is Placed by Warren Construction Company at \$19,055.08.

Ordinance No. 132, providing for the paving of Main street passed on the third reading at a special meeting of the City Council, Tuesday night, and the matter is now up to the pro-perty owners. The ordinance was passed unanimously, no dissenting

Members of the Warren Construction Company were present at the meeting, and submitted its engineer's estimate of the cost of the proposed improvement at \$19,055.08 for hard-surfacing Main street from a point 100 feet east of the east line of Fourth street, (East line of Zerba Garage property) to Second street, N. A. Miller's corner, also Third street from Main south to Current street, all full width, and from Second street on est to O.-W. R. & N. track a center strip 24 feet wide.

The cost submitted above includes preparation of the subgrade except in such cases where additional material is required to fill depressions, where a surplus of material is to where a surplus of material is to be removed, and in such cases the amount required shall be paid for upon the basis of cost of labor and team hire plus 10 per cent for fur-nishing tools equipment, etc. Under stipulations of force account which is in addition to the hardsur-face cost, is included the removal of the present concerns.

the present concrete cross walks, constructing 17 foot of macadam on each side of the 24 foot hardsurface strip west from Second street to O.-W. track, and labor and team hire necessary to fill up the ground to the proper grade for curb and gutters.

Provisions were made by the coun-

cli to safeguard the city's interests in the matter of receiving bids for the work, by leaving the work open to any and all bidders.

Permits for Camp Fires.

Hunting parties should remember that every person going into the mountains to camp during this month must secure a permit from the ranger service to build a camp fire in any of the forest reserves. This order has been made by the head of the National forest reserve, for the purpose of keeping tab on the location of all campers during the dry season when forest fires are easily started.

MUCH LIKE LIFE'S PATHWAY

Effective Parable in Edward Everett Hale's Description of Doings of a Picnie Party.

You all go out to a picnic, and meet together in some pleasant place in the woods, and you put down the baskets there, and leave the pall with the ice in the handlest place you can find, and all set out in the great forest. But it is only a few of the party who choose to start hand in hand along a gravel path which leads straight to the well, and probably those few en-joy less and gain less from the day's excursion than any of the rest. The rest break up into indifferent knots, and go some here, some there, as their occasion and their genius call Some go after flowers, so after berries, some after butterflies; some knock the rocks to pieces; some climb up to where there is a fine view. some sit down and copy the stumps ome go into the water, some make and learn to make baskets. These all come back to the picnic camp in good order each eager to tell what he has seen and heard, each having satisfied his taste and genius and each and all having made vastly more of their day than if they had held to the gravel path and walked in column to the well and back again.—Edward Everett

Thieves Acturn Look Cleveland, Ohio-Friday thieves took \$955 in cash from a trunk in Edward

ucziek's home here. On Saturday he found \$380 in a

On Saturday he found \$330 in a package on the front porch.
On Tuesday atoming there was \$300 in the milk bottle.
That left \$235 to be returned on Wednesday or Thursday, so local newspapers pointed out.
But Fucatek basn't recovered another circle.

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The country is 275 dry and getting

Revolution in Mexico does

MRS. HERBERT S. OWEN



man of the women's radio corps, be-

MUCH DEPENDS ON ONESELF

Good Hard Sense as Applied to An-clent Superstitions Concerning "Blue Monday."

I happened to find a most entertaining old book in the free library-a dictionary of superstitions. It has three big volumes, all crammed with the feurs and beliefs of the human race.

Just to sample some of them that apply to Monday, here are a few:
"If things commence to go wrong on Monday they will go wrong all the week, but if you have good tuck on Monday you will keep it up."
"Pay yo bille on Monday if you have good to be a seen as "Pay no bills on Monday if you can

(This is congenial advice and easily

"If you meet a cross-eyed person on Monday you will not have good luck

"If the sun sets clear Friday night it will ruin before Monday night."
"It is a bad sign to lose a tooth on

(Yes, or a hand or a leg either, I uld say.)

"If you lose your temper three times on Monday you will have a great fam-ily quarrel."

(This bit of sugacity has an excelent chance of being true, one would think. Still, there may be some men who could get away with three blow-

outs and have no comeback.)

To add our own observation to the collected wisdom of the ages your Monday is neither more or less than what you choose to make it when you get out of bed in the morning. You can make it lucky or unlucky if you wish.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Impressionable Fewis

Sunshine seems to play an impor-tant part in the lives of fowls. There is no doubt that they lay much more regularly, and appear generally happler, when in the sunlight. The next best thing to sunshine in this dull old country is a light which gives to the fowls the impression that the sun is

shining. Fortunately the fowl is easily deceived, with the result that a great deal of success has attended the experiments of a well-known engineer who is building fowl-houses with a material similar to canvas, stained and varnished so that the house is always lighted in the daytime with light of a pleasant golden color. By means of electric light placed outside, the fowls can easily be made to think the sun is always shining; and so successful have been the results that a farm is being established on these lines.

Ticklish, lan't It?

Is there a problem which, perhaps, is more likely to be answered some day than this one, which has been pro-pounded to the bewilderment of scien-

Suppose a pipe which would permit Suppose a pipe which would permit of the passage of a man's body were pierced through the earth from London to the Antipodes, and a man commenced ' lescend by means of a ladder to ' the length of the pipe. Naturally he would descend feet foremest. On reaching the center of the earth he would, on account of the revolution and formation of the gobe, presumably be going unwards until he presumably be going unwards until be

presumably be going upwards until he emerged in the Antipodea.

Query: How can a ladder on which one is descending become a ladder on which one is ascending? And how could one go up a ladder feet foremost? Next. please!

Trotsky has had experiences that should enable him to write a book should enable him to write a pour much more interesting than anything he has previously attempted.

THE BENEFIT DANCE A SPLENDID SUCCESS SELECTION ADOPTS

Building.

A Tidy Sum Netted for the Woman's University of Oregon

With the Athena opera house decorated in Golden Rod and asparagus dettly aranged in baskets, good music and a happy assemblage of young people, the dance given Saturday night for benefit of the Woman's Building at U. of O. was a splendid

Building at U. of O. was a splendid success in every particular.

Athena University students and alumni were sponsors for the event, which will take its place as the opening social function of the season. Mrs. Ralph McEwen, Mrs. F. S. Le-Grow and Mrs. W. S. Ferguson, assisted by other ladies of the city and sisted by other ladies of the city and U. of O. students deserve special men-tion for the part they took in mak-ing preparations for the dance. A large number of tickets were sold

and the net proceeds give a tidy sum to the Women's Bluiding fund. Excellent mus'c was one of the fea-

tures of the evening entertainment. Punch was served by Mrs. M. L. Watts and Mrs. B. B. Richards. Mrs. F. S. LeGrow and Mrs. A. A. Foss and Mrs. Henry Dell and Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn In turn. Mr. B. R. Richards and Mr. F. S. LeGrow were at the ticket window and door.

Fifty-fifth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stephens, plo-neer residents of Pendleton and parents of Omar Stephens, Athena groceryman, last Monday celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. A monday dinner prepared by the guests was enjoyed at their home in Pendle-ton and during the afternoon a large number of friends called to congratulate the venerable couple on the event. Mr. Stephens is nearly 80 years old and is a veteran of the Civil this can be obtained.

Painter Receives Shock

Mr. Prater, father of Mrs. G. C. Taylor, met with a serious accident last Saturday, while painting at the substation of the Power company in Athena. He was placing a ladder when it came in contact with a high voltage current. Mr. Prater received toms of both feet as the result of the current passing through him. He has since been under the care of Dr.

HEALTH INSURANCE WAY

Many Reasons for Assumir Nation is About Ready to Take Important Step.

It is only fair to assume that our country is stendily moving in the direction of compulsory sickness health insurance. The reasons for this assumption are many, but among the most important are the following: (1) The force of the example of Engd and of eight other European coun land and of eight other European coun-tries with whose social insurance laws the people of this country are rapidly becoming familiar; (2) the general fa-becoming familiar; (2) the general fa-wer with which the proposed legisla-ton. The young couple will reside on tion is regarded by the extremely acworkers in the United States; (3) the appointment of no less than eight commissions to investigate health and other forms of social insurance; (4) the support of the movement by numerous public health administrators and experts; (5) the gradual but irre-sistible swing of organized labor from opposition to support; (6) the present sympathetic attitude of the leading political parties toward the demands labor; (7) the willingness of labor, officially expressed through state labor federations, to assume half the cost of the proposed insurance, and (8) the readiness of various state legislatures to act upon social reform measures which do not threaten to add to the troubles of the overburdened taxpayer and incidentally to those of the legis-

These rensons, declares Modern Hospital in an editorial on the subject, are clearly indicative of the fact that the trend of the country's thought is in the direction of health insurance.

Forget the Laundry.

They were on an interurban car bound for the big city. One of them, the son of a banker, bad been intrusted with a bundle containing \$5,000 in bills. The bundle was wrapped in a newspaper. Being young, the bear-ers of the treasure fell to talking of girls and things and when they ar-rived at the station both got up and started away without the bundle, "Hey, you fellows," a man who had been sitting back of them shouted.

been sitting back of them.
"Hey, boys, you've forgot your laun-

It need not be guessed that the boys double-quicked back for the "laundry." —Indienapolis News.

PYRENE STOPS GASOLINE **FIRE AT ZERBA GARAGE**

RADICAL CHANGE MADE IN SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS

doption of New Authors by State Text Book Commission Alters Previous List Used by Board of Education.

NEW TEXT SYSTEM

When school opens next Monday, nost of the former text books will be eplaced owing to the adoption of new authors by the State Text Book Commission. Geographies, U. S. Histories and Writing Books remain as before. All other books have been changed in the first eight grades in the public

In the high school, Algebra, Physiology, Botany, Physics and Type-writing retain the former texts. Notable advance in educational lines are indicated by the adoption of the Beacon system of phonetic reading, and the general use of Courtis tests, throughout the grades A new text called Trade Foundations, will be found of service to boys of the eighth window and door.

A number of tickets were sold in Pendieton and nearby towns, and the dent Hall, by assisting them to close attendance from these places was an Superintendent Hall informs the Superintendent Hall informs the

Superintendent Hall informs the Press that supplies order at the suggestion of State Superintendent Churchill for the science work of the High school, have arrived from Chicago without a single item of breakage, Modern scientific study in the high school includes a large amount of individual research and experimentation, which in turn, requires much apparatus. Fortunately the Athena apparatus. Fortunately the Athena high school is well equipped for the study of science with the single ex-ception of a sink and running water in the laboratory, at small expense

The Athena school will begin the year's work next Monday under very favorable conditions, with a full corps of teachers. Mrs. A. E. McDaniel, a former teacher here and who gave excellent satisfaction in her work, has been ascured to teach the sin and sit grades. Mr. Hadley, who will be in the high school department, has just returned from service in France. He is a graduate of the University of

Married in Pendleton.

Last Saturday, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Baptist church in Pendleton, occurred the wedding of Miss Estelle M. Smith of this city. and Don Wilkes, of Pendleton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Cox, of that city. The young people were attended by the bride's sister, Miss Savannah Smith, and Raymond Wilkes, the groom's brother. The bride was becomingly ettired in a The bride was becomingly attired in frock of pearl gray taffeta and carried a cluster of bride roses. Misses Mary and Hazel Wilkes, sisters of the groom, were the only guests present.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Smith of Athens. and the groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkes, formerly of ton. The young couple will be the Wilkes farm in the Cold Springs vicinity.

W. C. T. U. Elects Officers. The opening session for the fall work of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Desper, Tuesday afternoon. An election of officers was held, with the following result: President, Mrs. Geo. Gerking: secretary, Mrs. Wm. Pinkerton; tressurer, Mrs. William Schrimpf. Following the business meeting, refreshments of cake meeting, refreshments of cake and tea were enjoyed. The next meet-ing will be held on September 16, at the home of Mrs. Shrimof. It is de-aired that all members come and assist and encourage the work by their

Ray Hansell Passes Through. Ray Hansell passed through Athena Wednesday afternoon, in a hig touring car, bound for Portland, where he will remain until the Round-Up, and after that will visit friends here. He was that will visit friends here. He was accompanied by a friend, Mr. Heighton. The boys were equipped for camping, and gave every evidence of being out for a good time. They left Lewiston at 6 a. m., Wednesday morning, and found the roads in fairly good condition. Ray has just finished barvest and wheat hauling, at the Hansell Brothers' farm near Lewiston, and reports a fair crop.

Dr. Smith Comes Here

Dr. C. H. Smith, well known physignal formerly of Weston, but recently receiving his discharge from the service, was in Athena this morning and contemplates locating in this city and contemplates locating in this city for the practice of medicine. Dr. Smith is endeavoring to secure a house for his family, and like many others, finds the matter a hard problem. He will move here at once if successful in finding a place to live.

Flames Confined to Vat and No Damage Whatever Re-

burning vat of gasoline, confined the flames to the vat, and prevented a serious confiagration in Zerbao and there Garage at corner of Main and Fourth streets, Tuesday afternoon. The gasoline, which was used for cleaning engine parts, was ignited from sparks thrown into the vat by a conservation of the same through the same thr

to the use of the squirt-gun method of f're fighting.

The fire department responded to

on Fourth street.

American Legion Post.

The American Legion is to have post in Athena. A meeting of service men is called for Monday evening. September 15, at which time a permanent organization will be effected All men who saw service of any na-ture, under enlistment in the Army of

Oregon have already established Posis and much interest is being taken in the organization throughout the nation. The place of meeting will be arranged in time for announcement in next week's Press.

Paramount-Arteraft Week

The pictures shown at the Standard Theatre all of this week in observance of Paramount-Arteraft Week, which ls a National movement for securing better motion pictures, have been apbetter motion pictures, have been ap-preciated by large audiences each night. With splendid pictures on the screen, the program for the week has been satisfactory to the manager with one exception. The distributing agency for Charlie Chaplin produc-tions has been unable to furnish the picture "Shanghaied" contracted for this evening as the comedy for the this evening, as the comedy for the Pickford picture. In its place wil the given "Take Loses Patience," a splen-did Harold Lloyd comedy.

CHARLES PERGLER

Two Pyrene fire extinguishers and a can of the liquid dumped into a burning vat of gasoline, confined the

an emery wheel, on which a workman was grinding a piece of steel. No damage whatever resulted, as the flame was confined to the vat and

an alarm but did no more than reel up a line of hose that had been run out

Navy are eligible to membership.

Many of the cities and towns in

Among naval men the mosquito fleet is known as "the second line of defense." It is used in protecting the fortifications and harbors along the const line, and, like the insect from which it is named, annoys the enemy in every way, at the same time preventing the possibility of a blockade. In the war against Germany the British navy was augmented by several thousands of small and sometimes very speedy vessels, and to this mosquito manned chiefly by naval reserve men and fishermen, the admiralty paid tribute for its patient and laborious work in laying and sweeping up mines, chasing submarines and patrolling the home waters.

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Mosquito Fleet.

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Pretty soon they will be selling pork chops only in Jewelry stores.

But how is a fellow going to buy a silk shirt on a cotton income?

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CHANGING LOCATION OF HIGHWAY CREW

PAVING PLANT TO COME TO ATHENA IN FEW DAYS

Adams Section of Hard Surface Highway Nearing Comple-

The Warren Construction Com-pany's paying plant, now located at Adams, will be moved to Athena the first of next week to begin operations of hardsurfacing the state highway on the Athena-Weston section. The Adams section is now virtually com-

With the removal of the plant to Athena, the hardsurfacing on the Athena-Weston-Milton lep will be put

Athena-Weston-Milton lap will be put under way.

The plant which has been working at Milton will also be moved this way in a few days, the new location to be at Blue Mountain Station. From here the hardsurface will be laid toward Milton and siso toward Weston. The Athena-Milton sector of the highway is about 1s miles in length and it is doubtful if the work can be completed this winter, for the reason that stading on the east end has been delayed on account of right-of-way adjustments.

Teach at Homestead.

Miss Anice Barnes, of Weston, was a guest Monday oight of her aunt, Mrs. Boyd in this city. Miss Barnes has contracted to teach the school at Homestead, in Union county, in the capacity of principal of a two-room school. She will be accompanied by Miss Thelma Anderson, of Weston, as assistant, and will begin her schoon the 15th.

No Rain, Good Corn.
Wintout a drop of rain since the crop was planted, W. E. Kern has eleven acres of corn on the Hank Caplinger place which will yield 35 bushes per acre. Like precipa conditions would mean a crop fal back in Iowa or Kansas. Different here, where corn as well as wheat matures on winter moisture alone.



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