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TREAT WOOD BLOCK PEOPLE FAIRLY.

Any innovation has a hard time getting the public ear. Any process of manufacture, or article not in general use for a given purpose has a hard time gaining a hearing in the presence of another article used for the same purpose.

This is the case just now of wood blocks for pavement. Pacific coast cities have been, for years, sending to the island of Trinidad for one of the expensive elements in their street pavement, and any mention of some other material finds opposition.

It matters now how satisfactory the wood block may have proved as a paving material in the east. Councilman Fenwick, when he was east a few weeks ago, took particular pains to investigate the matter, and he found that in all the large cities of the east the wood blocks were laid wherever the traffic was heaviest.

This attitude of opposition to wood blocks is making itself manifest in Multnomah county where \$1,250,000 is to be spent for hard surfacing of 70 miles of country roads. Commenting on the attitude, the Telegram says:

"Just because the wood block people come into this field with bids on a type of road building that is an experiment here, though a pronounced and long established success elsewhere, there is no reason why they should be asked to do more than those who put in bids on any other type of pavement. Taking into account the bids submitted on section A of the St. Helens road this fact shows. The lowest hard-surface bid on the section is \$30,014.87, while the wood block bid is \$33,537.10, a difference against the wood block type of \$3,522.23. This difference is apparent and not real as is disclosed when it is understood that the specifications on which the two bids were based are not the same. The specifications on which the lower bid was made call for a roadway 18 feet wide, while those on which the wood-block people had to submit their figures call for a 19-foot roadway, with the block laid against the curb as it must be. There may be some discussion of the relative merits of the wider and the narrower roadways, but the fact that there was a difference in width, as it affects the figures submitted for road construction, should not operate against the bidders on the wider road.

"It has nowhere appeared that the wood-block people have asked any special favors. They have come into the field with a business proposition, urging only that, all other considerations being equal, the interests of the lumber industry, which is the chief industry in this section, be kept in mind. The wood-block people should receive absolutely fair treatment."

DON'T FORGET THE ROADS.

A week or more ago a mass meeting was held for the purpose of laying plans for a "good roads" day, on which citizens generally were expected to join in improving the roads in the vicinity of Springfield. A committee was appointed, but there the matter seems to have stopped.

The movement is one that should not be allowed to die. The farmers are doing a lot of work on their roads, and they would appreciate a little help from the town men.

The price of good roads in Oregon is continual repair. In this climate, winter rains and summer suns both conspire to tear down the road surface, and the automobile

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

III--Julius Kruttschnitt

On Financing Railroads



The farmers of this nation need to become better acquainted with the railroad men and their problems. It is only those who know that can give us information and the farmers of America should listen attentively to what the men who manage railroad property have to say.

Mr. Kruttschnitt, executive head of the Southern Pacific, has written an article dealing with the financing of railroads. He said in part:

"The financing of a railroad is a function which the people, through their servants, the Railroad Commissioners and the Legislators, have never attempted, but it is a most important problem, especially to sections of a State where new railroads are needed. The placing of securities has been left entirely with the promoter and owner of railroads.

"The immediate determination of what earnings the railroad shall be permitted to receive and what burdens it shall have put on it is in the hands of other servants of the public

—the Legislators and the Commissioners.

"Managing a railroad is quite different from managing a government where the money is raised by taxation. When the expenditures, for good reasons or otherwise, increase, taxes can be equally increased. The railroads, while servants of the public, cannot raise money with such ease and facility. The railroads must keep their expenditures within their incomes because while they have some control over their expenditures they have almost no control over their incomes, their rates being fixed by public authorities.

"There is not a railway manager in the country today who is not fearful that under the press of increasing demands the transportation systems of the country will, in a few years, break down, unless the railroads are allowed to earn larger funds wherewith to build it up. There are vast sections of the country, especially in the West, where more railroads are needed and they cannot be built unless the railroads raise new capital.

"People invest money in order to make money, and they are skeptical as to whether they can make money by investing in concerns that are dealt with stringently and unfairly. Railroad securities must be made more attractive to invite investments, and in order that they may be made more attractive, the roads must be allowed earnings that will enable them to meet the increased capital charges."

lifts the summer dust into the air to be scattered afar.

A few loads of gravel, at the right time, will prevent the winter chuckhole or hold down the summer dust. Failure to apply the repairs at the right time means the total destruction of the road surface, with the necessity of early reconstruction of the whole road.

Just a little work now will mean the keeping of a good road, whereas apathy now means that bad roads will be upon us. Now is a mighty good time for action.

Gravel trains are operating again. That means added activity in the Springfield railroad yards and brings nearer the time when railroad activity of Oregon will center about Springfield.

Buying at Home

I bought some rags of Tailor Scraggs, and paid him when I got 'em; he wept with glee, "for now," said he, "I'll pay my bills, dod rot 'em." On the run he took the mon and paid the corner grocer, whose trade was bad, and who was sad, because the wolf grew closer. This made him smile, and for a while the man of teas and sages, that cheerful thinks, forgot the kinks and paid his clerks their wages. And Billiam Bunk, the old head clerk, put up some thankful phrases; his wife was ill—the druggist's bill had worried him like blazes. The druggist cried "Doggone your hide, I thank you for these roubles; I'm in the hole and need a role to ease my weight of troubles." The druggist paid that winsome maid his first assistant Annie, and just for luck she blew a buck for roller skates for granny. And thus my seeds brought help to lads and girls beyond the counting. Much trouble ceased, and joy increased, and kept on mounting, mounting. You see, my friend, if you should spend your coin with local dealers, you're spreading glee and ecstasy to beat the sunshine spellers.—Walt Mason.

Notice to Contractors and Abutting Property Owners.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the Town of Springfield, Oregon, will meet at 8:00 o'clock P. M., on Monday, June 28th, 1915, at the City Hall in the Town of Springfield, for the purpose of opening sealed bids and letting the contract for the grading and macadamizing of G street from the east line of Eighth street, easterly, to the west line of the Brattain Estate, as provided by Ordinance No. 416, passed June 14th, 1915.

The whole of said improvement will be let in one contract, and the work thereon shall be begun within twenty days from the letting of the contract, and must be completed within sixty days from the time of commencement. Plans and specifications for the said improvement are now on file in the office of H. E. Walker, Recorder.

The person to whom the contract is let must agree to look to the property improved for his pay, and accept the lien which the Town hereby undertakes to create against the said property, or the Bancroft Bonds, which may be issued based upon the said liens, and he must agree to bid par, with accrued interest, for such Bancroft Bonds when the same are offered for sale.

A certified check for 5 per cent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Mayor of Springfield, must accompany the bid, as liquidated damages in case the bidder fails or refuses to enter into the contract and provide a sufficient bond for its faithful performance.

Sealed bids should be addressed to the Recorder, Springfield, Oregon, and must be in his hands before 8 o'clock P. M., June 28th, 1915. The Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 Dated June 14th, 1915.
 H. E. WALKER, Recorder.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed their final account in the estate of P. J. Boller, deceased, and Monday, the 21st day of June, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m., has been set as the time for hearing said final account, and the settlement thereof. All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to file their objections to said final account, or any particular item thereof, specifying their objections with the County Clerk on or before said 21st day of June, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m.
 FIEDA LOUISA BOLLER,
 ANNIE MARIE SANDGATHE,
 MELVA JEJANETTE WATSON,
 Executrices of the Estate of P. J. Boller, Deceased.

Notice of Teachers' Examination

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Lane County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at the Eugene High School, Eugene, Oregon, as follows:
 Commencing Wednesday, June 30, 1915, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, July 3, 1915, at 4

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SATURDAY FORENOON—Geometry, Botany.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—General History, Bookkeeping.

E. J. MOORE,
 40-42 County School Superintendent.

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