

DIX IS COMING

Transport Will Be Ordered to Portland.

FORAGE CONTRACTS LET

Local Bidders Will Supply Oats and Part of Hay.

VICTORY FOR THIS PORT WON

California Senators Exert Influence to Have Some Hay Bought in San Francisco, Exact Amount Yet to Be Determined.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 5.—It has been definitely determined that the transport Dix will go to Portland to load forage for the Philippines. This assurance was today given to Senator Fulton by Quartermaster-General Humphrey. Kerr, Clifford & Co. will be awarded the entire contract for oats to be shipped on the Dix, and Albers Bros' Milling Company was awarded a contract for a part of the hay. Hay will be purchased both in Portland and San Francisco, but the relative amount to be bought in each city has not yet been determined.

While the department is inclined to believe that the hay offered in Portland is superior to that at San Francisco, the bidders in the latter city, backed by the California Senators, insist that the hay is of first quality. It is largely due to the influence of the California Senators that the hay contract is to be divided. Senator Fulton and his colleagues regard the action of the War Department as a great victory for Portland, as they had little hope when they first took up the matter of having the Dix sent to Portland.

The Government transport Dix will come to Portland to load oats and hay for the Philippines. This matter was definitely decided yesterday by a telegram from the Oregon delegation at Washington, containing the Quartermaster-General's positive announcement that he would order the transport to this place to load. All of the oats will be loaded here and the bulk of the cargo of hay. A portion of the latter will be taken aboard at San Francisco. This is a great victory for Portland. It is the first time that the city has been given a chance to participate in the business of furnishing Government supplies for the Philippines. For this reason, the action of the War Department in the present case is looked upon as the opening of the doorway to more Government business in the future.

The telegram received from Washington bearing the news of Portland's success was from Senator Fulton. Copies were sent to President Robert Livingstone and Secretary Samuel Connell of the Chamber of Commerce. The message read as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4, '04.—Williamson and myself personally called again on the Quartermaster-General this morning and he assured us he will take all of the oats from Portland and part of the hay. He will not yet state how much of the hay. He also said positively that the Dix will be sent to Portland, either the last of this month or during the coming month, to load. We feel that the city has won a great victory and we will take all or most of the hay as well.

(Signed) C. W. FULTON.

To those who have been striving so hard to secure this result, the above message is a source of great satisfaction. When bids were called for on supplies for the Philippines, a number of local dealers made estimates, but with little faith that their figures would avail them anything. Portland bids had been sent in before, but had not been accepted.

But when the bids were opened and it was found that two Portland firms had by far the lowest bids on hay and oats, a determination to have these bids recognized filled the officials of the Chamber of Commerce. They determined to use all pressure possible to have the contracts awarded to the lowest bidders. Telegrams were sent to Oregon's representatives in Washington urging them to use their influence in having the Portland bidders given the contracts on hay and oats.

These advances were met with the question as to whether a boat with the draft of the Dix—24 feet—could safely sail over the bar at the mouth of the Columbia and up the river to Portland. This threatened to be a serious stumbling block in the way of Portland's success for a time. But Portlanders were confident that the Dix could make the trip safely and their next step was to impart the same confidence to the officials of the War Department. The wires were kept hot between Portland and Washington, with the result that sufficient evidence was furnished the Quartermaster-General of the feasibility of sending the transport Dix to Portland was furnished.

It required hard work on the part of those interested in the matter to secure recognition of Portland bids and to get the Dix ordered here, but now that this has been accomplished, those who expended their energy in the cause feel amply repaid because of what this opening-up of Philippine supply trade will mean to the city.

As is indicated in the message from Senator Fulton, the Dix will likely be here the latter part of this month to take on her cargo.

While the Quartermaster-General will not state yet how much of the supply of hay he will take from Portland, it is believed here that, owing to the superior quality of the Portland article, the greater portion of the tonnage, if not all of it, will be loaded here. San Francisco, however, expects to furnish a portion of this cargo. The dealers of the latter place have a lower bid than the Portland firm, but the quality of the hay bid is so far inferior to that offered by the local dealer.

RECOVERS HIS PUPPIES.

Dr. Pantan Finds They Were Out on a Lark, Not Stolen.

Dr. A. C. Pantan was made happy yesterday by the recovery of his Irish terrier puppies that he had thought stolen by some miscreant. One of the little fellows returned home Monday night and the other was located under a neighbor's house early yesterday morning.

When Dr. Pantan called his bloodied terriers Monday morning for their breakfast only two of them answered the call. One of these had his front leg broken, while the other had an ugly gash cut in its side. A careful search of the neighborhood failed to reveal any trace of the lost puppies and their owner quite naturally supposed some one had stolen them, but

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Men's \$10.00 Suits now \$ 7.35
Men's \$13.50 Suits now \$ 9.45
Men's \$15.00 Suits now \$11.65
Men's \$25.00 Suits now \$18.85

Men's \$4.50 and \$5.00 Mackintoshes.....\$3.00
Men's \$9.00 and \$10.00 Mackintoshes.....\$5.50
Men's \$7.00 and \$7.50 Mackintoshes.....\$3.50
Men's \$12.00 and \$12.50 Mackintoshes.....\$6.00
All Overcoats at big reductions. Men's Smoking Jackets and Lounging Robes at surprisingly low prices.

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Boys' \$3.00, \$3.45 2-piece Suits, sizes 8 to 15 years, very best styles and materials, great bargain.....\$1.98
Boys' \$3.75 and \$4 Suits at.....\$2.98
Russian Overcoats for little boys 2½ to 6 years—all marked down to cost, and in some instances less than cost.
Boys' Vestee Suits at half regular prices—\$3.00 Suits \$1.50, \$4 Suits \$2, \$5 Suits \$2.50.

Boys' Waists and Blouses—25c qualities 18¢, 50c qualities 33¢.
Boys' 75c all-wool Knee Pants at, pair.....59¢
Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, all this season's best styles and materials—\$10.00 values \$6.30, \$12.50 values \$10.70, \$15.00 values \$12.05.
Boys' All-wool Flannel Waists—75c values 55¢, \$1 values 69¢, \$1.25 values 83¢.

The Greatest January Shoe Bargains

That we know of in town are here—The very best class of footwear for men and women are marked at ridiculously low prices. Below we announce the extra special values for the remainder of the week that cannot fail to interest you.

Ladies' Shoes at \$2.12 Pair

In patent leather, lace and Blucher styles, vici kid in lace or Blucher style, kid or patent tip, light or heavy soles, all sizes and widths, every pair the best values \$3.00 can ordinarily buy—we offer you your choice for a few days only at, the pair.....\$2.12

Ladies' \$5 Slippers \$2.75 Pair

Patent leather and kid braided Colonials, patent leather and kid Colonials—all the very best styles, all sizes—every pair \$5.00 value—marvelous value at, pair.....\$2.75
\$3.50 and \$4.00 patent leather and suede Colonials at, pr.\$2.35

Men's \$5.00 Shoes \$3.65

French, Shiner & Urner's \$5.00 Shoes for Men, in patent kid, patent horse, box calf Bluchers, box calf lace and vici kids, broken sizes, every pair the best \$5.00 values; to clean up at the very low price of, pair.....\$3.65

Men's \$6.00 Shoes at \$4.25

Men's full-dress patent leather Shoes, mirror calf Bluchers, patent calf, patent horse and enamel Shoes, all French, Shiner & Urner's best \$6.00 values, light, heavy and double soles, broken sizes, wonderful value at.....\$4.25



In the Carpet Store Clearance Sale



Everything in the line of housefurnishing goods can be supplied at a minimum cost during the great Annual Clearance Sale—Carpets, Rugs, Curtains, Beds, Mattresses, Blankets, Comforters, Pillows, etc., a few of the many things included—Note the following prices:—3d floor.

1000 Axminster Rugs, Oriental and floral designs; 27x54-inch size, great variety to choose from; regular \$3 values; while they last at the very low price of.....\$1.98

All Carpets reduced—English Inlaid Linoleum laid for.....\$1.52

Linen Warp Mattings, fancy designs, yard.....19¢

Extra Heavy Reversible Mattings at, yard.....15¢

Extra quality 30c Mattings, yard.....23¢

\$3.00 Curtains \$2.27 Pair

500 pairs of Scotch Net Curtains, splendid patterns and styles; regular \$3.00 values at, per pair.....\$2.27

\$8.50 at \$6 \$7 at \$4.40

Arabian Lace Curtains, very best styles; big assortment, full sizes; extraordinary bargains—

All \$8.50 values, pair.....\$6.00

All \$7.00 values, pair.....\$4.40

Renaissance Curtains in Arabian and white, pretty lace insertion and edging, straight or

ruffled styles; the grandest values ever offered at the low price of.....\$2.27

English Art Rugs, the best inexpensive rugs made; new, handsome designs at these very low prices:

9x12 feet.....\$10.80

9x10½ feet.....\$ 9.45

Brussels Rugs, best styles; sold elsewhere at \$20 and \$22.50. Note our prices—

6x 9 feet for.....\$7.65

9x 9 feet for.....\$13.50

9x12 feet for.....\$15.75

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Willamette Sewing Machines—All Models
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All Mail Orders Received During Clearance
Sale are Filled at the Special Low Prices

Main Substation U. S. Postoffice, Rear Main Floor near Alder-street Entrance
Trunks, Bags, Suit Cases, Telescopes, Largest Variety in the City—Third Floor

Our Clearance Sale Prices

Upon investigation are found to be considerably less than equal grades of merchandise are being offered for elsewhere—This is only a natural result—The greater the purchasing the lower the price, can be demonstrated in a thousand instances in this store—No concern in the Northwest, no concern West of Chicago has the purchasing power or outlet of the Meier & Frank Store—Where other stores confine your choice to limited varieties or quantities, here you find over one million dollars' (\$1,000,000) worth of high-class merchandise to choose from—Any quantity can be supplied—Just try us

In Linens and Cotton Goods

We hold a winning hand—We own nearly three hundred cases of cotton goods at prices existing last April and which we are offering to you at prices lower than any other store—Considering that raw cotton today commands the highest price since the civil war and New Orleans predicting 15-cent cotton, there is no telling what price you will have to pay next April if you put off supplying your needs—Only yesterday we received notice from the mills of a 2½c-a-yard advance on Pequot sheeting—There will be no advance in the selling prices here—We have hundreds of thousands of yards on hand and 200 cases on back order, all owned at the old prices—We won't have to buy cotton goods until the cotton market returns to normal conditions—We own our linens and our wash goods and our flannels and everything we sell at the lowest prices.



200 doz. all-linen hemmed huck Towels, marvelous values at, each.....16c
200 dozen Hemstitched Damask Towels, large size, great 35c value, ea.....19c
All-linen hemstitched huck Towels, each.....24c
Fringed colored Bedspreads at, each.....\$1.18
Fringed White Bedspreads at, each.....\$1.48
Fringed White Marseilles Spreads, ea.....\$1.68
Hemmed Spreads, Marseilles patterns.....\$1.28

Four marvelous values in Turkish Bath Towels at 13¢, 18¢, 24¢ and 29¢ each.
"Webb's" grass-bleached all-linen hemstitched huck Towels, wonderful value at, each 29¢
All-linen bleached Toweling, 18 in. wide, yd. 9¢
Absorbent all-linen crash Toweling, 18 inch, at yard.....12¢
All Table Linens—John S. Brown & Son's, greatly reduced. Sheets, Pillow Cases, Cottons, Sheetings, Calicoes, Ginghams, Wash Goods, Flannels, Elderdowns, Waistings, etc. Every article reduced.

Picture Bargains

10x22 Pastels, framed with gold frame, oval opening, also hand colored medallions—\$3.75 values.....\$2.19
17x27 Etchings, framed in 3-in. brown oak frames, regular \$2.50 values,.....\$1.98
15x30 Etchings, framed as above, regular.....\$1.98
11x21 Water Colors, framed in gold frames with brass trimmings, \$2.25 value.....\$1.59
15x20 and 20x20 framed Pictures, 3-in. moldings, \$2.25 and \$2.50 values, reduced to.....\$1.49
Great variety of subjects.
15x20 Pictures, framed in 3-in. green oak moldings, \$2.50 values.....\$1.98

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2500 copies 12 mo. Cloth-Bound Books, standard and popular authors, good binding, paper and printing, bargain extraordinary at.....23c copy
Great special lot of \$1.50 Copyrighted Books, original editions, for this sale only

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Sheet Music

All the latest sheet music, including "My Honey Girl," "The Smartest Girl in Dixie," "Lovey Mary," "Cuban Queen," "Jolly General," etc., at, copy.....17¢

Drug Sundries

At the lowest prices—all the well-known advertised articles are included.
671 White Rose Glycerine Soap.....10c
Palmolive Soap, 4 bars.....10c
Italian Castile, 2-lb. box.....15c
Imported Almond Oil Castile Soap, 4 bars.....10c
Pure Olive Oil Castile Soap, 4 bars.....10c
Packer's Tar Soap, cake.....12c
Pear's Transparent Soap, 4 bars.....10c
Curative Skin Soap, 3 cakes.....12c
Pear's Shaving Stick.....10c
Harpic Toilet Paper.....10c
Hind's Almond Cream.....10c
Cuticura Soap.....10c
Woodbury's Facial Soap.....10c
Coke's Dandruff Cure.....10c
Pinaud's Brilliantine.....10c
Williams' Shaving Stick.....10c
Mennen's Talcum Powder.....10c
Lyons' Tooth Powder.....10c
Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder.....10c
Levy's La Blanca Powder.....10c
Oriental Cream.....10c
Wisdom's Rubbing.....10c
16-oz. Lambert's Listerine.....10c
Sopwell's Toilet Cream.....10c
Benzoin, Almond Cream.....10c
Holmes' Frostilla.....10c
Rhubarb, bottle.....10c
Toilet Papers at special low prices.

"White Fair" Clearance Sale

Finest Undermuslins Low Priced

The Great "White Fair," with its mountains of dainty white lingerie, continues to attract as never before. Thousands of pieces of immaculate underwear, all the newest, prettiest and daintiest 1904 garments—Beautiful styles, and variety so large that the most fastidious are quickly pleased—We gave a great amount of time to the preparation of this mid-winter "White Fair"—insisted that every piece of underwear must be superior in material, style, finish and trimming to any other ever sent to Portland—Every prominent maker is represented. The showing the largest and best the city has ever seen. Knit Shawls, Aprons, Infants' Wear, Children's Dresses, Corsets all included in this great annual event—Don't fail to visit the second floor next time you visit the store.



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This will be done at a cost of \$30,170. City Engineer Elliott reported the advisability of the alteration, and the committee recommended it to the Executive Board.

The decking of the bridge is to be of wooden blocks. This was long ago decided upon. Beneath the decking will be heavy planks upon which the blocks will rest. The planks will in turn be supported by steel stringers, of which there will be 25. The Pacific Construction Company, which builds the bridge, will lay the additional girders.

"Yes, if we are going to build a steel bridge, it ought to be of steel," said Mayor Williams.

"It will be a farce of a steel bridge, if it isn't," contributed Rodney L. Gilman. And H. W. Goddard and H. C. Wortman thought so, too.

Before the end of the present month probably visible signs of the construction of the new bridge will be apparent. F. M. Butler, the secretary of the

Pacific Construction Company, is expected to return to Portland in two weeks. The preliminary of construction will doubtless soon follow.

The wide entrance to the fuel company's yard at the foot of Morrison street, which now divides the bridge approach, will in any case be closed before the completion of the new steel bridge. The case is now being fought out in the courts, but the members of the bridge committee say that, even should the court decide against the city, it has the right to close the aperture under the law of eminent domain by condemning the property and paying the owner a price determined by the viewers.

To Act Hawaii Out of Debt.

HONOLULU, Dec. 30, via San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Governor Carter and the heads of departments have decided to run the territorial administration during 1904 on about one-half of what the legislature appropriated for salaries and current ex-

penses, in order to get the treasury out of debt. The appropriations are far more than the estimated income, and it is estimated that, with the 50 per cent cut, the territory will still be in debt about \$200,000 at the end of the year.

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city and by the common observer would be taken for our dogs. The Irish terrier, however, is a true and distinct breed indigenous to Ireland, and no one has ever been able to trace its origin, which is lost in antiquity. They are great rabbit dogs and excellent raters.

MUST HAVE ROOM

At the B. B. Rich Curio Store, Sixth and Washington.

Our buyers in New Mexico, Alaska and Old Mexico have advised us of enormous purchases made for us. Room we must have, so we have reduced all our bulk goods, such as Indian baskets, Navajo rugs, Indian relics. Come up and visit us.

Nation's Bird Cage at '04 Fair.
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—The installation of the United States Government's bird cage, 25 feet long, 22 feet wide and 50 feet high, has been commenced at the world's fair.

The ground here is low and so heavily wooded with oak that no less than 12 big trees are contained in the area occupied by the bird cage. A walk 14 feet wide will pass completely around the cage, and through its center a tunnel of the same width will allow visitors a close inspection of the birds.

The first shipment of seacoast guns to form a portion of the outside exhibit of the United States Government at the World's Fair has reached the grounds.

WILL BE ALL STEEL

Committee Cuts Out Wooden Girders From New Morrison Bridge.

Still more steel is to be used in the construction of the new Morrison-street bridge. At a meeting of the special bridge committee of the Executive Board yesterday afternoon it was decided to replace the specified wooden stringers with steel girders.