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SHARP BIDDING SPELLS LOW SEWER JOB

CITY WILL GET PROJECT COMPLETED AT LOW FIGURE, AGREE ALL.

PROJECT OF SEVEN MILES

Sutherland Bid of Wall Walla Ostensibly the Lowest—Local Bidder Does Not Total But Segregation Shows a Close Comparison—Will Act Finally on Bid Next Wednesday Evening at Regular Meeting.

THE DIFFERENT BIDS FOR SEWER PROJECT.

- B. S. Davis, Tacoma... \$49,247
- M. Jennings, Spokane... 42,149
- E. M. Moore, Tacoma... 41,829
- C. L. Morris Contracting company, Seattle... 44,555
- Jacopson-Bade Co., Portland... 53,463
- Jahn Contracting Co., Portland... 43,036
- G. H. Sutherland Co., Walla Walla... 41,367.90
- Jeffrey & Burton, Portland 43,409
- J. H. Childs, La Grande (not totaled).

La Grande is in line to have its proposed sewer system laid at an unusually low price, following introduction of bids from many northwestern contractors of repute, opened at the special session of the council last evening. There is a wide range in difference between bids but two or three are grouped closely together and when the sewer, water and health committee reports to the council next Wednesday evening, it will be after close scrutiny of several bids. Ostensibly, George H. Sutherland of Walla Walla presented the lowest bid, his figure reading \$41,367.90. An unusual feature about the proposition is that a local contractor figures in the bidding and though his totals are not computed, it is evident that he comes near the bottom of the list.

Many Contractors Here.

Little else was done at the council meeting. The floor of the council room was crammed with contractors and their representatives, brought here by the opening of the bids. There is a contract now to be closed for 40,000 feet of sewer, or a little more than seven miles in all. It is apparent that the sewer is going to cost but a trifle over \$1.00 a foot, a figure said by everyone to be very low. At the conclusion of the bid reading Mayor Richardson referred all the bids to the sewer, water and health committee and that body will report back to the council at the next regular meeting. Contractor Jack Childs of this city did not total up his estimates and his bid does not show what the total expenditure will be. It is based on segregated estimates entirely but to gain a comparison when placed side by side with the lowest known bid, the figures read:

Segregated Estimates.

Excavation and back-filling	.....\$ .68	.....\$ .52
Gravel	..... .88	..... .79
Solid rock	..... 2.30	..... 4.00
Laying pipe	..... .33	..... .37
Laying Y's (2 ft.)	..... .95	..... 1.29
Laying Y's (2 1-2 ft.)	..... 1.25	..... 1.25
Manholes	..... 43.00	..... 52.00
Add'al over 10 ft.	..... 2.60	..... 2.60
Flush tanks	..... 10 pct.	..... 10 pct.
Special flush tanks	..... 10 pct.	..... .98
Lamp holes	..... 9.50	..... 15.00
Total	.....	..... \$ 41,367.90

D. & R. G. TRAIN IN RIVER. One Lady and a Child Killed When Coaches Topple Into River.

Red Cliff, Colo., May 11.—Mrs. Katherine Martin, of Albany, N. Y., and an unidentified child were killed and 20 seriously injured when an engine, chair and tourist cars of the Rio Grande train plunged into Eagle river two miles west of this city. Spreading rails caused the disaster.

The injured were in the tourist car. All were taken to a hospital at Sallid this morning.

WANT JUDGE REBUKED.

Judge Pettit of Chicago Scored by Investigation Committee.

Springfield, May 11.—Speaking in the state senate here today, Chairman Nelms of the Lorimer investigating committee, proposed that the senate formally condemn Judge Pettit of Chicago for his decision by which Edward Tilden, the alleged collector of the slush funds which elected Lorimer, escaped producing his books. The report of the investigation was presented also.

The senate postponed action on both matters until Tuesday.

Arizona to Vote Again.

Washington, May 11.—The house territories committee today voted to favorably report on the report of the resolution providing Arizona shall vote again on the recall of judges clause in their constitution, and that New Mexico shall vote again on the amendment which will make it easier to amend their constitution. The house will consider the report Tuesday.

BONDS SELL AT PREMIUM

ELGIN CITY HALL BONDS ARE DISPOSED OF.

Toledo Buyers Give Good Premium—Elgin People Elated.

Elgin, May 11.—(Special)—Elgin municipal bonds are commanding an encouraging premium in the money markets. Last evening the council sold \$10,000 new city hall bonds at a premium of \$110. The city hall bond issue was voted some time ago and during the preparation for the sale the most sanguine had hoped for an even break but last night when bond bids were opened, R. Duffy and company of Toledo, Ohio, presented the premium noted and that company got the bonds.

Elgin people are elated that their financial standing in the bond buying market is so well established, and in addition to the meritorious credit, the Elgin people are pleased over the prospects of building the new hall at once. The sale of bonds will be completed and the buildings commenced just as soon as it is possible.

Texas Editors in Session.

Port Lavaca, Texas, May 11.—Newspaper editors and publishers of the Lone Star state gathered here in force today for the annual meeting of the Texas Press association. The forenoon was occupied with the exchange of greetings and the annual address of the president, J. P. Pansome, Jr., of Clerburne. The business sessions began this afternoon and will continue until the end of the week. The entertainment program is the most elaborate ever prepared for a meeting of the association and provides numerous features for the visiting ladies as well as the members of the association.

DIETZ DEFENSE BATTLE DEATH LIST CANNOT BE LEARNED

NOT HEARD ON STAND MANY OF THE DEAD BURNED YESTERDAY DURING BATTLE WHEN TOWN FELL.

HINES WANTED ON STAND RED CROSS KEPT AWAY

Hines Wanted During the Morning Because He Could Tell of a Stranger Who Came to Dietz Cabin—Important Evidence Regarding Nature of Fatal Bullet Given—State Taken by Surprise.

Hayward, Wis., May 11.—A summons was issued today for Edward Hines, the lumberman who figured in the Lorimer case, to appear at the trial of John Dietz, who is accused of the murder of Deputy Sheriff Harp. Dietz wants Hines as a witness. The court at first refused to issue the subpoena, fearing that Dietz wanted to create a sensation but later the court was convinced that the man was sincere and issued the summons.

Dietz says that he wanted Hines to tell of a man who came to Dietz, saying that he was the representative of a man with greater power than the governor. Dietz charges that the lumber trust attempted to evict him from his home because it wanted to pass logs through his dam against his wishes.

Dietz rested his case at noon without himself, wife, son or daughter going on the stand. Before the defense closed Richard Krantz testified that Deputy Sheriff Briton gave him a soft nosed bullet which he said came from Harp's gun. The bullet which killed Harp was steel jacketed. The subpoena for Hines was withdrawn before the defense closed.

The sudden termination of the defense surprised the state, which, though unprepared, called several witnesses in rebuttal. The state's attorney said the case will be submitted to the jury without argument. It is expected Dietz would start the argument this afternoon.

In Memory of Sailors.

Annapolis, Md., May 11.—The first memorial to be placed in the naval academy in honor of the brave seamen of the revolution was unveiled today with impressive ceremonies conducted in the presence of President Taft, representatives of the navy department at Washington and many naval officers. The ceremonies were in charge of the general society. Daughters of the Revolution, from whom the memorial was a gift to the naval academy. The memorial consists of a heavy bronze panel that has been given a conspicuous place in Bancroft hall of the academy. The panel, which was designed by William Cowper of New York, is a bas-relief showing a sailor in action. The panel is about 10 feet long and five feet wide.

Strawberries for All.

Roseburg, Ore., May 11.—Roseburg opened her third annual strawberry carnival today to emphasize her claim to being the center of the finest strawberry raising country in the world. Hundreds of visitors poured into the city from every direction and were given their fill of plain strawberries, strawberries and cream and strawberry shortcake. The carnival program covers three days and is replete with attractive features in the way of parades, band concerts, outdoor sports and illuminations.

SAY TAFT SACRIFICES FARMERS.

Minnesota Delegation Appears Before Finance Committee Today.

Washington, May 11.—Declaring that President Taft is trying to sacrifice the farmers to the interest of the eastern manufacturers a body of Minnesota farmers today protested to the senate finance committee against the ratification of the reciprocity treaty with Canada.

other attractions, such as carnivals, naval and military tournaments, aviation demonstration, athletic contests and theatrical and musical entertainments.

The festival will continue until October and it is estimated that the attendance of visitors will equal if not surpass that at any previous international exhibition held in any part of the world. The entire profits of the festival will be devoted to King Edward VII's hospital fund.

Predicts Split of Labor.

Dayton, Ohio, May 11.—The prediction that the prosecution of the McNamara's for the alleged dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times will split labor into two factions, was made here today by General Otis, owner of the Times.

He is a guest of President Kerby of the National Manufacturers' association.

Schooner's Crew Missing.

Seattle, May 11.—With her crew of four men missing the gasoline schooner Fishmaid of New Westminster, was discovered by the steamer Humbolt over turned off Tree Point, Alaska. A search for the crew showed the missing were lost in a dory trying to make shore.

AGUA PRIETA IS IN HANDS OF INSURGENTS

OPERATIONS AGAINST HERMOSILLA TO BE DIRECTED FROM PROVISIONAL CAPITAL.

REBEL CAUSE SPREADING

Vessels From South Tell of Rebels Capturing Towns—Ensenada Fears Attack Momentarily and Citizens Are Crazy With Fear—Agua Prieta Made Provisional Capital of Sonora by Giron.

Douglas, Ariz., May 11.—The rebels under Colonel Giron marched into

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LINE-UP OF CANDIDATES

SPECIAL OFFER. The two candidates who turn in most votes between May 8 and May 20, including those dates, each take a guest to the Portland Rose win trips in the final distribution of the score lists have the same as the ones who on May 8 are at the head. New candidates entering the contest, during this period for the companion trips here and extra reward also may compete.

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 1

This district comprises the city of La Grande. The two ladies residing in La Grande who at the end of the contest have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

HUFF, RUBY, Seventh and L streets	40,560
COTNER, EVA, 2,008 Oak street	14,294
NUTTER, MRS. B. B., 1708 1-2 Sixth St.	10,164
COMBS, FRANKIE, 1201 D avenue	9,051
MARTIN, IRMA, 1201 Fourth street	8,590
STEPHENSON, MILDRED, Care Star Theatre	7,843
WILLIAMS, MRS. Fred W., Box 804	1,174
DAVIS, ADA, 1313 X avenue	1,001
SNOW, ALICE, 1410 Z avenue	1,001

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 2

This district comprises all of Union county except La Grande. The four ladies of this district who, at the end of the contest, have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

ROBERTSON, ZELLA, R. F. D. No. 2	65,536
HANSEN, AGNES, Perry	59,683
VAN HOUSEN, HAZEL, Alice	59,367
WILSON, EVA, Union	42,243
CARBINE, JENNIE, R. F. D. No. 1, La Grande	36,729
PEEBLER, FRANKIE, R. F. D. No. 2	33,833
KELLY, BESS, Cove	19,045
CONRAD, NELLIE, R. F. D. No. 1 La	11,591
JEFFRIES, NELLIE, Union	8,590
ARNOLD, MABEL, Elgin	7,035
WEEKS, BIRNIE, North Powder	7,000
CHATTIN, VIOLET, Summerville	3,626
RUSSELL, BETHEL, Elgin	3,184
KEFFER, STELLA, Imbler	1,151
WOODELL, ETTA, R. F. D. No. 1, Summerville	1,001

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 3

This district comprises all of Wallowa county and Pine and Eagle valleys. The three ladies of this district who, at the end of the contest, have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

ROUP, MARGARET, Joseph	16,500
EAMES, EDNA, Joseph	14,000
BOSWELL, CECIL, Minam	13,000
LYRENMANN, ANNA, Enterprise	6,500
WISDOM, BESSIE, Lostine	7,502
MAVOR, ALICE, Enterprise	6,000
WILEY, GLADYS, Wallowa	5,000
EVANS, MINNIE L., Wallowa	5,059
BROCK, NETTIE, Flora	3,001

PRIZES REGARDLESS OF DISTRICTS.

The three candidate who, at the end of the contest have more votes than any of their rivals, may, at the expense of the Observer, extend their trips on to San Francisco.

The four candidates who range next in standing, regardless of districts, will be entertained at the Hotel Gearhart, Gearhart Park, By-the-Sea. All winning candidates will be given side trips to all points of interest in and about Portland; and will be taken to the leading places of amusement and recreation.

Instead of taking a trip, any winning candidate may have music lessons to the value of \$50 or a scholarship in Whitman college; in the Baker City business college or choice of several other colleges. In lieu of the San Francisco trips scholarships valued at \$100 will be arranged for, in case exchange is desired.

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Cut Out Around Border.