

CONTRACT IS LET

Fireboat Question at Last Reaches Settlement.

BUT ONE BIDDER PROTESTS

Willamette Iron & Steel Works Wins, but Supple Will Appeal—Albina Ferry Contract Approved—Sale Opposed.

BIDS FOR FIREBOAT. Willamette Iron & Steel Works, \$42,400, six months' delivery. Joseph Supple, \$42,350, eight months' delivery. Phoenix Iron Works, \$44,050, seven months' delivery. J. Paquet, \$45,200, 10 month delivery.

Although the contract for the building of the new fireboat was formally and officially let by the Executive Board yesterday, the matter still continues to be a bone of contention. Joseph Supple, the well-known shipbuilder, claims that he did not receive fair treatment when the contract was let to the Willamette Iron & Steel Works for \$42,400, though his bid was \$9 less than that amount. He will go before the Mayor and the members of the board, as well as other city officials today and ask to have the matter reconsidered.

The fireboat committee recommended that the award be made to the Willamette Iron & Steel Works because the time consideration offered was two months better than that of Mr. Supple. The Iron & Steel Works agreed to have the boat ready for action within six months, while Mr. Supple asked eight months. The committee agreed, after discussing the matter briefly, that the difference in time more than offset the difference in dollars.

Mr. Supple presents the claim that that eight months would not be any too much time, in view of the fact that it is necessary to season the timbers before they are adapted to use in the river. He says that he could easily have constructed the boat in six months, or even in four months, but it would have to be rebuilt inside of a year unless the timbers were properly seasoned. It was for this reason, he says, that he asked eight months in which to build the boat.

Time Offsets Money. When the matter was brought up before the fireboat committee at a meeting immediately preceding the session of the Executive Board, four bids were on hand for consideration. When the neck-and-neck race between Mr. Supple and the Willamette Iron & Steel Works was noted there was some hesitation as to which bid was the more meritorious.

"Why not ask the Iron & Steel Works to reduce its bid \$50," was Mr. Gilson's remark. Mr. Ballin then stated that there is usually a delay in the completion of contracts. He said that Supple's idea in asking eight months was that he possibly recognized the possibility of a lumber to become seasoned before going into the water, and also stated that there are usually delays in building boats, owing to unforeseen mishaps. He stated that Supple had on one occasion been delayed in completing a boat contract owing to some hitch in the machinery.

The committee agreed that the boat should be built with as little delay as possible, and concluded that the difference of two months was not to be ignored. The Executive Board adopted the committee's report unanimously.

Mr. Supple afterward expressed indignation at Mr. Ballin's statement before the committee. Mr. Ballin, however, says that his intention was to state perfectly fairly, and that, had personal feelings played any part, he would have favored Supple rather than the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, for which he says he has no great personal liking.

It having been previously agreed and stipulated that the boat should be fitted up with American Fire Engine Company pumps, the contract was formally awarded that company, through its agent, A. G. Long. The price for these pumps is \$11,000.

Albina Ferry-boat Contract. The report of the Albina ferry committee, recommending the award of the contract for a ferry-boat to Joseph Paquet, was promptly introduced before the board before the board, a communication was read from Albina residents, protesting against the sale of the East Side ferry landing. The remonstrance contained a score of more signatures, headed by that of Mrs. Mary Phelps Montgomery. It was urged that, after years of waiting, residents are now getting paved streets to the present ferry landing at a cost of \$12,000; also that the present landing is more desirable to Albina residents, as well as being more convenient and better adapted to traffic. The remonstrance was referred to the ferry committee for consideration.

Municipal Telephone Exchange. A suggestion that a private telephone exchange be installed at the City Hall, connecting all the offices as well as the stations of the fire department, was brought up. The City Electrician explained that such a system would not be expensive, and would be of great service at the hall. Chief Campbell also favored the installation of an exchange, and the employment of male operators, who could be required to sleep at the fire stations and serve as special firemen when not on shift. The matter was referred to the fire committee.

The contract for the construction of the new bridge over Marquam Gulch was presented by City Attorney McNary, who explained that the City & Suburban Railway Company is anxious to have the work under way, and wishes to have the contract disposed of as soon as possible, as it is the only impediment to active work. The matter was accordingly referred to the street committee, with power to act.

SNAKE MAKES ITS ESCAPE. Officer Hemsworth Has Lively Experience With a Rattler. Officer Hemsworth thought he had 'em early yesterday morning. He found a big and very active rattlesnake in front of a drug store at North Third street. The reptile had been used as an advertisement in the show window, and some time during the night had climbed over the transom, and when Hemsworth found him resting easily in the gutter. Hemsworth is over six feet tall, and strong in proportion, but that rattler was all he wanted just then. After dodging the snake's wild aimed blows for several minutes he finally managed to induce His Rattleship to enter a box. This was nailed up, and the snake brought to the police station. It was returned to its owners yesterday. Though the rattles were in good working order, its fangs had been removed, but Hemsworth didn't know it, and worked away with the snake with the conviction that he was dealing with a venomous reptile.

Northwest People in New York. NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—(Special.)—

Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows: Manhattan—J. P. Traven, from Spokane. Imperial—E. A. Ault, from Seattle. Marlborough—Mrs. R. C. Hanson, Miss A. Hanson, from Seattle.

HEALED BY HIS FAITH. Chaplain R. S. Stubbs Testifies to Power of God.

Enthusiastic testimony of the healing power of God through the prayer of faith is borne by Rev. R. S. Stubbs, who is well known in this city. It was inspired by the publication here of the work of John Johnson, who at 847 Couch street recently demonstrated the power of prayer to cure "all the ills of flesh, mind and soul."

Mr. Stubbs was the founder of the Mariners' Home and its superintendent for several years, was chaplain and agent of the American Seamen's Friend Society and of its auxiliary society, the Portland Seaman's Friend Society. He was also United States Shipping Commissioner at this port. He is now chaplain of the Tacoma Seaman's Institute.

In a letter addressed to John Johnson, evangelist, Mr. Stubbs speaks in the most fervent and glowing terms of his personal experience of healing through the combined effect of his own faith and prayers with those of John Johnson, or with the latter's co-worker, Dr. Simpson in Tacoma.

The letter is a characteristic one of its kind, full of Scriptural allusions and quotations and the evidence of deep religious fervor in the writer. Following are extracts: "During many years of my ministerial history I shared in the wide prejudice which obtains among most excellent members of the leading churches (including a large majority of ministers) against the doctrine of bodily healing, in answer to the prayer of faith. My idea was that there was a special divine blessing belonging to the primitive days of the Christian church, and that it passed away with the apostolic age.

"About ten years ago when almost a physical wreck, I was shown that in the statement of Jesus Christ, provision is made for the complete healing of poor, suffering and sinning humankind, according to Isaiah's foretelling of the messiah's mission (Isaiah 53:4) and according to words making known to mankind what the Messiah, the Christ of God, did, during his brief ministry (see Matt. 8:16, xviii) and also what the apostles did and taught, and the Lord's authorization (see Acts 4:11 et al.). Indeed the healing and saving of people were the credentials of the truth they preached, and the demonstrations of the power of God that with more than sledge hammer blows broke down opposition to the gospel and convinced the gainsayer.

"When I saw this (to me) new truth, my prejudices were scattered and I saw it was my duty to be healed and to be saved; accordingly I placed myself right before the congregation, of saints and sinners, and then before God I bowed in submission to his blessed word, and according to the word (see James 5:14) I was anointed with oil by Dr. A. J. Simpson, who laid his hands upon me and offered to God the prayer of faith, and instantly was healed of rheumatism, the consequences of an attack of gonorrhea, catarrh and nervous prostration, and my soul was filled unutterably full of peace and joy in God. To the praise of God's faithfulness and power I have been a better, more consistent, more earnest, a happier and more useful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ; and I do sincerely believe if our church people would submit themselves under the mighty hand of God—meet his unalterable conditions, and be saved and healed through the prayer of faith—pentecostal blessings, baptisms and endowments of the Holy Ghost would be realized and glorious rewards would gladden the wounded and sin-smitten of our earth.

"I should not omit to mention that on several occasions in answer to your prayers, my dear Brother Johnson, I have been wonderfully healed. On one particular occasion I had been suffering with an organic trouble incomprehensible to me, and I grew worse daily, so bad that my wife insisted that it was my duty to get advice and help. Accordingly I started from American Lake to go to one of the hospitals of this city. While on the cable car at Tacoma avenue, I was rebuked by the holy spirit, and I instantly left the car and was led to Brother Johnson's room. He prayed the prayer of faith, and he anointed me with oil. I confessed and submitted to God. I trusted his blessed word, and all my trouble was removed and I was wonderfully healed without medicine or doctor other than the great physician, who declared, 'I am Jehovah, thy healer' (read Exodus 15:26). Praise the Lord, oh, my soul, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, healeth all thy diseases' (read Psalms 103:3-7).

In conclusion, dear Brother Johnson, I send you my love and to all believers in the 'great salvation which is unto all and upon all them that believe.' Fraternally yours. CHAPLAIN R. S. STUBBS."

BOY SEEKS HIS MOTHER

Nine-Year-Old Lad Lost His Little Brother on Way to Oregon. With his little brother lost in Denver and himself stranded in Portland in the hopes of finding his mother, 9-year-old Louis Humphreys was found at the Union Depot last night by Officer Slover. He had been brought from Kansas by J. C. Borgereaf, who went on to Seattle. When the temporary guardian left Albina, Kan., he had two small boys of the Humphreys family in his charge. In some way one escaped from him in Denver and could not be found. Borgereaf left the boy's ticket with the police and brought little Louis on to Portland.

The Humphreys family, their troubles and their peregrination, have had a good deal of attention lately. The husband left his wife and six children and is now near Corvallis. The mother went to Kansas with the youngsters, but returned recently with four. She is supposed to live near Zionsville, Louis and his brother, now lost in Denver, are the last installment of the family to get back to Portland.

WOOLEN MILLS GET BUSY

Clothing Is Being Made and Sold in the State. The Brownsville Woollen Mills store has placed on sale over 1000 suits which have just been completed in the latest style and in the most substantial manner. They are without doubt the best lot of clothing that has ever been shown by the old reliable Brownsville Mills, and all old customers of the house and all the new ones are invited to call and see the new styles—\$9, \$10, \$12.50, \$15.00, and up to \$25.00 are the prices. Store on Washington street, between First and Second. New location will be Third and Stark.

Fire Destroys Big Slaughter-House.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Fire destroyed the slaughter-house of Abraham Levy & Co. in Brooklyn today. Loss, \$125,000.

Meier & Frank Company STORE REMAINS OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 9:30. SPECIAL OFFERINGS AT EVERY TURN THIS SATURDAY STORE NEWS

Is brimful of money-saving opportunities. We serve you with future dealings paramount in mind. We know that when you are satisfied with your first purchase, you will try us for your second. So we must always strive to keep up to and outreach the mark, remembering the weight that today's satisfaction will have upon your future dealings with us. Today's special offerings should attract a great throng of eager buyers—unusual bargains in Women's Apparel, Men's Wear, School Supplies and School Clothes for Boys and Girls. Thirteen and a half hours for trading today. For your convenience this store remains open tonight until 9:30. Carnival visitors welcome. All the store's accommodations are free for your use.

Perrin's Gloves The new importation of "Perrin's" famous Real French Kid Gloves gives you wider and better range of styles than can be found in any other make. Every pair carries with it the Meier & Frank guarantee for perfect satisfaction. Perrin's "Charmette," 2-clasp overseam, pair \$1.50 Perrin's "Adriana," 2-clasp P. K., pair \$1.50 Perrin's "Lamure," 2 and 3-clasp overseam \$1.75 Perrin's "Manhattan," 2 and 3-clasp P. K., pair \$1.75 Perrin's best P. K. kid Gloves, pair \$2.00 Perrin's extra quality overseam Gloves, pair \$2.00 Perrin's first-quality suede at, pair \$2.00 Perrin's suede chevette, pair \$2.25 "Perrin's" and "Dent's" Gloves for men; new styles misses' kid Gloves; all the new Fall styles; complete line of sizes.

Ladies' Neckwear We'll let the Neckwear and the prices do their own talking. 10 dozen embroidered shirt-waist Collars, new styles; the regular 35c values are marked for today, 23c each. Large ecru lace Collars, in round and stole effects, beautiful styles; the regular \$1.75 value \$1.29 today are \$1.29 "Keiser" cotton stocks, in white, blue and black, new desirable styles; 50c 65c values for \$50c New arrivals in "Keiser" Silk Neckwear; new large bow effects; new novelty Neckwear in silk and chiffon; new ostrich-feather Boas; all lengths.

The great sale of Blankets and Comforters continues through the month. Third floor. Great special sale of ladies' and children's knit Underwear; best style garment; low prices. September sale of Dinner Sets should interest all housewives.

Millinery For Sunday We will show today an immense new line of velvet tuckered silk and chiffon Hats in a large assortment of becoming styles. Very new shapes. Trimming the latest. Altogether an unequalled showing at \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.95, \$3.50 and \$4.98.

School Headwear For misses and children. All the best styles at very low prices. Domestic Tam o' Shanters, all colors .39c and 79c Imported Tam o' Shanters, white and colors .98c Square Tams, in white, red and mixtures .98c Imitation beaver Hats at .95c Cloth-stitched Flats in pretty styles at .98c For today only, beaver Flats in best colors and shapes \$1.98

Boys' Furnishings Special values in boys' Furnishing Goods for school wear. Boys' golf Shirts, 2 collars to match, new stripes and colors; special at 43c Boys' Suspenders, good webbing, good styles; 21c Boys' cotton ribbed Underwear, nicely made 21c and finished 21c Boys' wool Sweaters, in fancy stripes and plain colors. 87c

Men's Clothing Don't buy the new Fall Suit or Overcoat until you have looked here. We've got the best assortment of styles and fabrics to be found in the city—the product of such well-known manufacturers as Hart, Schaffner & Marx, L. Adler Bros. & Co., A. B. Kirschbaum & Co., S. W. Peck & Co., Kohn & Co. and many others. We'll guarantee the price on every garment to be fully 25 per cent below what you are asked to pay for equal grades at the exclusive clothiers. We know we can please you in style and price. That's why we are very anxious that you look here before buying.—Second Floor. "Hawes" Hats For Fall and Winter. Latest blocks in Derbys and Fedoras. "Hawes" Hats are always \$3.00. None better at any price.

OUR GREAT SCHOOL SALE Boys' Clothing Girls' Clothing School Supplies Monday morning the school bells will again toll joyful notes—it will be welcome music to the careworn parents as well as the children. The important question today is: Are the children prepared? Here you find all the necessary things—Clothing, Shoes, Hosiery, Dresses, Jackets, Waists, Hair Ribbons, School Supplies, etc., for boy and girl. The saving, if buying is done here, must be appreciated by every economical parent. These splendid values for today and Monday: Hosiery For Boys and Girls "Puritan" fast black Hose for boys or girls, fine quality, neat ribbed styles, double knee, heel and toe, sizes 6 to 10, big value at pair 18c Athlete and Wayne knit pony Hose, boys or girls, splendid quality, all sizes, great value at, pair 18c Misses' fine quality, one and one-ribbed fast black Hose, sizes 5 to 8, exceptional value at, pair 18c Handkerchiefs 100 dozen children's Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered initial, great bargain at 5c Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, embroidered initial, great special value at, each 5c Ladies' lace-trimmed, hemstitched, embroidered Handkerchiefs, special, each 8c

Children's Dresses Children's Dresses made of Persian cashmere, fancy waist trimmed with braid and buttons, gored skirt, red, blue and brown, 4 to 12 years, \$4.00 values for the low price of, each \$2.69 Children's Dresses, made of fancy plaid material, waist and skirt lined, sizes 4 to 12 years, great special value at, each 98c Children's Long Coats, made of covert cloth, box style, strapped seams, velvet collar, sizes 4 to 14 years, great values at, each \$4

Boys' Clothing Boys' School Clothing—the kind that will stand the hardest knocks. Seams won't rip, buttons won't come off; with the prices are the very lowest. Boys' all-wool 2-piece suits, extra good quality, well made, serviceable mixtures; browns and grays, ages 7 to 15 years. Regular \$4.00 value, \$2.98 for 500 pairs of Boys' all-wool Knee Pants, made with extension waist-bands, in gray and brown plaids, checks and mixtures; 4 to 16-year sizes; 75c value for \$59c Boys' all-wool Overcoats, in dark oxfords, latest Fall \$3.85 styles, 8 to 15 years. Young Men's Suits and Overcoats. The very newest mixtures and styles—all prices.

Drug Sundries Some rare bargains at prices that are unparagoned. Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder .6c Dr. Graves' Talcum Powder .7c Allen's Foot-Ease .19c N. N. Shampoo for washing and cleaning the scalp .1c 3-lb bar Olive Oil Castile Soap, Regular 25c 16c Bathsweet, a perfumed luxury for the bath. Per 25c can. 75c French Plate Toilet Mirror .39c Good 25c Clothes Brush .16c

Jewelry Dept. Eight-Day Mantel Clocks, half hour Cathedral strike; every one guaranteed. Regular \$5.35 \$7.00 value today. \$5.35 Fancy Brass Clocks, 69c \$1.25 value. Chain Purses, silver and oxidized styles. 50c 29c Sterling Silver Hat Pins, 25c and 50c values, 11c 50c Backcombs for 29c 35c Backcombs for 14c 50c Broaches, variety of styles, each. 19c

Ladies' Hose--18c Pair We offer for today only, 2000 pairs of Ladies' Fine Black Cotton Hose—Hermesdorf Dye—high-spliced heel and toe, double sole. Our own importation from Chemnitz, Germany. Hosiery other stores ask you 35c a pair for. They have to sell them at that price because the cost buying them through New York commission houses is fully 25 per cent greater. Buy all you want at Today at 18c Pair

Groceries Phone Private Exchange No. 4 3 cans Red Alaska Salmon .25c 1-lb Royal Baking Powder .45c New California Figs, pkg .10c C. & B. Kipperd Herring .25c 6 pkgs P. C. Parlor Matches .25c Ham and Veal Loaf, can. .10c 1-lb Jar Chipped Beef .25c 2 cans Sliced Pineapple .15c 1 and 2-lb cans Shrimps .10 and 20c 3 pkgs Seeded Raisins .25c Sapollo, bar .7c Oregon Swiss Cheese, lb .20c 4 lbs Pop Corn .25c