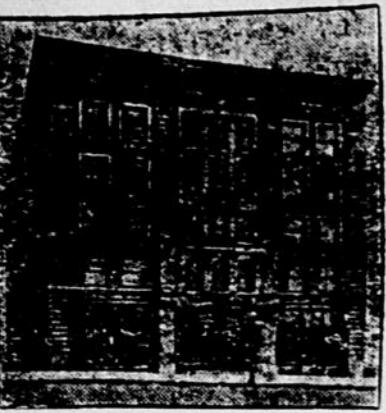


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**Masonic Meetings.**
**STATED COMMUNICATION**  
Marshall Lodge, No. 103 A. F. & A. M., regular meeting Friday, July 16, 8:00 p. m. John W. Wells, secretary; W. H. Steiner, W. M.

**SIGNET CHAPTER**, No. 35, R. A. M. Special convocation Monday, June 28, for work in Royal Arch degree, 1. S. Kilborn, H. P. John W. Wells, Rec.

**STATED ASSEMBLY**, King Solomon Council, No. 20, R. & S. M. Monday, after the third Sunday, L. T. Forbes, recorder; George Gregory, T. L. M.

**REGULAR CONCLAVE**, St. Alderman Commandery No. 30, K. T. Forbes, June 22, at 8 o'clock. Regular business. M. S. McFarland, Rec. George Gregory, E. C.

**REGULAR MEETING** Central Chapter No. 57, O. E. S., Wednesday, July 14, 8 p. m. Business. Anna Downing, secretary; Mary Black Collins, W. M.

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**BUTILITHIC PAVING AND ITS COST.**

The Des Moines Tribune has aroused the ire of Grinnell boosters by publishing an attack upon the butilithic pavement as laid in Iowa City and later repeated in Grinnell. The Tribune asserted that the high priced butilithic in Iowa City was going to pieces but the mayor of Iowa City writes to the Grinnell Herald saying that the Des Moines Tribune does not know what it is talking about. Grinnell has ordered a big batch of butilithic for additional streets consequently this is a tender subject in Grinnell.

Grinnell need not feel alarmed about butilithic. The use of asphaltic concrete for a wearing surface is standard all over the country. Literally thousands of miles of it have been laid on highways in the New England states, much of it over the old macadam roads as a base and it is a good pavement. It will wear out in time, of course, and so will a wagon tire, but it can be resurfaced again.

The only mistake Grinnell is making is in paying a handsome royalty in the price for a patented formula. The price of asphalt with granite chips for a wearing surface is no mystery and should never be controlled by patents. The T.R. has in its office specifications for asphaltic concrete pavements of several cities and the specifications are almost identical with butilithic specifications except as to Warren Brothers' particular brand of asphalt or the formula for sizes of granite chips. Among state highway engineers it is a joke to think of paying anything for a formula for asphaltic concrete on top of concrete base for a street pavement.

However, Grinnell people are getting a good pavement in their butilithic and so long as their property owners are willing to pay the price which any patented or controlled pavement commands there is no occasion to become alarmed as to butilithic. With a small amount of inquiry among highway engineers Grinnell could lay asphaltic concrete equal in every respect to butilithic for much less money.

**MAKE 'EM DO IT.**

The highway commission has called the attention of the state to the noxious weed law. All weeds along the highways must be cut between July 1 and August 1. The suggestion is that the highway commission intends to enforce this law which has been much neglected and ignored.

The noxious weed law is a piece of sensible legislation and should be enforced thoroughly. The good farmer does not wait to be driven to cut weeds along his road. He refuses to maintain along the side of his farm a nursery for the weeds he must fight to save his crop and get the returns necessary to high priced acres. And the trustees should see to it that he is protected against the careless farmer or the soil skinning tenant of the farm across the road. Those in authority should not force the farmer who cuts weeds to complain of his neighbor who refuses or neglects to comply with a wise law and thus make bad blood in the neighborhood. Somewhat of authority beyond the dignity and title should go with the trusteeship.

City authorities should begin at once to enforce the general law against noxious weeds and see that the parkings of vacant lots are attended to. In fact the city should insist that vacant property shall be kept in respectable condition all the year round. As it is the vacant lot owner in many cases permits his property to grow up to an unsightly tangle of weeds, the well kept parking of the prudish householder is bordered by the jungle of the vacant lot adjoining whose owner is waiting for an increment earned in the future remains unshaken. Although July dividend payments will not equal last year's by approximately \$4,700,000, it is a hopeful sign that late several corporate interests have announced increased disbursements, two railroads operating in the Middle West being included in the list this week. In the aggregate, the revenues of the transporting companies continue below the totals of 1914—gross earnings for the first two weeks of June showing a reduction of 3.2 per cent—but some systems are now making better returns and, as previously, most of the loss is on roads in the South. This is largely the result of the depression in cotton which, however, has made a substantial recovery from the shock of the war, as is evidenced by the fact that shipments abroad for the season to date are only about 775,000 bales smaller than last year's.

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