

LET PORTLAND BID

Humphrey Will Give Fair Play in Oat Contract.

LARGE QUANTITY WANTED

Will Load on Foreign Vessel in Portland, if Bids Are Low and American Tonnage Too Costly.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 1.—At the request of Portland dealers, Senator Fulton recently had a conference with Quartermaster-General Humphrey to urge him to deal more generously with Portland in advertising for bids and awarding contracts for supplies for the Philippines and insisting that he give Portland a fair share of the contract.

It certainly is not the quantity of hay and oats advertised for should be shipped from the Pacific Coast early in April and the contract will require approximately 4491 tons measurement of space. The remaining two-thirds should be delivered on call, so as to be shipped at a later date, it being our present intention to ship this latter quantity of hay and oats on the transport Dix to sail about the middle of May.

Do not think I should hesitate ordinarily to send the Dix into Portland, if the bids submitted there were sufficiently low to justify it, but on next trip out, we intend to ship some 500 animals to the Philippines, which, of course, puts a different light on the matter. These animals are now being purchased under contract and will be loaded at Seattle and they will necessarily have to be loaded at that point. The question involved is whether the bids received at Portland justify our sending the Dix to that port for the loading of hay and oats and then having the ship proceed to Seattle to receive the animals, instead of having her load both animals and forage at Seattle.

There is no intention on the part of this office to discriminate for or against any city on the Pacific Coast or anywhere else, the endeavor being simply to carry out the letter and spirit of the law to the best of the available articles at the least expense to the Government.

As you agree, there is no American line of American steamers plying between Portland and the Orient, and under the law we are required to give Government freight to American bottoms, unless the rates charged by them are considered prohibitive. This is largely responsible for our course in making shipments from Seattle, where there is an established line running between that port and Manila, which can be utilized to take the surplus freight not possible to ship on our own vessels.

PORTLAND ON AN EQUALITY

Fulton Tells Chamber Humphrey Has Made Concession.

Secretary E. C. Gilmer, of the Chamber of Commerce, says that Portland has been placed on an equal basis with Seattle in the bidding of the two cities to furnish the Government with 4491 tons of hay and 200 tons of oats to be shipped to the Philippines, the bids for which will be opened March 10. Mr. Gilmer bases his statement upon a telegram received yesterday from Senator C. W. Fulton, who is now in Washington. Mr. Gilmer says, if the Portland dealers bid sufficiently low to secure the contracts, that the forage and the oats will be shipped direct from this port to Manila in foreign bottoms, provided American vessels are not procurable. Mr. Gilmer says the Government provides that the rates between Portland and Manila have to be reasonable.

EXIT GENERAL GROSVENOR

Pays Penalty of Ignoring Young Men and Arrogance in House.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 1.—The House of Representatives will sustain a material loss when Representative Charles H. Grosvenor, of Ohio, retires to private life at the close of the present Congress, not such a loss as when "Tom" Reed withdrew, for Grosvenor is not a mighty man, though he has been a conspicuous figure in the lower branch of Congress for the past ten years.

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position; he had come to believe that the people of his district owed him this office in recognition of past services, and he fell into the habit of ignoring his constituents and doing just as he pleased on any and all occasions. His most serious error was to ignore the young Republicans of his district. General Grosvenor had about \$20,000 worth of Federal patronage at his disposal, and every bit of it went to old men, his personal and political friends. The young men clamored for a fair share of the "paw," but their cries were unheeded. So they rose in their wrath, they wrested the machine from the hands of the Grosvenor men, and nominated for Congress one of their own number. His election is assured, and once this youngster takes his seat, Charles H. Grosvenor may count his political career at an end.

THEY GLASH AGAIN

France and Germany at Issue About State Bank.

NEW PROPOSAL OF KAISER

French Delegates Resist Demand and May Challenge Germany to Test Vote of Morocco Conference.

FAILURE AGAIN THREATENS

Root and Jussarand Confer About Morocco Conference.

FRANCE MAY FORCE DECISION

Will Challenge Germany to Test Vote in Conference.

KAISER AND KING WILL MEET

Conference Between Sovereigns May Be Held at Sea.

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Nampa Case Illustrates President's Policy Towards Postmasters.

Always Keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in His House.

Young Sampson Again a Middy.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 1.—Ralph Earl Sampson, vice of the late Admiral Sampson, today re-entered the naval Academy. Young Sampson was recently dropped from a higher class on account of deficiency in studies, but was at once reappointed by President Roosevelt.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 1.—The time will probably never come when postmasters throughout the United States are brought under the protecting arm of the civil service; it would be impractical to fill these offices by competitive examination, but the time has arrived when postmasterships are

placed on a merit basis and political influence is reduced to a minimum. Up to December 1, 1906, postmasterships were considered Congressional patronage and the power of Congressmen was absolute. Senators were permitted to name the postmasters in their home cities, but all other postmasters were appointed on the recommendation of the Congressman in whose district the offices were located. In a general way this practice is still continued, but vacancies do not occur as frequently as in the past, for the simple reason that President Roosevelt has ordered that postmasters with good records shall be retained in office during good behavior. In other words, he has denied Senators and Representatives the right, heretofore enjoyed, of ousting postmasters at will in order to make room for political favorites. Postmasters today are granted virtually the same protection as Government employes in the classified service; they can only be removed for cause; they cannot be ousted for purely political reasons. Whenever a postmaster dies, retires or is removed, the Senator or Congressman is permitted to fill the place, as in the past, but only under those circumstances can he get recognition.

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GREAT STORM IN ROCKIES

BLIZZARD SWEEPS DOWN FROM WYOMING SOUTHWARD.

Deep Snow Drifted by High Wind Blocks Railroads—Passenger Train Snowed In.

DENVER, March 1.—A blizzard swept

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DEEP SNOW COVERS UTAH

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