

### CEMENT PAVING MOST SATISFACTORY ASSERTS ROBERTS

Regarding the cement pavement being laid on the Central Point road by the county, E. B. Hanley has received the following letter from W. J. Roberts, former state highway commissioner for the state of Washington and previously consulting engineer for the city of Medford.

"Tacoma, April 3.

"Mr. E. B. Hanley, Medford, Or.  
"Dear Sir: My memorandum to write you in regard to concrete roads was somehow mislaid, and the promised letter in regard to constructing concrete roads for public highways has been delayed.

"During the last two years there have been a number of concrete roads laid in the state of Washington, some of which are standing the traffic and giving splendid results. One laid near Chehalis two years ago was laid as a two-course concrete, the bottom course 4 1/2 inches in thickness of a mixture 1-3-6, with the top layer 1 1/2 inches thick of a mixture 1-1-1 1/2. The top course is laid upon the lower course before it has had time to set, so that the two courses are practically one, but the top layer is much finer and richer.

"Pierce county built three different roads under three different contractors, sixteen feet in width, all with the same specifications and one-course concrete, the proportions being 1-2-4 and 5 inches in thickness. Two of these roads are showing splendid results, while the third was skinned by the contractor and inspector and is a very poor piece of work. The county commissioners expect to recover it this season with a sheet asphalt.

"The two-course concrete in Lewis county cost about \$1.10 per square yard, while the one-course concrete in Pierce county cost about 90 cents per square yard. Pierce county laid 8 1/2 miles of 'granitoid' under the Blome patent two years ago, and this is a splendid road, probably the most satisfactory road in many respects on the Pacific highway. The granitoid is laid similar to a two-course concrete, the bottom 4 1/2 inches being a 1-3-6 mixture, and the top course equal parts of cement and fine stone chips. The granitoid has shown a few longitudinal cracks, but in nearly all cases they may be attributed to an improperly prepared sub-grade.

"In general, I would say that a concrete road makes a very satisfactory road for automobiles, and its durability depends entirely upon the details of construction and the thoroughness with which the work is done. Pierce county expects to continue building concrete roads this season, but is making the thickness of the center 5 inches at the outer edges and 7 inches in the center, and making the proportions 1-2-3 1/2 instead of 1-2-4 as last season. Concrete roads of this specification can be laid for about 90 cents per square yard after the sub-grade is prepared. Very truly yours,  
"W. J. ROBERTS,  
"Chief Engineer."

### TEN GOVERNORS CONFER AT DENVER

DENVER, Colo., April 7.—The annual conference of western governors opened here today at 10:30 o'clock. Ten governors accepted invitations to attend the meeting. There was no set program for today's session.

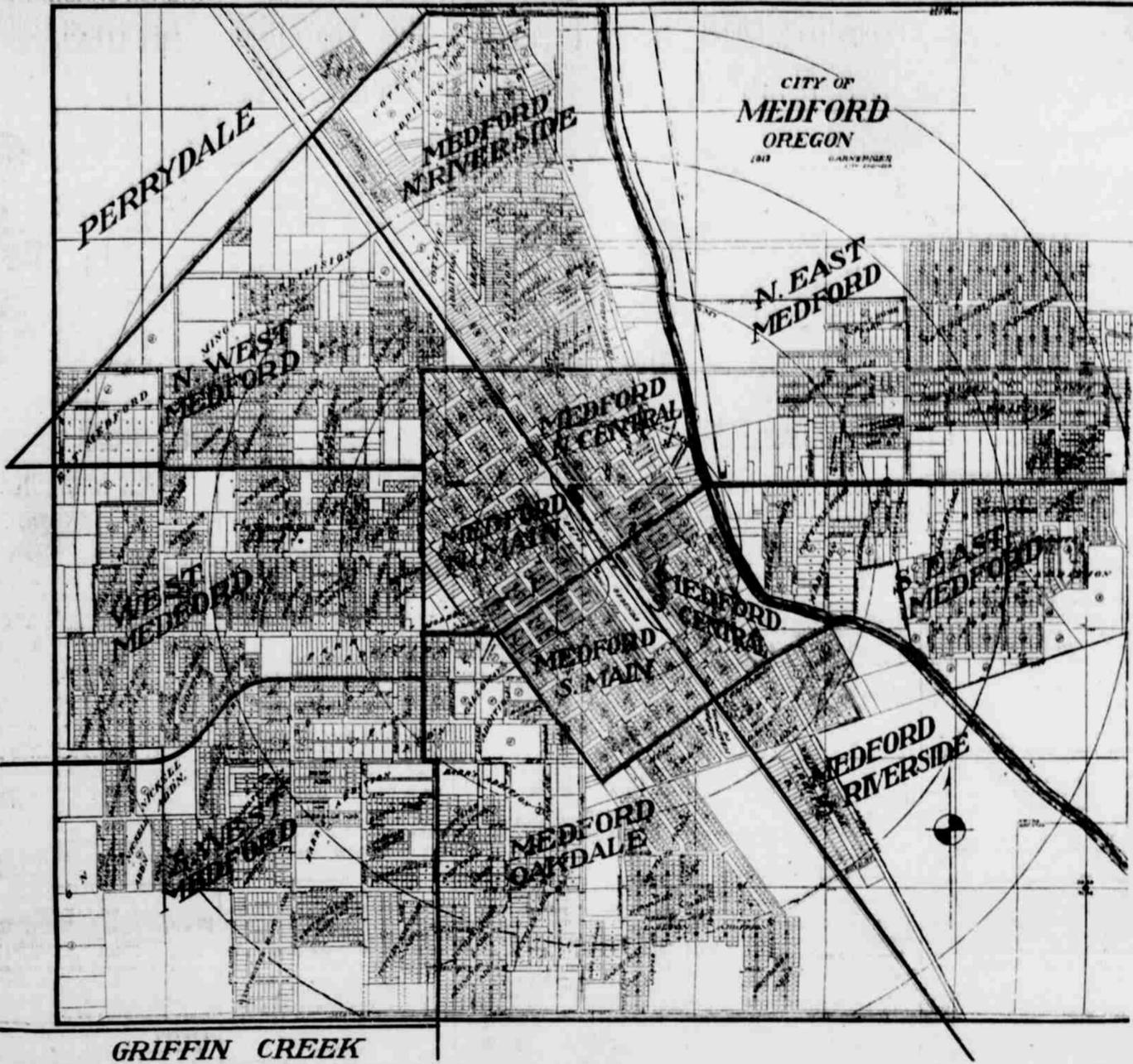
Governor Oddie of Nevada was the first to arrive, and Governors West of Oregon, Lister of Washington, Haines of Idaho, Stewart of Montana, Strong of Alaska and Spry of Utah reached here in the course of the day. The visitors were welcomed to the city by Mayor Perkins on behalf of Denver and by Governor Ammons on behalf of the state.

### CORNELIUS VOTES DRY; 60 MAJORITY

CORNELIUS, Ore., April 7.—According to a complete count today of the votes cast in yesterday's municipal election Cornelius remains dry by a majority of 60 out of 267 votes cast. The following were elected to office:

Mayor, J. F. Kigore; councilmen, Ernest Wilkins and B. Ingerbritson; recorder, P. E. Phelps; treasurer, A. B. Hendrix.

### Only a Few More Days to Register for the Primaries—Do It Now; Map Shows the Medford Precincts



### AGENT ACCUSED OF \$70,000 THEFT BY COTTON MILLS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 7.—Alfred Auze, Pacific coast manager of the Turner Cotton Mills of New York, under arrest here on a charge of embezzling \$70,000 belonging to the New York firm, refused today to issue any statement concerning the affair. He will be given a preliminary hearing here this morning before Police Judge Deasey.

Auze was arrested late yesterday in Oakland by Detective Henry Kalmbach of San Francisco. The accused man attempted suicide when he recognized the detective, and it was only Kalmbach's quick action that prevented him from carrying out his purpose. Auze attempted to fire a bullet into his brain, but Kalmbach reached for the weapon and it was discharged in the air, the bullet narrowly missing Auze's head. Kalmbach then disarmed Auze.

Auze held a high-salaried position with the Turner mills and had offices in the Lumbermen's building. The firm, according to Kalmbach, became suspicious of Auze's financial methods last July and sent an expert accountant here to audit his books. The investigation showed that Auze had made away with at least \$70,000 since 1907. The system, according to the accountant, was to keep two separate bank accounts and make late payments appear as though they were for earlier sales.

Auze and his wife were well known in Berkeley church and social circles. He owned a beautiful home in the Claremont district. Mrs. Auze said the arrest had come so suddenly that she was unable to make anything of it, but expressed faith that her husband was innocent of any intentional wrongdoing.

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### LIBERAL MAJORITY CHEERS HOME RULE

LONDON, April 7.—Liberal politicians were sighing with relief today over last night's majority of the second reading of the Irish home rule bill.

Though they professed confidence all along, their ranks were so badly disorganized by the incident of the army officers' resignation when the war office began making military preparations in Ulster, that the party leaders were doubtful what the net vote would be. It did, in fact, show a narrower margin in the Liberal-Labor-Irish alliance's favor over the Conservatives than earlier in the session but the Liberals were too well satisfied that it was as wide as it was to do any complaining.

The bill was expected to pass its third reading early in May, after which it will go to the house of lords.

### BANKER C. H. RAINE, THE MILLION DOLLAR DEFAULTER



C. H. Raine, president of the Mercantile Bank of Memphis, Tenn., admits the loss of a million dollars of his depositors' money by speculation. Frank Haine blames Wall street for his troubles and says the game was "rigged" against him.

### KILBANE-DELMONT BOUT POOR EXHIBITION

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 7.—"The poorest exhibition ever staged in Memphis," was the way fight fans referred today to last night's eight round contest here between Eugene Delmont of Memphis and Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, featherweight champion of the world. Kilbane shaded Delmont in two rounds and then held him off for the remainder, six rounds. The newspaper decision was given to Kilbane.

### THEIVES SECURE \$1000 DAYLIGHT GEM HAUL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 7.—Thieves smashed a department store show window early today and stole jewelry worth \$1000. They distanced a watchman who pursued them.

### OLD SPARROW MISSING FROM HIS USUAL HAUNTS

An old sparrow who had been loafing in front of Ritter's confectionery store for years, eating scraps from the peanut roaster, has disappeared, and fears are expressed that he has met with foul play, or is very sick. He has not shown up since Sunday, and as he was fixed in his habits, there are grounds to worry. All his mates are on the job. He was chiefly distinguished from them by a white tail feather and was not afraid of man or automobile. It was his custom to roost under a machine, and when a peanut dropped, run out and grab the morsel from under feet. There is the hope that he is busy doing the spring nest cleaning.

### OCTOGENARIAN INJURED BY JOY-RIDING AUTO

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 7.—Robert Mandel, 80 years old, was struck and probably fatally injured at dusk today by an automobile containing a party of alleged joy-riders. The motorists left the aged man lying in the street.

### \$10,000,000 GAIN IN LIFE INSURANCE

SALEM, Or., April 7.—Life insurance aggregating \$116,343,942.76 was in effect in Oregon at the close of business December 31, 1913, according to announcement by insurance

Commissioner Ferguson today. The increase was almost \$10,000,000 during the year.

### MRS. JANE ROOT REPORTED AS DYING IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Jane Root, formerly of Medford, but lately of Lawndale, Cal., was reported by a postal card dated April 2, as dying after a lingering

illness. Mrs. Root is known by many people of this place. She made her home constantly with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hodge, Mrs. Hodge being her daughter.

Mrs. Root was a member of the Presbyterian church and was instrumental in having the pulpit chair, now in use put in the church. Her many friends will regret her departure to be no more with us.

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