

SEATTLE ON UP  
Portland Must Go There  
for Fireboats.

NO STEEL SHIPYARD HERE  
Revelation Comes From Let-  
ting of Contract.

STEEL CHEAPER THAN WOOD  
Reason Why Moran Outbid Portland  
Firms, and Logical Conclusions  
Therefrom—Local Men Admit  
They Are Handicapped.

The letting of the contract for building the fireboat in Moran Bros., of Seattle, has brought out plainly the fact that Portland cannot build a steel or wooden boat complete in competition with her younger northern neighbor. Moran Bros. offered to build a steel boat complete in competition with her younger northern neighbor. Moran Bros. offered to build a steel boat complete in competition with her younger northern neighbor. Moran Bros. offered to build a steel boat complete in competition with her younger northern neighbor. Moran Bros. offered to build a steel boat complete in competition with her younger northern neighbor.

Portland water front? What comforting news it would be to send out to the world that a big dock or warehouse had burned because the fireboat was in Seattle for repairs! Would not such news make the Seattle board smart with pride?

"The steel hull designed by Mr. Ballin is very frail. Any man who examines the plans will see that it is merely skinned down to the last notch to keep inside the appropriation. Portland has no plant to build a steel boat, and we, and I believe, all the other local bidders, figured on a sturdy rugged wooden boat, for which we will have to go into all sorts of places and bump against logs and driftwood. The corporation with torpedo boats as to the thickness of the plates is not pertinent, for torpedo boats are not designed to be a commercial success, but are only a military expedient. The Government spends a million dollars on four or five such boats that disintegrate in the sinking of a battleship which costs four or five millions. They are trimmed down to the last notch and, while they stand a high speed test, they frequently break their backs and go to pieces. A fireboat which has to stand all sorts of hard knocks should be an entirely different type."

"I do not believe Moran Bros. can profitably build the boat at the price they have bid. No fireboat of that capacity was ever built for less than \$80,000, and that was in the East, where both labor and material are cheaper."

Let Seattle Have the Job.  
"Of course, if the Executive Board got a chance of having the sinking of a battleship at the price the Morans bid, it showed good sense in taking it. It is no business of the boards whether the Morans lose or win."

No Steel Shipyard in Portland.  
The explanation is that there is not a shipyard in Portland which can turn out a ship complete with its own resources. There are four builders of wooden ships, but every one of them would have to outfit the contract for the machinery. That means that both the machinery man and the shipbuilder must have a profit on the machinery. Moran Bros. supply both hull and machinery themselves, so they have to figure on a single profit, and they walk off with the contract. If the machinery man takes the contract, he has to outfit the building of the hull to the shipbuilder, and there the double profit again appears. If the machinery man takes the contract for a steel boat, he has to outfit the building of a steel hull to the shipbuilder, and there the double profit again appears. If the machinery man takes the contract for a steel boat, he has to outfit the building of a steel hull to the shipbuilder, and there the double profit again appears.

Steel Hull Cheaper Than Wood.  
"I do not think Moran can build a steel boat cheaper than we can build one of wood. Local concerns are extremely busy and do not care to attempt work which would be subject to so much criticism, unless there is a reasonable profit in view. No plant in this city has such facilities for the work as Moran has. He could build a steel boat very much cheaper than we could, but he could not build a steel boat cheaper than a wooden one could be built. It is very likely that, with the tremendous plant he has, it is necessary to have a large number of contracts on hand to keep it going and people are frequently willing to take chances on profits in order to keep the plant running full-handed. I think that undoubtedly Moran's bid is too low for a comfortable profit, provided the specifications are rigidly adhered to."

Portland is Catching Up.  
"So far there is no shipbuilding plant in Portland which could build all the machinery of even a wooden boat. The machinery of Portland have been extremely antiquated for years, and only recently have been building up and shown a progressive spirit. In the short time they have been advancing they have improved fully 100 per cent, but they have not yet reached the point where they could consistently bid on such work."

Supple's Offer Ignored.  
Joseph Supple, the boatbuilder, said that none of the builders of wooden boats had bid because they were given to understand that no bids for a wooden hull would be considered if any of those for a steel hull came within the appropriation and because Robert Moran gave out an intimation that he would bid within the limit. As the letting of the contract to Moran Bros. is said:

May Have to Repair in Seattle.  
If Portland has no plant which can build a steel ship, is it any more likely that she can repair one? It is highly probable that in her hunt for fire among the wharves, the fireboat may dent some of her plates, knock out some bolts and spring a leak. Then the citizens of this proud metropolis of the Northwest may be treated to the proud spectacle of her fireboat being towed to Seattle for repairs and then towed back again. While the fireboat is thus pursuing her toilsome way to the Sound metropolis and paying toll to the shipbuilders, where will be the fire protection which she is to give the

er I intended to bid \$55,000, which would have been much less than Moran's bid, but the Mayor did not even answer my letter. If my offer had been accepted I should have been responsible for the whole thing, and if anything goes wrong nobody will be responsible. The committee instructed Mr. Ballin, and he draws up plans and specifications, and the bidders bid according to them. Suppose the boat breaks down, the builder says he built according to the plans and specifications, the naval architect says he followed the instructions in drawing them and the committee blames them, but nobody is responsible."

"We have had experience at having boats built in Seattle. Look at the tender McCracken; she was built in Seattle, and they have done nothing but repair her ever since. They will find there will be repairs on the fireboat all the time."

"Can you build wooden boats as cheaply as they can in Seattle?"

"Yes, but we cannot build steel boats because we have not the facilities."

IN SUITS OF MAIL.  
Invulnerable to Bullets, Guards  
Might March Upon Convicts.  
ATHENA, Or., Aug. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Why not protect the convict hunters? Again we hear of three innocent lives being sacrificed in the pursuit of the Folsom convicts, and unless the pursuers are given some protection against the leaden missiles of those men who have been sacrificed in the pursuit of the Folsom convicts, the last few weeks will have been paid to many more before those desperate fellows are brought to justice."

TWO SUSPECTS RELEASED  
Not Enough Evidence to Hold Two  
of Accused Highwaymen.  
Insufficient evidence to warrant the formal finding of charges necessitated the release from the County Jail yesterday of Ira Landers and Arthur Hicks, two of the four suspected holdups arrested by Sheriff Storey and Deputy Sheriff Matthews. The evidence consisted principally in the fact of their presence on a certain night in the vicinity of the Earl McIntosh and David Simon, as yet in jail, the Sheriff believing that cases can be made out against them, an opinion that is not shared by the police.

Says He Was Robbed.  
A rather incoherent account of a hold-up Monday night is given by V. O. Hicke, who says that he was robbed by two masked men at the corner of Second and Main streets. According to his statement he was touched for \$15. He can give no definite description of the highwaymen and the police look upon the report with considerable doubt.

TO AWAIT OKLAHOMA SHERIFF.  
An Oklahoma man named Brock is enjoining at the County Jail awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Stump, of Woodward, Okla., in the matter of delivery of a ship to him. Brock is said to have sold property that did not belong to him, skipping out with the proceeds.

AERONAUT IS FINED.  
J. C. Mars' Flirtie Argument With J.  
Klien Costs Him \$10.  
Because he disappeared into the clouds with more than \$100 advanced to him by J. Klien, the proprietor of the Jersey Gardens, J. C. Mars, an aeronaut who has given several exhibitions lately, got into trouble yesterday with the man who ran the show.

CALLS FOR HER RESCUER  
In Her Delirium Mrs. E. M. Rowley  
Will Not Be Comforted.  
Delirious from the effects of the injuries she sustained in the collision with the Morrison-street bridge last Friday, Mrs. E. M. Rowley lies at her home in Sunnyside crying for her rescuer from the sinking effort to find this man, the effort from the mass of debris which was fast going down with the weight upon it, and then cared for her until she was in the hands of friends.

Fined for Gambling at Eugene.  
EUGENE, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The movement to suppress gambling in this city has had the effect of closing every public game. Two proprietors of saloons were fined yesterday by the Recorder for allowing gambling. Those who have been conducting games of chance, and it is held they will not attempt to violate the law.

Should Not Miss the Trips Up  
and Down the Columbia River.  
The beauties of the upper Columbia are best enjoyed from the Dalles & N. Co., from the Union Station at 9:30 every afternoon, arriving at the Dalles at 11:30 and returning to Portland at 1:30 P. M. The Dalles & N. Co. can be made from the Dalles by boat.

NEW CO. AR  
The T. J. Potter—queen of river boats—leaves Portland daily (except Sunday and Tuesday) for Astoria and North Beach, the popular resort of the North Pacific Coast. For particulars about delightful side trips out of Portland to Tillamook, N. city ticket office, Third and Washington.

TO ADVERTISE STATE  
State Commission to Work  
With Railroads.

CONFERENCE CALLED SATURDAY  
In Connection With the State Exhibit  
at Louisiana Purchase Exposition,  
Vigorous Publicity Campaign Is Planned.

A conference will be held Saturday afternoon between the Lewis and Clark State Commission and the general passenger agents of the railroads represented at Portland. The conference is expected to hit upon an advantageous plan for advertising the resources of the state of Oregon and to determine the proportion of expense that should be borne by the commission and the railroads.

The work of advertising Oregon will be undertaken by the commission in connection with its display at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. This is regarded as one of the best opportunities that will be presented and the state commission has, in a general way, outlined a plan for a big display at St. Louis and a strong campaign of advertising.

Thousands of pairs of ladies' \$5.00 Shoes in patent leather, "vici" kid, box calf, light or heavy soles, latest and best styles from the well-known firms of French, Shriner & Urner and J. T. Cousin, \$5.00 \$3.65

THE B. B. RICH CURIO STORE  
Made in Mexico and Seen at the B. B. Rich Curio Store.  
The B. B. Rich Curio Store has just received some Mexican silver filigree work in stick pins, brooches, bracelets, hat pins, watch fobs, spoons and salad forks. It is almost beyond reason that articles of this character can be sold at the figures made by the B. B. Rich Curio store, the prices ranging from 25 cents up. These goods have been imported direct from the City of Mexico and account for the low prices. They should be seen to be appreciated. The entrance is on Sixth street, near Washington.

OLD STORE TO MOVE  
Into New Quarters.  
While so many merchants are planning on getting locations further up town The Brownsville Woolen Mills have shown their confidence in a downtown location by taking a long lease on the corner store, northeast corner of Third and Washington streets. The property is now occupied by Buffum & Pendleton, who in a few weeks are to move into the new Stearns building on Sixth and Morrison streets.

Excursion Rates East.  
The Canadian Pacific will again place on sale round-trip tickets to all points East at very low rates, giving limit. Dates of sale August 15, 19, 25 and 28. For full particulars call at 143 Third street.

Table Sets  
Our entire stock of John S. Brown & Sons' fine Table Sets greatly reduced.

Meier & Frank Company Meier & Frank Company  
Another big shipment of White Silk Gloves arrived yesterday—All sizes—Best styles. Fruit Jars, Jelly Glasses—All sizes—Best kind—Any quantity—Lowest Price—Basement. Picture Framing to your order, 2d floor—Custom Shade Work a specialty, 3d floor.

First showing of new Fall Derbys for men—The famous "Stetson" brand.  
GREAT SHOE SALE  
There's a feast of Shoe Bargains here this week—Styles and leather assortment represent about everything in shoedom—Without exaggeration the values offered are the greatest Portland has ever known—Footwear of men, women and children, the product of the best factories in America, at a small fraction of their real worth. Every person, whether economically inclined or not, can't resist these low prices on desirable shoes.

Ladies' \$3.00 Shoes \$1.65  
850 of ladies' Lace Shoes in six styles, stock or patent tip, "vici," kid and patent leather, heavy and light soles, all sizes, the regular \$3.00 values at the remarkably low price of, pair \$1.65  
Ladies' \$2.50 and \$3.00 Shoes \$1.85 pr.  
350 pairs of ladies' Lace Shoes, black and tan, many styles, a great odd lot of \$2.50 and \$3.00 values to close out at the low price of, pair \$1.85  
Ladies' \$5.00 Shoes \$3.65  
Thousands of pairs of ladies' \$5.00 Shoes in patent leather, "vici" kid, box calf, light or heavy soles, latest and best styles from the well-known firms of French, Shriner & Urner and J. T. Cousin, \$5.00 \$3.65  
Ladies' \$3.50 Shoes \$2.65  
All the best styles in ladies' \$3.50 Shoes are offered during this week at \$2.65 pair—All leathers—Best style toe and heels.  
All Odd Lots of Shoes Marked Out at Ridiculously Low Prices.

Ladies' Suits, Fall Styles  
A Superb Showing  
The Fall Suit Display is already reaching great proportions—Nearly two hundred suits for your choosing at this early day—Men's mixtures in long-coat styles—Pleated and kilt skirts in walking lengths—Dress skirts in many styles—The variety of materials is immense: Invisible plaids, snowflake effects, striped novelties, mixtures in almost every conceivable combination. Coats are plain or strapped seams with belts—The long tan covert coat, strapped seams with walking skirt to match, is also destined to great popularity. Coats are all tafeta silk lined. Single Corset Coats, short, medium or long length, strapped seams—A stylish as well as serviceable coat.  
No Trouble to Show You  
Second Floor.

"August Linen Sale"  
The results of the "August Linen Sale" thus far have been far beyond all expectation and show a splendid increase on the corresponding days of a year ago. That's the substantial kind of appreciation of values, merchandise and methods that counts. John S. Brown & Sons' fine Table Linens are all reduced, as well as bed linens of every description. The sale continues through the month and is of interest to every thrifty housewife.

Table Damask  
Qualities and values the very best, an immense variety of new patterns—Big reductions on the entire line.  
Napkins  
22x22 all-linen Napkins, hemmed ready for use, big variety of striking patterns, doz \$1.16  
22x22 all-linen Napkins, all hemmed ready for use, best patterns, special, dozen \$2.12  
24x24-inch all-linen Napkins, big array of handsome patterns, special at, dozen \$2.54  
Tray Cloths  
Hemstitched Tray Cloths, best values ever offered—21c  
20x22-in. at, each \$2.1c  
20x28, extra fine, each \$2.5c  
22x32 beauties, each \$2.87c  
Hemstitched Tea Cloths, all linen, great values—36x36 in. at, each \$1.67c  
5-4x5-4 at, each \$1.54  
16x16 Linen Doilies, knotted fringe, at, dozen \$1.10  
Toweling  
18-inch White Huck Toweling for this sale, 10c yard  
All linen White Twilled Crash, 20-inch, for this sale, yard 12 1/2  
Pillow Slips  
The chance of the year to buy Pillow Cases and Sheers. 100 dozen hemmed Pillow Cases, 45x36 inches, good cotton, 9c  
100 dozen hemstitched Pillow Cases, 45x36 inches, great bargain at, each 12 1/2c  
Bedspreads  
Full-sized white fringed Bedspreads—a great bargain for this sale \$1.49  
10 dozen full-size White Marseilles Bedspreads, best patterns, great value \$2.10  
Extra quality white Marseilles Bedspreads, \$3.50 value \$2.42  
Towels  
50 Dozen Union Huck Towels, 17x32 inch, 10c  
50 dozen hemstitched Huck Towels, colored border, size 18x36 inches, at, each 16c  
Hemstitched all-linen Huck Towels, 22x40 inches, for, each 31c  
100 dozen 17x36-inch white Turkish Bath Towels, 9c each  
50 dozen 18x41 handsome large-size Turkish Bath Towels, 25c value 18c  
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