

HUNDREDS OF BLOCKS STREET IMPROVEMENTS ARE DEMANDED AND NOT A YARD OF DIRT MOVING—CITY HAS NO EQUIPMENT AND CONTRACTORS ARE NOT PREPARED

Hundreds of blocks of streets are asked to be improved. The city has almost no contracting firms to do the work. Very small equipment to carry on the operations.

That is the situation in the Capital City that perplexes the street department. Petitions are in for hundreds of blocks of street improvement. In South Salem, North Salem, and East Salem the universal cry is, we want the streets graded, gravelled, or finished with crushed rock. All kinds of specifications are asked for. The street committee is swamped with applications for work to be done. There is but one rock crushing plant operated by the General Contracting Company, that is hauling in crushed rock with a few teams for the bituminous contracts. There is one gravel contracting company furnishing unscreened gravel. The situation is not favorable to getting must street work done. There is said to be a gravel trust under which all the available gravel supplies are monopolized.

The city has not paid for work done on two streets in North Salem, and the contractors are very much dissatisfied, and say they do not want any more city work under the present system.

The City's Equipment.

For street work the city has one reversible road machine, and has accepted a bid for a gravel barge that is to bring gravel from Minto's Island, but as to the legal right of the city to secure gravel for contractors that is called in question. What is

needed badly is a power screen that will take the common river gravel and separate it into about four grades, take out the sand and dirt, and then it would be pretty fair marlled subway, with a twelve-ton roller. That is being done at Eugene, Boise and other places. But so long as the gravel contractors can sell unscreened river gravel for street work they will do it. And when that is put on a street right it will make a fair street.

Street Roller Needed.

For the purpose of making streets that will stand traffic, the specifications on residence streets called for rolled subway, with a twelve-ton roller. The road roller is an indispensable factor. The petition from North and South Salem call for rolled streets. No contractor at Salem owns a street roller. Most cities to get work done are required to have a street roller. This city cannot get its streets built without buying one. Then the city would own a gravel supply, a barge to bring it over, a road machine and a road roller. Then the city would be in a position to build streets. The road roller will pull the road machine. Two men and a road machine will grade a mile of street in a day. That is, they say can do it. So far nothing has been done by the city, but make surveys and drive grade stakes. The time has come to go to work if any streets are to be built this year. Street work is absolutely at a standstill. The city owning the road machine, the gravel supply, and the road roller

would be in a position to do street work on its own account. In fact, there is not much use in the city furnishing all the machinery and equipment and then turning it over to private contractors to make the money out of the abutting property owners who want streets built.

A More Vigorous Policy

The street department must become mighty active if there are to be miles of streets graded before the dry season comes on, when all such work will be done only at great expense and very unsatisfactory. In the next two months all the street grading must be done that is done before fall. The Fair Grounds boulevard should have been planned and all under construction before this time. Indications are there will be no boulevard built. A little tinkering may be done on the old Fair Ground road. The first thing the city needs is the steam road roller. Next a supply of material that will permit miles of streets to be finished. The city has neither a crushed rock nor a gravel supply. The city has no road roller. There must be action and action at once if anything is to be done to meet the demands of the people for improved streets. The city government is away behind the people in equipment or material to work with. Private capital will not go into gravel and screens nor into rock crushers nor road rollers. What is to be done? The petitions for street improvements are piling up and beyond publishing advertisements and making city surveys the city is doing nothing.

STORY OF STAYTON ROBBERS

LOST THEIR NERVE BUT MADE GOOD GET AWAY

A gentleman down from Stayton last night says there was a lively time in Stayton when the attempted bank robbery was made there Wednesday. It seems that when the robbers entered the bank W. L. Freres, cashier of the bank, was sitting down with his feet on the table reading a newspaper. His brother was standing behind the counter, and Miss Harold, an employee, was at her desk. "Hand out the money," said one of the men, emphasizing his remark by pointing a big "Gatling" at W. L. Freres. That gentleman's feet were already upon the table, but he increased the bull movement by putting up his hands when required to do so.

"Come in gentlemen, and help yourselves," said Freres, puffing his cigar and holding the newspaper he had been reading up in the air.

The polite invitation was not accepted, as the would-be robbers seemed to be frightened at the sudden disappearance of Pete Freres under the counter. The uncertainty as to what he was doing seemed to upset their plans, for in a moment one of them said, we had better get out of this," an opinion the other at once seconded. In the meanwhile, either Miss Harold or Pete Freres, pressed the burglar alarm, with which the business houses are connected, and Lee Carver and another man, the jeweler of the town, responded at once. The robbers dashed out of the bank, the masks still on their faces, and their guns in their hands, ran down the main street south, one block, thence west a block, and at this point Carver fired a shot at them, but only hit the door of Gitten's store. The robbers then ran south another block to the Brown sawmill, and then turned west, running about four blocks before turning again south into the thick brush along the Santiam River.

In the meanwhile, Glover, who drives the Turner stage, who was unhitching his horses, jumped on a horse, as soon as he could get a gun, and, with Editor Connelly, of the Stayton Mail, who had also procured a horse, started in pursuit. Connelly fired a shot at them just before the robbers left the road. They answered Connelly's shot with three or four pistol bullets that went singing over their pursuers' heads, and then took to the brush. They were followed for a mile or more, but the dense undergrowth, fallen timber and uneven ground were in their fa-

vor, and they made good their escape.

Since their disappearance at that point absolutely nothing has been heard of them, though many rumors have been given currency.

TURKISH AFFAIRS

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May Carve Turkey.

Vienna, April 16.—A veritable civil war in Turkey is predicted in government circles today. The opinion was expressed that in the event of war many Turkish provinces would secede and that neighboring powers would begin "grabbing" indiscriminately all of the territory that is possible to annex.

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It is reported here that Albina has established a revolutionary government and that rebellions have been started at other places. These reports have not been confirmed.

Declare War on Christians.

Constantinople, April 16.—Sixty Armenians, a German and an interpreter at the British consulate were killed today at Adana, a city of 24,000 population in Asia Minor, by fanatical Mohammedans, who have declared war on the Christians. The Mohammedan uprising is believed to be the result of the revolt at Constantinople. It is believed that Germany and England will interfere in behalf of the Christians as a result of the assassination of their subjects.

Many houses at Adana were pillaged and burned during the outbreak. There was resumption today of the fighting which began yesterday, and which was erroneously re-

ported to have taken place at Merzina. The war is rapidly spreading throughout Asia Minor.

COUNTY OFFICIALS WERE "STUNG"

[United Press Leased Wire.]

San Rafael, Cal., April 16.—County officials and employees in the court house today are making liberal applications of soothing lotions following the invasion of the several offices by a swarm of bees yesterday afternoon. After clearing the court house of its occupants, the busy insects made their way into nearby offices and stores. State Senator E. B. Martinelli was driven from his office when the bees took possession. Many officials and clerks were severely stung.

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