

BIDS ARE OPENED

Only Two Companies Wish to Furnish Stone for Jetty.

PRICES ARE REASONABLE

No Award to Be Made on Proposals Until the Appropriation Recommended is Authorized by Congress.

Major W. C. Langitt opened bids yesterday for furnishing and delivering stone for jetty construction at the mouth of the Columbia River this year, and found but three proposals.

J. W. Sweeney, of Portland, offered to furnish 400,000 tons of stone at \$1.02 per ton, f. o. b. barges at Fort Stevens.

The Columbia Contract Company, Portland, offered 400,000 tons of stone at \$1.30, f. o. b. barges at Fort Stevens.

The Columbia Contract Company also tendered a second proposal of not less than 200,000 tons of stone.

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With the amount of money available at present and the appropriations allowed it is doubtful, however, if there will be sufficient for much more than 200,000 tons of stone.

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CROWDS HEAR DR. BROUGHER

Minister Speaks to Audience on "Girl Who Fell Out of Bed."

"Church members who have fallen out of bed." This is Dr. Brougher's term for what are more commonly called "backsliders."

There was a large audience at the White Temple last night to hear Dr. Brougher's sermon on "The Little Girl Who Fell Out of Bed."

There were many Christians present, good, bad and indifferent, and a large number of people who were not members of any church.

Dr. Brougher based his sermon on the story of a little girl who had just been born. Her mother, hearing her cry, rushed to her assistance.

Picking her up and putting her back in bed, she said: "My dear, how did you come to get out of bed?"

"I don't know, unless it was because I lay down too close to the place I got in."

This story, said Dr. Brougher, contains the philosophy of backsliding. That is a good enough name for the experience if you can not get another.

The Methodist call it "falling from grace." Some other denominations say that such people are "out of communion," but whatever the name you apply to this state of Christian life, one thing is absolutely sure—they all feel that the devil has got them.

Members of the church members who are cold and indifferent, can find the reason for their condition in "lying down too close to the place they got in."

When he ceases to grow and become stunted, it will not be long before he has fallen by the way.

DIES IN HOSPITAL

Well-Known Farmer of Grand Ronde Valley Passes Away.

John Morrison, a farmer of the Grand Ronde valley, and an uncle of State Senator Peter McDonald, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday after a brief illness.

The deceased came to the hospital from La Grande on January 6, and was to have undergone a surgical operation.

AGAINST ALL SALOONS

Must Keep Out of Woodstock, Laurelwood and South Mount Tabor.

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LOG SHORTAGE MAY OCCUR

ONLY A FEW CAMPS ARE NOW CUTTING.

Yellow Fir is Scarce, and Loggers Have Hopes for Better Prices in the Near Future.

No. 1 yellow fir logs will probably not sell this year under \$7.50 a thousand.

Yellow and red fir taken together, it is estimated that there are not enough logs in the water to run the mills at their present rate for over a month.

There are no camps now running cutting yellow fir, with one exception, and the few which are cutting red fir cannot keep up the supply after the stock in hand is exhausted.

With a clean market to start on and only a commensurate output during the Spring, the loggers are all sanguine of obtaining much better prices than last year.

Their ambition at present is limited to the price of \$7.50 a thousand, and it is not likely that they will be paid much more.

The conditions are such that the large loggers are going about explaining to their customers that they will not sell under \$7.50.

The German Savings & Loan Society obtained the property by foreclosing a mortgage on the Lyon heirs, and placed it on the market for \$30,000.

The Lyon heirs claimed that they had not lost their rights in the property, and sued to have the foreclosure annulled.

The case was in the courts for a year or more, and, to settle the matter, the property was sold, and it is understood, a settlement made between the contesting parties.

Meanwhile the price had increased by natural growth, and the property was finally sold to Dr. Cornelius for \$40,000.

The Frohman property, at the corner of Thirteenth and Washington streets, which was sold to Dr. C. W. Cornelius, a few weeks ago, for \$40,000, has been sold by him to Mrs. M. M. Gearin for \$48,000.

The negotiations are not complete, as Dr. Cornelius has not yet received his deeds from the German Savings & Loan Society.

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