

START IN BRIDGE MARCH IS ASSURED

Plans and Specifications Are Adopted and Bids Will Be Opened February 23.

HOME PRODUCTS FAVORED

Slight Change Requested by Association of Lumbermen Granted So as to Permit Use of Wood Blocks for Flooring.

By the middle of March, it is now practically assured, the interstate bridge, the biggest structure of its kind in the world, will be actually in course of construction.

BONDING CHANGE URGED

BROKERS TO CONFER WITH COUNCIL ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Lower Interest, Change of Denomination and Semi-Annual Payments Desired in Bancroft Act.

Governor Urges Use of Wood.

His telegram was as follows: "Owing to the opening of the Legislature tomorrow, it will be impossible for me to attend the bridge meeting."

Let me urge, however, inasmuch as we are endeavoring to encourage home products, that the specifications favor a wood block pavement for the roadway.

By W. B. Mackay, president of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, and accompanied by E. C. Gilmer, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The delegation consisted of H. H. Kirk, O. F. M. Goss, J. M. Clark, George M. Cornwall, F. H. Ransom and F. B. Burns. Each member made a short talk on the advantages of wooden block paving.

Engineer Howard said that, if authorized by the commission, he would issue a supplementary letter to the plans, setting forth other data which would permit of the use of wooden blocks. This was agreed to.

Slight Change Necessary. The original plans called for a five-inch concrete base to hold the streetcar rails, and a two-inch wearing surface on top.

From end to end the bridge will be 11,000 feet long. The actual steel portion of this, crossing the Columbia River, Oregon Slough and Columbia Slough, will occupy 5,000 feet.

The commission made no decision on the style of draw span to be installed. Bids are asked on both the draw and swing spans, and engineers' drawings of the bridge show both styles.

Steel Only Foreign Product Needed. "We have shown in the specifications," said Mr. Howard, "that the members of the commission prefer the use of home products to the greatest possible extent."

It is estimated that 3500 tons of steel, 1,000,000 cubic feet of embankment and 23,000 cubic yards of concrete must be used in building the bridge.

Withdrawal of their objection to the lift type of span was contained in a letter to the commission from the Northwest Steel Company. In this letter the company says it has changed its views with regard to the lift span, which it believed would discourage the traffic of sailing ships.

The completion of the Panama Canal, it adds, has diminished the distance by water to the Pacific Coast to such an extent that sailing vessels no longer offer the advantages of cheap transportation.

Ruf. C. Holman presided at yesterday's meeting. 18 SEEK DEFENDER'S POST Position Likely to Be Created Tomorrow Will Pay \$150 Monthly.

Assurance having been given by the majority of the members of the City Council that the ordinance introduced recently by Mayor Albee, creating the position of public defender for the Municipal Court, will be passed at tomorrow's council meeting, the list of applicants for the position is rapidly growing.

The position, which is to be established for the benefit of persons unable to pay for legal aid, will carry a salary of \$150 a month according to present plans. Applicants are doing all kinds of wire-pulling.

PERSONAL MENTION. C. S. Prouty, of North Bend, is at the Perkins. E. C. Ward, of Goldendale, Wash., is at the Eaton.

Dr. and Mrs. Tyler Smith, of Sheridan, are at the Imperial. O. R. Gurnsey and wife, of Spokane, are at the Nortonia.

Mrs. J. P. Reddy, of Medford, is registered at the Oregon. J. S. McIlroy, of Salem, registered at the Nortonia.

Charles Smith, a Eugene business man, is at the Nortonia. Clyde Roberts is registered at the Perkins from Willamina.

W. Poliak, an Albany merchant, is registered at the Oregon. C. M. Speck, a Medford orchardist, is registered at the Imperial.

Mrs. Henry Serr, proprietor of a hotel at Dallas, is registered at the Multnomah. H. S. Hagan, of San Francisco, is visiting at the Multnomah.

J. C. Scott, a grainman of Walla Walla, is at the Multnomah. J. E. Good, of Colfax, Wash., arrived at the Multnomah yesterday.

Howard W. Tuner, editor of the Madras Pioneer, is at the Perkins. M. B. O'Leary, a merchant of Ridgefield, Wash., is at the Carlton.

Charles Starr, of Gold Beach, registered at the Carlton yesterday. A. McRae, a realty operator of Goldendale, Wash., is at the Perkins.

E. C. McDougall, a Seattle contractor, arrived at the Seward yesterday. A. P. Fletcher and wife, of McMinnville, registered at the Eaton.

Mrs. Ben Olcott, wife of the Secretary of State of Salem, is at the Seward. Dr. Bertha S. Stuart, of the University of Oregon, Eugene, is at the Imperial.

L. M. Sovey, a lumberman at San Francisco, arrived at the Oregon yesterday. Amar Goldberg, of the Great Western Smelting Company, of Seattle, is at the Oregon.

Mrs. Fred Zadoch and daughter, Miss Agnes Zadoch, of Tillamook, are at the Carlton. Judge John Fulton, accompanied by his wife, registered at the Seward from Wasco yesterday.

D. B. Thomas and wife, of Newberg, are staying at the Eaton while on a brief visit in Portland. CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—(Special).—Mrs. Sigmond Frank and M. Lloyd Frank, of Portland, are registered at the Congress.

Bond-buyers and representatives of bonding companies will meet with the City Council at the City Hall at 3 o'clock today to consider a measure which the Council proposes to submit to the State Legislature making important changes in the Bancroft bond act, under the provisions of which the city does all its public improvement work.

The views of the bond-buyers will be heard on the subject, after which the measure will be taken to Salem by City Attorney LaRoche. The Council proposes to change the act so that the interests of property owners will be better protected and so that the system will be simpler for city contractors. The bonds are issued for the payment of street paving, sewer construction, grading of streets, laying of sidewalks and extension of streets.

The law at present requires the issuance of the bonds in the denomination of \$500. The Council wants this changed so that bonds may be issued in the denomination of \$1000. This is to save printing bills on large issues. At present property owners have only 10 days in which to file application for bonds, and this money does not all come back until 10 years after the issuance of the bonds.

The law now requires the issuance of bonds bearing 6 per cent interest. The Council wants to change this to permit lowering the rate of interest. The most important change is in the time for the payment of interest on the bonds. Interest now is paid the city annually by the property owners, and has to be paid semi-annually by the city to the purchasers of the bonds. As a result the city has to carry out of its general fund an amount sufficient to pay six months' interest on the property owners' bonds.

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Entire Stock of Men's, Women's Knit Underwear to Clear at Once

For Men and Boys, brands of Munsing, Vassar, Globe, Cooper's, Wright's, Stuttgarter, Winstead, Gantner & Mattern, Schlichten Ramie Fiber (pure linen), Root's Tivoli, Narragansett, Duofold and Medicott.

Immense Price Economies for Those Who Come Today

- Men's \$1 Union Suits--Heavy fleeced cotton in silver gray and cream. Sizes 6 to 16 years. 39c
Men's \$1 Union Suits--Gantner & Mattern--Fancy silk like effects. Reduced to 2.98
Men's \$1 Union Suits--Worsteds. In medium weight. Sizes 6 to 14. 79c
Men's \$2.50 Union Suits--Light, medium and heavy weights. 2.98
MEN'S STUTTGARTER UNDERWEAR
Entire stock of Union Suits, Shirts and Drawers. Regularly \$1.50, now \$1.15
Men's \$1.25 "Athena" Union Suits--Wool and cotton mixed. Long and short sleeves, ankle length. Regularly \$1.50, now \$1.15
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- Infants' Mittens and Wrists--All wool, in white, black, brown, navy and red. The pair. 5c
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Infants' and Children's 8 Kid Mittens and Gloves--Fur tops, lined; brown, tan, blue, and tan shades. The pair. 39c
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Women's 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 Cashmere Mittens--In short length; also some Lisle Mittens. Black and tan shades. Sizes 5 1/2 to 8 1/2. Lined; brown, tan, blue, and tan shades. The pair. 19c
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