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### MUNICIPAL PAVING PLANT

It is to be hoped that the courts will not interfere in the attempt of the mayor and city council to emancipate the property owners of Salem from the extortionate demands of the paving trust. A city-owned paving plant, operated by home labor, and laying pavement for property owners at virtual cost is a business-like and sensible idea in all respects. The depression in many of the Northwest cities and towns may in a measure be traced to the vast expenditures for public improvements, loading the municipalities with bonded debts and increasing taxation to the point of confiscation in some instances. And the greatest beneficiary of this era of extravagance has been the several paving concerns operating in this territory, and apparently combined into one big paving trust so far as the stifling of actual competition is concerned. This combine has left a trail of debauched and bribed city officials, newspapers and property owners that makes the map of the Northwest look like a checkerboard, and as a result property owners have been forced to pay in many instances double the price they should have paid for an inferior brand of hard surface streets. The rule of the paving trust in Oregon, Washington and Idaho during the past eight or nine years has been one of absolute disregard for the rights and interests of the property owner and taxpayer and that rule has been so despotic that the people are in no mood to submit longer to its oppressions.

Salem is in need of considerable more street improvement work and the property owners will consent to it when they are assured of a reasonable price for pavement, and not before. The municipal plant idea was a sensible plan to eliminate the trust and its extortions—and of course there comes the inevitable court injunction. That is the corporation and trust plan always for defeating the just efforts of the people to govern themselves.

The Oregonian takes the president to task for appointing George Rublee as a member of the Federal Trade Commission, and insists that this was in violation of the spirit of the law, because its intent was that where a minority party was entitled to representation on a commission he principal minority party was meant. While it is probable the republican party is the principal minority party, it is not so shown by the national returns. The progressives polled a larger vote than the republicans at the last national election, and this is the last official test of the national strength of the parties. It may be possible the next two weeks will again show the progressives the stronger. It remains to be seen whether the elephant or bull moose is the principal, even though minority animal.

A defeated candidate was met by a Capital Journal man the morning after, and he was smiling and cheery as though he had not been through the mill and came out ground pretty fine. When questioned about his views on the matter, he replied in effect, that this was a democratic country, that every other man and woman too, in Oregon, had as much right to judge as to his being the right man for the place as he had and they having decided against him he had no fault to find. That was the cheerful and correct way to look at it, and is of the brand of philosophy used by the Irishman who gave as a recipe for contentedness the simple formula: "If you don't get what you like, like what you get."

It may be possible of course that the Portland detectives have the murderer of Mrs. Jennings in Bennett Thompson, but so far there is but little evidence to support their conclusions. It would seem they are trying to make the murder fit their theories rather than discover the criminal. Unless they have the right man now, and starting on the theory that he is the only one that could have committed the murder, they are not apt to find him. They had a theory about the trunk murder not long ago, but so far, that is all they have discovered.

Food prices in Germany are reaching a new high level, and it is expected a food dictator will be appointed soon. It is claimed there is enough, but defective distribution is responsible for shortage and high prices.

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### WANTED, NAME FOR POLITICAL GIRL BABY

In two weeks the animals will gather at Chicago. The Elephants, the Bull Moose and the National Women's party which should also be given a place in the menagerie. So far no name has been suggested and the Capital Journal feeling the political baby is entitled to a cognomen entirely and distinctly its own, suggests "The Giraffes."

There are several reasons for this. The Giraffe is neat but not gaudy in its garb, and showing a distinctly feminine trait in selecting the polka dot style of garment. It is graceful and attractive, and carries its head high, looking down upon all the other animals just as does—well, the lady politician. The zebra might do, being somewhat gay of attire but it looks too much like the democratic donkey in carnival garb.

As another suggestion, the animals being already pretty well represented, why not give the birds a chance? Most women are more bird-like anyway, than the balance of humanity, and besides they are many of them capable of high flights, and are sweet voiced songsters. The ostrich, being the largest of the bird tribe naturally suggests itself, and as one qualification sports a handsome selection of feathers. True it is not much of a songster and certainly not a high flier, but it is some runner.

This suggestion was made to an old friend who says the idea is all right, but we have selected the wrong animal. He insists the goat should be selected as the emblem of the women's party from its persistent habit of butting in.

This was not nice of him, but it's like naming any other baby and the whole country has a right to suggest a name. If you have any it is your privilege to make it public, for the party is to be born in two weeks, and as its sex is known, a name should be awaiting it.

The Oregon vote on presidential candidates has had a big effect, no doubt on the eastern politicians, it being the only expression of the feeling of the entire people of a state on the matter. It seems to have clinched the selection, to the extent of placing the nomination at Justice Hughes disposal. The consensus of opinion in the east being that he can have the nomination if he wants it. At the same time it does not want to be overlooked that Teddy is still in the race, and he has the elephant pretty well buffaloed. You know that animal is proverbially afraid of a mouse, and the Colonel is liable to make the whole herd climb on their chairs and trumpet for help.

The result as to most of the candidates is known, but that of the public service commissioner from the eastern district is still doubtful. Mr. Corey claims to have beaten Mr. Wright of Union county, but the vote is close, and several counties are not yet heard from. One little county can do whole lots of things to a fellow if it feels like it, and sometimes it does.

An advertisement in the Oregonian says that "Washington often played the lotteries." That statement may get through in Oregon, but over in the state named after him, if Attorney Joab heard of it, the writer would be sent to jail and the editor of the Oregonian would be sent to the rock pile or something equally drastic be done to him in the way of punishment.

The Southern Pacific officials are puzzled. At Roseville a force of 100 section men were given a raise of 25 cents a day a few days ago, and the next morning every last one of them quit the job. They gave no reason, just walked out and said nothing. That is what is keeping the officials busy trying to find a solution. So far none has even been suggested.

A London dispatch says "the enemy has killed 500 British fishermen since the war started." They should have enlisted, and showed they believed in "safety first."

There is a proverb that "It's a wise child knows its own father;" but the Matter's baby case shows it is also a wise child that knows its own mother.



### TOWSER

I drove a horse for a long, long time; through the summer dust and the winter rime I jogged along in my one-hoss shay, and never dreamed that a better way of locomotion I e'er would find, and Towser trotted along behind. A happy dog was old Towser then; he got acquainted with dogs and men, and found fine bones on the right of way; the while he followed my one-hoss shay. But Dublin, the horse, grew out of date, and I bought a car that can hit a gait of forty miles in a fleeting hour, a thing that throbs with resistless power. Old Towser followed the car one day, as I scorch'd the road on my townward way; he kept in sight for three parasangs, and then he muttered some bow-wow dangs, and sneaked back home with a broken heart, and died the death 'neath a one-hoss cart. Alas, old dog, 'twas a bitter end, for one that long was a faithful friend, but the world moves on, and that dog must fade that is too slow for the great parade; must lay him down 'neath the buttercups—and it's true of men, just as well as pups.



### Get the Habit of Drinking Hot Water Before Breakfast

Says we can't look or feel right with the system full of poisons.

Millions of folks bathe internally now instead of loading their system with drugs. "What's an inside bath?" you say. Well, it is guaranteed to perform miracles if you could believe these hot water enthusiasts.

There are vast numbers of men and women who, immediately upon arising in the morning, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is a very excellent health measure. It is intended to flush the stomach, liver, kidneys and the thirty feet of intestines of the previous day's waste, sour bile and indigestible material left over in the body which if not eliminated every day, becomes food for the millions of bacteria which infect the bowels, the quick result is poisons and toxins which are then absorbed into the blood causing headache, bilious attacks, foul breath, bad taste, soiled stomach, trouble, kidney misery, sleeplessness, impure blood and all sorts of ailments.

People who feel good one day and badly the next, but who simply can not get feeling right are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store. This will cost very little but is sufficient to make anyone a real crank on the subject of internal sanitation.

Just as soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and refreshing, so limestone phosphate and hot water act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. It is vastly more important to bathe on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do.

### AUMSVILLE NEWS

Miss Alice Sebrink is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. H. C. Lewis and little daughter Eunice visited in Seio Sunday.

Mrs. E. F. Babin and little daughter Rita went to Salem Friday.

J. Blankney and family visited at the Louis Blankney home the first of the week.

O. E. Darby and wife went to Jefferson dedication of the Christian Church there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Lee of Lebanon visited Sunday at the V. E. Darby home.

Ralph Speer and wife of Junction City visited at the M. H. and A. P. Speer home Sunday.

Home-Speer and family of Tangent visited at the M. H. and A. P. Speer home Sunday.

Chas. Ransom and family and Mrs. Edith Ransom and little daughter Cora visited at Liberal Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Evans of St. Johns visited Sunday at the onis Bleakney home Sunday.

The Rebecca Lodge held a special meeting Saturday afternoon to elect a delegate for Grand Lodge in place of Mrs. Ross Condit. Mrs. J. E. Lewis and Miss Mable Albee have been elected as delegates to attend Grand Lodge at Springfield.—Record.

### UNION HILL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mollet went to Stayton Thursday.

C. W. Geer spent Sunday at the Guy Geer home.

P. A. Monroe and wife left Sunday for Crook county, Oregon, where they expect to make their future home.

Quite a number of the young folks of this place went to the dance at the George Thomas home given as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mallet, Bertha and Ralph motored to Corvallis Friday evening and returned Sunday evening.

Chas. Peters and daughters, Emma and Mildred went to Stayton Wednesday where Miss Mildred had some dental work done.

Edith and Clifford Hurt of Sublimity spent Saturday night at the W. D. Hurt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Spaniol and daughter

of Stayton and Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Victor Point were visiting at the A. C. Hays home one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geymer and children of near Kingston were visiting at the Wm. Stevely home Sunday. As it was a busy day they motored to Silver Creek Falls in the afternoon.

Mrs. J. Tefft and daughter, Katie, went to Salem Saturday where Katie took part in the spelling contest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and daughter, Ollie, of Silverton were guests at the G. D. Scott home Sunday.—Aumsville Record.

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### ACRES OF DIAMONDS

"Acres of Diamonds" the lecture that Russell H. Conwell of Philadelphia has delivered 5124 times and the proceeds of which 1674 young men have been helped to a college education was given that is the gist of it, by Rev. Carl H. Elliott Sunday evening in the First Presbyterian church. The lecture begins with a story told the lecturer years ago by a guide in the valley of the Tigris river, as he led the camel along the way. In brief it is the story of a man who determined to go in search of diamonds and therefore sold his farm and set out but after months of futile search and wandering he became discouraged and drowned himself while the man who bought his farm found the famous Golconda diamond fields upon his own premises and became immensely rich. His own fields were "acres of diamonds." Our opportunities for wealth for success, for usefulness all are not in some distant land but right at our own doors. That is the point that the lecturer makes and illustrates with many a story from real life. Probably no lecture of the American platform has been so wonderfully

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