

SEATTLE LOWEST BIDDER

May Get Government Contract

For Transportation to Manila

Portland also Making an Effort

Washington, Dec. 6.—It was announced by the war department today that the lowest bid for the transportation of troops and army supplies from the Pacific coast to Manila is that of the Boston Steamship Co., of Seattle. Their bids ask \$5.25 per ton for freight, \$10 a thousand for lumber, \$100 for first-class passengers, \$25 for soldiers without rations, \$35 with.

Laidlaw & Co., of Portland bid \$4.40 per ton for freight, \$11.50 per thousand for lumber, but put in no bid for passengers.

Unless some other bidder can show advantages over Seattle that firm will get the contract, if congress approves the change from the present system, which seems almost certain.

Portland, Dec. 6.—Portland is after the transport business also. The Chamber of Commerce wired Senator Mitchell to get in the fight.

It is proposed to utilize Vancouver barracks as the point of distribution for returned soldiers, instead of Angel Island, San Francisco.

Portland is also after the transportation of freight. A special meeting will be held Monday to take action.

FACE DEATH

Miners Must Do so or Quit.

DANGEROUS GROUND MUST BE WORKED

Commission Hear Story of the Dangers in the Mines

Scranton, Dec. 9.—When the hearing of the Strike Commission opened this morning, the announcement of the death of Dr. Rice, independent operator, was made. Justice Gray paid a further tribute to his memory.

Miner McMeigs, employed by Markie, was the first witness. He testified that he was once working some extremely dangerous ground and complained to the superintendent, and said he feared he would be killed. He was told that unless he worked that breast he would be given no card on any other. Dangerous ground had to be worked the same as any other. Rather than risk his life he walked out. Shortly after he was evicted from his home. He was followed by another miner who since the strike had been put to work on ground where he only makes 60 cents a day.

PASSING PRIVATE PENSIONS

House Puts Through a Big Grist

Washington, Dec. 6.—When the House met today, Henderson announced the following committee appointment, Glass, of Virginia, Dem., Pacific Railroads and Postoffice expenditures; Billmeyer, of Pennsylvania, Dem., Mines and Mining are included in the list.

As committee of the whole, the House then took up private pension bills and reported 12 or 13, and passed them 10 minutes later without opposition.

The London dockage bill was called, and made special order of business for Monday.

GREAT ASSOUAN DAM TO BE DEDICATED

One of the Greatest Pieces of En- gineering Work in the World

Cairo, Dec. 6.—The Government has completed all arrangements for the dedication of the dam on the Nile at Assouan, the greatest public work in the history of modern Egypt if the construction of the Suez canal is excepted.

King Edward will be officially represented at the ceremonies by the Duke of Connaught. The Duke and Duchess have arrived in Cairo and along with the Khedive will go by special train tomorrow to Luxor, whence they will take a steamer to Assouan, arriving next Tuesday. The inauguration of the dam takes place next Wednesday. The same day the party, including the guests, will go to Assouan by boat. The following day the supplementary dam at Assouat will be inspected, after which the party will return here.

The ceremony of inauguration will consist in laying the last stone and opening a number of sluices to let the water down the river.

SOUTHERN VOLCANOES BREAK OUT

Fort Defiance, Dec. 6.—Mount Pelee is in extreme eruption today. Ashes are falling for five miles around. There is no panic, although many inhabitants will be compelled to flee from danger soon. The governor of Windward Island sent a dispatch to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain in which he says the prospects of the inhabitants of the island of St. Vincent is blacker than it has ever been. He believes that Georgetown will have to be abandoned, and it is doubtful if any part of the island is out of range of danger of LaSoufriere, which he describes as this terrible volcano.

The dispatches add that the South-eastern end of the island, to which the inhabitants of the district around LaSoufriere fled, in hope of safety, is badly off for want of water and if more people all crowded in there they will not be able to exist. No term can be fixed for action of the mountain. The people cannot go on like this indefinitely.

EX-SPEAKER REED REPORTED GETTING BETTER

Washington, Dec. 6.—Ex Speaker Reed is much better this afternoon.

The champion organ blower, in point of service, has been found to be seventy-two-year-old Joshua Savall, who without a single absence has pumped the organ of Plymouth church, in Brooklyn, for the last thirty-seven years.

SHOT IN COLD BLOOD

Tom Barker Killed by Doc Engle

TRIVIAL GRIEVANCE LEADS TO DELIBERATE MURDER

Wounded Man Lives But a Few Minutes While Assassin Walks off and Makes Temporary Escape

About ten o'clock last evening, in a back room of the Clay Moore saloon, Doc Engle, a gambler, shot Tom Barker, another gambler, so that he died a few minutes afterward.

The killing was a cold-blooded murder.

The story of eye witnesses is substantially as follows: Barker was dealing a game of stud poker in a back room of the saloon. Engle entered the saloon and stopped a moment at the bar, and it was noticed that he had been drinking heavily. He made the remark that he would go back and "smoke up a little," and passed into the back room. Going to the table where the game was in progress, he leaned over between two of the players and fired four or five shots in quick succession at Barker, who was still seated.

He then walked out of the side door of the saloon, up B street to Broadway and turned north.

Barker rose from his chair and walked around the table and seated himself in another chair. Dr. McCormac was summoned at once, but the man breathed his last a few moments after the doctor's arrival. Three shots had taken effect in his right arm near the shoulder, and one in his right side, the latter causing his death. Barker was more about sixty years of age, and was quite well known on the Bay having spent considerable time here

in the past. He had been here about a couple of months this time. Engle's age is quite well known here, having been here nearly a year. He is over sixty years old.

Only one possible motive for the murder could be unearthed by the Mail last evening. It seems that yesterday morning Engle had a man arrested, on a charge of picking his pockets. Barker and Sylvester, another gambler, helped in getting the man out of jail. Engle was much enraged, and all day he was threatening that he would kill both Barker and Sylvester. He had been drinking heavily for several days, but no one thought he would carry out his threats. A few minutes before the shooting he was in the brewery and said to the barkeeper: "You have seen me drunk and you have seen me sober, but this is the first time you have seen me mad." He then made the same remark that he made a few minutes later at the Clay Moore: that he was going to "smoke up."

Shortly after the death of Barker, Coroner Horst arrived and took charge of the remains, but decided not to hold an inquest until Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Farrin could be summoned from North Bend, where he was attending the marquerade.

Later—it is said by a gentleman who should know that Barker had nothing to do with getting the man mentioned out of jail. So some other grievance probably existed.

As the Mail goes to press Marshal Carter and Nightwatch McCulloch are on the lookout for Engle. It is not at all likely that he can escape.

DROPPED GIANT POWDER

Causing Death of Sev- eral Miners

Wrecking Bottom of Colliery Shaft

Wilkesbarre, Dec. 9.—A box of dynamite carelessly handled fell down the shaft of the Lehigh colliery this morning and wrecked the lower portion.

It is believed five persons were killed and more injured. The bodies of four men have been removed, and nine of these injured seriously. Others received only slight injuries.

Fifty pieces of dynamite were in the box which the men had been thawing at a stove. It is supposed that the man carrying it slipped. His body was blown to fragments.

Although the damage is considerable, it is announced that operations in the colliery will not be closed.

Francis Marion Cockrell of Missouri is the dean of the Democratic side of the senate and was the first native of his state to be honored with selection to that body.

and knew him when he was getting his start in life. Captain Lightner of this city also knows the parties referred to as having been honored by this monument, only that the Captain has the advantage of us by having been personally acquainted with Abe. Lincoln:

"There has just been erected in a little park opposite the railroad station at Clermont one of the finest monuments in the state, the gift of Ex-Governor Larrabee, to his home town. The monument, statue and historic bronze tablets cost more than \$5,000. This work is of more than ordinary interest from the fact that it has been constructed under the almost personal supervision of the governor and from his own ideas.

"The heroic figure of Abraham Lincoln, standing 7 feet 6 inches, and the four tablets, all in imperishable bronze, were executed by Bissell, the noted New York sculptor, and are worthy of special note. Mr. Lincoln holds in his hand the emancipation proclamation and looks as if he meant every word of it.

"The tablet on the west is a reproduction of the room and group of all those who assembled in the McLane house at Appomattox accepting Lee's surrender.

"The tablet on the east represents 'leaving for the war,' the central figure in the bas relief being Thomas Henderson, brother of Colonel D. B. who was killed at Shiloh.

"The tablet on the north is a scene at Pittsburg Landing. In the foreground is a surgeon from Clermont, the late Dr. Lewis, in attendance on a wounded soldier; while at the head of his company is another Clermont hero Captain Warner, who died rather than surrender.

"The south tablet is a scene on board the flagship Hartford in Mobile Bay, Admiral Farragut lashed to the rigging and the then Lieutenant George Dewey in charge of a gun crew.

"The relief for this grand monument were planned by the governor and the inscriptions selected by him; and taken altogether we doubt whether there is another monument in this country containing so much local interest. The Argo feels sure that the people of Clermont cannot fail to forever hold the governor in grateful remembrance for conceiving and carrying out the plan which gave his home town so beautiful an historic monument.

"The pretty park in which the monument is located is ornamented at each corner by a piece of heavy ordnance such as was used in the civil war."

BAY STATE ROADS.

Some Facts About the Highways of Massachusetts.

It costs on an average \$9,000 per mile to build a state road in Massachusetts, says the Boston Globe, but the actual cost depends on locality and conditions, hardly two cases being alike. One-fourth of the cost of a state road is borne by the county in which it is situated, the balance being contributed by the state.

The work of the highway commission has developed a number of high class professional roadbuilders. Many of the younger and more ambitious have entered the employ of the national government in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines in the same line of work. Most of the state roads are of broken stone, but a few are of gravel. The type of road built is determined by the engineer, who makes careful examination of soils, drainage, gravel, stone, grades and traffic.

The thickness of stone on state roads varies from four to sixteen inches, the lesser being placed over good gravel or sand, the greater over heavy clay. The broken stone used on state roads passes through half inch, inch and a half and two and a half inch screens. The largest size is placed on the bottom, the second size on top of this and the crown is made with half inch material. All are rolled separately and thoroughly.

The cost of trap rock for roadbuilding varies from \$1.10 per ton to \$1.60 per ton. The state owns seventeen steam rollers, which are employed in state roadbuilding. The standard width of stone roadways in Massachusetts built by the commission is fifteen feet. There are some only ten and twelve feet wide, but they are not deemed economical to maintain.

When a state road is constructed, it remains under the control of the state highway commission. The local authorities are taxed an amount not to exceed \$50 per mile for maintenance.

Fought With Dewey In Manila Bay. Rear Admiral Joseph Coghlan, who takes a prominent part in the great



naval maneuvers in West Indian waters, was with Admiral Dewey at Manila Bay. He commanded the cruiser Raleigh.

Leads the Grand Army. General Thomas J. Stewart, the recently elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was one of the youngest soldiers in the



civil war. General Stewart is an Irishman by birth, Belfast being the place of his nativity. He came to this country as a child and was educated in the schools of Norristown, Pa. Since the organization of the Grand Army General Stewart has been prominently identified with it.

Our loftiest Glacial Mountain. As a result of earthquake shocks during the past summer Mount Ranier, on



Mount Tacoma, Washington, the greatest glacial and volcanic peak in the United States, has undergone considerable change. The whole mountain top shows evidence of recent unusual disturbances. The lower portions of the glaciers are littered with the debris that has been dislodged from above.

Flower Pinushions.

Poppy head pinushions are novel gifts. Buy large artificial poppy heads and choose them carefully, so that they are of good shape. Glid them all over with gold paint, and when dry tie a strip of bright colored ribbon round the stem and place four ends of ribbon down the poppy head at even distances from each other and cover these with pins (two with white and two with black pins), which are driven through the ribbon quite inside the poppy head, leaving the pinhead to form a design. Three poppy heads thus decorated, each with a different color of ribbon (as, for instance, red, white and blue), must be fastened together by the ribbons attached to the stems and finished off with ribbon bows or bright colored silk pompons, and the cluster forms a dainty dressing table ornament as well as a useful pin store.

"He Won't Die"

Of consumption" is a remark often made of a fleshy man. The remark expresses the popular recognition of the fact that the sign of consumption is emaciation, loss of flesh. On the other hand, a gain in flesh is a sure sign that wasting diseases are being cured.

Emaciated people with obstinate coughs, bleeding lungs, night-sweats and weakness, have been perfectly cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The several steps of the cure were recorded in ounces and pounds of increasing weight. When there is gain in flesh the wasting disease is being surely cured.

Mr. W. H. Whitmore, of Arden, Rockingham Co., Va., writes: "Our son contracted a decayed cold about the first of July, 1899, and had a terrible cough. We called a doctor and he pronounced it irritation of the bronchial tubes, with asthmatic trouble, and he informed me that my son was liable to die at any time. He told me that if we could keep the bronchial tubes open, he would care for him; but after treating him several weeks and my son growing worse all the time, I concluded to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pleasant Pellets.' I had seen several almost miraculous cures brought about by the use of these medicines, and of course I had wonderful faith in them. He used three bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' at home and one vial of the 'Pellets,' and was then well enough to go to West Virginia, taking a supply with him. I am just in receipt of a letter from him from which I quote: 'I am well and hearty and getting very fleshy.'"

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Commemorative Gift

The following is reprinted from the Clermont, (Iowa) Argo, as an item of news, which has a special interest to the writer and refers to the locality where he spent his boyhood days, having earned his first dollar from Gov. Larrabee