BIG CONTRACT LET

Hassam Company Gets $80,000 Job in Holladay.

PROTEST MADE OF AWARD

J. W. Sweeny Says His Lower Bid Would Be Carried Out in Good Faith—Warren Firm to Improve Fourteenth.

Contracts for paving 36 blocks in Holladay Addition at a cost of approximately $80,000 were given to the Hassam Paving Company by the street committee of the Executive Board yesterday. This award was made over the vigorous opposition of S. B. Huston, counsel for J. W. Sweeny, who had submitted a lower bid for the same improvement. Sweeny had submitted a bid of $1.78 a square yard, while the bid of the Hassam people was $1.90.

Attorney Huston demanded that the committee award the contract to his client, who, he said, was prepared to lay the same quality of pavement that was called for under the specifications. He insisted that Sweeny was acting in good faith and, if he received the contract, would pay the owners of the patented article a fair royalty for the privilege of using their patent.

George Hyland and G. W. Stapleton, representing the Hassam people, insisted that their company should receive the contract, for the reason that 90 per cent of the interested property-owners wanted that company to perform the contract. They intimated that Sweeny was acting in bad faith and charged that he was seeking the work on a lower bid principally to freeze the Hassam Company out of the local field.

In awarding the contract to the Hassam Company the members of the committee apparently questioned the motives of Sweeny. In answer to questions from Mayor Lane, Attorney Huston admitted that his client had entered no negotiations with the Hassam people by which he could acquire the right to use the patented article. In addressing the committee yesterday, Attorney Huston declared that it made no difference which of the two bidders should receive the contract, the action of the committee undoubtedly would be taken into the courts. In support of his contention that Sweeny should get the work, Attorney Huston cited court decisions, including that recently returned by Judge Gantenbein, in which it was held that an independent candidate had the right to bid on a contract even though its performance involved the use of a patented article.

The streets to be improved and included in the contracts awarded to the Hassam people are: Clackamas from East Seventh to East Fifteenth; Multnomah, from Grand avenue to East Twenty-first; East Twelfth, from Holladay to Halsey; East Seventeenth, from Clackamas to Broadway, and East Yamhill, from East Thirty-third to East Thirty-ninth.

Two contracts for street improvements were also awarded to the Warren Construction Company, as follows: Sixth street, from Irving to Hoyt, and Fourteenth, from Jefferson to Gilsan. For the latter contract the company is to receive $38,245.38. The Barber Asphalt Company was awarded the contract for recoating Star street, between Second and Third, for $429.03.

On the suggestion of Mayor Lane the committee decided to request the City Engineer's office to notify all contractors performing street work, whether or not their contract had been found to be properly performed according to the plans and specifications of the Engineer's office. In this way the committee was of the opinion that much of the delay which is now experienced in finally closing up these improvements can be saved.

MAN INSIDE BOX FAINTS

Amateur Performer Fails to Make Good and Nearly Dies.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—C. W. Sidwell, of this city came near losing his life last night at the Star Theater here. Clifford and wife performed here all last week with the Australian Trunk Mystery, the man-in-the-box trick. Sidwell bought the apparatus and tricks from Clifford and attempted to put on the acts to a crowded house.

He allowed himself to be nailed into a drygoods box by several spectators. He was to escape from his confinement without injury to the box within three minutes. After waiting a little over the required time, those who had nailed him in became alarmed and broke the box open. The prisoner had fainted. He was resuscitated after hard work.

CRUISERS IN PUGET SOUND

Warships Expected to Anchor Off Tacoma This Morning.

PORT TOWNSEND, May 20.—Under command of Rear-Admiral Uriel Sebree, the United States armored cruisers Tennessee, Washington and California, of the first division of the Pacific squadron, came to an anchorage here today on their voyage from San Francisco to Tacoma. It is planned to arrive at Tacoma between 7 and 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. The cruisers will act as escorts to the Japanese training cruisers Aso and Soya, and later will join the other cruisers of the Pacific fleet in the opening exercises of the A.-Y.-P. Exposition, June 1.

U. P. LETS BRIDGE WORK

Steel and Wooden Structure Will Soon Span Chehalis River.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Contract for the first bridge to be built for the Union Pacific Railway Company on its Grays Harbor branch has been awarded to the Vulcan Iron Works Company. It will be a steel and wooden combination bridge of five spans, and is described as an overhead structure, two other lines of railway running underneath. The location of the bridge will be near Melbourne, and it will cost about $10,000.

DR. E. P. HILL DEFEATED

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cated waste of money and energy in building up particular sects, saying:

Need of Protestant Unity.

Can we expect our Lord and the head of the church to answer our prayer for more and better men for the ministry so long as we make such a poor use of those he has given us, and can we expect his stewards, faithful to a great trust, to furnish us more money so long as we waste what they give us in unseemly strife and unholy rivalry for place and numbers?

Think of the power of a united Protestantism! When will the day come when united Romanism and united Heathenism shall be met and matched by a united Protestantism? Of course, you understand, that the church must be spiritualized before it can become one, and I am not thinking of the carnal church that said, "I am of Paul, and I am of Apollos," but I am thinking of the spiritual church that says, "By one spirit are we all baptized into one body."

He gave all honor to organizations like the Salvation Army, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., which were not willing to wait for the church, but went out to the poor and sick with hospitals and asylums, but he declared their existence "an awful rebuke to the organized church of Jesus Christ. The church ought to have done what the Salvation Army did."

He then dwelt on the resources of the church for doing this work. These were of great array of material resources, modern means of communication which made the cities of the world one great metropolis and the men and women in the ranks of the church having the potency for world conquest.

Election of Committees.

After the election of moderator, the selection of standing committees was taken up. There are 21 of these and they are being changed for the first time under the new election district system, and each district caucus nominates its candidates for committee membership. Heretofore the selections have been made by the moderator.

One of the features of the assembly is the presence of Rev. John Standing Buffalo, a Sioux Indian, of the South Dakota synod.

Tomorrow the assembly will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin.

Cumberland Head Chosen.

BENTONVILLE, Ark., May 20.—Rev. J. T. Barbee, of Dawson Springs, Ky., was elected Moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly late today.

ROAD TO SPEND COIN

O. R. & N. IMPROVEMENTS TO COST $3,528,738.85.

Question of Rate Reduction on Wheat Shipments Heard at Salem by Railroad Commission.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—At the final hearing in the investigation into the grain rates on the O. R. & N. instituted by the Railroad Commission on its own motion and held today in the office of the commission in this city, an affidavit by Chief Engineer George W. Boschke, of the the railroad was submitted in evidence, showing that the railroad company now has in contemplation or already under way, improvements and betterments for this year that will cost $3,528,738.85. The improvements include:

Construction of steel bridge across Willamette River at Portland	$1,250,000.00
Filling bridges, building new passenger stations and laying additional sidetracks at The Dalles	71,000.00
Ballasting main line (authorized and will be done during the present year)	139,335.25
Widening embankments	34,921.60
Passenger station, roundhouses, additional tracks at Pendleton	48,000.00
Passenger station and additional tracks at Baker City	28,000.00
Purchase of additional ground at The Dalles, Pendleton and Baker City, estimated	15,000.00
Renewal of rails on main line	180,000.00
Change of line to take out curvatures and grades between The Dalles and Coyote, estimated	1,000,000.00
Change of line to take out curvature and grades, Yoakum to Barnhart	302,700.00
Renewal of five wooden bridges in Burnt River with steel	210,000.00
Filling trestles and putting in pipe culverts on Hepbner branch	45,000.00
Filling trestles, putting in culverts, building bridges and making fills to reduce heavy grades on Shaniko branch of Columbia Southern	194,772.60
Grand total	$3,528,738.85

Among the witnesses were W. E. Coman, assistant general freight agent of the road, and F. W. Gaines, who has been working to secure a reduction in the rates.

C. A. Spencer, attorney for the road, introduced in evidence a copy of a contract which Gaines made with hundreds of Eastern Oregon farmers, by which Gaines agreed to agitate the question of lower rates and the farmers agreed to pay him half the amount of any reduction secured on all the salable wheat they had for the year in which such reduction became operative. Spencer claimed there is no complaint from the farmers regarding the rates and that the only complaint is from Gaines, who has a pecuniary interest in seeing the rates reduced.

Ten days' time was allowed for the introduction of certain other testimony not submitted today, after which the matter will be taken under advisement by the commission.

NO NEW ESTACADA MOVE

Heylman People Have Card Up Sleeve if Reed Faction Acts.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Contrary to expectations, there were no developments here today in the Estacada squabble over the recall election that was held there last Saturday. It was expected that the Reed faction would file an application for a writ of mandamus to compel Mayor Heylman and the Councilmen to relinquish their offices, but not a move was made.

City Attorney Bartlett was here today and stated that the Heylman people had cards up their sleeve that would be played if mandamus proceedings were instituted. Recorder Johnson is also Postmaster of Estacada, and there is a question as to his legal right to hold both offices.

HERVE NOW OUT OF DANGER

Survivor of Gates Duel Will Be Ready for Trial in July.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—William Herve, survivor of the recent Sullivan-Herve pistol duel at Gates, in which Sullivan was killed and Herve badly injured, is out of danger and improving rapidly at the Salem Hospital, where he is kept under lock and key.

It is expected that he will be able to appear for trial in July.

JAPS LEAVE ARMS ON SHIPS

Orientals Make No Parade at Vancouver, Fearing Trouble.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 20.—Apparently giving tacit respect to the feeling of people whose views are represented by the Asiatic exclusionists against any parade by Japanese under arms in Vancouver, the procession first proposed for this afternoon was practically abandoned.

Instead of 700 Japanese coming ashore with full military equipment and marching through the city streets to Stanley Park, the landing party came in small sections and ambled up town to Recreation Park for an afternoon of sport.

THREE SCREAMING SPECIALS BOYS' DEPARTMENT FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Lot 1 320 boys' Suits, many strictly all wool, with two pairs of Knicker Pants, some plain knee and some Russians; regular $4.00, $4.50 and $5.00 values—go special at.....$2.95

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