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PEOPLE PUSH PERFECT PAVING

Property Owners Want Best Quality Streets and Want Them Soon.

Perhaps never before in the history of Central Point has there been so many representative citizens "out with their coats off" in a campaign for municipal improvements as there has been within the past two or three days. It's in the air and the fellow who tries to get away from the contagion of "get there Central Point" is in bad and while "taking to his heels" he is in dire danger of butting into a brick wall or having a house fall on him. The cause of the turmoil is MUD, MUD, MUD.

Mud on streets,
Mud in the air;
Mud in your dreams,
Mud everywhere.

It is evidently a case of too much Johnson—provided that that historical gentleman's surname was mud—and the burden of everybody's song this week is "hard-paved streets for Central Point. Nothin' too good for us."

A number of representative business men and property owners within the past few days have been taking an interest in the paving question, and, headed by Councilman Whiteside and J. C. Robnett, they have been sounding the property owners on Pine street between Front and Sixth streets as to their wishes regarding paving, with the result that a large majority of the property owners are found to be in line for paving the street next summer, and, what is more to the point as an indication of progressive tendencies, paving with the very best available material.

Representatives of the Warren Construction company of Portland, the Clark-Henery company of California, and perhaps others, were quick to scent the trail leading towards business and have been in town within the last couple of days with a view to securing contracts as soon as the preliminary arrangements are completed by the council.

The intention of the gentlemen who are now agitating the paving question is to submit a petition signed by property owners to the city council at their regular meeting next Monday evening, asking that body to consider only a first-class, hard-surfaced pavement when the matter of street improvements for the coming year presents itself. There is no argument about some sort of improvements being necessary, the only question being what form of pavement is the best, and the gentlemen who have been active during the past few days assure The Herald that a large majority of those

POPULAR PASTOR RESIGNS CHARGE

Rev. K. H. Sickafoose to Preach Farewell Sermon Next Sunday.

Next Sunday will mark the ending of the pastorate of Rev. K. H. Sickafoose of the Christian church of this city. His final service as pastor of that church being set for next Sunday evening. Much regret is expressed at the departure of Rev. and Mrs. Sickafoose from this city, not only among the membership of the church, but among all classes of citizens of the community as well, as both of them had made many warm friends during their sojourn here.

Under his pastorate the church has made a remarkable growth and the congregation is in better condition than ever before. Mrs. Sickafoose has been an ardent worker in the Sunday school, as well as in other branches of the church work, and the result of her intelligent, earnest endeavor along those lines will no doubt be felt in the community for many years to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Sickafoose go from here to Mosier, Hood River county, where he has accepted the pastorate of a large congregation. Mosier is situated on the Columbia river, between Hood River and The Dalles, and is a growing town. The Herald joins many other friends in wishing Rev. and Mrs. Sickafoose success and prosperity in their new field of labor.

J. O. Isaacson returned last Saturday from an enjoyable trip to Pasadena and other southern California points. Mrs. Isaacson remained to prolong her visit with relatives, but expects to return about the end of the present month. Mr. Isaacson met some of the excursionists in Los Angeles and reports that the Central Point contingent were all having a fine time.

financially interested are unqualifiedly in favor of the best possible quality of pavement. "We are tired of mud," say they, "and if we are to spend money for street improvements let it be for something that will improve."

It is probable that paving will only be asked for this year between Front and Sixth streets for the reason that after passing Sixth street on Pine there is a large amount of unoccupied property and it is not likely that the owners will petition for the improvement this year. However, six blocks will be going some for the first year, and it is the history of all towns that once get the street improvement germ started it is about as contagious as measles or chicken-pox.

CELEBRATES 58th ANNIVERSARY

Pioneer Couple, Well Known Here Mark Unusual Event.

(Many friends of Capt. and Mrs. Rawlings in Jackson county, will be interested in the following clipping from the Sheridan, Wyoming, Enterprise):

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rawlings, of 132 Coffeen avenue, were surprised by a 1 o'clock dinner last Monday afternoon, January 16 the occasion being their fifty-eighth anniversary. The dinner was served by their daughter, Mrs. Ella Arnold, and the invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Rawlings, Charles and Frank W. Rawlings, Mrs. W. Pointer and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Another daughter, Mrs. George Fox, resides at Central Point, Ore., but could not be present to help commemorate this unusual event.

Three generations of the Rawlings family were represented at the above event, Frank and Charles Rawlings being grandsons of Capt. W. Rawlings.

Washington Rawlings was married to Miss Nancy Jane Butler at DeWitt, Ia., on January 16, 1853, and to this union there are three living children, one son and two daughters.

Captain Rawlings served with distinction in the civil war, being a member of the Iowa infantry. He is a member of John Schuler Post of Sheridan, Grand Army of the Republic.

Captain Rawlings at the age of 77 years, and his estimable wife aged 76 years, are still very active and are enjoying the best of health, with good indications for a ripe old age being reached by both.

The Enterprise joins their many friends in extending greetings on the attainment of this, their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary, and wishes them many more years of happiness to come.

A fine, warm shower fell Tuesday afternoon while the sun was shining brightly, the result being a perfect rainbow, all of which, according to long ago weather "signs," would indicate that the stormy season has about run its course and that fair spring weather may soon be expected, and Rogue River Valley people can surely enjoy all such that comes their way after the unusually protracted time of storm.

Lee Grigsby, of upper Table Rock, is reported to be quite ill.

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SOLONS PASS MANY BILLS

Amidst Much Scrapping, Some Business Is Done.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 1.—Today is "bill passing day" in the house and senate. Several bills went safely through the third reading in both houses and many more will pass during the afternoon session.

Bills passed in the senate are: senate bill 131, by Abraham, relating to the requisition of fugitives from justice; senate bill 147, by Oliver, which fixes the salary of the superintendent of schools of Walla Walla county; senate bill 181, by Agramham, providing for the care and maintenance of cemeteries, and senate bill 182, Norton, relating to action arising on contracts.

Bills passed in the house are: house bill 19, Clemens, amending the act concerning insurance companies taking fire risks within the state; house bill 36, Brooks, relating to the summoning of juries; house bill 67, Thompson, relating to conveyance of property by insane persons; house bill 109, Graves, to provide for giving a bond in all condemnation proceedings; house bill 132, Abrams, to provide for the establishment of the existence of foreign corporations doing business in the state; house bill 125, Abrams, requiring secretary of state to report to the governor all foreign corporations doing business in Oregon and providing for the advertising of such associations that do not pay state license fees.

Abraham of Douglas county was called to order today in the senate by President Selling, who charged him with attempting to inject politics and personal spleen into his speeches. A lively tilt took place between the two senators, which finally resulted in the president ordering Abrahams to take his seat.

The trouble started over the debate on senate bill 131, introduced by Abrahams. The Douglas county man impugned Selling's motives in various matters that have come before the senate. Selling came back at the senator and openly accused him of using his office as senator during this session to vent his spleen on all who opposed him politically and ordered him to keep within the limits of decency in the future.

The startling announcement was made in the house this morning that Attorney Dunfiway of Portland is behind a "joker" bill which is aimed to further embarrass the people of Portland who are trying to build the Broadway bridge. Fouts detected the joker in an apparently harmless measure introduced by Representatives Graves, which provides for giving a bond in condemnation proceedings. He asked that the bill be made a

TOWN OF TALENT FIRE SWEPT

Five Buildings Burned—Loss \$30,000—Incendiarism Charged.

The business portion of Talent, 12 miles south of this city, was almost totally wiped out by fire early Tuesday morning, five of the principal business buildings in the center of the village being destroyed.

The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin, and started in the hardware store of Marion Tryer. Wolber's general store, the hotel, bank and several other buildings were destroyed, the loss being placed at \$30,000. The Ashland fire department responded to an appeal for aid and saved the rest of the town. The Medford fire department was preparing to start when a message notified them that the fire was under control.

It is understood the insurance was but a small fraction of the loss.

Christian Endeavor Convention.

The Oregon Christian Endeavor Union is planning to hold a big convention in Ashland February 10, 11, and 12. Dr. W. B. Hinson, of the White Temple of Portland, and Paul C. Brown, Field Secretary for California, are among the prominent speakers and workers on the program.

A rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip has been granted by the railroads, but it is necessary for delegates to secure a certificate from the agent at the time of purchasing ticket and bring it to the convention, to be signed by the State Secretary.

Free entertainment, consisting of room and breakfast, will be provided for all delegates during the convention. Ashland is one of the most beautiful residence cities in the state and has a reputation for hospitality second to none. Indications are that the convention will be a great success and all who can possibly do so should plan to attend.

John Rigg, of Ashland, is secretary of the Registration committee and delegates should send names to him.

The Misses Pickard of Willow Springs were in town shopping Tuesday afternoon.

special order for Monday, but his motion was lost and the bill passed to third reading.

The bill was introduced by Graves at the request of W. O. Sims, an attorney of Sheridan. Fouts asked Graves if Sims was a railroad attorney, which Graves was unable to answer. There is much mystery attached to the bill, as Dunfiway is attending the session this morning. Fouts probably will take the fight into the senate or ask for reconsideration of the measure.

FRUIT GROWERS TO CO-OPERATE

Central Selling Agency to be Established for Good of Growers.

Fruit growers of the Pacific Northwest met in Portland during the past week to attempt to form a central selling agency for the output of their orchards. This project was not entirely successful, for the convention found itself without the necessary authority to represent the fruit growing sections of the Northwest, the fruit growers coming as individuals rather than official representatives of these organizations. On this account, adjournment was taken until February 28, when a second meeting will be held at Walla Walla, Washington. At that time each fruit growers' association is expected to send one authorized delegate, and the convention, thus having power to act, may proceed with the convention. At the Portland meeting, which was called by President Atwell of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, considerable progress was made, for all agreed to the value of the proposed organization, and a number of disputed points will be harmonized by the time the Walla Walla meeting is held.

Friends of the Oregon State Horticultural Society are urging the passage of a bill now pending before the legislature asking for the appropriation of \$5000 every two years for necessary expenses of the society, such as prizes for exhibits made at the annual show, salaries of exhibits committee, judges, salary of secretary, printing, postage, etc. It is pointed out in the arguments advanced for the bill that Eastern states, with very much less prominence than Oregon in the fruit growing business, appropriate large sums annually to promote the growth of the industry.

Green Eyed Monster to Date.

A certain young couple who were married some months ago have never had a cloud to mar their happiness until very recently. One morning the young wife, whose name is Marie, came to breakfast in an extremely sullen and unhappy mood. To all her husband's inquiries she returned short and snappish answers. To make matters worse she was in no better frame of mind when he came home that evening for supper. All of which mystified the young husband, entirely ignorant of anything that he might have done to offend his spouse. Finally, late in the evening, in reply to his repeated and insistent demands to know what the matter was, the young wife burst into tears and replied, "Henry, if ever I dream again that you have kissed another woman I'll never speak to you as long as I live!"

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